

News from the Home Field.

Gathered specially for this paper by Our Own Correspondents.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

HALIFAX.—The Church congregations of the city, as usual, stand at the head of the list in their contributions to the Hospital Fund. The collections in all the Churches are considerably above last year, and are as follows:—St. Luke's, \$146.58; St. Paul's, \$135.00; Garrison Chapel, \$73.17; St. George's, \$68.76; St. Mark's, 56.13; Bishop's Chapel, \$39.23. A total of \$514.87.

HALIFAX.—*Trinity*.—The interior of Trinity Church has just undergone a thorough cleaning. The walls have been blocked and done in four colours to represent freestone, which blend beautifully together. The large transept arch, over which has been placed the British Coat of Arms, is done in two shades of freestone—a light and a dark. The chancel is beautifully frescoed. The whole has a very nice appearance, and when the church is lighted in the evening, the effect is very soft and subdued, specially pleasing to the eye. Mr. Roche, of Argyle Street, did the work, and he has no need to be ashamed of the result. The large organ, whose history is so closely connected with the early settlement of Halifax, has also been repaired, the large pipes regilded, and the case polished, and now looks as good as when it came from the hands of its Spanish makers a hundred years ago. The cost of the whole has been paid by the congregation of Trinity. One member paid the bill for painting and graining the three large front doors, and another the work done in the chancel, while the choir paid the expense of refitting the organ. This shows that the congregation, though not by any means troubled with large bank balances, is desirous of seeing the House of God not worse than their own. At the present time the Vestry of St. Paul's has the control of Trinity Church, but we understand that the congregation of Trinity is moving toward separation so that it may control its own affairs. There can be little doubt but that if matters can be satisfactorily arranged it will be greatly to the advantage of Trinity Church.

SACKVILLE.—On the evening of Thursday, October 11th, a meeting was held in the Parish Church, in aid of the B. H. M. The shortened Service was said, after which, the meeting was addressed by the Rev. F. R. Murray, who, in eloquent and impressive terms urged upon those present their duty as Churchmen to support Mission work in general. The Rev. J. D. H. Browne, Diocesan Secretary, followed, and gave a graphic description of the state of some of the poorer Missions in the Diocese, concluding with an earnest appeal on behalf of the B. H. M. The Rector having said a few words, a collection was taken up, after which the Doxology was sung, and the meeting dismissed with the Blessing.

WAVERLEY.—On Sunday, the 14th inst., a Harvest Festival was held here. The Church, which was filled by a large and attentive congregation, was tastefully and appropriately decked with evergreens, flowers and fruit. The Service was bright and hearty, and a sermon suitable to the occasion, was preached by the Rector, who expressed much satisfaction at what he saw around him, and the hope that his hearers would lay to heart the lessons taught both by the works of Nature and the Word of Grace. Much credit is due young people, and others who assisted in the work of decoration.

PLEASANT RIVER.—The Missionary in charge begs leave thankfully to acknowledge the following sums received by him on account of the new Church at Pleasant River:—*Received before the Appeal*—Collected by Mrs. Herman and Mr. George Uhlman, \$42; Miss Sterns, Liverpool, \$5; Mrs. Dr. Forbes, do., \$2; the Misses Cowie,

Caledonia, \$1.75; Mr. Jonas Waterman, \$4; Captain Bees, Liverpool, \$2; Mr. George Uhlman, \$5; proceeds of bazaar and tea-meeting, \$166.45. Total, \$228.20. *Since the Appeal*—Churchwoman, Halifax, \$3; James Harrison & Co., Halifax, discount on glass, \$3; Hattie Herman, Secretary Sewing Society, \$7; mats and matting sold, \$5; Miss Janet Cowie, \$1.35; Little Boy, 10c. Total, \$19.45. The church is expected to be ready for occupation by the first week in December, but it cannot be consecrated nor the grant from the S. P. C. K. drawn until the debt, which will still be something over three hundred dollars, is liquidated. Will not some out of their abundance spare a little for these who have faithfully tried to do so much for themselves?

DIGBY.—Mr. Ambrose's many friends will be glad to learn that he is rapidly recovering from the severe accident which he met with on Sunday week.

Reverend and Dear Brethren,—The Governor-General has appointed Thursday, November 8th, to be observed throughout the Dominion as a day of Thanksgiving, for the harvest and for the manifold mercies vouchsafed to us through the past twelve months. Thankfully acknowledging this recognition by our rulers of our dependence upon our GOD, which facilitates the observance of the same day in all the Dioceses of the Dominion, I desire that you will call upon your people to assemble on that day to offer their praises and thanksgivings; for we, indisputably, have much cause for thankfulness. We have been frequently hearing of earthquakes and hurricanes, and of frightful calamities and loss of life in other parts of this world, while we in this Province have been mercifully preserved; and, generally, the inhabitants of this Province have been blessed with prosperity. If from any circumstances you are unable to secure a congregation on the appointed day, you are authorised to use the form of Thanksgiving issued for this Diocese on the following Sunday. Offerings should always accompany Thanksgivings, and I recommend as the object either the W. and O. Fund of this Diocese, now much in need of support, or Foreign Missions.

I have to remind you, that the Prayer for the Governor-General, and for the Dominion Parliament, when in session, should always be used at Mattins and Evensong, unless when the shortened form is adopted.

Yours affectionately.

(Signed) H. NOVA SCOTIA.

FORM OF SERVICE FOR THANKSGIVING DAY.

THE ORDER FOR MORNING PRAYER.

¶ *The service shall be the same with the usual office for Holy Days, except where it is in this office otherwise appointed.*

¶ *He that ministereth shall begin with these sentences:*

REJOICE in the Lord, O ye righteous, for it becometh well the just to be thankful. Ps. xxxiii, 1.

Let us now fear the Lord our GOD, that giveth rain, both the former and the latter in his season. He reserveth unto us the appointed weeks of the harvest, Jer. v, 24.

¶ *Instead of Venite Exultemus.*

O give thanks unto the Lord and call upon His name: tell the people what things He hath done.

Praise the Lord O my soul; while I live will I praise the Lord: yea as long as I have any being, I will sing praises unto my God.

O that men would praise the Lord for his goodness: and declare the wonders that He doeth for the children of men.

For His mercy is greater than the heavens; and His truth reacheth unto the clouds.

The lions do lack and suffer hunger: but they who seek the Lord shall want no manner of thing that is good.

For He satisfieth the empty soul; and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.

Let us magnify the Lord our GOD; and fall down before His footstool for He is holy.

He watereth the hills from above; the earth is filled with the fruit of Thy works.

He bringeth forth grass for the cattle; and green herb for the service of men;

That he may bring food out of the earth, and wine that maketh glad the heart of man; and oil to make him a cheerful countenance, and bread to strengthen man's heart.

O Lord, how manifold are thy works; in wisdom hast Thou made them all; the earth is full of Thy riches.

So is the great and wide sea also; wherein are things creeping innumerable.

O give thanks unto the GOD of heaven: for His mercy endureth for ever.

O give thanks unto the Lord of Lords; for His mercy endureth for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.

¶ *Proper Psalms, xxiii, lxx. ciii.*

¶ *First Lesson Deut. viii.*

¶ *Te Deum Laudamus.*

¶ *Second Lesson, John vi. to verse 36.*

¶ *Jubilate Deo.*

¶ *The first collect shall be as follows:*

O GOD who declarest Thy Almighty power, most chiefly in showing mercy and pity, making the sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sending rain on the just and the unjust; continue, we beseech Thee, Thy loving kindness towards us, and give us grace to show forth our thankfulness, by seeking in all things thy glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *After the General Thanksgiving the following shall be said:*

ALMIGHTY GOD our Heavenly Father, of whose only gift it cometh that the earth doth yield its increase, and the fishes of the sea are multiplied for the sustenance of man, who openest Thy hand and fillest all things living with plenteousness; we offer unto thee our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, for that Thou has crowned the year with Thy goodness, causing the earth to bring forth abundantly, and blessing with success the labours of the fishermen. We are not worthy of the least of all Thy mercies, but Thou hast not dealt with us after our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities; Thou hast been very gracious unto Thy servants, preserving us from the miseries of war, and permitting us to enjoy the fruit of our labour in peace and quietness, undisturbed by foes at home or abroad. Make us to remember that all we have is Thine, and cometh of Thy hand, and dispose our hearts cheerfully to offer unto Thee of that which Thou hast given to us, by providing for the sick and needy, and assisting in every good work. And to all orders and degrees of men amongst us vouchsafe such a measure of Thy grace, that righteousness may flourish in our land, and that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life, in all godliness and honesty, in dutiful obedience to our Queen, and in brotherly love one towards another, through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

N. B.—The words in Italics may be used at the discretion of the minister.

THE COMMUNION SERVICE.

¶ *After the Prayer for the Queen, instead of the collect for the day the following shall be said;*

ALMIGHTY GOD who has promised by Thy Blessed Son, to grant unto Thy people all things needful both for their souls and bodies, give us grace to seek Thee with all our heart, that our sins may not provoke Thee to visit us in wrath, so that neither sword, nor famine, nor pestilence, nor any other scourge, may be felt within our borders. Still extend Thy protecting hand over us, and make us, while acknowledging our entire dependence upon Thee, to labor more diligently for that meat which endureth to everlasting life, for the sake and through the merits of Jesus Christ, our only mediator and advocate. *Amen.*

THE ORDER FOR EVENING PRAYER.

¶ *He that ministereth shall begin with these sentences:*

REJOICE in the Lord, O ye righteous, for it be-