

News from the Home Field.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

HALIFAX.—On Tuesday-week forty-eight candidates were confirmed by the Bishop at the Garrison Chapel. Mr. Townend is one of those workers who never tire, and whose influence with the soldiers, while occupying a very trying and difficult position, must be very great. Mr. Lough, who succeeded Mr. Morrison as Mr. Townend's brother Chaplain, has already become exceedingly popular with those who have had the pleasure of meeting him.

On Wednesday the Bishop visited St. Paul's, when Dr. Hill and his Curates presented sixty-three candidates for the Laying on of Hands. Altogether so far there have been confirmed in St. George's 73, Bishop's Chapel 20, St. Mark's 50, Garrison 48 and St. Paul's 63—in all 254, nearly all of whom were admitted to their first Communion on Easter Sunday. Owing to the past illness of Mr. Murray, St. Luke's class will not be confirmed until Trinity.

The number of communicants on Easter Sunday was exceptionally large notwithstanding the bad weather. St. Paul's and St. Mark's had early celebrations for the first time. Early celebrations have been now adopted in all the Halifax churches. The services at all the churches were very hearty, and showed that much attention had been paid to the music, and in some the decorations were particularly elaborate and beautiful.

LOCKEPORT.—A well attended meeting was held at Green Harbour School House, on March 15th, to forward the movement by the late Incumbent, the Rev. C. E. Churchward, to build a church at this Harbour. One hundred dollars and a frame have been obtained previous to the appointment of the present Incumbent. The meeting having been opened with prayer, a Resolution was unanimously carried that the Church be begun on or about the 1st of September, when the men hope to return from their fishing voyage. As several pieces of land were offered as free gifts for a Church and Graveyard, a committee was appointed to select the best, and report to a future meeting. A subscription list of labour was then opened, and soon footed up one hundred and three days work, which, no doubt, will be doubled by the time the work begins. Should God prosper their fishing voyage, the cash in hand will also be largely increased. The proposed Church will be about six miles from the Parish Church of Lockeport, and nine from the Church at Jordan River. We ask the prayers of all the faithful for God's blessing on our work.

TANGIER.—Upon the Rev. D. McLeod's leaving this mission last November the vacancy was filled by the Rev. E. H. Ball, lately of Spring Hill; but there being no parish residence for the clergyman the people undertook the purchase of a property at Tangier then in the market. They were enabled to do this by his lordship the Bishop offering to make over some property in the centre of the mission as part payment. But to purchase property would necessitate the separation of the Tangier Mission from the Parish of St. Stephen's, Ship Harbor, the formation of the mission into a parish and the election of a corporation. These steps were in due course taken. The Rev. R. Jamison, Rector of Ship Harbor and Rural Dean, and his parishioners, at a meeting called for the purpose (and made exceedingly interesting by the worthy pioneer missionary of the eastern shore recounting his reminiscences of 40 years ago), gave permission for the separation, and requested his Lordship the Bishop to effect it. The limits of the new parish are Newcomb's Brook West, and Sheet Harbor East. Rector, Wardens and Vestry were elected a month ago, and on Thursday, March 15th, the Rev. E. H. Ball having received the Bishop's letter of institution and his mandate was inducted Rector by Rural Dean Jamison and Wardens Peter Mason and Henry Cooper. No one is better known and respected along the eastern shore than Parson Jamison, and it must have been a great satisfaction to the large congregation, members of his old flock, to see him again on this occasion, and

to listen to him as he called up memories of the old church on the hill at Pope's Harbour. This building is now only a beacon to the mariner so far as its use is concerned, but its ruined condition tells no tale of the decay of Church life. It has become two hands, its former congregation now worshipping in the new churches of Holy Trinity, Tangier, and All Saints, Spry Bay. Within the past four months the sum of \$362.50 has been paid towards the Rectory. This sum has been contributed by the Parish, with exception of the following subscriptions in Halifax and elsewhere which are here most gratefully acknowledged: T. B., \$5.00; L. and S., 5.00; Dr. D. W. McDonald, 1.00; J. G., 1.00; C. Spike, 1.00; L. Hesselein, 1.00; R. Stather, 4.00; Mrs. J. J. Marshall, 5.00; C. M. Almon, 1.00; W. D. Harrington, 2.00; M. B. Daly, 2.00; Messrs. Boak & Bennett, 5.00. S. A. Leslie, Esq., J. P., of the Spry Bay congregation, has contributed \$200 to the funds of the Church at that place, by which the standing debt has been cleared off. A much improved list has been forwarded to B. H. M., and funds are now being raised for the purchase of two new organs for the churches, and it is to be trusted confidently that these facts are signs of corresponding spiritual blessings.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

[From our own Correspondent.]

LACHUTE AND ARUNDEL.—Rev. H. J. Evans has organized a Church Temperance Association under the auspices of Grace Church, Arundel. The first meeting was held on Monday, 26th Feb., when six members were enrolled. The form of the pledge is as follows: "I promise to abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, for Christ's sake."

St. Simeon's Church, LaChute, is to have a new driving shed.

The annual missionary meeting of the above Church took place on Tuesday, the 13th inst., and was largely attended, despite the recent heavy storms which made either walking or driving a tedious matter. Rev. H. J. Evans, Incumbent, presided, and interesting addresses were delivered by Revs. Messrs. Lonsdale, St. Andrews; R. Lindsay, Montreal; Routh, Greenville; Boyd, Lakefield; and Ball, Mile Isles. The hymns sung were "Onward, Christian Soldiers," processional, "The Son of God goes forth to war," "The Church's one foundation," and "From Greenland's icy mountains." The collection taken up at the close amounted to \$10.35.

MONTREAL.—The Theological College has had an increase in the number of students lately. The men are wanted, and considering the number of vacancies it will tax the Bishop's patience to wait until the candidates from that college are sufficient to meet the demand. We see the Bishop of Ontario waits not for home supply only, but is receiving at every ordination men from St. Augustine's College, Canterbury. Bishop Bond, however, believes in Canada for the Canadians, so far at least as the Church is concerned. Men from across the sea have not always fitted easily into Canadian Parishes, at least so some think; but perhaps on the whole, if reviewed, the unfit cases or unsuccessful have been few. As a rule this may be said of those from St. Augustine's.

The Rev. J. Roy, M. A., formerly Methodist, and more lately the minister of the "Wesley Congregational Church," being now a deacon in the Church, was able to preach in the pulpit of Christ Church Cathedral Sunday last. He most lately changed his views on Eternal Punishment and Inspiration of Scripture, seeing the Dean permitted him to enter his pulpit. The Dean is well known as one who has the courage of his convictions, and unless he believes a man to be Orthodox, he will not tolerate him.

The last week of Lent is always used by Dean Baldwin for "Mission Services," which always do a great deal of good and receive due notice and advertisement in the press. Presumably, although nothing is advertised about them, the special ser-

VICES provided for the morning of each day in Holy Week will be duly said.

THE Dunham Ladies' College has so far evolved an *esprit du corps* as to be able to issue a monthly students' paper, and a very readable, lively one, it is said, the first number is

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

From our own Correspondents.

OTTAWA.—The chief topic in Church circles at the Capital this week, is the prospect of the Bishop of Huron leaving Canada, to take up his residence in England, as Suffragan to the Bishop of Ripon, with the title of Bishop of Hull, an appointment which Her Majesty, in accordance with the wishes of the Bishop of Ripon, has been pleased to offer to Dr. Hellmuth. It is not often that a Colonial Bishop becomes translated to a See in England, and the offer now made is accepted in the light of a compliment to us in Canada. Who may become his successor, should the Bishop finally decide to accept the appointment offered him, is already a subject of discourse at Ottawa, the Bishop of Algoma or the Very Rev. the Dean of the Diocese of Huron, Dr. Boomer being spoken of in this connection. On Wednesday, the 14th March, the Bishop of Ontario held a special Confirmation Service at St. Alban's and Confirmed three adults.

THE SEASON OF LENT.—No balls have been given at Government House during Lent. His Excellency the Governor General, since his return to Ottawa, is proving himself to be a generous and hospitable host, losing no opportunity of contributing to the pleasure of Ottawaites and the many visitors to the Capital who pay their respects at Rideau Hall. Tobogganing parties take place every week, and the guests are entertained in right royal style.

THE CABINET.—Rumours of changes in the personnel of the Ministry are current, but most of them, if not all, must be taken *cum grano salis*. The members of the Cabinet are all at their posts, and are seemingly in the enjoyment of good health.

CHRIST CHURCH.—A meeting of the ladies of Christ Church, Ottawa, was held on Monday, the 19th March, in the School Room of the Church, to adopt measures for the reception of the Venerable the Archdeacon of Ottawa on his return home at Easter, and to bid farewell to the Rev. Buxton B. Smith, Assistant Minister, on his retirement from the parish to assume the Rectorate of Sherbrooke, Diocese of Quebec. The ladies intend showing the esteem in which Mr. Smith is held by them, by presenting him with a Dora illustrated Bible, valued at \$40. It is intended to furnish the School Room as a drawing room on the occasion. I understand that the gentlemen of Christ Church will also hold a meeting to consider a suitable way of showing their appreciation of the two clergymen.

CHURCH OF SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST.—An illuminated window will, it is expected, be placed in this Church in a few days. It has been procured from Montreal.

DUNMARTON.—A delegation from Saint Mark's Church, Deseronto, consisting of Messrs. Egar and Irvine, was in Ottawa a few days ago for the purpose of conferring with the Bishop in reference to the affairs of that Church, consequent upon the resignation of the Rev. Rural Dean Baker.

IMPROVING.—From Belleville comes the pleasing news that the Rev. Dr. Clarke's condition appears to be improving. His physicians now take a more hopeful view of his case, and are sanguine of his recovery.

KINGSTON.—Zanana Mission Work.—On Monday afternoon, the 12th March, the first of a series of regular monthly meetings of the new Kingston branch of the Zanana Missionary Society was held at St. George's Hall. The Rev. Dr. Wilson presided, and read a letter from a lady of Peterborough, who has had considerable correspondence in reference to the state of the Zanana women. The pic-