

## NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

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## DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

**PETITE RIVIERE.**—This Mission consists of eight stations; one of these comprises a group of islands known as the La Have Islands, situated at the mouth of the La Have River. On the island most central is built a small Episcopal church, which was opened for permanent public worship on August 6th. The Rural Dean had promised to preach. The weather, however, the day before proved unfavorable for travelling, and he did not reach the place. The Revs. W. E. Gelling and G. D. Harris were present, and the former acted in place of the Dean, while the latter gave an address on "The Sunday-school as a Nursery to the Church." The preacher, Rev. W. E. Gelling, spoke from Psalm xxiv., 7th and following verses. The service was fully choral. The anthem was "Thine, O Lord." The congregation had worked unitedly in decorating the church. The chancel was elaborate with flowers of almost every description. The super-altar had pretty vases with choice flowers neatly and tastefully arranged. There was a very large congregation, and every attention was given to the service by them. The church has cost a little over \$1,000; of this the people on the islands have borne the large share of over \$500, in one way or another. They have worked most earnestly, and the church is now complete except a font, a bell and an east window suitable for such a building. Thankful we are to Almighty God that all the debt remaining is about \$28. This includes the painting of the outside. The interior is stained with walnut staining, and has a very pretty appearance. All the wood-work inside is of pine. At the foot of the chancel steps stands a lectern, which was made by one of the young men and presented to the church. All this is a great work in such a poor district, and the people have done their very best, under the direction of their pastor. We now require a stove, the roof gravelled, a font, a bell and the small debt paid off to make this work complete. Will not some of the readers of the GUARDIAN send a little help? The church is 30 x 20, with chancel 10 x 10; porch, wood-room, vestry and bell tower. A photograph of the building will be forwarded for 30 stamps (proceeds towards church,) by applying to the Missionary in charge,

JAMES SPENCER,  
Petite Riviere, N.S.

**LONDONDERRY MINES.**—On Wednesday, Aug. 12th, the annual Sunday-school picnic of St. Paul's Church was held. The children enjoyed the drive to the sea shore and the tea and games in the Rectory grounds most thoroughly. The Acadia Brass Band kindly gave their attendance through the day.

On Sunday morning, Aug. 16th, the annual Flower Service and Festival was held in St. Paul's Church, when 72 children presented their floral offerings. The church was decorated with a large number of house plants and cut flowers. The Rev. Isaac Brock, Rector, announced at the Morning Service that in consequence of his accepting the position offered him by the Board of Governors of King's College, he had placed his resignation of the parish in the hands of the Bishop of the Diocese and the Wardens of the parish.

**MEETING OF THE GOVERNORS OF KING'S COLLEGE.**—The monthly meeting of the Governors of King's College was held at the Bishop's residence, in Halifax, on Thursday last. Arrangements were completed for opening the College at the usual time, 1st October, with a full and

strong staff of professors. As it was found impossible, with the short time at their disposal, to select and secure the services of a President, a redistribution of the work was made, so that all the subjects in the course would be efficiently provided for.

Rev. Isaac Brock, M.A., of Oxford, with honors, and late of Bishop's College, Lennoxville, was appointed Professor of Theology and acting President until a definite appointment of President is made. Chas. D. G. Roberts, M.A., of Fredericton, was appointed Professor of English Literature and French. Mr. Hammond, who holds a B.A. of Harvard and M.A. of Princeton, was appointed Lecturer in Classics and German. He comes particularly well recommended from the American universities where he has studied. Principal McCosh, of Princeton, speaks of him in the highest terms. Mr. Roberts is a rising young New Brunswick man, who has devoted much time to literary work, and is a perfect enthusiast in his work.

Among other important measures, a motion to this effect was passed unanimously:—

"That whereas in the opinion of the Board it is very essential to the well-being of King's College that the main college building be put in a state of thorough repair; therefore resolved that a committee be appointed to solicit contributions towards a restoration fund, and be authorized to carry out the work. Further resolved that the committee be requested to ask the co-operation of the faculty and students in the matter."

A committee was named and steps will be immediately taken to carry out the provisions of the resolution. It is estimated by practical men that \$1,000 will do the work efficiently.

The friends of the College have reason to be pleased at the present prospects of the institution, and with the resumption of work in October we feel assured that old King's will again enter upon a long course of usefulness, and continue to be a power for good in the Provinces.

**ST. PETER'S, CHARLOTTETOWN.**—The Rev. V. E. Harris, of Amherst, and formerly Master of the St. Peter's Boys' School, took the services at St. Peter's last Sunday. It is said that a successor to the late respected incumbent is being sought for in the Old Country. We regret to hear this. Canada for the Canadians, and other things being equal, the diocese for the men who are doing the pioneer work in it. Every day it is growing more apparent that when once parishes can give a fair salary to the pastors, then some outsider is sought for, comes in and reaps the fruit of many hard years of pioneer and little-pay work. This is not fair to our own men, but is positively disheartening, and if unchecked will certainly have the effect of killing all that is best in our Canadian and Diocesan men. Men cannot rise to the occasion unless placed in position.

**ST. MARK'S, HALIFAX.**—The congregation of this church had a highly successful excursion last week to McNab's Island, and realized quite a handsome sum towards liquidating the debt on the church organ. The Sunday-school excursion to the Northwest Arm took place on Tuesday last.

**ST. MATTHIAS MISSION, HALIFAX.**—The Mission was re-opened, after repairs, last Sunday with a special service of sacred song. Selections from "Handel's Messiah" were sung, and were accompanied by the Hadyn Quintette Club. Rev. F. W. Vroom preached. Long before the hour of service the building was crowded to its utmost capacity, every foot of standing room filled, and hundreds of persons had to go away. The singing was of the highest order. Rev. Dr. Partridge conducted. The Misses Pickford, Miss Taylor and Mr. Mitchell sang the solos. The Mission is now on a fair way to completion. About \$600 more would

completely finish the building, and, as a local paper says, "Church philanthropists could do no nobler thing than to at once come forward and immediately finish this building."

**ST. LUKE'S CHURCH.**—The Rector, in an address to his congregation, has the following:—

After much anxious thought, I have decided to advise you to abandon, for the present at least, the immediate raising of funds for the erection of the proposed Memorial Church. I have been influenced by many reasons and circumstances which have arisen since the scheme was incepted, in very reluctantly adopting this course of action, the chief of which, however, are:—

1st. The present unsatisfactory condition of our B. H. M. Fund.

2nd. The contemplated reduction by the S. P. G. of £450 sterling in its annual grant for next year.

3rd. The fact that several stations are at present without spiritual ministrations, and there are no funds to supply the same.

4th. The fact that the Widows' and Orphans' Fund only receives that support in the Diocese which compels its grants to be reduced every other half-year.

5th. The urgent need for the Clergy Superannuation Fund to receive immediate support, that it may be placed upon a good financial basis, so as to enable at least two of our aged Priests to take advantage of its benefits.

6th. The necessity of an immediate response to the call for help to aid our N. W. Missions to lay the foundations of the Church sure and strong in all the newly-opened regions of that vast country.

7th. The probability of funds being required almost at once, either—1st. To resuscitate the Academical status of King's College on its old foundations and lines, or—2nd. To assist in the erection of new buildings and the foundation of one or more Chairs, according to the proposed scheme for the Confederation of Colleges, under a Central Teaching University.

8th. The knowledge that an effort will have to be made as soon as possible to erect buildings and to supply spiritual ministrations in our new and populous districts in the city.

9th. That there never was a time when our Diocesan more needed all the help and sympathy of a united and affectionate people than the present, to aid and assist him in meeting the pressing demands of the Diocese and College, which can only be effectually rendered by strengthening his hands, filling his coffers, and relieving his anxiety by our support, our alms, our prayers and sympathy; and lastly, because several of the aged members of my flock, notwithstanding the fact that the proposed erection of the new church was unanimously agreed upon at two of the largest parish meetings ever held since the formation of St. Luke's, deem it inexpedient to undertake such a work at present.

## DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

**PERSONAL.**—Chas. G. D. Roberts has been appointed to the chair of English Literature in King's College, Windsor. Prof. Roberts is a son of Rev. G. G. Roberts, Rector of St. Ann's Church, and graduated from the University in 1879, taking his degree of A.B., and since that of A.M. He is an accomplished writer in poetry and prose, and is only twenty-six years old.

**RIVERSIDE, ALBERT CO.**—A new parsonage is being secured by the Church people in Albert County, at Riverside. It will cost \$800, of which \$500 has been raised. To meet the balance a bazaar, with refreshments and a concert, takes place at Riverside on the 27th inst. —Post.