

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

AMHERST.—Rev. John Polehampton, has entered upon his duties in this parish. Rev. V. E. Harris having been summoned to the dying bed of his youngest sister at Annapolis, Mr. Polehampton took the duty here on Sunday last.

Nine young men are to be ordained in this parish on Trinity Sunday, and the parishioners are looking forward with pleasure to seeing and hearing their beloved Bishop.

The ladies of the congregation of Christ Church have again organized a sewing society for Church purposes. It may not be amiss to mention a sewing class in connection with the S.S., which was commenced last January for books for the school, and so far has been able to make quite an addition to the library.

LOOKSFORT.—The Lord Bishop of the Diocese made his visitation to this parish in March last, but the results have not been noted.

One hundred and twenty-two confirmees had been prepared, but owing to the extremely wet and stormy weather, and the distance many would have to travel, all were not able to attend.

All the services were very largely attended, and were participated in by very devout and reverent congregations.

At Holy Cross Church on the evening of 5th March, the institution and induction of the Rector took place, then followed Evensong, during which Baptism was administered to two adults, and the Bishop preached an admirable and appropriate sermon from St. Luke x, 11. On Wednesday morning, Litany, Communion service, Confirmation, and an address from the Bishop; twenty were confirmed.

At Green Harbor on the afternoon of the 6th March, notwithstanding a pouring rain-storm, a crowded church greeted the Bishop. Thirty-five were here confirmed. It was purposed to present the Bishop with an address in the new Church Hall, but owing to the incessant and heavy rain, it was not thought advisable to subject the congregation to another wetting. So his Lordship most considerably received the address in the church, and after a loving and kind reply, shook hands with and spoke to every member of the congregation.

At Jordan Falls, on the 7th March, the consecration of Trinity Church took place in the morning. The Rev. H. How acted as chaplain. The church thoroughly equipped with Font, Litany desk, lectern, pulpit, prayer desk, and altar appropriately invested, received the commendation of his Lordship, who expressed himself much pleased.

At 2:30 p.m., Confirmation and address; the confirmed were 17. The Bishop being the guest at Jordan Falls of Mr. Turner. A number of the parishioners called and paid their respects to his Lordship; and on Wednesday evening a reception was held at the residence of J. E. Richardson. All were charmed by the Bishop's genial and affable manner.

[This report only reached us on the 8th of May.—ED].

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

St. JOHN.—A large and enthusiastic meeting in behalf of King's College, was held in Trinity school room, St. John, on the 29th ult. The Bishop Coadjutor occupied the chair; and there were present on the platform the Bishop of Nova Scotia, Revs. Dr. Partridge, Dr. Ambrose, Canon Brigstocke and Prof. Vroom, Dr. J. Allen Jack, R. T. Clinch, Esq., and others. The chairman expressed the deep regret of the Metropolitan that he was not able to be present, stating that his interest in the meeting was so great that he was hardly restrained by the doctor's orders from coming to attend it. Re-

ferred to the resolutions passed in Synod, Bishop Kingdon shewed that the diocese was under obligation to give moral and material support to King's College. He spoke of the good work King's College had done for the Church and said that the men who had passed the best examinations for ordination since he had been in the diocese had received their training at King's College. One of these men had now gone back to Windsor as Professor of Divinity, and he should feel great satisfaction in sending men there now to be under his care. He dwelt upon the evils resulting from the lack of religious training in schools, and declared that King's College was worthy of support, if for nothing else than the knowledge of the Bible which would be obtained by students attending the morning and evening prayers at the chapel.

Canon Brigstocke moved the first resolution: Whereas, it is essential in the interests of the public good that education should be surrounded by the influences of religion; and particularly in the case of those who are in training for Holy Orders.

Therefore resolved, that it is desirable on general grounds that a university which has for 100 years been the handmaid of both knowledge and religion should be by the best energies of the church preserved and maintained.

Canon Brigstocke said that he looked upon the maintenance of King's College as a matter of vital importance to the church in the Maritime Provinces. Not only was it a matter of great importance that the acquisition of advanced teaching should be attended by definite religious teaching, but the prosperity of the church depended upon a well trained clergy to supply this training. In conclusion he appealed to the blessed memory of the founder of the College, Bishop Chas. Inglis whose wisdom and forethought had led him to labour with untiring zeal in establishing and building up the College which is now left to us to foster and maintain.

J. Allen Jack, Esq., seconded the resolution. He sketched the early endowment of educational institutions in the provinces and showed how a complete secularization had come about. King's College, Fredericton, was a notable instance of this—once a Church College, but now given over entirely to the state. Then he went on to show that secular institutions did not satisfy, for everywhere schools and colleges under the patronage of various religious denominations were being established and maintained. It was a burning disgrace, he thought that churchmen should permit King's College, the only Church of England College now left in the Maritime Provinces, to suffer for want of such a small amount yearly as would comfortably maintain a single household.

Rev. Dr. Partridge moved the second resolution:

Whereas, King's College, having University powers, a sufficient endowment to keep it afloat and a staff second to none in the Maritime Provinces, is prepared to give an adequate education in Divinity, Arts and Science; and while imposing no religious tests on its candidates for degrees, other than divinity degrees, is an institution of The Church.

Therefore resolved, that it is the bounden duty of Churchmen to give it their confidence and rally to its support.

His speech was chiefly historical and extremely interesting. Various were the trials which the College had to pass, though, effort after effort was made to inveigle the Governors into an ungodly alliance with other institutions but it was always met by the same resolute determination to preserve the privileges and liberties of the College intact. Referring to the present state of the College the speaker paid a high tribute to the members of the present staff.

Bishop Courtney seconded the resolution in an excellent and telling speech. He asked for the confidence of the people, in King's College.

It was not on the ground of a Royal Charter he appealed. It was not because of scholarships and prizes that he asked for their support. It was not even because Church influence was brought to bear upon the students. It was because the Governors and the Faculty were men thoroughly in earnest in a good cause that he asked their confidence in them—because the principles to which they consistently adhered were the combining of sound knowledge with definite religious training. He looked forward hopefully to the day when King's College should stand in the very foremost rank of the religious institutions on this side of the Atlantic. King's College must prosper. He asked the people not for any favour, but simply to do their duty. Churchmen should send their sons to Windsor to be educated. They should use their tongues in trying to interest others in the College, and in praying to God that He would bless the endeavours of those who were engaged in its government and work; and finally they should contribute liberally of their means for its support.

Frequent bursts of applause showed that the Bishop had the sympathy of the audience and the resolution was passed unanimously.

The last resolution was moved by Rev. Dr. Ambrose, of Digby, with few words as the hour was late.

Whereas, the rapid development of scientific knowledge and research demands the constant increase of educational facilities, therefore the friends and alumni of King's College, the only Church University of the Maritime Provinces, should strain every nerve to place it in the forefront of the teaching centres of the future.

The resolution was briefly seconded by Prof. Vroom and carried.

The meeting closed with the benediction pronounced by Bishop Courtney.

It is arranged that Dr. Ambrose shall make a personal canvas of St. John in the interest of the college.

PORTLAND.—The Mission Church of St. John the Baptist here, which seats about 300, has been considerably overtaxed on several occasions of late. The glad and beautiful services of Easter Day are always well attended, almost everywhere; and the Mission Church, opening the day with Morley's beautiful *Missa Cantata*, and over a hundred communicants—closed it with a full choral Evensong, when the church was filled to overflowing.

On the afternoon of Easter Tuesday, St. George's day, a fine choral Evensong was held for the St. George's Society, of which the priest in charge, Mr. J. M. Davenport, is chaplain, and when he preached before the Society a most eloquent and impressive sermon on the religion, which St. James declares to be pure and undefiled.

On the evening of Low Sunday, the Bishop of Nova Scotia, Dr. Courtney, occupied the pulpit, and on this occasion many persons were, unfortunately, unable to find even standing room in the church. His Lordship, who is justly celebrated as an accomplished orator and earnest preacher, gave a masterly discourse on a well worn, but always supremely important subject, "The only Name under heaven, given among men, whereby we must be saved."

On Wednesday evening, May the 8th, His Lordship the Metropolitan, who has been suffering for some time from the effects of a fall, gladdened the hearts of the congregation who love and respect him so much, by appearing once more among them to administer the Holy Rite of Confirmation. The Venerable Bishop was attended by the priest in charge, the Rev. John Ambrose, of Digby, N.S., and the Rev. R. Mathers and Rev. H. M. Spike, of this Diocese. Mr. Mathers bearing the Pastoral staff. The service consisted of choral Litany and the office of Confirmation; the Metropolitan being obliged by the state of his health to dispense with the customary address to the candidates. The