

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

DIOCESE OF NOVA-SCOTIA.

PICTOU.—A cheerful and hearty service was held in St. James' Church on Thanksgiving morning, at which there was a good congregation in attendance. Besides the harvest hymns the appointed psalms were chanted, and an anthem, "The Eyes of all wait upon Thee," well rendered by the choir. The short sermon by the Rector was from the text, "It becometh well the just to be thankful," Ps. xxxiii. 1.

During the presentation of the alms which were given in aid of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund of the Board of Home Missions, the hymn "Holy Offerings" was solemnly sung.

A Missionary meeting will be held on the 28th, at which Dr. Partridge will address the congregation on Diocesan Missions, and work for the B.H.M., will be inaugurated.

NEW ROSS.—The account of our 9th Annual Sunday-school picnic was purposely deferred, as will shortly appear. It was held September 20th, and a pleasanter day for the season could not have been wished; though the attendance was smaller than usual that did not affect the proceeds, as we took in fully \$156.56, the largest sum yet thus realized; excellent order prevailed all day. Details of the affair were much the same as on former occasions, so let us in this respect at least be Shakespearean. After some repairs, &c., on the foundation, to secure interior walls, made by our kind willing people, there arrived on Oct. 25th, Mr. Richard Harley, an able and successful church decorator, from Lunenburg, with two excellent assistants—Messrs. W. Messer and H. Smith—who at once began the long needed finish and adornment of the interior. All the woodwork was handsomely treated in light and dark stains and varnished; tasteful but chastely simple stencil designs were put upon bands above the dado and under the plate, while advantage was taken of every feature to heighten the general effect. The party left Nov. 12, with \$150 cash down, together with our sincere thanks for their conscientious attention to the contract, and for their valued aid at a small Varieties concert held on our premises November 8th; the work is certainly a capital advertisement for those who did it. On Thanksgiving day the Church, in its new and attractive dress, was re-opened with fair attendance and \$3 at the Holy Communion. The sermon, on St. James i. 17, was a combined reference to the duties set forth by the day itself and to the vastly improved appearance of the Church.

BRIDGETOWN.—At the request of the Rector Rev. L. M. Wilkins, a meeting was held at the Rectory some little time ago for the purpose of devising means whereby to pay off the debt on the new Church; there was a large attendance both of the ladies and gentlemen of the parish and much enthusiasm was manifested on the subject. It was unanimously resolved that a series of socials or entertainments should be held each month during the ensuing winter and a good committee was accordingly appointed to see this resolution carried into effect. The first of these socials came off on the evening of Thursday, the 15th inst, being Thanksgiving Day, and proved quite a success realizing \$50, which amount was supplemented by a generous donation of \$20 from Miss Hamilton, late teacher of the Intermediate department in the public school, and another of \$5 from a lady parishioner, making in all \$75 towards the funds of the Church. The ladies of this parish seem indefatigable in their exertions and have determined, we are told, not to desist until the debt has been lifted from their beautiful little Church.

AMHERST.—Rev. C. F. Wiggins, Rector of

St. Paul's, Sackville, N.B., officiated in Christ Church on Sunday, 18th, at Matins and Evensong, and delivered two admirable and impressive sermons. Rev. V. E. Harris taking the duty at Sackville. On Monday, Mr. Harris was suddenly summoned to the bedside of his father, who was very ill at his home in Annapolis, and the reverend gentleman only reached there about two hours before his father entered into his eternal rest. We tender our sympathies to the bereaved.

ANNAPOLIS ROYAL.—We regret to announce the death of Robert J. Harris, Esq., at the age 75 years—one of our most respected residents.

Mr. Harris, who was one of the promoters of the Lequille Woollen Mills in early life, and later in life of the firm of Robinson and Harris, druggists, was widely known and respected throughout this part of the Province, and in our town took an active part in all matters of public interest, holding from town to time positions of much prominence and trust.

He was in religion a consistent churchman, was frequently a churchwarden, and for the past twenty years has been clerk of the Vestry of St. Luke's Parish. For upwards of fifty years he never failed (except on two occasions) to attend the business meetings in connection with the parish, and in all Church work was ever ready to do what was required of him.

His children, who are somewhat widely separated, and engaged in different professions and business occupations all assembled together at the old home last evening for the first time in their lives, but for a sad purpose.

At the funeral the body was reverently borne into the church by the six sons, and at the conclusion of the service, in what was once the private burial grounds of the Harris' family, the grave was carefully filled in by them before leaving.

Mr. Harris was the father of the Rev. V. E. Harris, of Amherst, N.S.

CAPE BRETON.

LOUISBOURG.—The regular meeting of the Sydney Rural Deanery was held at Louisbourg during the Octave of All Saints. There were present Rev. Rural Dean Smith, B. D., Rector of St. George's Church; Rev. T. F. Draper, M. A., Rector of St. Bartholomew's, and Rev. W. J. Lockyer, Rector of St. Paul's. The secretary, Rev. R. D. Bambrick, was unavoidably absent owing to illness in his family. Rev. Samuel Davies of Baddeck, does not take much stock in Deanery meetings, and, as usual, was not present. The Vigil service was held at St. Bartholomew's, at which Evensong was said by the Rector, and the Sermon was preached by the Rural Dean upon the subject of "Saints."

As usual it was a learned and practical discourse, in which the Catholic doctrine of who are Saints on earth, and the mutual relations which exist between them and the Saints in Paradise were plainly and lovingly set forth. Apart from many other benefits which the assembled clergy and congregations derive from those meetings, we owe a debt of gratitude to our Rural Dean, for the sound doctrinal teaching which in his sermons he never fails to impart.

Holy communion was celebrated the next morning at 10.30, at which the Rural Dean was celebrant, assisted by the Rector; the sermon being preached by Rev. W. J. Lockyer, upon the subject of "the Priesthood of the Laity," from the text Heb. xiii. 15. The offertory was devoted to the clergy W. and O. Fund. After luncheon at the Rectory the usual business of the Deanery was carried on; the 1st chap. Epis. to Titus was read in Greek and discussed at length, and certain resolutions passed with reference to clerical supply for St. Peter's. Having an hour to spare the Rector very kindly drove the visiting clergy to Lorraine to inspect the results of his people's

latest efforts and his own handiwork in the shape of a very pretty little Gothic church, which he hopes to have ready for consecration by next year, and towards which he will be pleased to receive any offerings of those interested in such work. This little church, with its lantern topped tower surmounted by the emblem of our Salvation stands by the road side, midway in the village, and, being free, unappropriated, and *always open*, let us hope that it will be regarded by all passers by as, their Father's House, where He is always present, and where His children may sanctify their daily walk and conversation by private prayer and meditation—alone with God.

A missionary service was held in the evening at which the Rural Dean and Rector spoke very earnestly to the large congregation, upon the privilege and duty of giving to God, by assisting in the extension of His church at home and abroad. The offerings were given to B. H. M. All the services were bright, hearty and devotional, Rev. W. J. Lockyer acting as organist.

COW BAY.—The Parish Church of St. Paul's has just been made the depository of two offerings to God, viz., a memorial window and an altar Cross. The window was presented by Messrs. Vooght Bros., of North Sydney. The three pannels into which it is divided are filled with a blended Cross and Crown; an angel bearing a scroll upon which is inscribed "Thy will be done"; and an anchor; the filling-in consisting of other miniature Christian emblems. The inscription is all follows:—"To the glory of God." And in loving memory of Augustino Belloni, May 18th, 1887. Grant him Lord eternal rest." The work was executed by Messrs. Spence & Sons, and reflects great credit upon their establishment.

The Altar Cross is the offering of a devoted member of the Church who wishes to remain unknown. It was made to order in London, and is a beautiful specimen of ornamental brass work, set with real blood stones and crystals.

Upon the base is beautifully engraved as follows:—"To the glory of God."

And in loving memory of one in Paradise—Presented to St. Paul's Church, Cow Bay, All Saint's Day 1888.

The Chancel and Sanctuary have just been wainscotted with ash and walnut and the remaining plaster painted with maroon, and stencilled with gold; a sufficient amount of material still remains on hand to finish the body of the Church in like manner during the coming winter.

This too is "In memoriam," and bespeaks the love of a member of the American Church, and a personal friend of our Rector.

The materials for a new Church at "Reserve Mines" are now on the grounds, and we are in hopes of having it ready for service within a few months.

A mission station has been opened up at the extreme western part of the Parish, and is already productive of much good.

For these and all other blessings; God's holy name be praised.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

CHATHAM.—A Missionary meeting under the auspices of the Diocesan Church Society was held in St. Mary's school room, on Monday Nov. 5th. Rev. Dean Forsyth, Rector of Chatham, presiding. The deputation present included Rev. Canon Brigstocke, of Trinity Church, St. Johns; Rev. D. V. Gwilym, of Richibucto; and Rev. J. H. S. Sweet, of St. Andrew's, Newcastle. After the hymn, "Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire" was sung, prayer was offered by the Chairman.

In stating the object of the meeting, which was to hear a presentation of the claims of the