

News from the Home Field.

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DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

NOTICE.—*Lunenburg Deanery*.—The 38th meeting of the Lunenburg Chapter, will be held at New Ross on Thursday, October 11th. Full Morning Service with the Holy Communion. Preacher, Rev. G. H. Butler, Rector of Chester. Afternoon business session. Addresses at Church in the evening. By order of Rural Dean.

W. E. GELLING, Sec.
Bridgewater, Sept. 26th, 1883.

HALIFAX.—The Rev. H. J. Winterbourne has been offered important missionary work in the North West. We feel certain that the Rev. gentleman's present parishioners will use their most strenuous endeavors to retain his ministrations in Halifax.—The Rev. F. J. Smith of Shelburne, left Halifax for England last Saturday.—Selwyn H. Shreve, Esq., was presented with a handsome book by the S. S. Scholars at the N. W. Arm Mission, and also presented with a valuable escritoire by the members of the congregation.—The Lord Bishop of Rochester passed through Halifax on his way to the General Convention and addressed the children of St. Luke's Sunday School.—The Rev. Bruce MacKay of Somerset, Bermuda, preached in the Cathedral at Evensong on Sunday the 23rd.—The Rev. Jas. Lowry preached in Trinity Church last Sunday morning.—The Rev. J. O. Crisp is visiting Halifax.

St. John's.—The beautiful burying ground of this church has been very much improved during the past month. New walks have been made; some of the old fences have been taken down, and many of the graves have been made neat and beautiful. Great credit is due to the untiring efforts of the Rector, the Rev. H. J. Winterbourne, in making "God's acre" one of the loveliest spots around Halifax. There is plenty of room yet in the grounds, and no better spot could be found for a general Church cemetery for Halifax Churchmen.

RAWDON.—On Sept. 19th, the Rural Dean, and Rev. H. How attended the Deanery Meeting in St. Paul's Church. The Rev. Mr. Axford came as far as Mount Uniacke, and could not get a horse to come up. Prayers were said by Rev. H. How, and the lessons were read by Rev. W. J. Ancient. The Rural Dean preached on the Book of Common Prayer, and was celebrant. There were 27 communicants from the Parish, and one could not fail to notice the improvements in the singing. The total offertories were \$5.43, and were collected for Algoma. After dinner the usual business and devotional meeting took place, at which the Rev. H. How, read a "Paper on Cottage Lectures," which he was requested to offer for publication. A suggestion was made that the whole body of the Clergy should pledge themselves to support by their offerings and prayers, one Diocesan Missioner. Will the Clergy kindly express their opinion on this idea? In compliance with the suggestion of the paper by the Secretary, the members decided to order 100 copies of "The Anglican Church" published in "The Canadian Missionary." Evensong was said by the Rector, and the Rural Dean said the Litany. After a hymn, the Rev. Canon Maynard addressed the congregation on the need of being drawn nearer to Jesus, by the Holy Ghost working in and through the services of the Church, and he urged each baptised member of the Church to be more enthusiastic in his or her attachment to her, more abundant in labors for her. After another hymn the Rev. H. How gave an account of the growing work of the Church in the Missionary Diocese of Algoma, and he besought all to do more than they have ever done for this interesting portion of the

Lord's vineyard. The Rector made some appropriate remarks, and after the benediction by the Rural Dean, a recessional was sung.

NEW DUBLIN.—The Rev. W. Ellis preached here last Sunday, and expressed great satisfaction at seeing such a large congregation of men. The reports from the Church are very encouraging, not only is everything done decently and in order, but the congregation thoroughly appreciates the untiring efforts of their Rector, the Rev. A. Jordan.

LONDONDERRY MINES.—Rev. V. E. Harris preached his farewell sermon on Sunday the 23rd. The four services of the day at St. Paul's Church were very largely attended. Rev. A. C. Macdonald of Bayfield was present and assisted. During the last fortnight of Mr. Harris' stay in this parish thirty persons were baptized, twelve of them were adults. Two very handsome coronas of four lights each have recently been placed in the Church. The wooden cross and cheap vases hitherto upon the re-table have been removed and in their place a pair of brass vases and altar cross. For the latter which was quite expensive and is exceedingly handsome we are indebted to the deep interest taken in this parish by Miss Annie Parker, who is at present in Boston, Mass.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

GRAND MANAN.—The Rev. Finlow Alexander, sub-Dean of the Cathedral, and Missionary of New Maryland, in taking some rest, has been spending a part of his holiday season in the invigorating air of Grand Manan. While enjoying the beautiful scenery of this fine island of the Bay of Fundy, he has made his visit doubly pleasing to us, by the advice and help he has given the choir in the Church of the Ascension at North Head. Some of the American visitors from Boston, New York, Philadelphia, and elsewhere, take a good deal of interest in this little Church. The Metropolitan helped us liberally to church furniture, and Mrs. Medley gave us a beautiful super-frontal for the Communion Table. We have heard with great regret of the burning of the Church at Oak Bay, in one of the Rev. J. W. Milledge's parishes. The Reverend gentleman and his parishioners deserve not only the sympathy of all, but the substantial aid of those who are free from debt, and able to give.

HAMPTON.—We are glad to hear that the ven. Canon Walker, whose illness has been so severe, is likely to recover.

ST. JOHN.—The Rev. Dr. Simpson of New York, has been assisting in the services of the Church during the absence of some of the city clergy at the Provincial Synod.

BATHURST.—Thursday, September 27th, was a day of great interest to this Parish, because of the accomplishment of a work which had been engaging the attention of the Rector and his flock for no little time past. The new church (St. George's) was consecrated by his Lordship the Metropolitan, as he was returning home from the Provincial Synod. The clergy present, besides the Rector of the Parish, Rev. W. H. Street, and who took part in the services, were the Rev. Canons Medley and Neales, Revds. W. B. McKiel, a former Rector, and D. Forsyth, J. H. S. Sweet, A. H. Hiltz, W. J. Wilkinson, and E. P. Flewelling, the latter five being clergy of the Deanery of Chatham, to which Bathurst belongs. The first service of the day was at 11 o'clock, at which the consecration took place. The Bishop and clergy were met at the church door by Theophilus DesBrisay and Henry Bishop, Esqs., Churchwardens, the former of whom read the petition of consecration. The usual service for the consecration then proceeded. The service throughout was most hearty, the congregation completely filled the seats, and there remained of them about fifty persons to receive the Holy Communion. The sermon of his Lordship the Metropolitan was a plain exposition of St.

Matt. xxviii. 20, "Lo I am with you always even unto the end of the world." In the course of his address he pointed out the duties pressing upon the members of the church, and congratulated the Parish on their having completed their beautiful sanctuary. The singing throughout the services was most hearty. Mr. George Burchill, organist of St. Andrew's Church, Newcastle, played the organ. The church was beautifully and tastefully decorated with flowers, those on the altar and font were especially lovely. A service was held at 7 p. m., when the holy rite of Confirmation was administered by the Metropolitan to seven persons, and a very earnest sermon preached by the Rev. J. H. S. Sweet from Ps. lxxxiv. 1, 2—"O how amiable are thy dwellings Thou Lord of hosts," &c. The offertory during the day amounted to about seventy dollars. J. T. C. McKean, Esq., of St. John, is the architect of the building, and his plans being carried out faithfully have produced a satisfactory result. The church is capable of seating about 250 people, and is very beautiful in exterior form and interior arrangement, it has an apsidal chancel, with vestry room on one side and organ chamber in the other. The windows which are unique in form and arrangement, are of glass manufactured by J. C. Spence of Montreal, and are all that could be desired. The chancel lights are especially pleasing, but cannot be particularly described at present. The parish has been fortunate in the number of gifts towards the furnishing of the church, the prayer desk from the Metropolitan who had also given the plans, the chancel carpet from Mrs. DesBrisay of Bathurst, the font from Mrs. Dr. Gordon of Fredericton, the lectern from Peniston Starr, Esq., of St. John, who also furnished the plan for it, the beautiful altar cloth of white and gold was worked by Miss Price of St. John who made a gift of a set of alms bags, and a neatly wrought chalice veil from Mrs. James Beek of Fredericton.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

SOUTH STUKELY.—St. Matthew's Church and parsonage are being repaired and improved. The Parish is flourishing under the able care of its Rector, the Rev. J. W. Garland.

Recently Mrs. Archibald McDonald, who has been Vice-President of St. Matthew's Dorcas Society for several years, being about to remove from the Parish, was made the recipient of a handsome present and a very kind address, which spoke of her warm and active interest in the Society. The presentation was made at the house of Mrs. G. H. Spencer, the indefatigable President of the Society.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

We are glad to announce the arrival home of the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, for whose safety fears were beginning to be entertained. Bishop Williams has been visiting the Labrador coast, and the storm interfered with his reaching home in time for the Provincial Synod. We rejoice to know that his Lordship is in good health. We hope to have from one of his party an account of the interesting trip.

GEORGEVILLE.—The Rev. J. Hepburn, who accompanied Bishop Williams in his Labrador trip, has arrived home, looking all the better for the roughing which the party had to undergo.

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

DIOCESAN COMMITTEE MEETINGS.—The chief event of interest in this diocese of late, has been the quarterly meeting of the various diocesan committees at Kingston. They were not as largely attended as usual, but were full of work and earnest discussion. The financial statement of the Mission Board presented by the Secretary shows an improvement in the funds. The balance due the Bank of Montreal is \$1,758.20, as against \$3,340.12, at the corresponding date last year.