

News from the Home Field.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

THE BISHOP left Halifax for Digby last Friday to resume his Confirmation Tour, and has made the following appointments in addition to those previously published:—

- October 15, Shelburne.
16, Lockport.
17, Liverpool.
18, Eagle Head.
18, Port Medway.
19, Broad Cove.
20, Petite Riviere.
21, Dublin Shore.
22, St. Peter's, Lalfave.
22, Bridgewater.
23, Conquerall.
24, St. Matthew's, Lalfave.
24, Lunenburg.
25, Mahone Bay.
26, New Germany.
27, Western Shore, Chester.
28, Chester.
29, Hubbard's Cove.
29, Blandford.
30, Dayswater.
31, North Shore.
Nov. 1, St. Margaret's Bay.

WINDSER.—The corner stone of the new Church is to be laid on Saturday next, 14th inst., at 3 p. m., by the Archdeacon. The Bishop is not able to attend, being away. The Rector will be glad to welcome visitors.

PEGWASIT.—At the Refreshment Table, held here on the 20th and 21st ult. by the ladies of St. George's Parish, the sum of \$88 was realized, and we expect to supplement this amount by a concert, to be held the second week in October.

NEW GLASGOW.—*St. George's Church.*—After divine service in the above Church, on Wednesday, 4th inst., the Rev. D. C. Moore, who leaves with his wife for England on 7th inst., delivered a farewell address to his congregation, in the course of which he stated that his sojourn in his native land would probably occupy eight months, when he hoped again to meet his flock. In reviewing the brief period of his ministry in this locality he expressed great pleasure and gratitude to Providence from the fact that a Church had been built and regular services established here. While the temporary absence of the Pastor will be deeply felt by this congregation, it is almost needless to state that he leaves Nova Scotia with the warmest wishes for the health, safety, and happiness of both himself and Mrs. Moore; and they trust that the change of climate may have the effect of restoring the latter to perfect health. The Rev. F. J. J. Smith, of Montreal, will supply the place of the Pastor *pro tem.*

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

MAUGERVILLE.—The usual Harvest Home of this Parish was celebrated on the Festival of St. Michael and All Angels. On the eve of the Festival a hearty missionary service was held at the Parish Church, which was very beautifully decorated with flowers and wheat and fruit. A magnificent floral Cross, more than three feet high, stood upon the table; the font was beautified by an exquisite horizontal cross of pansies on green moss; and the pulpit, lecture and prayer-desk were surrounded by a mass of bloom. It seems as if families in this parish cultivated the choicest flowers with special care for the adornment of the House of God. The numerous hymns and chants at this service, as well as at the subsequent ones, were well rendered, and addresses were delivered by the Rev. J. H. Talbot and the Rev. C. G. Roberts. Mr. Talbot spoke earnestly on the Church's duty to the heathen world, and showed especially how often God collects, by such agencies as storms and mildew and destructive insects, the tithe which is withheld from Him; how often He restores a hundredfold what is freely given for the extension of His Church. Mr. Roberts dwelt on many striking examples of utter self-

sacrifice for Christ's sake displayed in the chief history of a single mission, that of Central Africa—beginning with the life and death of Bishop McKenzie, and closing with the life and death of Bishop Steere.

At the Harvest Thanksgiving Service next morning seven clergymen assisted, viz, the Rector of the Parish, and the Revs. Alexander, Roberts, Love, Talbot, Greer, and Hathaway. The Rev. C. G. Roberts preached, and there were thirty-nine communicants besides the clergy. In the evening another hearty service was held, and the Rev. George Love was the preacher. The processional and recessional hymns at both evening services were sung with much spirit. One very pleasant feature of the Rev. Mr. Sterling's Harvest Festival always consists in the parochial gathering on the Rectory grounds after the morning service. The weather was delightfully warm and bright, as it has always been on like occasions in this Parish. A luxurious feast was spread on the lawn, amidst the Rectory flower-beds, and was thoroughly enjoyed by a large number of happy parishioners and visitors, old and young, who spent the remainder of the day till evening Service in pleasant converse and sweet music, in rambles through orchard and meadow, and in short but merry trips upon the river in row-boat and canoe. Seeing the Rector and his flock together at such festal gatherings as this, one ceases to wonder at his success in raising, in so small a parish, an Endowment Fund which bids fair to make it, within a year, independent of external aid. The only shadow upon this happy Harvest Home arose from the continued illness of Mrs. Medley, for whom our prayers were asked, and of the Coadjutor Bishop, who was to have held a Confirmation at the morning Service. The sickness under which he was labouring while holding Confirmation in Prince William, has since then increased rather than abated, and for his recovery it is evident that absolute rest both of body and mind will be required.

DEANERY OF WOODSTOCK.—The Woodstock Deanery met at New Denmark on St. Matthew's Day. Service was held in the new Church, which is still unfinished. The Missionary, Rev. N. M. Hansen, said the Litany in Danish. The Rev. Leo. A. Hoyt celebrated the Holy Communion and preached in English, the sermon being repeated in Danish by Mr. Hansen. Nearly fifty of the Danes received the Holy Communion. A noticeable feature of the services at New Denmark is the manner in which the hymns are sung. *Every one* in the congregation sings. In many of our Canadian Churches nearly every one in the congregation is silent. The Chapter met at the residence of Rev. Mr. Hansen in the afternoon. The Rev. Thomas Neales, Rural Dean, and Revs. Messrs. Leo. A. Hoyt, LeB. W. Fowler and N. M. Hansen were present. The seventh chapter of 2nd Corinthians was read in the original, with which were compared the Authorized and Revised English Versions, and the Danish Version. A short discussion on a portion of the Book of Common Prayer followed. There was but little business to come before this session. The next meeting is to be held at Prince William January 10th, 1883.

LEB. W. FOWLER, *Sec'y.*

DIOCESE OF SASKATCHEWAN.

FIRST MEETING OF THE NEW SYNOD.
(Editorial Correspondence).

The first meeting of this Synod was held in St. Mary's Church, Prince Albert, on Thursday, the 31st August. Eight out of the sixteen clergy belonging to the Diocese attended, and also eight lay delegates. The great distance of most of the missions, and the consequent expense and loss of time caused by travelling, prevented a larger attendance. Service was held at 11 a. m., when a very appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev. Canon Mackay, and the Holy Communion was administered. At 3 p. m. the business of the Synod commenced by the delivery of the Bishop's Address, of which we will give a synopsis in our next issue. At the conclusion of the Bishop's Address the Notarial Act of Consecration was read by his chaplain, including the Queen's mandate signed by the Earl of Carnarvon, the then colonial secretary. After this the commission granted to the Bishop

by the Archbishop of Canterbury was read. It was addressed to the clergy and laity of the Diocese of Saskatchewan and was signed and sealed by His Grace. Both the documents will be published with the minutes of Synod as also copies of the Act of the Dominion Parliament incorporating the Synod, and of the Northwest council incorporating the Bishop.

The business of the Synod was then proceeded with. The Rev. Canon Mackay was elected Secretary-Treasurer. The Constitution of the Synod was considered and settled, and an executive committee appointed. Messrs. Blake, Kerr and Cassels, of Toronto, were appointed to act as agents of the Synod in investing the bishopric fund, should the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel hand over the trust to the Synod. Canons were adopted regarding the Provincial Synod, the organization of parishes, appointment to office, and the formation of the Bishop's court. Four quarterly collections were appointed to be made in every organized parish or mission, two for a Church Endowment Fund, one for general purposes and for the Clergy, Widows' and Orphans' Fund, and it was decided to petition the Dominion Parliament to incorporate Emmanuel College, with power of granting degrees in theology.

The Rev. Canon Mackay was elected delegate to the Provincial Synod, and the Rev. Rural Dean Matheson, Diocesan Treasurer of the Clergy, Widows' and Orphans' Fund. Before the proceedings closed the Bishop admitted the Rev. Canon George Mackay to the degree of B.D. by commission from his Lordship the Bishop of Rupert's Land, Chancellor of St. John's College, Manitoba.

Votes of thanks having been passed to the Bishop for his conduct in the chair, and to the Rev. Canon Mackay for his sermon, his Lordship closed the meeting with the expression of his great satisfaction at having the Synod so well organized, and at the good feeling that had prevailed throughout the meeting.

DIOCESE OF RUPERT'S LAND.

[Editorial Correspondence.]

PERSONAL.—The appointments recently offered to clergymen for Minnedosa and Regina have not been accepted owing to various causes, consequently these missions are still vacant. It will be a matter of interest to our readers in the Lower Provinces to know that not only Holy Trinity and Christ Church, Winnipeg, the two most important of our churches in the North-West, are filled by Lower Province men (the Rev. Mr. Fortin, of Holy Trinity, being a native of the Province of Quebec), but that the most important pulpits of the denominations in this city are filled also by natives of the Provinces by the sea. For instance, Rev. D. M. Gordon, B.D., the newly-elected pastor of Knox congregation, the largest Presbyterian congregation in the West, is a native of Pictou; Rev. Mr. Pitblado is from Halifax; Rev. Dr. Rice, of the leading Methodist congregation, is a Nova Scotian, and married a Miss Starr, of Halifax; Rev. Mr. Pringle, just called to Kildonan from Ontario, is a native of Prince Edward Island. Business men from Ontario control the commercial enterprises of the city, but in the Church of England and the denominations the leading churches of Winnipeg are in charge of Maritime men. We might add to the list the Ven. Archdeacon Pinkham, the Superintendent of Protestant Schools, who, though a resident here for many years, is a native of Newfoundland.

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

[From our own Correspondent.]

OTTAWA.—*Christ Church, Thanksgiving Service.*—It is a good thing that the oldest Church of our Communion in the Capitol of the Dominion should be one of the first to hold a Service of Thanksgiving to Almighty God for the blessing of a bounteous harvest. For indeed we are getting so accustomed to good harvests, which reward the labours of our farmers year after year, that I fear we are in danger of losing sight of the fact that God rules all this, and that we are in His Hand. However, Christ Church, Ottawa, held its Harvest Thanksgiving Service on Thursday the 28th ult., and there were present the Bishop, Dr. Lewis, and Revs.