

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

MAITLAND.—The incumbent of this parish was very agreeably surprised on Monday evening last when, as some lady members of Trinity Church congregation were leaving the Rectory after having made a friendly visit, they presented him with the sum of \$42.00, with the request that he would accept it as something which he might find useful. This is but one of the many substantial acts of kindness which have been shown to the Rector during the past twelve years, both by individual members of the Church and by the congregation—acts to be appreciated not only for their intrinsic value, but as expressions of good-will on the part of the people towards their clergyman. It is much to be regretted that, in consequence of emigration to other parts, Trinity congregation is not so large as it was a few years ago; but it is pleasing to find that the chief supporters of the church are still here, and that their accustomed zeal and liberality in Church matters are unabated. In turning to the more rural parts of the parish we find a very interesting congregation worshipping in the Church of St. John the Baptist, Five-Mile River. This congregation is a remarkable exemplification of the truth that where a people, however poor they may be, are working constantly and earnestly for the glory of God He in return is pouring upon them spiritual blessings almost without their asking for them. Those poor but earnest people have for several years been laboring with untiring energy and under adverse circumstances to build a house in some measure worthy of Him to whom it is dedicated. They have accomplished their work on the material building, and are now being rewarded by witnessing the increasing growth of the spiritual building. The great number of adult and infant baptisms that have taken place in the church since its consecration; the large and increasing congregations that meet Sunday after Sunday, many coming who could not be induced to come before; the remarkable heartiness of the services; the number of communicants, young and old, male and female; the reverent demeanor of the worshippers, are remarkable evidences that that Divine grace which can alone make meet to dwell in the "House of God not made with hands" is growing in the hearts of the congregation. The Sunday School, under the very efficient superintendence of two of the Misses Cochran, of Maitland, has been doing an excellent work here this summer, a larger number of children than ever being under Christian instruction. A successful entertainment was held here a short time ago by the congregation, which yielded \$100.00 towards paying a small debt on the new church. May He from whom all blessings come continue His goodness to us, and to Him be all the glory. At Kennetcook and Northfield Church matters are progressing favorably. At the latter place a very successful entertainment was held about a month ago, by which \$160.00 were raised to finish the Temperance Hall, which is to be used chiefly as a place for holding Divine Service until such time as its place may be taken by the contemplated church.

HUBBARD'S COVE.—As I am quite certain you will gladly insert in the GUARDIAN any communication that may be sent you connected with the Bishop's Confirmation tour in the Western portion of his Diocese, I send a few items in connection with his visit to the Parish of Hubbard's Cove. His Lordship, accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Harris, Curate of Lunenburg, arrived at the Rectory on the 28th Oct. The following morning (Sunday) service commenced in the Parish Church at the usual hour, and although it lasted close on four hours, yet the attention of a numerous congregation seemed to be unremitting. 27 were confirmed, and 60 partook of the Lord's Supper. After the service the Bishop left for Blandford to hold Confirmations in that Parish, and on the following day returned to the Rectory here. On Tuesday, the 31st, (forenoon), service in the 9 mile district church, Rev. Mr. Brown reading the prayers, Mr. Grocer the lessons. The Rector presented the candidates, 12 in number, for the Apostolic Rite of Confirmation. This brought to a close the services, which were most impressive in the Parish of Hub-

bard's Cove, wherein in all 39 were confirmed. The offertories, which were for the Algoma Mission, amounted to \$8.70. His Lordship was in the enjoyment of excellent health; the music, singing, and responding were much approved of by him, and evidently seemed pleased with his visit, having a kind word for all, and in return taking with him the prayers and good wishes of those he left behind.

By some blunder the B. H. M. Reports for the past year gives returns from this Parish decrease \$13.85, when it should be increase \$13.85 to be correct.

ST. MARGARET'S PARISH.—St. Paul's Church.—On Tuesday, 31st Oct., the Rector met the Bishop at the North Shore Church and drove his Lordship to the Rectory, French Village. The Bishop held a Confirmation at the Parish Church after Evensong on Tuesday, the 31st ult., laying hands upon 8 males and 10 females. Since the Bishop's former visit the church has been painted within and without and handsomely stencilled with conventional borders above and below, with suitable Scriptures running over the chancel arch and around chancel wall, in which the Lay Reader, Mr. W. S. H. Morris, rendered great assistance.

St. Peter's Chapel.—On the morning of "All Saints" the Bishop confirmed 7 males and 5 females, after which his Lordship celebrated the Holy Communion, when all the confirmed made their first Communion.

St. John's Chapel.—On "All Saints," at 4 p. m., the Bishop confirmed 11 males and 11 females. Total confirmed in the whole parish was 52, in equal numbers of male and female. The former curate, Rev. W. H. Groser, now rector of the flourishing Mission of New Ross, acted as organist at all the services during the Bishop's stay in this parish, much to the delight of his old friends. The Bishop in all his addresses to the people dwelt on the necessity of their making up the amount withdrawn by the S. P. G. if they would have the services of the Church continued to them for the future.

CHURCHOVER.—The Bishop and clergy left Barrington for Churchover on the morning of the 14th, and arrived at the church about 2 o'clock p. m. Evening Prayer was said to Third Collect, after which the Bishop administered the Laying On of Hands to eleven persons—five males and six females. In his address to the congregation his Lordship congratulated them on the improved appearance of their church, remarking that great care might be taken of the exterior of a church edifice, while at the same time there is very little Church life in a parish; but on the other hand care for the interior of God's House was always a sign of Church life and activity. His Lordship said he was glad to hear that they were about to add a chancel to their church, and expressed the hope that it would be completed before the time of his next visit. The people of Churchover have lately put a roof on their church of ecclesiastical design, and also made various improvements on the exterior.

LOCKEPORT.—As the Parish of Lockeport is vacant, the Rev. E. M. Welsh drove the Bishop over from Shelburne on Monday, 16th. The service was held in the Church of the Holy Cross at 7 o'clock p. m. The congregation was very large, and ten candidates presented themselves for the sacred Rite. After Evening Prayer had been said by the Curate of Shelburne His Lordship made an earnest and forcible address to the congregation. He congratulated them on the neat appearance of their beautiful church, and also on having such a large and flourishing Sunday School. He deeply regretted that they should be left, even for a short time, without the services of a clergyman, and touchingly referred to the labours and illness of their late beloved pastor, Rev. C. E. Churchward, who has been obliged to return to England on account of ill health. Only one thing was wanted to complete their church edifice, and that was an east window. He felt sure they would not be long in supplying this defect, and suggested that it

should be put up as a memorial window to some of their friends. If, said his Lordship, instead of spending so much money on useless marble people would put up a suitable memorial in God's House, how much better it would be. The Church people of Lockeport, although few in number, are active and energetic, and well deserve the praise bestowed on them by their Bishop.

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

(From our own correspondents.)

OTTAWA.—Thanksgiving Services.—Christ Church.—The congregation of Christ Church having already held its Thanksgiving Services, that on Thursday was not as well attended as it would otherwise have been, nor was the church decorated for the occasion. The Bishop and Rev. Messrs. B. B. Smith and T. Garrett were present. The musical part of the service was as usual well and tastefully rendered, Mr. J. W. F. Harrison presiding at the organ. The Rev. Mr. Garrett preached, taking as his text Acts xvii. 28: "In Him we live and move and have our being." The offertory was for the aid of the poor of the parish.

St. John's.—The Rev. H. Pollard officiated at Morning Service. He chose as his text Acts iv. 23, 24. In his sermon he showed how right and proper it is to hold special services for the purpose of giving public thanks to Almighty God for the blessing of a bounteous harvest, and how it is the duty of all to aid in assisting the poor.

St. Alban's.—There was both Morning and Evening Prayer in this church, the Rev. J. Bogert taking both services. The decorations were very beautiful, great care having been taken with them. The Communion table and reredos were covered with fruit and flowers, a large cornucopia was placed on each side of the entrance through the altar rails, and the chancel steps were filled with grain and vegetables. The pulpit and Litany desk were most beautifully decorated with vines and flowers; the font was also filled with flowers. The Canticles at Morning Prayer were sung to Anglican chants; the hymns were 380 and 383 (H. A. & M.) Holy Communion was administered to a large number of communicants. The evening service was choral, as usual; the Psalms were sung to Gregorian chants; the anthem by Weldon, "O praise God in His holiness," was nicely sung. Prof. Oliver King played. The collection for the aid of the poor of the parish was greatly in excess of last year; it amounted to some \$51.

The members of the congregation of St. John's Church, Fitzroy, have presented the Incumbent, the Rev. A. W. Cooke, who came to the Mission about eight years ago, with a handsome new carriage. The congregation of St. Mark's Church, Pakenham, will provide the harness, &c.

The congregation of Christ Church, Gananoque, has ordered a tablet in memorial honour of the late Rev. J. Carroll and Mrs. Carroll. It will cost \$135, and will, it is expected, be placed in position this week.

St. Luke's Church, Lyndhurst, has been formally opened for Divine Service. The congregation formerly worshipped in a school house. After Morning Prayer and a sermon, a sumptuous dinner was provided, after which addresses were delivered in a grove adjoining the church by several gentlemen. The church is a neat Gothic structure of brick, costing about \$3,000, which is all paid, with the exception of \$900.

The Rev. Henry Wilson, D. D., has returned to Kingston, after a week's absence on a missionary tour, during which he visited Amherst Island, Odessa, Fredericksburg and Adolphustown. The meetings were fairly attended and the offertories good. The farmers were busy, and were prevented attending, having to market their grain and attend to their autumn work. The meetings were of an experimental character, and proved that the winter is the better time for holding them.