

News from the Home Field.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

THE Clerical Secretary has received the following from Canon Norman:

I beg to inform you that the Hospitality Committee, find themselves unable to offer hospitality at the approaching Provincial Synod to any but Clerical Delegates. Be so good as to inform your Lay Delegates of this. Of course the Committee do not presume to interfere with any private arrangements which Lay Delegates may choose to make with their friends in Montreal.

R. W. NORMAN.
Hon. Cler. Sec'y.

Montreal, July 22nd.

NOTICE.—Members of the Avon Deanery, are hereby requested to meet at Cornwallis on Wednesday Aug. 15th. Matins and Holy Communion, 11 a. m., preacher, Rev. W. J. Ancient. Afternoon Business Session. Address at Church in the evening. By order of Rural Dean.

H. How, Sec.

Newport, July 27th, 1883.

HUBBARD'S COVE.—The 37th Chapter of the Lunenburg Rural Deanery, was convened at Hubbard's Cove on Thursday the 19th inst, present, the Rev. Messrs. the Sub-Dean W. E. Gelling, H. Stamer, P. H. Brown, G. D. Harris, D. S. Sutherland, and W. H. Grosce. Rev. C. W. McCully, (Clementsport), and Mr. Harley, (King's College), both of whom happened to be at Chester, responded kindly to invitations extended them and favored us with their company. It was a source of deep and sincere regret, that our respected Dean, Dr. Owen, was unable through indisposition, to be with us and preside with his usual affable and kind manner. On the previous evening, full Evensong was said in St. Luke's Church, where a large, earnest congregation united in a heartily devotional service, and listened to a soul-stirring sermon by Rev. Mr. McCully, on 1 St. Peter 11, 21, "For even hereunto were we called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example that ye should follow his steps." On Thursday full Morning Prayer and Celebration, with sermon by Rev. Mr. Harris, on Gal. vi, 9. "Let us not be weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." At 3 p. m., the Chapter assembled, and Mr. Harris appointed Secretary *pro tem*. Letters, explanatory of absence from Rev. Messrs. Jordan and Smith were read. The following Resolutions were passed with cordial unanimity:—

"The Clergy of this Deanery, many of whom have frequently enjoyed the Chapters held in St. Luke's Parish, Hubbard's Cove, beg leave to assure the esteemed and respected Rector how much they miss from her accustomed place, the genial face of Mrs. Stamer, whom family and private circumstances have for the present withdrawn from her home, and express the hope at some future day to again see her presiding on a similar occasion over the hospitality of the Rectory."

To the Rev. H. L. Owen, D. D.

DEAR SIR,—Your brethren and co-laborers in this Deanery, now assembled in Chapter, cannot forbear expressing how deeply and sincerely, both for their sakes and your own, they regret that the infirmities of years and consequent need of rest from duty not only present great difficulties in the way of you now being with us, but betoken also that soon, how soon is alone known to our heavenly Father, the days of your useful and honorable career in the Master's work may be drawing to a close. We pray of God to lovingly and kindly sustain you to the end of your 'race,' and have at its goal 'the crown of righteousness that faded not away.'

That the thanks of the Rural Chapter are tendered to the Rural Dean, Dr. Owen, for the valuable gift of books for the use of members of the Chapter.

It was resolved that the next Chapter be convened in Christ's Church Parish, New Ross, on Thursday Oct. 11th. The Chapter then adjourned.

At the Missionary Service held Thursday evening and very well attended, the devotional spirit and hearty congregational music of which was thoroughly enjoyed, addresses were delivered 1st by Mr. Gelling, on "the Catholic title of the Church," 2nd by Mr. Sutherland on "the Evangelical and Catholic Revivals," 3rd by Mr. Harris on "the duties of the Laity to the Church," 4th

by Mr. Brown on "the obstacles to Missionary work," and 5th by Mr. Grosce on "the necessity of dogmatic teaching in the Church." We might remark in passing the decided progress the music at St. Luke's has made both in tone and execution, due to Miss Stamer's judicious and persevering efforts, and also how gratefully we all appreciated the care and pains taken by the three young ladies to make us comfortable and at home.

THE nine young gentlemen of King's College, who have been giving entertainments in some of the towns of the Western Counties, in aid of the Endowment Fund of King's College, have succeeded in realizing the handsome sum of two hundred dollars, which amount has been handed over to the Treasurer of the Endowment Fund. They were greeted with large and appreciate audiences wherever they gave their entertainment. In Liverpool they realized \$72.00, the hall being filled to its utmost capacity. Everyone speaks highly of the entertainments, and so deservedly popular were they, that the inhabitants of the places where they have been, hope that they will come again another year. Towards the end of the journey, the party got—as young men are apt to do—a little hilarious, and waged war with pea-shooters against the cattle on the road, but this was amply compensated for by the rousing choruses they gave when passing through the towns and villages. The return from Chester to Windsor was wet, and damped everything like exhilaration.

JEDDORE.—His Lordship the Bishop is now on his tour along the Eastern Coast. Confirmation Services was held in Jeddore on Wednesday, July 18th, when Rev. J. Lowry presented fifty six candidates for the reception of the Holy and Apostolic Rite. The Bishop dwelt with remarkable clearness on the Scriptural authority for, and nature of the holy ordinance. And in connection with words of spiritual counsel gave valuable suggestions as to local matters particularly with reference to the proposed erection of a Rectory at Jeddore. On Thursday his Lordship confirmed seventeen candidates in the Parish Church, St. Stephens, Ship Harbor, making seventy-three in all in the Parish. The Service to the Third Collect was taken by Rev. B. MacKay, M. A., of Bermuda, and the Curate. The preface was read and candidates presented by the Rector, the Rev. Rural Dean Jamison. The Bishop feelingly urged on the Candidates, the necessity of personal religion, and need of seeking strength to counteract evil influences. He also strongly reminded the parishioners both of their duty to the B. H. M., and also of that regarding themselves so long as their Parish Church remains without a Chancel.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

OUR readers will regret to learn of the death of Daniel Hodgson, Esq., the father of the Rev. Geo. W. Hodgson. Mr. Hodgson was one of the oldest and most respected citizens of Charlottetown, and a devoted and humble member of the Church. Truly a good man has fallen. His liberality was well known, and his gifts to the Church and her Institutions of learning and charity large and frequent. We join the people of the Island in extending our sincerest sympathy to the sons and other immediate relatives of the deceased.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

KINGSTON.—A Regular Meeting of the Chapter will be held (D. V.) at Kingston, on Wednesday and Thursday, August 8th and 9th, commencing at 2.30 on Wednesday. Scripture Reading, Acts x, and Psalm iii. Services—Evensong on Wednesday at 7.30; Celebration on Thursday at 7 a. m.; Annual meeting of T. T. T. Union to be held. Affiliated members please take notice. J. H. Talbot, Sec.

WOODSTOCK.—The Deanery met at Richmond on the Festival of St. James the Apostle. Evensong was said by Mr. E. B. Hooper, at St. John's

Church and a sermon preached by the Secretary of the Deanery on the Eve of the Festival. Next morning the Holy Communion was celebrated at 7.30 by the Rector of the Parish, and at 10.30 a. m., the Chapter met at the Rectory for business. The newly appointed Rural Dean, Rev. Leo A. Hoyt presided, the other clergy present being the Rev. Canon Neales, and Rev. Messrs. Flewelling, Fowler and Vroom. With regard to the missionary work of this Deanery in the three vacant missions within its limits, the Rural Dean reported that he had visited the Mission of Aberdeen on May 27th held service at North Glassville, baptized two children and paid about twenty visits. Also that in the place of Rev. Henry Jones, he had visited Madawaska, June 17th, held two services at Edmundston and paid five visits. The Rev. J. E. Flewelling reported a visit to Canterbury July 1st, that he held three services first at St. Thomas' Church, where there was a congregation of 150 but only 6 communicants, the second at Carrol Ridge, where he baptized 2 children, and the third at Trinity Church. The Secretary of the Deanery reported that he visited Aberdeen on July 22nd, and held three services, viz., at Esdraelon, Glassville, and Bristol. At Glassville he baptized two children.

It was, on motion, resolved, "That a Committee of three be appointed to take proper steps towards securing a greater interest in Sunday School work in this Deanery." The Committee are Rev. J. E. Flewelling, Rev. Canon Neales, and Rev. F. W. Vroom. A very suggestive paper on "The Dissemination of Church Truths" was read by Rev. F. W. Vroom. The tenth chapter of the 2nd Epistle to the Corinthians was read and commented on, after which an interesting discussion took place on the Post-Communion Service, especially with reference to the history and meaning of the concluding rubrics. The meeting then adjourned, to meet at Andover on S. Luke's Day.

SUSSEX.—On Sunday last the officers and members of Zion Lodge, No. 21, F. and A. M., attended Church in a body, when, after the beautiful service of the Church had been enjoyed, the Rector, Rev. Canon Medley, Past Grand Chaplain, preached a particularly able and impressive sermon, which was listened to with evident interest and benefit by the brotherhood. Masonry is not only a charitable but also a religious society, and such evidences of the craft's recognition of God go far to establish its claim to such a position.

HAMPTON.—It is with much deeper than ordinary regret that the congregation of the Parish of Hampton have learned of the resignation of their Rector, Canon Walker, after an Incumbency extending over 53 years. Canon Walker has been 57 years in Orders, and is one of those faithful ones whose determination and cheerfulness keep them youthful all the days of their life on earth. The changes in the Church in the Diocese since Canon Walker entered upon his work in this Parish have been not only numerous but eventful in no ordinary degree. He was 15 years in Hampton before Fredericton became a Diocese, and before our great and grand old Bishop came among us. He has seen old, small and quaintly-shaped churches give place to large and beautiful, and in some cases noble structures of stone, notably the Cathedral at Fredericton and Trinity, St. John. He has seen the Church grow from a few thousands and the clergy from a score in number till over 50,000 of the one class and nearly seventy of the other may be found in the Diocese. He has himself assisted in organizing almost a dozen parishes and missions out of the one which he had first to minister to in King's County. Canon Walker's faithful labours have contributed largely to the improved condition of the Church in this Diocese, and his genial and energetic person will long be held in remembrance. The Rev. H. Montgomery, who has been the Curate for some little time past, will have charge of the Parish until the appointment of a successor to Canon Walker.

THE visits of the Co-adjutor Bishop to many of