

**NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.**

**DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.**

**SPRINGHILL.**—The newly formed Sewing Guild in this parish is working well for the purpose of raising a sum sufficient to make an offering of the furniture to the proposed new Church. At a meeting of the Guild last week Mrs. Leckie, the wife of our respected managing-director, was elected President; and Mrs. Williams, Treasurer. A very successful evening's entertainment was given last Tuesday under the auspices of the Guild and comprised some beautiful tableaux, music and refreshments; the largest hall in town was overcrowded. The new Rector of Parrsboro and a large number of parishioners came by special train from Parrsboro and encouraged us in our work. The tableaux, which was exceptionally brilliant, was entirely under the superintendence of Miss Leckie. The music was conducted by R. Leonard and Mrs. Leckie, and the refreshment table by Mesdames Ross, Davies, Nash, and Shenton; the results were a very substantial addition to the funds. Notice was given that the Rev. S. Gibbons would lecture at an early date for the benefit of the Guild, and the reverend gentleman will certainly have a hearty reception from the good people. The Rector of Springhill is shortly to visit Boston and some other American cities for the purpose of raising funds for a new church which is sorely needed in this parish.

**AMHERST.**—Thanksgiving Day was duly observed in this parish. A celebration of Holy Communion at 8 a.m.; Matins and a celebration at half past seven. The Sanctuary was appropriately decorated with flowers, fruit and grain. The hymns, the Psalms, also the sermons were applicable to the day.

**DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.**

No Report.

**DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.**

**QUEBEC.**—*Dedicating the Bells.*—A large congregation assembled in St. Matthew's on Tuesday evening, 13th inst, the occasion being the dedication of the splendid new chime of eight bells just placed in the tower of the Church.

The choristers and clergy proceeded directly from the Vestry to the west door, and the ceremony was conducted at the entrance to the belfry.

Besides the Clergy of the church, there were present the Venerable Archdeacon Roe, the Bishop's Commissary; Rev. Canon Richardson and Rev. A. J. Balfour.

The versicles which formed the first part of the special service were read by the rector, Rev. Lennox Williams, the choir singing the responses and antiphon, as well as the 150th Psalm.

The following prayers were read by Archdeacon Roe:—

Almighty God, who, by the mouth of Thy servant Moses, didst command to make two silver trumpets for the convocation of solemn assemblies, be pleased to accept our offering of this the work of our hands, and grant that through this generation, and through those that are to come, these bells may continually call together Thy faithful people, to praise and worship Thy Holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Grant, O Lord, that whosoever shall be called by the sound of these bells to Thine House of Prayer, may enter into Thy gates with thanksgiving, and into Thy courts with praise; and finally may have a portion in the new song, and among the harpers, harping with

their harps in Thine house, not made with hands, eternal in the heavens, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Grant, O Lord, that whosoever shall, by reason of sickness or any other necessity, be shut up, so that he cannot go into the house of the Lord, may in heart and mind thither ascend, and have his share in the communion of Thy saints, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Grant, O Lord, that they, who with their outward ears shall hear the sound of these bells may be aroused inwardly in their spirits, and draw nigh unto Thee the God of their salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Grant, O Lord, that all they, for whose passing away from this world the bell shall sound, may be received into the paradise of Thine elect, and find grace, light and everlasting rest, through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with Thee, and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Grant, O Lord, that all they, who shall minister to Thy service by ringing these bells may be fulfilled with all reverence and Godly fear, and mindful of the sacredness of Thy House, may put away from them all idle thoughts and light behaviour in the discharge of their service, and so continue in holiness of life, that they may be accounted worthy to stand with them who praise Thee evermore in the Heavenly Jerusalem. *Amen.*

The choir sang the 122nd Psalm, after which the ringers sounded two or three peals of the bells, and the following hymn was sung:—

Now at length our bells are mounted  
To their holy place on high,  
R'er to fulfil their mission,  
Midway 'twixt the earth and sky.

As the birds sing early matins  
To the God of Nature's praise;  
This its nobler daily music,  
To the God of Grace shall raise.

And when evening shadows soften,  
Chancel, cross, and tower, and aisle;  
It shall blend its vesper summons  
With the day's departing smile.

Christian men shall hear at distance,  
In their toil or in their rest,  
Joying that in one Communion  
Of one Church they, too, are blest.

They that on the sick bed languish,  
Full of weariness and woe,  
Shall remember that for them, too,  
Holy Church is gathering so.

Year by year the steeple music  
O'er the tended graves shall pour;  
There the dust of saints is garnered  
Till the Master comes once more—

Till the day of sheaves ingathering,  
Till the harvest of the earth,  
Till the saints rise in their order,  
Glorious in their second birth.

Till Jerusalem, beholding  
That His glory in the East,  
Shall, at the Archangel trumpet,  
Enter in to keep the feast.

A shortened form of evening prayer followed, with an appropriate sermon by the Rev. Edgar Hatch, who referred in an interesting manner to the various associations connected with bells, to their place in the work of the Church, and to the lessons which may be drawn from them.

**GEORGEVILLE.**—Rev. W. A. Adcock is to succeed Rev. Mr. Hepburn in the charge of this parish and Fitch Bay.

**NEW CARLISLE.**—I send you these few lines with the hope that they will prove interesting to your numerous readers. The parish of New Carlisle and Paspébiac is now vacant,

owing to the resignation of the Rev. T. Blaylock, who has since removed to Danville, Eastern Townships, and it is to be hoped that Archdeacon Roe will not leave such a large and important parish as this, without a resident clergyman, as many I am afraid will be lost to the Church, if one is not appointed before long. An address was presented to Mr. Blaylock by some of his parishioners which should have been signed by many more, as his kindness and sympathy with them in sickness and trouble was well known and should have been more fully appreciated. Mr. and Mrs. William Blaylock also left by steamer "Admiral" last week, to join their son in Danville. The former will be very much missed, as he was universally liked and respected by both Roman Catholics and Protestants in his cordiality and kindness in doing anything that could in any way further the interests and happiness of those around him, and it is with deep regret that his many friends saw him leaving this parish, as his place will not easily be filled again. Rev. Mr. Norwood kindly held service in Paspébiac Church last Sunday morning, and I understand is to hold services fortnightly there. The New Carlisle congregation were not so fortunate, although they are many more members, and it is to be hoped that Rev. Mr. Norwood will also be able to give a service now and then in this place as the Presbyterian body is gaining ground, and if a resident Rector is not soon appointed for this parish, we may, as I have already said, lose many of our Church members, who may wander off into other Churches. We are having a heavy snow-storm and sleighs are now in use for the first time as the snow is already some inches deep, which reminds us that winter is fast approaching and I am afraid going to be a very hard one for the poor about here, as the crops have been so much ruined by the rain that the farmers had hard work getting them in, especially the potatoes, which has only been half a crop this season.

**DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.**

**MONTREAL.**—Thanksgiving day was generally observed throughout the city, there being almost an entire cessation of business. Services were held in the various churches, and according to the reports were well attended.

At the *Cathedral* there was Morning service, at which the Rev. G. A. Smith, Curate, was the preacher.

At *St. George's Church* a special service was held in the morning, at which the Rev. Canon Mills, Rector of Trinity Church, assisted, and at which the Very Rev. The Dean of Montreal, preached a sermon from the 14th verse of the 1st Psalm.

At the *Church of St. James the Apostle*, the service partook somewhat of a Harvest Festival character; the decorations consisting of fruit, flowers and grain. The preacher was the Rev. John Walker, who is presently rendering assistance to the Rector of the parish.

At *St. Martin's* service was held both morning and evening; that in the morning being followed by administration of Holy Communion. The Rector, the Rev. G. O. Troop, preached at both services.

At *St. John the Evangelist* services were held both morning and evening, with several administrations of Communion prior to mid-day. At the evening service, the Rev. F. G. Scott of Drummondville, preached a thoughtful sermon from the words "These all wait upon Thee."

At *St. Thomas Church* service was held in the morning, in which the neighboring church or parish of St. Luke joined, the Rector of the latter, the Rev. G. Rogers, being the preacher. In the evening, a like service was held in St. Luke's Church, at which the Rector of St. Thomas, the Rev. B. Lindsay, Rural Dean was the preacher.

Services were also held in the morning at the