

News from the Home Field.

DIocese of Fredericton.

DELEGATES TO THE PROVINCIAL SYNOD.

Dear Sirs,—Will you allow me space in your forthcoming issue to inform any of the Delegates to the Provincial Synod from the Maritime Provinces, and who may be travelling to Montreal by the I. C. R., that it is the intention of the Metropolitan to spend Sunday, Sept. 5th, in Campbellton (where the Express lies over till Monday morning), and to consecrate the little Church which God has enabled us to build there? The services for the day will be—11 a. m., Consecration Service and Holy Communion, with sermon by the Metropolitan, and 2.30 p. m., Evening Prayer, and sermon by Canon Medley.

I may mention that very comfortable quarters can be obtained at the Royal Hotel, (James Sproul, Proprietor) immediately in rear of the Station. As the hotel is generally very full on Sundays, those who are thinking of remaining there on the Sunday in question would do well to secure beds before hand.

Yours truly, J. H. S. SWEET.

The Rectory, Dalhousie, N. B., Aug. 21st, 1880.

DEANERY OF KINGSTON.—This Chapter met at Greenwich on Wednesday, August 11th, 1880, at 3 p. m. In the absence of the Dean, Rev. D. W. Pickott acted as Chairman, and Rev. J. Lockward as Secretary. Rev. xvii. and xviii. were read in Greek and discussed, Rev. J. Lockward read a paper on "Lay Baptism." Service at Parish Church at 8 p. m.; prayers said by Rev. B. Shaw. The lessons were read by Messrs Talbot and Wilkinson. Addresses were delivered by Rev. J. Lockward on "Church Ritual," and Rev. J. H. Talbot on "Devotion." Thursday, the 12th August, Holy Communion at Parish Church at 8 a. m. Chapter met at 10.30. The Dean, Rev. Canon Medley, in the Chair. Rev. D. Shaw was unanimously appointed Secretary and Treasurer of the Deanery. The Dean then read an address to the members of the Deanery on the duties and form of procedure at the meetings of the Chapter. After a vote of thanks to the Dean for his address, it was moved that the address should be copied and kept as the property of the Chapter, and a Committee was appointed to consider the various points raised in the address, and report at next meeting of Chapter on the best method of carrying into effect the various suggestions of the Dean. Mr. Lockward's paper was then discussed, every member taking part in the debate. A Committee was appointed to expend \$25 of the funds in hand to augment the library of the Deanery. A vote of thanks was carried unanimously to Mrs. Doane for her offer of several volumes from her husband's library for use of Chapter. The next meeting was appointed to be held at Cambridge on Nov. 3rd and 4th.

B. SHAW, Hon. Sec'y.

STANLEY.—A Fancy Sale and Tea Meeting will be held this day (Aug. 26th) by the ladies of St. Thomas' Church, in the Temperance Hall, in aid of the debt on the Church.

ST. JOHN.—In the death of Mr. H. P. Sturdee, Trinity Church has lost one of its oldest members and most constant attendants. The funeral took place from his late residence August 16th, and was very largely attended. The pall-bearers were J. De W. Spurr, W. J. Berton, T. W. DeBlois, W. D. W. Hubbard, R. Brittain and Capt. Chisholm. The service was held at St. Paul's Church by Canon Brigotches, assisted by Canon DeVoeber and Rev. F. S. Sill. The Psalms were chanted, and the hymns sung by the choir of Trinity and St. Paul's, were "Thy will be done," and "I heard the voice of Jesus say come unto me and rest." The deceased was for many years Lloyd's Surveyor, and the flag of the different vessels were flying at half-mast during the day. At the morning service on Sunday, Rev. Canon Brigotches alluded to the death of Mr. Sturdee.

THE PICNIC SEASON still continues. Trinity Sunday School, St. John, held their annual picnic at South Bay, at which the papers report about 400 persons present. St. George's Carleton have also held their picnic, going out by the

Western Extension. Of the one held by Christ Church, St. Stephen, the St. Croix Courier says:—Amongst the many pleasant excursions of the week for real comfort, enjoyment and true pleasure, none exceeded the Picnic of Christ's Church Sunday School to St. Andrews, by steambot Chas. Houghton. The number of tickets was limited to 200 and many were sorely disappointed in not being able to join. Arriving at St. Andrews, the party proceeded to Osburn's Grove, where everybody vied one with another in making it pleasant for all. The genial free and warm-hearted Pastor, the Rev. Jos. Rushton, was as ever most conspicuous in his endeavours to make every body feel happy. Such a pastor is a blessing to any church, and in every community. They arrived safe back in good season, everybody elated with their pleasant trip to the beautiful Town of St. Andrews.

DIocese of Nova Scotia.

PARRSBOROUGH.—True to his engagement, the Clerical Secretary, Rev. Mr. Wainwright, arrived at Parrsboro' by steamer Earl Dufferin from Wolfville, on Thursday, Aug. 12th. On Friday evening, a meeting was held in the Parish Church, and a local Committee of the B. H. M. was appointed. On Saturday, the Rector and Mr. Wainwright drove to Five Islands, some miles of the road being among the worst in the Province, where a meeting was held, which, considering the heavy rain that set in towards evening, was pretty well attended, and a considerable degree of interest evinced in the work of the Board. On Sunday morning, Service, with Holy Communion, was celebrated at Five Islands, after which the two clergymen, having taken leave of their friends and entertainers at Mr. Broderick's, started for Moose River, stopping on the way for dinner at the house of one of the few Church people of Five Islands. At 3 p. m., they arrived at Moose River, where Evensong was said, and after a sermon and an address from Mr. Wainwright, a committee was organized. The Rector and Secretary then returned to Parrsboro' in time for evening Service, where the Rev. Secretary preached to a large and deeply interested congregation. On Monday, Mr. Wainwright went with Rev. George Harris to Port Greville, and organized a committee in that section of the Parish, and on Tuesday evening, Company F. of the "Royal Reserves" was enrolled at St. George's Parrsborough. Each section visited, responded heartily to the efforts of the indefatigable Clerical Secretary, and it is to be hoped that a largely increased contribution to the funds of the B. H. M. will be the result.

MISSION OF LOUISBURG, C. B.—The Lord Bishop arrived in this Mission on the afternoon of Tuesday, 10th inst., accompanied by the Incumbent, the Rev. C. W. McCully, and the Rev. David Smith, Vicar of Sydney. His Lordship's original intention was, to hold service at 10.30 a. m. but, in consequence of the heavy rain which fell on Monday afternoon, was unable to leave Sydney on that day, thereby necessitating the postponement of the service to 2.30 p. m. Long before the hour for service had arrived crowds of people, were to be seen wending their way to St. Bartholomew's Church, all the available sitting room being fully occupied ere the Church bells had ceased to ring, calling the worshippers to Evensong. Shortly before 3 o'clock the Bishop entered the Chancel accompanied by Rev. D. Smith, bearing the Pastoral Staff, and the Incumbent of the Mission, who presided at the organ, the choir singing as a processional, Hymn 240, A. & M. "O how amiable are Thy dwellings, Thou Lord of Hosts" Evensong was said by Mr. Smith, who, at the end of the third Collect, read the preface to the Confirmation office. The Bishop then came forward to the Chancel steps and addressed the congregation at some length in his usual stirring and fatherly manner. He first congratulated the people upon the beautiful building they had erected for the honor and glory of God which, to use his Lordship's language, "is an ornament to the Diocese, as well as to this Island."

The interior of the building is not yet wholly completed and but little has been done towards finishing it, or liquidating the debt which is still due, since the Bishop's last visit; his Lordship strongly condemned this want of progress and in most earnest terms urged

the people to begin at once to contribute more largely of their substance in supporting the services of the Church in their midst; he regretted deeply that the building was not ready for consecration, and finally expressed a strong hope that nothing would prevent its being so on the occasion of his next visit, if in God's mercy he would be permitted to visit them again.

His Lordship then proceeded to speak of the special cause for his presence amongst them giving a most lucid explanation of the ordinance of the laying on of hands, and in warm and affectionate terms addressed the Candidates before him. He spoke of the many temptations that surround the Christian's path and of the great necessity of looking to and depending upon Christ for help, and making use of every means of grace provided by Him through His Church. The Incumbent then presented 17 Candidates to the Bishop who prayed, and laid his hand on them. At the conclusion of the confirmation service Hymn 323, A. & M. was sung. The Bishop then took his place at the Altar beginning the office for the Holy Communion, the Rev. D. Smith acting as his chaplain. After the Nicene Creed had been said Hymn 270, A. & M. was sung and an earnest and practical sermon preached by his Lordship from St. John x. 14. This mission being in charge of a Deacon and the members thereof, not have frequent opportunities of receiving the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ, though late in the day, the Bishop celebrated the same and 35 of the congregation came forward to receive the sacred food. It was remarked by a stranger, who was present, that a more devout and reverent reception of the Sacred mysteries was nowhere to be found. God grant that the hearts of the people may be equally humbled and greatly strengthened for their spiritual warfare. After the prayer of Conservation three verses of Hymn 312, A. & M. were sung whilst the people and clergy were on their knees. The whole of the congregation remained in the Church till the Bishop had pronounced the Benediction, a custom more in accordance with the rubrics of the Prayer Book than the custom prevalent in many churches. The Nunc Dimittis was chanted as a recessional and thus ended a most solemn, interesting and, we most sincerely trust, a deeply beneficial service. The Sanctuary of the Church looked very neat and pretty. For some days the Incumbent and Mrs. McCully assisted by Mrs. and the Misses Townsend, members of the choir, had been busily engaged in beautifying the House of our God. A maroon colored Reredos extending the whole width of the Chancel was placed back of the Altar. On either side of the Altars the following texts, in white, are placed:—"I am the Bread of Life; "Lord ever more give us this Bread." Over the Altars, on a red background was placed a white cross made of wild flowers. Directly back of the Altars was placed a white Reredos made in the shape of three panels, the one on either end bearing a red cross. The centre panel came directly behind the Altars cross at either side of which vases of cultivated flowers were placed—pots of flowers supplied by Mrs. McAlpin, occupied appropriate places within the Sanctuary. These decorations added much to the beauty of the building and were favorably commented upon by the Bishop. His Lordship in the course of his address to the congregation spoke of the satisfactory work that was being done by the present Incumbent, and of the kindly feeling so apparent between Pastor and people. He urged the people to do all in their power to keep him in their midst but, as other missions were now vacant, he feared they would be deprived of his ministrations unless greater efforts were made to increase the financial resources of the mission. For want of time the Bishop could not proceed to Big Lorraine and the candidates from thence were confirmed at St. Bartholomew's Church. The Lorraine congregation are preparing to put a new Chancel to their Church, and in other ways to enlarge and improve the building.

MAIN-A-DIEU.—At an early hour on Wednesday morning His Lordship the Bishop left Louisbourg for Main-a-dieu. Here a large congregation had assembled, the Church being completely filled. At 11 a. m. the service began, the choir singing as a processional, Hymn 270, A. & M. The Litany was said by the Incumbent. After the reading of the preface to the Confirmation office, the

Bishop addressed the congregation in very warm terms, strongly condemning them for allowing so long a time to elapse without making some effort to enlarge and improve their place of worship. His Lordship stated that this was now the tenth visit he had made to Main-a-Dieu, and on each occasion he was obliged to repeat the same rebuke, and sincerely hoped that the improvement he suggested would be begun at once, as all could clearly see that they had now become matters of necessity. The candidates present were then addressed in most affectionate terms, after which the Incumbent presented 18 to the Bishop, who laid his hand on them and blessed them. Hymn 320, A. & M., was then sung, and the service for Holy Communion begun. A sermon from the Gospel for the Eleventh Sunday after Trinity was preached by the Bishop, after which the Holy Eucharist was administered to 38 devout communicants. After the service was concluded, his Lordship was entertained at luncheon by Mrs. Charles Dickson, and then drove off to the neighbouring Mission of Little Glace Bay, accompanied by the Incumbent of Louisbourg, hearing with him the best wishes of the inhabitants of Main-a-Dieu.

ANNAPOLIS RURAL DEANERY.—The Regular Quarterly Meeting of the "Annapolis Rural Deanery" was held at Bridgetown, on the 18th ult. There were present the Rev. the Dean and the Rev. Messrs. Ritchie, Godfrey, Ambrose, DeBlois, Wilkins, and Greatorex. Morning Service opened at the Parish Church at 11 a. m. The Rev. John Ambrose filled the Desk. Rev. Mr. Greatorex read the Lessons, and the preacher was the Dean, who delivered a very impressive and earnest discourse on the duty of the people praying for their Pastors, taking his text from 2 Cor. i., 11. His sermon was listened to with marked attention—will, no doubt, prove beneficial in its results. At the Holy Communion, the celebrants were the same officiating clergymen—Rev. the Dean, the Rev. Mr. Ambrose, and the Rev. Mr. Greatorex. The number of those who partook of the "Sacred Feast" was seventeen. After having partaken of dinner at the Rectory, the meeting for the transaction of business was opened with prayer at 3 p. m. In the absence of the Regular Secretary, the Rev. Walter Gray, the Rev. Henry D. DeBlois was chosen, temporarily to fill his place. A detail of the work done by the Rev. Henry DeBlois on the Liverpool Road for year ending January, 1880, embracing a circuit of nearly sixty miles in length, with eleven stations, and aggregate congregations of over a thousand people; Services performed, 162; Bible classes held, 162; miles travelled, 5,868; visits paid, 640; Baptisms, 12; Confirmed, 4; Communicants, 25; marriages 3; deaths, 4; contributions for Church purposes, \$40; expended by Missionary, \$228.00; total salary, \$100, having been submitted and discussed. The following Resolution was moved by Rev. John Ambrose, seconded by Rev. Mr. Godfrey, and passed unanimously:—

That this Deanery recognizing the great importance of the "Liverpool Road Mission," and with a view to its continuance and extension would respectfully desire to know what amount of aid could be allotted to it by the "Board of Home Missions."

Upon motion of Rev. Mr. Ambrose, seconded by Rev. Mr. Ritchie, and passed, it was decided to bring up the question of the "Deceased Wife's Sister's Marriage Bill, when a long and animated discussion, to be resumed at the next meeting, took place, eliciting much valuable information, and subserving a good purpose. Evensong was held in St. James' Church at 7.40 p. m. The Prayers were said by the Rev. the Dean, and the sermon preached by the Rev. H. D. DeBlois, from the words, "The Lord is in His Holy Temple, let all the earth keep silence before Him, Heb. ii., 20." The singing was good, the Services hearty and responsive, and thus ended a meeting, one of the most pleasing and instructive held in the Deanery for sometime. Collections to be devoted to Foreign Mission Fund, \$3.17.

TRURO.—A sale of refreshments on Monday, July 12th, by some of the members of the congregation of St. John's, realized the sum of \$43.00. This result was very gratifying, and will form no inconsiderable part of the amount required for the purchase of lamps for the new Church.—Parish Church Work.

CUMBERLAND MINES.—Rev. E. H. Ball, Athol, who is an enthusiast in the Church work of his parish, is having a number of copies of the little publication, "CHURCH WORK, sent to subscribers in his Mission with an illustrated cover prepared by himself. A new illustration appears on the first page of the cover of each monthly number, and the other pages are occupied by matter connected with the work of his parish—the whole being struck from a lithogram. The illustrations which have already appeared, all of which are from his own pencil, are: Maccan Church, Upper Slope Spring Hill Mines, Athol Railway Station. Christ Church, Amherst, will, we believe, form the next illustration.—Amherst Gazette.

LONDONDERRY MINES.—At a public meeting of the Parishioners of the Parish of St. John's Truro, held on Wednesday evening, May 12th, it was resolved that the Bishop be requested to separate from the Parish of St. John's, Truro, the townships of Londonderry and Economy, and to constitute thereof a new Parish with the title and designation of St. Paul, Londonderry Mines. His Lordship readily assented to the request, and on the 28th day of June the Deed of Division of the Parish was granted. The first business meeting of the new Parish was held on Monday, the 19th of July, at Londonderry Mines. Capt. Jno. Bryant, in a very interesting speech respecting the position of a Rector to his people, said he had great pleasure in making the following motion:—"That the Rev. V. E. Harris be elected Rector of the new Parish of St. Paul's, Londonderry." The motion was seconded by Dr. J. W. Macdonald, and passed unanimously. The meeting then proceeded to elect Church Wardens and Vestrymen.

Miss Probert has opened a Sunday School Class on Folly Mountain. We know our boys and girls there who cannot well attend the Sunday School at the Church in bad weather, will spare no pains to make their little school a success.

William Hutchinson, Esq., and Rupert Boutilier, Esq., of Londonderry Mines, have been appointed Lay Readers by the Bishop. The license of a Lay Reader sanctions the reading by him of such parts of the Church Services as one not in Holy Orders may read in order to render the Rector assistance when needed, or to conduct Divine Service during his absence.

The proceeds of sale held at Londonderry Mines on the 10th ult., enabled the ladies of St. Paul's to pay expenses and give \$200 to aid in building the Rectory.—Parish Church Work.

GRANVILLE.—"Children's Flower Service."—A special service for children was held in the Parish Church, on the afternoon of Sunday week. The children met at the residence of the senior teacher, Mr. John McCormick, and walked in procession to the Church, carrying two silk banners and each child a bunch of flowers. The processional hymn was "Brightly gleams our banner." The Church was crowded in every part, and great interest was shown in the service by the adult members of the congregation. Children's hymns were sung, and a sermon preached to the children. The special feature in the service, however, was that immediately after the third collect a large cross, five feet in height, was placed on the Chancel steps, and the children, coming up one at a time, handed their flowers to the Rector, who placed them in the cross, the children receiving each in return a floral card. The cross, when completely filled with flowers, was placed upon the Altar, and presented an exquisite appearance. The offertory was devoted to the purchase of books for the Sunday School.

DARTMOUTH.—The annual picnic of the children of Christ Church Sunday School, Dartmouth, took place at Hosterman's grounds, Friday. The day being a delightful one, afforded the children a good opportunity to participate in the many amusements provided for them. The tables were amply supplied with eatables for the children, and a well provided refreshment table on the grounds for the visitors. The beautiful band of the "Northampton" being in attendance, afforded one of the attractions of the day, and, indeed, the success of the picnic is very largely attributed to the earnest efforts of the Rev. J. Bell, their zealous Superintendent (Mr. Parker), Mr. J. Oland, and the ladies in