

News from the Home Field.

DIocese of Fredericton.

SUMMONING OF THE FREDERICTON SYNOD.—The following notice appears in the N. B. Royal Gazette of Nov. 17th:—

I hereby summon a Special Meeting of the Synod of the Diocese of Fredericton, to be held in the School Room of Trinity Church, in the City of Saint John, on Wednesday, the twelfth day of January next, at 7 o'clock, p. m., for the purpose of submitting to the Synod the name of a person to be elected as Bishop Coadjutor, according to the provisions of the Canon for the appointment and election of a Bishop Coadjutor.

By an oversight, probably, the signature of the Bishop of Fredericton is not appended. This confirms the Telegraph's announcement which we quoted last week. Special prayer should be made in all Church households for the guidance of God the Holy Ghost, that choice may be made of a fit person for this high and holy office. We venture to suggest that the Bishop set forth a special prayer, to be used in all Churches in the Diocese, beginning at Advent.

DEANERY OF ST. ANDREW'S.—A meeting of this Chapter was held on Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 3rd and 4th, in the Parish of St. Patrick. There were present, the Revs. Dean Smith, of St. George, Dr. Ketchum, of St. Andrew's, J. Rushton and W. M. Groton, of St. Stephen, C. P. Wilson, of Campbellton, and J. W. Milledge, the Rector of the Parish. The Valley of the Didgestash in which the church is situated, is one of the most lovely and picturesque in the Province, and the well cultivated farms speak volumes for the industry of the Royalists and their descendants, who settled the Parish. The church, situated near the River, is one of the best of the style erected some 30 or 40 years ago and replaces an older one, which was built on the very top of a hill, overlooking the valley; but the people wisely erected the second building in a less conspicuous, but warmer situation, not, however overlooking the true ideal, that the church is like a city set on a hill, that cannot be hid, for its tower is visible for many miles round.

The Clergy arrived at noon on Wednesday, and were heartily welcomed to dinner by Mr. Dyer and his hospitable family. At 3 o'clock, the Chapter assembled, and after Prayers, read and discussed Hebrews v. in the Original. This was followed, according to rule, by the solemn reading of the Exhortation and Questions in the Ordination Office. A meeting was appointed for St. George in January, weather permitting, when Hebrews iv. will be read, and a paper by the Rev. W. M. Groton.

At 7.30 Evensong was said in the Church, followed by some excellent remarks by the Dean and Dr. Ketchum. Dean Smith insisted strongly on the necessity of Lay help in the Parish, prefacing his remarks by a description of the constitution of the Church, the body of Christ, in which, "whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it, or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it."

Dr. Ketchum described the objects and works of the Church Society, and pointed out the gradual withdrawal of the help received from the S. P. G., and the constant development of the spirit of self-support throughout the Diocese. He concluded by urging the people to heartily unite in supporting their Rector, and helping on the day when the Parishes of St. David and St. Patrick, shall be entirely self-supporting. As a result of these addresses it was pleasant to hear that some of the Churchmen in the Parish increased their contributions to their hard working Rector's salary.

On Thursday morning, Matins, and Holy Communion, with sermon, by the Rev. W. M. Groton, were celebrated at 10.30. The preacher chose for his subject the parable of the Unjust Steward, and appealed to his hearers to imitate, in their duties to the Church, the wisdom, sagacity, prudence and perseverance of the Steward, while avoiding his selfishness and hypocrisy. The sermon was listened to with marked attention, and it is to be hoped will produce good and lasting fruits.

At this Service, the child of the Rector was received into the Ark of Christ's Church by Baptism, and received the

name Gertrude Winifred. It has unfortunately not been customary to have children baptized in the Church, but in private houses. We trust this example will have the effect of sweeping away this erroneous practice.

After the Service, the clergy adjourned to Mr. Monahan's house, where the host and hostess gladly and bountifully supplied the wants of the visitors with an excellent dinner. After the meal was over, votes of thanks were unanimously passed to Messrs. Dyer and Monahan for their hospitality, and to those who provided accommodation for the clergy on Wednesday night. Also, a special vote of thanks to Mrs. and Miss McAleonean for kindly lending their organ for the Services in the Church.

The offertories at the two Services amounted to \$6.44, a very good total, considering the small number of Church people in the Parish.

The members of the Deanery returned to their houses on Thursday afternoon, favourably impressed with the general appearance of progress and zeal manifest among the people of the Parish.

FREDERICTON.—The Rector of Fredericton has a work of considerable magnitude on his hands. It is proposed to erect a Church building, costing several thousand dollars, to be used for Synod and D. C. S. meetings, C. of E. Temperance Society meetings, S. S. purposes, &c. The ladies intend to hold a sale in aid of this before Christmas.

The chancel of St. Ann's Church is to be re-decorated, and a handsome reredos erected; \$800 have already been spent on the other parts of the building.

DORCHESTER.—The Gilbert family (descendants of Sir Humphrey) have erected in the beautiful cemetery a monument to their departed dear ones; sacred to the memory of their father, a brave old Loyalist; their mother, daughter of a Loyalist and major in H. M. army of that day; their brothers, leading and influential politicians, &c.; and some others. The writer recalls with pleasure the many happy hours spent under the hospitable roof of the present Gilberts, who are staunch adherents of their Church and Queen—old time hospitality such as one rarely meets with these cold times, but yet just what might be expected from the children of such a stock. May the family ever be represented by men as ready to uphold the principles of patriotism and faithfulness to Church and State.

KINGSTON DEANERY.—The Quarterly Meeting of the above Deanery was held at Cambridge, on Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 3rd and 4th. Clergy present—The Reverend Canon Medley, R. D.; J. Neales, J. J. Hanford, D. W. Pickett, B. Shaw, J. Lockward, J. H. Talbot, W. J. Wilkinson, and O. Hoadley. Wednesday, Nov. 3.—Chapter met at 3 p. m. Revelation xix was read in Greek, and discussed; Psalm iii, in Hebrew was read and explained; Rev. D. W. Pickett read a very interesting paper on "The Validity or Invalidity of Lay Baptism," confining his remarks to the Scriptural aspect of the question. This paper called forth a valuable discussion, which was taken part in by all members present. Service was held in St. James' Church at 7 p. m. Rev. J. H. Talbot preached from 1 Timothy, iv. 16, Rev. B. Shaw, organist. Thursday, Nov. 4.—Holy Communion 7 a. m.; Chapter met at 9 a. m., and continued until 11 o'clock, a. m. The next meeting was appointed for Sussex, February 2nd and 3rd, 1881.

DIocese of Nova Scotia.

HALIFAX.—St. Mark's.—Wednesday, Nov. 3, being Thanksgiving Day, was well observed in this district, by special services in the two Churches. At St. John's Village Church there was Matins and Holy Communion at 11 a. m., when a goodly number remained to show their gratitude for blessings vouchsafed to them during the past year. In the evening a harvest festival was held at St. Mark's, which was every way a success. The sacred edifice was thronged by a large and attentive congregation. Evensong commenced with the singing of the well-known hymn, "Come ye thankful people, come." The proper psalms were effectively chanted, and the hymns nicely rendered by the choir, which, we were glad to observe, is making good progress. The Rev. Mr. Winterbourne, Incumbent, preached a powerful and eloquent ser-

mon suitable for the occasion, which was listened to with rapt attention. We were agreeably surprised to notice that St. Mark's is the only city Church which follows the almost universal custom of garnishing God's house in token of His bounty and loving kindness in permitting us to gather in safely "the kindly fruits of the earth." The decorations were confined chiefly to the chancel and the sanctuary. The gaseliers were prettily rimmed with oats, barley encircled with bunches of red berries. Ivy plant-ers gracefully suspended in appropriated places. On the centre of the altar were placed, in an upright position, miniature sheaves of oats, wheat and barley, flanked on either side with vases of choice hot-house flowers. Immediately in front of the sheaves was a profusion of fruits, consisting of grapes, apples, &c. On the floor of the sanctuary there were three groups of tropical plants and chrysanthemums, in flower, placed respectively in front of and at each end of the Holy Table. The pulpit, prayer desk and font received due attention at the hands of the decorators. On the whole, the Church presented a most festive appearance, and reflected great credit both on the part of those who very kindly lent the plants and those ladies who so willingly gave up their time "to beautify the place of My sanctuary."

RAWDON.—A short time since the Rev. Mr. Ancient, Rector of this Parish, had the misfortune to lose a fine four-year-old ox; and as he has recently settled in the Parish, and has been put to considerable expense in getting his necessary outfit, the loss was a serious one, and rather discouraging to him. Some of his parishioners, however, determined that he should not bear the entire loss, and went to work to help him in a way which showed not only great kindness, but also great delicacy of feeling. A few nights after the accident Mr. Ancient was called out to the barn by his man where he found a fine three-year-old steer with a ticket on his horns, upon which was written, "Presented to Rev. W. Ancient by his friends." Nor did the kindness of his people end here, for a few days afterwards Mr. James Casey, one of the most zealous Churchmen in the Parish, drove up to the Rectory with a very valuable buffalo robe, which he had purchased with the subscriptions of the people of the Parish, and presented it to him. The following day (Sunday) Mr. Ancient went into the Mount Uniacke gold mines, which form part of a Mission attached to Rawdon Parish, and here he found another buffalo robe awaiting him as a present from the miners. Considering the short time Mr. A. has been in his Parish, he has every reason to be satisfied with the practical good will of his people; and he is determined, that as far as he is concerned, every effort shall be made to strengthen the ties which have already been formed between pastor and people.

SHIP HARBOR.—We gave an interesting account of the Bishop's visit to this Mission sometime ago, but omitted an important addition which afterwards came from the aged Missionary, which we now gladly publish. It is a noble exhibit, and is calculated to stimulate the younger clergy to increased zeal and labors. "We arrived at the parsonage, Ship Harbor, from Jeddore, at 7.30 p. m. on Saturday, 24th. Next morning, Sunday, 25th, a very fine day, the Church—St. Stephen's—perhaps one of the prettiest country Churches in the Diocese, was filled as usual to overflowing at an early hour. The Rev. R. Jamison, Rector and Rural Dean, accompanied with his Lordship the Bishop, proceeded from the Vestry during the singing of the processional hymn, "Onward Christian soldiers," the Bishop to the Communion Table, and the Rector to the reading desk. The latter, as usual, read prayers and the preface to the Confirmation Service. After this, the Bishop, in his usual impressive manner, first addressed the congregation generally on the relative duties of pastor and people, and then to the candidates for confirmation—40 in number—nearly equal in the sexes. He made a most stirring appeal, earnestly urging them to go forward as good soldiers of Jesus Christ, under whose banner they had enlisted; and to whose allegiance they had this day their premises given. The number confirmed in the Parish Church was 40; in Jeddore, 18. Total 58. Communicants lately administered to in the 3 Churches, 86—a goodly number. I feel deep gratitude to Almighty

God for continuance in health and comparative strength to see the last of my eight Churches on the once desolate coasts of the eastern shores of Nova Scotia now consecrated, and set apart for the worship of God." R. J.

P. S. I beg to correct an erroneous statement that appeared in a recent issue of the CHURCH GUARDIAN, that the people of Oyster Pond, Jeddore, received only \$50 of help in building and finishing their pretty little Gothic Church; whereas, the truth is they received one-half only of that sum—\$25—in addition to what their minister was able to contribute for their encouragement. They are, therefore, deserving the more credit, which the Bishop did not fail to give them. R. J.

WEYMOUTH.—On the day appointed by authority, the 3rd inst., we had a Thanksgiving service in our new Parish Church, at 10.45 a. m. There was a good attendance of worshippers and of communicants. The sermon was announced for the evening service at St. Thomas', Weymouth Bridge, where also a gratifying number were present. The rector after prayers for the day, preached from the words, "O, give thanks unto the Lord for He is good."—Ps. xviii. 1, alluding to the object of this day's service; that "all scripture was given by inspiration of God, and was profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for instruction in righteousness, &c.; and that "Whatever things were written aforetime, were written for our learning, &c. Hence, as Harvest Thanksgivings were enjoined on the Jewish people their observance would be suitable also under the Christian dispensation. What well-ordered Christian heart would not swell with gratitude on review of God's mercies? And, if we were told to "give thanks for all things," surely the pious Churchman would not fail to recognize much for which he ought to be thankful, even in the most unpropitious seasons. If the bounties of heaven are withheld from men, is there not a cause? "When all the ends of the earth shall fear Him, then shall the earth bring forth her increase, and God even our God, shall give us His blessing." We are only repeating what many of the correspondents of the CHURCH GUARDIAN have already said, in reference to their own Churches, when we say, that ours were fittingly decorated. Miniature wheat-sheaves, wheat and floral crosses, fruits and flowers graced the Re-tables. "I am the Bread of Life," the monogram I. H. S., the former in wheat ears, and the latter in leaves, encircled by a wreath of wheat, occupied proper positions. At St. Thomas', E. S., two new baskets, filled with various products of the soil encircled with the leaves of fruit and other trees, were placed within the chancel rails; they were more simple of the whole, which, the Rector said in his discourse, would be given to the widow of Mr. Joseph Robart, late sexton of this Church, a colored communicant. He was trained while young by a former Rector of Weymouth, the Rev. W. H. Snyder. A good attentive sexton is a valuable office in any Church, and for a while we cast about in vain for a fitting successor, when, in the providence of God, we incidentally found a fine young colored man, who has hitherto proved in no wise inferior to Joe Parson, as poor Robart was sometimes familiarly called. The grapes, the produce of the hot-house of one of our good women, were afterwards taken to four sick persons, and a considerable quantity of vegetables, some meat, tea, sugar, and a little money, were presented to Mrs. Robart. The font, near the door of the new Church, was also very tastefully ornamented with such flowers, shrubs and berries, as the season offered; but we are constrained to say that at St. Thomas' we are yet without a font. May we not, then, hope that some one who has resided or worshipped among us may supply our want; or failing that, it may be that some pious reader of the CHURCH GUARDIAN will seize the opportunity, thereby offering a "In memoriam" of some dear relative or friend. While writing, we beg to state that two elegant chandeliers, for the nave and chancel, have just been received for our new Church. They have each six branches, and the lamps have illuminators. One of them is the gift of Mrs. Moody, of Yarmouth, widow of the late Dr. H. G. Moody. The other, exactly similar to this, was presented by Mr. Howard Jones, second son of Mr. St. Clair Jones, a young gentleman who is now studying at King's College, Windsor, and who is thus early desirous

out of his own funds, to supply some of the wants in the Lord's sanctuary. Mr. Charles Burrill also gives generously, as is his wont, a nice pendant lamp for the porch, besides contributing otherwise. The stand, of three lights, was presented by Messrs. Nicholson, Frost & Co., of Boston, U. S., accompanying their gift with the remark that it was "to the Church of their love." It will be fittingly placed on the Holy Table, and lighted at evening service whenever required. Our desire is that God would "remember for good" these our kind donors and all others who have, in many instances, freely, and of their own accord, contributed to render beautiful this the House of our God. We must not omit to remark that we are glad to believe that the CHURCH GUARDIAN is, and most deservedly so, growing more and more into favor in this county, as elsewhere; and we conceive that many a devoted pastor would wish nothing better for his people than that every family in the rural districts should, besides having the Sacred Oracles, our inimitable Prayer Book, a large assortment of good, sound Church Tracts, and have also a weekly number of the CHURCH GUARDIAN. The offertories on Thanksgiving Day came up to nearly the sum suggested by the B. H. Missions—\$8.00. It will be brought up to the remittance usually sent. It may be also remarked here, that if God spare us we purpose having a real Harvest Festival in September next, besides the General Thanksgiving appointed by "the Powers that be." For, apart from the incongruity of having a Harvest Festival in November, ears of grain were actually difficult to be had here, owing to the establishing of steam flour mills by Mr. St. Clair Jones, where every thing of the kind had already been thrashed out, for miles around, and was being ground daily. In the erection of this superior establishment, Mr. Jones was actuated by those motives which should influence every large hearted citizen—to benefit his fellow-men. It was clear that much time and labor were frequently lost by the modes that formerly prevailed; and, consequently, if a more sure and expeditious process were adopted, many of the people would be encouraged to raise more wheat, barley, oats and buckwheat. The result has fully justified the most sanguine expectations by the cultivation of larger cereal crops. Many of our farmers have now the sweet satisfaction of raising, in whole or in part, their own bread; and last, though not least, of knowing that much of what went formerly for the purchase of American and Canadian flour, may be applied to other household purposes, and to what all ought to rejoice to learn—the keeping of more money in the country.

DIGBY.—Rev. J. Ambrose begs to acknowledge with thanks the kindness of the following additional subscribers to the fund for paying off the liabilities on the new free seated Church in Digby, for which he and a few others are personally responsible—Jno. Hicks, D. M. Browne, J. E. Curran. Further assistance is earnestly requested, and will be promptly and thankfully acknowledged.

AMHERST.—Contributions from Christ Church, Amherst, for 1880, to the Diocese of Algoma, \$64. This handsome amount reflects credit upon Rector and people in this important Parish.

NEW ROSS.—A short time ago, I had the pleasure of attending a Sunday School picnic in the above quiet, rather scattered village, an account of which, besides proving possibly interesting, may show to what excellent use that net juvenile organization, the 1st Royal Reserves can be put. The Missionary held a short Service for the children, all looking pictures of eager expectation, and wearing badges to mark them as members of the Sunday School. After this, they formed in double line outside the new pretty Church, headed by Howard Hillz, Captain of Company K., 1st Royal Reserves, behind whom came the Ensign, bearing a banner with a peculiarly, but suggestively designed emblem on pale blue. This was a tall Ionic pillar, with well-finished capital, on which rested an eagle volant. The pillar stood on a square foundation stone, surrounded by twelve granite stones, over which clambered many passion vines. This, we learned, was meant to teach the children that the Church is the pillar and ground of the Truth upon which has lighted as an eagle heavenly wisdom; and the Church