

News from the Home Field.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

PICTON.—The worthy rector of this Parish and his wife, are on a trip to P. E. Island. The rest is much needed by Mr. Edgcomb, while it is hoped that Mrs. Edgcomb's recovery from her late serious illness will thereby be perfected. In the Rector's absence his duties are undertaken by the Rev. J. P. Sheraton, of Toronto, a former incumbent.

BAYFIELD.—The Lord Bishop consecrated the new St. Mary's Church, on Tuesday the 31st. He was attended by the Rev. Rural Dean Hamilton, and the Rev. D. C. Moore, the latter acting as chaplain. The Church is a very great credit to the rector and his small band of parishioners, perfect in its parts, and graceful in its lines. The tower is particularly taking, the four sides being gabled, the gables rising to a pointed cap (it is not high enough to call a spire) particularly suited to its exposed position. Above the cap is a well proportioned gilt cross surmounting the globe—"the kingdoms of the earth, under the banner of the King." The day was a good day, but the people left their fields and filled the Church. The Bishop spoke most warmly of what had been done, and it was well deserved. In the afternoon Mr. McDonald (the rector) drove the Bishop to Antigonish. Mr. Gibson kindly performed the same office for Mr. Moore, and at eight a Confirmation service was held in the little Church on the hill. Eleven were confirmed. The Bishop laying down the lines of the Church with great accuracy to a mixed and crowded congregation, of whom many were Romanists and Presbyterians. He certainly exemplified most wonderfully the art of "preaching the truth in love"; not a hole was left in his logical argument that an enemy could point at. The Church of England had her own boldly claimed, but no one present could possibly have had his feelings hurt. The congregation here has largely increased, and the Church is now a pattern of neatness and care-taking which it has not hitherto been. The Rev. A. C. McDonald and his helpers, notably Mr. Diddwell, who ably acts as lay-reader, have done wonders. The Bishop and Mr. McDonald returned to Bayfield the same night.

WALTON.—We are thankful to our generous friends for a very considerable number of improvements and alterations made around and in the House of God within a few weeks, and we are looking forward to others in a few weeks more. We must publicly recognize our obligation to the Committee of Hymns, A. & M., for a grant to the value of \$15. It is a great comfort to have a uniform edition instead of as heretofore listening to some 3 or 4 numbers "given out" that all might find the Hymn—"in the old edition—in the new edition—in the Society Book," &c., &c. And besides our warmest thanks are tendered to Prof. Monk, of London, for a grant of 21 Psalms, Ancient & Modern. The improvement in our chanting is most marked and very hearty; and the division is very easy and well adapted for congregational chanting. Besides from our own members we have evident proof of their attachment to the Church of our Father. We tender our thanks to our organist, Mrs. H. Mumford, popular and energetic, for a new carpet for the Sanctuary, 2 lamps, and a mirror for the Vestry. The Mite Society of the Guild of St. Matthew's have furnished money for the purchase of shingles for the roof of the Church, and a sufficient number of day's work are signed to lay them without the expenditure of a cent in cash. To some of the youths of this village we are indebted for a new picket fence and gates along the north side of our enclosure, and to the many loving hands who willingly, and "for the glory and beauty" of God's Temple, carry the beautiful flowers every Sunday into the courts of His House. On Sunday (last) we had fine floral decorations, and a children's service. Both the Hymns and chanting and musical responses were rendered in a way that reflected the greatest credit upon the children and their instructor, Miss Jannison. It was quite astonishing to see their confidence, and most delightful to hear the perfection of praise from the mouth of these babes, singing to the accompaniment of a newly-tuned organ. Our Sunday School is quite large and very regularly

attended, and served by teachers devoted to their Saviour, His Lambs and His Church. We are pleased to be able to record the fact that almost everybody within a distance of 3 miles worships God every time the door of His House is opened. On Sunday we had overflowing congregations both in the morning and evening, and again were pleased to see the face of our Dissenting brother. He was delighted with the brightness and heartiness of the Church Service.

We shall be glad to welcome back our Lay Reader, Mr. W. S. H. Morris, who has been spending his well earned vacation at home.

GUYSBORO.—The Lord Bishop visited this Parish (now vacant) on Sunday morning, Aug. 1st. The Church was handsomely decorated with flowers, the cross of flowers on the altar was the prettiest seen out of Halifax, I think. The Rev. H. Hamilton read prayers, and Rev. W. J. Arnold read lessons and epistle. His Lordship then gave a touching address to the Church people of this place, and complimented the choir. He then preached a powerful sermon founded on Rev. xxii, 1-2, afterwards administered the Holy Communion to a large number of communicants. In the afternoon His Lordship visited the Halfway Cove Mission and administered the holy rite of Confirmation to sixteen candidates. The old Dutch Church was crowded to suffocation. It was very interesting to see two whole families, fathers and mothers with their sons and daughters all kneeling together to receive the laying on of hands.

YARMOUTH.—The two Sunday Schools of Holy Trinity Parish held their annual picnic on July 27th, going this year, in response to the invitation of several Weymouth friends, to the beautiful grove of Geo. H. Dunbar, Esq., a short distance from the depot at Weymouth. The dense fog in the early morning prevented many from going, who, had the day been fine, would have availed themselves of the low-priced excursion tickets to Weymouth. However, five well-filled cars left Yarmouth Station at 8 a. m., and in two hours and a half arrived safely at Weymouth, where we were met by the teachers and scholars of their school, and escorted to the picnic ground, where tables were soon laid for dinner, the children meanwhile amusing themselves with swings and other games, and discussing the bushels of cherries which had been provided by the hospitable Weymouth people. Soon the call to dinner was given, and after singing "the Doxology" as grace, an attack was made on the liberal supply of good things provided. After dinner amusement was found for the younger ones in games, while the elders dispersed in various directions—some to inspect the beautiful new Parish Church, others walked around Mr. Dunbar's grounds, and the hours passed very pleasantly until about 4 p. m., when a start was made for the depot; but before leaving the grounds, the Rev. R. Shrove, in a neat speech, moved a vote of thanks to Messrs. Dunbar, Jones, Taylor and others, of Weymouth, who had been especially kind to us, and proposed three cheers for the Weymouth school, which were given with a will. Rev. P. J. Filleul responded very pleasantly, and at 4.36 we left for home, arriving safely a little after 7, having had a very enjoyable picnic, and enough cherries to satisfy all the children for once.

HALIFAX.—St. Mark's.—The exterior of this pretty edifice has lately been improved by the addition of fresh coats of paint and the gilding of the weathercock. The bell has also been repaired and cleaned, and once more occupies its old position in the neat little turret.

INGONISH, C.B.—S. Gibbons, travelling missionary in Cape Breton, acknowledges with many thanks the receipt of \$10.50, per Rev. J. Abbott, of St. Luke's, towards the Church at New Haven.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

CRAPAUD.—The Rev. T. W. Johnston having lost a valuable cow, was presented by his Parishioners, on his return from attending the Synod at Halifax, with a purse containing sufficient to purchase another. The Crapaud Church people are deserving of all praise.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

PERSONAL.—Benjamin Stark, Esq., of New London, Conn., one of the most

prominent Laymen of that Diocese, has been staying in St. John.

Rev. Milledge Walker, of Lime Rock, and Rev. John White, of Saybrook, Connecticut, are visiting New Brunswick.

The denominational schools of St. John, and Carleton, celebrated the Raikes' Centennial on August 2nd in Queen's Square. Dr. Botsford presided. We were glad to find that the children recited the Creed, and the Lord's Prayer, and had responsive readings.

SACKVILLE.—The church people of Sackville are giving another proof of their zeal. The Rectory, bought last year, is some distance from the church, and is an old building. Since the arrival of Rev. C. F. Wiggins, they have decided to erect a house near the Church, the style to be in keeping with the school-house. The present Rectory will be sold. The plans for the new house has been drawn, and J. F. Allison Esq., with his wonted liberality has given a site. We hope soon to chronicle the completion of a tasteful wooden house, designed for a Clergyman's use.

The Journal of the 10th Session of the Diocesan Synod of Fredericton, with Appendices, has just been printed. We notice that out of 69 clergy then resident in the Diocese, only one was absent, and 74 Lay Delegates attended out of 116. We should like to see a list of the Licensed Lay Readers in the Diocese published in the Journal. This is done in all American Convention Reports.

ST. STEPHEN.—The Lord Bishop of Fredericton arrived by train August 4th, and held a confirmation service in Christ Church last evening, when thirty persons were the recipients of the rite.

DORCHESTER.—A very pleasant Drawing Room Concert was held at the residence of Charles N. Chandler, Esq., realizing about \$20 towards the small balance due on the Rectory.

ST. JOHN.—Trinity Church will probably be opened during the time of the Exhibition in October.

DALHOUSIE.—In the list of contributions towards the W. & O. Fund of the Church Society of Fredericton, in your issue of the 29th ult., there is no account given of the contribution from Dalhousie, which sent \$3.00 towards the above fund for the year ending July 1st, 1880.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

Episcopal Acts.—The following are the places visited for confirmations in the course of the past month by the Bishop of Quebec, with the number of candidates presented:—Cranbourne, 8; West Frampton, 32; Hemisen and Standon, 36; Montmorenci, 10. His Lordship has also visited the Island of Orleans.

Clerical Appointments and Arrangements.—Rev. Dr. Lobley did duty at St. Matthew's Church, Quebec, in July, yet the Rector Rev. C. Hamilton, was prevented from leaving the city, and taking much needed rest, by the sickness and death of a dear little girl, and by the succeeding illness of Mrs. Hamilton, who is now happily convalescent, and it is to be hoped that both will be able to benefit by a change of air and scene during the month of August. Some specially temporary provision is to be made for the work of St. Matthew's Parish, for Dr. Lobley has returned to Lennoxville to superintend sanitary and other preparations for the coming Scholastic year, so full of good promise in many ways.

At Shigwage, the Rev. Dr. Ros has been combining missionary work with pleasure, as have also several clergymen fortunate enough to have been asked to do duty at Cacouna and elsewhere. The Rector of Quebec is at Tadoussac, and Mr. Fothergill, at Murray Bay, as usual. Mr. King lately visited the sick, and baptized three children at Ha-Ha Bay and Chicoutimi. Mr. Richardson is acting as a chaplain at the Quarantine Station. Mr. Rawson, of the Cathedral, Mr. Wood, for St. Paul's, and a divinity student for St. Peter's Churches are in residence. The Bishop has not been far from headquarters in spite of the hot weather.

Any Clerical exchanges made for the holidays in the Townships have not been reported, but we believe, Mr. Read, Rector of B. C. School, has been officiating at Westbury.

Rev. Clement D. Brown having filled the vacancy at Riviere du Loup, en bas for three or four weeks, has now gone to take charge of Shigwage, to which he was appointed after his ordination. A brother, Rev. R. Brown, is now his substitute, and will officiate till the return of Mr. Tambs, who is appointed to Riviere du Loup, and is expected back from the continent ere long.

After being admitted to Priests' Orders, Rev. F. Webster returned as missionary, with Mr. Willis again as teacher to the coast of Labrador.

The Rev. C. P. Reid, M. A., of Sherbrooke, and Robert Hamilton, Esq., of Quebec, have nobly presented Bishop's College with \$2,000 each, to be applied to the formation of a Divinity Professorship Fund, to be called the Harrold Fund, and which would provide for an additional chair.—*Quebec Diocesan Record.*

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

(From our own Correspondent)

In matters ecclesiastical there is little to record. Our Bishop is in the country on duty, the last heard of him being that he was holding an Ordination in the mission of Aylwin, an extreme point in the diocese, for the purpose of admitting to the Diaconate Sept. Thicke, Esq., a gentleman that has for some time been qualified for Orders, but being below the canonical number as to age has had to exercise the duties of a lay reader or Catechist. He has been so doing with great acceptability in two or more places, for the last year, however Aylwin has had his services. The tact, talent and earnestness that he has so far manifested gives great indication of greater usefulness when endowed with the grace of Orders. And as regards the ordination Service itself held in this border mission, it will without doubt give greater impetus to the work of the Church there. Church news from the city is meagre. Some of our Incumbents and Rectors have been, or are about to enjoy their summer vacation. We are informed that preparations, so far as music is concerned, are being made for the approaching Provincial Synod. But if these preparations do not result in a Choral Service better than the one that inaugurated the late diocesan synod, there will be little satisfaction in taking part therein by those who come from other portions of the Ecclesiastical Province. Let there be a proper precenter, one that will "sing or say" the priest's part and that in his proper stall in the choir; not mouthing it some twelve or fifteen feet from the Choir in a reading desk facing the people, as has been done. We do hope that Churchmen will see a thoroughly hearty and stirring Service or that occasion, and that the clergy and laity present will do their utmost in making it so. Your correspondent has one proposition to put before those interested. It is this. As the Provincial Synod is a representative body, should not the clerical and lay representatives walk in procession from the Synod Hall to the Cathedral at the opening service, instead of gathering in as the ordinary congregation? It is the Synod as a body that is about to offer the Worship, and not merely a few bishops representing them. Was not this the way Synods of old used to do? Would it not add stateliness to the occasion? It would be more than a piece of ritual, for it would be suggestive of the idea that here the Church through its representatives was about to enter upon a solemn function and taking possession of the Cathedral Church of the Metropolitan city for the same. In taking a glance at our country parishes we have to note that the parish of Granby is still vacant. If we are to credit what is reported, it will not be easily filled. The people have the privilege of submitting names to the Bishop, from which his lordship nominates one for rector. This privilege, we are told, they care not to exercise at present and are desirous that the Bishop should appoint without their action. Yet they desire that if the gentleman he appoints does not, after a month's trial be deemed by them satisfactory, they shall be allowed to give him his congé. Do they imagine that the Bishop or clergy will consent to such terms? If they do, doubtless they will be disappointed. The Rectory of Chambly is also vacant. Chambly is quite picturesque for a country place, and it seems they require an aristocratic incumbent, and yet they offer only \$600 per annum. On this paltry sum they want one who will keep a good table, be always in unspotted

breadcloth; ready to take part in their social gatherings and able to keep up wife and family in carriage, company and dress. If there is any priest with private means and of good lineage, who desires a quiet parish only 12 miles from Montreal he had better apply. The Sunday Schools here and there are being treated to excursions and pic-nics and such like. On the 3rd August a combination of Sunday Schools from the district bordering on the famed Lake Memphemagog chartered the steamer Lady of the Lake and made an excursion to Newport. About three hundred people were on board. An hour was spent pleasantly at the Pic-Nic grounds opposite Owl's Head and another hour in the town of Newport. The clergy present were the Rev. Messrs Thornloa, Hepburn of the diocese of Quebec and Messrs Clayton, Brown and Haslam, of Montreal.

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

OXFORD MILLS.—The Rev. Mr. Read has been appointed missionary incumbent of the new parish of Oxford Mills. We congratulate the Incumbent of this new parish upon his appointment. And the parish ought to feel profoundly thankful in being able to retain such a man.

PICTON.—Miss M. A. Barker, of Picton, has decided to the Synod of Ontario the land known as the Barker burying ground, upon which it is proposed to build a church.

BURRITT'S RAPIDS.—Extensive improvements are in progress at Christ Church, under the care of its faithful Incumbent this parish is making headway.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

PARKDALE.—On Sunday July 25th the Bishop held a Confirmation in St. Mark's Church. There was a very large congregation present. The candidates, 19 in number, had been carefully prepared and seemed deeply impressed with the solemnity of the occasion. The Bishop's address was exceedingly appropriate.

NEWCASTLE.—On Friday evening, July 23rd, the Lord Bishop held a Confirmation at St. George's Church. Fifteen males and eighteen females were confirmed.

LOSSERONTIO.—On the eighth Sunday after Trinity, St. David's Church, Losserontio, was opened for Divine Service. The building, consisting of chancel, vestry, nave, tower, and spire is of "brick-clad" is quite ecclesiastical in its way, will seat nearly three hundred, and its erection is chiefly due to the tact and energy of Mr. Sibbald, lay-reader.

ORILLIA.—St. James' Church has adopted the voluntary system with the happiest results. The seats are free and unappropriated, and the whole of the funds are raised by the offertory. Besides meeting their parochial obligations in a much more liberal spirit than previously the parish has contributed more than usual to outside objects. This is another evidence of the benefit of the Gospel system. The congregation are about to place a tablet in the Church to the memory of the late Mrs. Stewart, wife of the Incumbent. The cost will be defrayed by subscriptions.

ENGLAND.

The proceedings connected with the celebration of the 179th Anniversary of the Society commenced with a Service in the nave of Westminster Abbey, on the evening of Tuesday, June 15th, when the Sermon was preached by the Rev. Canon Butler, Vicar of Wantage, and the musical portion of the Service was undertaken, as in former years, by members of the Lay Helpers' Association. Owing to the unfavorable weather, the congregation was smaller than is usual on such occasions; but a rich compensation awaited those who, in spite of a heavy rain and a cold wind, were present in the Abbey, for the Service was beautifully rendered, and the Sermon was an excellent exposition of St. Mark xvi: 15 and 16. This Sermon will be published by the Society, and it is hoped will be widely read.

The Annual Sermon at St. Paul's Cathedral, on Wednesday, June 16th, was connected with the Afternoon Service