

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

Gathered specially for this paper by Our Own Correspondents.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

ORDINATION.—On Sunday last the Revs. K. H. Hind and E. A. Harris were ordained priests by the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia. Mr. Hind continues to serve as Chaplain of the Bishop's Chapel, and Mr. Harris goes on with the good work he is doing as Curate at Mahone Bay. Mr. Harris preached at the Bishop's Chapel last Sunday evening. The *Evening Mail* notices the fact that on that day all the clergy who took part in services at the Bishop's Chapel were formerly connected with St. Peter's Boys' School, Charlottetown. Rev. W. C. Wilson preached at the chapel in the morning. He was assistant-master of the school for the long term of eight years. The Rev. K. H. Hind, who read service in the evening, succeeded Mr. Wilson as assistant-master, and Rev. E. A. Harris was a pupil at the school. There are now working in this Diocese no less than six clergymen who have been connected with the school, the other names being the Rev. R. D. Bambrick, Rev. V. E. Harris, and Rev. W. B. King.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND INSTITUTE.—The annual meeting of this important institution took place last Thursday. The President, W. C. Silver, Esq., was in the chair, and the Lord Bishop was in his customary place, as friend and warm advocate of the institute's interests. The annual report urges larger contributions from wealthy Churchmen, rejoices in an increased membership, and on more recommends that steps be taken to secure more commodious premises. A small amount is now in the bank as a nucleus for a building fund. (Here is a splendid chance for some one to put up a worthy memorial—a good building is needed—one that would be a credit to the Diocese.) The report gratefully acknowledges the gift from Mrs. McCawley, of fifty-seven volumes of valuable books, the property of the late Dr. McCawley. It was specially requested that the clergy throughout the Diocese be informed that a letter of introduction from them gives any member of their respective parishes visiting town, the privilege of the free use of the room for one month, and that such privilege should be more frequently enjoyed. An announcement was also made that three debates would take place during the next few weeks—the subjects being "The Irish Question," "The Egyptian Question," and "How best to promote the interests of the Institute."

The Lord Bishop nominated Mr. Silver for reelection. This was unanimously approved, all in the meeting rising. The list of officers are:—Patron, The Lord Bishop; President, W. C. Silver; Vice-Presidents, Rev. F. Partridge, D. D.; F. W. Bullock, A. D. B. Tremain, and F. C. Sumichrast; Treasurer, Thomas Brown; Secretary, W. M. Brown. Council—For St. Paul's, J. C. Mahon, F. Rhind; St. George's, T. V. Woolrich, J. J. Hunt; St. Luke's, E. D. Tucker, A. B. Wiswel; St. Mark's, A. Vizard, E. R. Hanington; Dartmouth, E. V. D. Foster, J. W. Allison; Trinity, R. LePine; Garrison, T. Forbes; Bishop's, W. F. Meynell. Non-Parochial Members of Council—F. J. Tremaine, E. C. Fairbanks, S. H. Shreve, W. Jordan, H. Boyle, W. E. Mitchell, A. W. Spike, F. Bowman, Harold Silver, C. W. Rennels. Auditors—R. J. Wilson and E. C. Fairbanks.

An adjourned meeting will shortly take place to consider and discuss important questions.

ST. MATTHIAS'S MISSION.—The anniversary service of the Mission was held in the building last Tuesday. Although the walking was bad there was a large congregation, and thanks to the choir of St. Luke's, the singing was hearty and congregational. Rev. K. H. Hind and W. C. Wilson read service, and the Rev. F. R. Murray preached a stirring sermon of practical import and much encouragement. He urged the people to go on and finish the work they had taken in hand, and not to

be daunted by mountains of obstacles, but to remove them by faith, prayer and energy. W. C. Silver, Esq., whose patriarchal presence and words imposed new life into us, spoke kindly of the Mission, and hoped that the building would be finished and habitable before next autumn. He spoke strongly against the parochialism which seated itself in comfortable pews and structures and left "members of the one body" to worship in a building like the present. He bade the mission people to concentrate all their energies to the finishing of the building, and said that when the time came the necessity of the work in that vicinity would rouse Churchmen generally to assist this young mission. Rev. Dr. Partridge thanked the kind friends for their help on this occasion, and said that he had every confidence in the way the work was being carried on by the missionary in charge, and thankful at the success attending his efforts. From these kind expressions the mission people may well take courage and persevere in the effort they are making to complete the mission building by aid of a large bazaar, to be held during the summer at Halifax, and may now evidently feel assured that Churchpeople generally will rally round them in this important work.

ST. LUKE'S.—The Parish Magazine for the month is filled with the activity and good works that are going on in this parish. In the account of the meeting concerning the new Parish Church, there is the following:—"It need hardly be said, that when the time arrives—and, we trust it may come very soon—the Rector and parishioners of St. Luke's will only be too glad to aid and assist their Bishop, together with the rest of the Diocese, in the erection of a cathedral church."

SACKVILLE.—A very successful concert was held here on Wednesday, 11th, in the Music Hall, by the choir of St. Paul's Church, ably assisted by several kind friends. The programme was well selected from the best authors and consisted of vocal and instrumental solos, duets and trios, together with several choruses. The solos sung by Miss Botsford, of Dorchester, and Miss Greenfield, of Amherst, were beautifully rendered, and gave great delight to an appreciative audience. The receipts were \$70.

CAPE BRETON.—The regular meeting of the Sydney Rural Deanery was held at Sydney Mines, on Wednesday, Feb. 4th. At 11 a.m., Matins was said at St. John's Church, North Sydney, by the Rector, Rev. R. D. Bambrick. The celebration of the Holy Communion followed, the Rural Dean, Rev. D. Smith, being celebrant. The sermon was preached by Rev. T. F. Draper, from Gen. i. 1. At 3 o'clock the Chapter met in the Rectory, Sydney Mines. Among other business done, final arrangements were made for the localization of the "Banner of Faith" in the parishes comprising the Deanery. A resolution was also passed unanimously, in which deep regrets were expressed at the departure of Rev. Simon Gibbons from Cape Breton, and earnest wishes for his future success. Mr. Gibbons has recently resigned his laborous mission in Victoria County, and taken charge of Lockport. In the evening Evensong was said at Trinity Church, Sydney Mines, and a most earnest and striking sermon preached by the Rural Dean.

NORTH SYDNEY AND SYDNEY MINES.—The special Lenten services and sermons have been arranged and are as follows:—**SUNDAYS**—Sermon on "Seven last words," and on 1. Turning to God. 2. Love of God. 3. Prayer. 4. Love of man. 5. Repentance. 6. Forgiveness. Children's service every fortnight, in afternoon, with catechizing on subjects suggested by the season. **WEEK-DAYS**—Tuesday and Thursday mornings, celebration of the Holy Communion, with meditation on devotional subjects. Wednesday and Friday evenings at 7.30, Evensong with addresses on "The Temptations of Jesus." **HOLY WEEK**—Celebrations as above. Evensong and address daily. On Good Friday services at 9, 11, 3, and 7.30 o'clock.

Much anxiety is being felt here just now on

account of the fire which for several weeks has been raging in the coal mines. It has been found necessary to flood a section of the pit, but matters still wear a very serious aspect. In all the Churches prayers have been offered with especial regard to the calamity.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

DEANERY OF ST. ANDREWS.—A meeting of the Deanery of St. Andrew's was held at St. Andrews on Feb. 23rd. and 24th. Present: The Revs. Ranald E. Smith, Dean Rural and rector of St. George; Canon Ketchum, D. D., rector of St. Andrew's; Theodore E. Dowling, rector of Christ Church, St. Stephen; Henry Neales, of Campo-Bello; James Millidge, of St. Davids, and Wyllys Rede, Missionary at Calais, Me.

On Monday morning, the 23rd., a Missionary meeting was held in the Church school-room, where a goodly number had assembled to hear the addresses of the clergy. All the clergy addressed the meeting on Foreign Missions. The Dean dwelt on the vast extent of the Anglican Church, and the number of her Bishops, and the immense work done by the S. P. G., the Rev. Mr. Dowling on the work of the S. P. C. K., and ably advocated its claims. Rev. W. Neales spoke forcibly and well on the principles involved in the work of Foreign Missions, and combatted the idea, that they were a failure. Mr. Millidge advocated the cause of the C. M. S., and spoke of the work accomplished in China, through its instrumentality. Mr. Rede gave a very interesting address on the work done by the American Church in Foreign Missions, and also spoke of their Home Mission work. Dr. Ketchum concluded the addresses by some general observations and explanation to his people. Three Missionary hymns were sung at different times, and the Dean pronounced the blessing. The audience were much interested with the addresses.

On Tuesday, Feast of St. Matthias; the Holy Eucharist was celebrated at 8 o'clock a.m., the Dean, celebrant.

At 10 o'clock the Chapter met for business at the rectory. Hebrews xiii was read in the original and commented on. The Pauline origin of the Epistle seemed to be favored by most of the clergy present.

The subject for discussion was "The Studies of the Clergy," and was ably handled. It was agreed at our next meeting to analyze and discuss Drummond's celebrated work on "Natural Law in the Spiritual World," and at each meeting of the Deanery, to have some book appointed for discussion, thus pledging themselves to undertake this extra study.

A resolution was then passed, to tender the Rev. Ernest C. Sanders a testimonial from the Deanery, as he is about to leave his present rectorship, and take work in the Diocese of Huron. The testimonial was expressive of regard for Mr. S., and alluded to his scholarly attainments, which we will much miss at our meetings, and recommended him to the kind offices of the Bishop and clergy of Huron. Trinity Church, St. Stephen, of which he was rector, and in which he did a good work, cannot fail to feel the loss of so good a man.

There was an unanimous feeling of approval at the election of the Rev. Chas. Hamilton as Bishop of Niagara, and the intercessions and prayers of the congregation on his behalf, were asked at the Holy Communion. The next meeting of the Deanery will take place on Whit Tuesday, May 26th., in parishes St. David and St. Patrick.

A committee was appointed to consider the practicability of a Deanery Magazine.

A Choral Union was appointed to be held in St. George, on Aug. 25th., when it is hoped the Coadjutor Bishop will preach.

In the evening a hearty service was held in All Saint's Church, with a good congregation. The Rev. T. E. Dowling preached a thoughtful sermon from Acts i. 25. The different clergy took part in the service.

The clergy were hospitably entertained, and