

News from the Home Field.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

B. H. M.

General Purposes.—North Sydney and Sydney Mines, \$66.31.

W. & O. Fund.—North Sydney and Sydney Mines, \$19.75; Shelburne, \$3.48.

Superannuation Fund.—Shelburne, \$3.78.

B. F. M.

Shelburne, \$9.35.

S. P. G.

Eliakim Tupper, Esq., Aylesford, per Rev. R. Avery, \$4.00.

MR. ALPHEUS CROOKS is canvassing for the GUARDIAN in Nova Scotia.

HALIFAX.—*St. Luke's.*—On Saturday, 9th inst., the Lord Bishop confirmed 49 candidates which Mr. Murray, the Rector, presented. The class had been most faithfully prepared, and on the following day forty-five of the number received their first Communion.

HALIFAX.—*A Strange Coincidence.*—The following remarkable coincidence will be interesting to those who know the Rev. Rupert Cochrane, son of the late Rev. Dr. Cochrane, of this city. In 1872 on June 20, when he was "Morning Preacher" at St. George's, Hanover Square, London, he revisited Nova Scotia his native land, occupying at the Halifax Hotel room No. 30. Among the first English letters which he opened was one offering him the Living of Langton, Spilsby, which he now holds. Exactly ten years after, on June 20th 1882, he came again to look upon the scenes of his boyhood, occupying, as before, room No. 30 at the same hotel, when, among the first letters handed to him was one from a patron offering him another English Living. This odd coming together of things is common enough in three volume novels, but here we have another showing that "truth is sometimes stranger than fiction." Another feature in the strange coincidence is that both Livings are worth about £500 stg. a year each, and both patrons were strangers to Mr. Cochrane.

THE REV. J. C. EDGEHILL, in a recent temperance address, gave a leaf from his experience when in Halifax, which will be deeply interesting to many:—"As a chaplain he saw many of the best men of the different regiments with which he had to do ruining themselves through drink. Again and again he had been appealed to by the wives and friends of such men if he could not do something to prevent them from wrecking their lives. He was not then a total abstainer, for he held the view, and still held it, that men ought to be able to use drink moderately. He came to a decision on the question while in Halifax, Nova Scotia, for a soldier having been discovered dead outside his church there during Lent, the sole cause being certified to be drink, he felt he had received a Divine call, and he made a solemn covenant with God that he would henceforth not touch intoxicating liquor as a beverage. This was twenty years ago, and he had never seen cause to regret the step he then took.

CORNWALLIS.—*St. John.*—On the morning of the 27th of May, his Lordship the Bishop held Confirmation in the Parish Church. There were 15 candidates presented, four were absent, probably on account of unsettled weather, two of whom were an elderly couple from a distance, and one an invalid. The Font and Lord's Table were most beautifully decorated with flowers. A very large congregation of others besides Church people assembled to witness the Rite. There were present with his Lordship, his son, the Rev. Mr. Binney, who acted as Chaplain, the Rector, the Rev. F. J. H. Axford, and the Rev. Mr. Avery, Rector of Aylesford. After service his Lordship expressed himself pleased with the singing and manner in which the congregation responded. About four in the afternoon his Lordship proceeded to Kentville in the Parish of Horton, where he held a

Confirmation in the evening. On the succeeding morning at eleven, his Lordship consecrated Christ Church at Berwick, an outstation in the Parish of Cornwallis. The Church has been completed within the last two years and is, for a small country Church, one of the prettiest in the Diocese. His Lordship, expressed his approval of the building. There were present with his Lordship, the Revs., Mr. Binney, Mr. Avery, Mr. Ruggles, Mr. Sherman and the Rector of the Parish. The congregation was good, the Church nicely decorated, and his Lordship expressed himself pleased with the singing in this Church also. The Bishop and Clergy were hospitably entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Andrews.

WINDSOR.—After the enthusiastic meeting on Monday, 4th, the Rev. John Ruggles began to canvass the town for funds towards the Endowment Fund for King's College. Friday night of the same week two thousand dollars were subscribed. This is the sum which it was hoped Windsor would give. Large sums were given by men of the denominations in the town. We all feel very much encouraged, and are full of hope for the future. Had Windsor failed in her duty, it would have cast a dark cloud over the work, but now, we trust the example of those of our town will be followed everywhere.

Personal.—The Rev. Dr. Nichols of Liverpool, who has been spending some weeks in the South for his health, read the Epistle at the service in connection with the opening of the Convention of the Diocese of North Carolina. We have since learned that the Doctor has returned home. We trust he will regain good health, and be able to continue doing parish work.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

DERBY.—A number of ladies and gentleman from Newcastle consisting largely of members of the choir of St. Andrew's Church of that place, gave a concert in the Temperance Hall, Derby, on Thursday evening, the 7th inst., to aid in raising funds to pay for the new organ lately purchased for St. Peter's Church of the latter place. The hall was well-filled notwithstanding the evening was dark and rainy. An excellent programme was admirably rendered and left no room for any but the most favorable criticism. After an hour and a half of rare musical enjoyment the audience separated wishing the entertainment had been longer and hoping for a repetition of the treat at an early day. The proceeds amounted to about \$35. After the concert the performers and a few other friends remained behind to partake of the refreshments supplied by the ladies belonging to St. Peter's Church, and a half hour was pleasantly spent in discussing the viands as well as matters of general interest, after which the company dispersed. By the kindness and liberality of J. C. Mills, Esq., of Derby, his new steam yacht "Laura" brought the performers from Newcastle, and the "Derby," another of his boats took them back the same evening.

BATHURST.—The Ruri-decanal Chapter of Chatham, met at Bathurst, on Tuesday, 5th inst., and following day. Proceedings were begun by celebrating the Holy Communion in the morning at eight o'clock. The Chapter met at 10.30 with all the members present, except one, and proceeded to business, spending the whole forenoon in the reading and discussion of the Epistle to Titus in the original. The early part of the afternoon session was devoted to the reading and analysis of Psalm II in Hebrew, and comparing it with the Septuagist. It was followed by the reading of a carefully prepared paper on "The Sacrificial Aspect of the Holy Communion" by Rev. E. P. Flewelling. This concluded the session, the discussion of the very important subject treated in the paper being postponed till the next morning. A missionary meeting was held in the evening, in the Parish Church, at which Addresses

were delivered by Revs. D. Forsyth and A. F. Hiltz. The former took for his subject, "The History and Work of D. C. S.," pointing out now that the various Parishes in the Diocese had been aided by grants from the Society, how that the rapid growth of the Church had made increased demands upon its funds which it was unable to meet, notwithstanding that in the meantime many parishes had become self-sustaining, and how that greater exertions were required on the part of individual parishes in order to enable the Society to meet the present and constantly increasing demands made upon it. Rev. A. F. Hiltz followed on "The duty of giving," pointing out some very cogent reasons why Churchmen in our Canadian Dioceses should give heartily and liberally towards religious objects. They had received much; they should give freely. The work of disseminating Christian truth had been committed to them equally with other branches of the Church, and they should be diligent in fulfilling the trust. They had a great North-West rapidly filling up and demanding the means of grace from older countries; and would they be the only ones to be illiberal while the hearts of many were responding liberally to the various calls which Christian work was making upon them.

On Wednesday, after Litany, at 9 o'clock, a.m., the Chapter met again, and engaged in a very interesting and somewhat protracted discussion of the subject of Mr. Flewelling's Paper, postponed from the day before. The election of officers followed, which resulted in keeping the old officers in their position. The Dean reported respecting the resolution passed last meeting, relative to the Parish of Welford. That the Bishop having cordially assented to the resolution of the chapter he undertook to arrange services, only to find that the Church was not in a fit condition to be used, due to the fact that it was being torn down preparatory to building a new one; but that having subsequently learned that a public hall might be procured for that purpose, had arranged with Rev. Wm. J. Wilkinson to take the first service. The Dean also reported on behalf of the Committee on the formation of Choral Union for the Deanery, that in order to test the practicability of such a Union, the Committee had made arrangements to hold a choral service in Chatham at which as many of the choirs in the Deanery as possible might assist: that the service had been held and the result such as to warrant the hope that a Choral Union might be formed in the Deanery with the best possible results; and that the Committee, therefore, report favorably to the formation of such a Union. The report was adopted and the Committee granted leave to continue their labors by drafting a constitution to be presented to the Chapter at its next meeting. After agreeing upon the work to be done at the next meeting which was appointed to be held at Richibucto on the 15th of October next and two following days, it was resolved that the Dean be requested to import a case of some good communion wine for use in the Deanery. The Chapter then adjourned to meet as per resolution. In the evening the usual Deanery service was held in the Parish Church at which Rev. J. H. S. Sweet preached from Tim. 16, 31, "If they have not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead." It was an admirable sermon in which the preacher showed that the oracles of divine truth as responded and enforced by the Church are GOD'S means of converting sinners; and that, therefore, the laity should be most careful how they profited by them; and that the clergy likewise should exercise all diligence in adapting their teaching to the varying circumstances of the times and the spiritual wants of their flocks. It was a discourse well suited to the times and containing salutary warnings for those who are constantly craving some new form of religious excitement instead of the good old paths. The Rector deeply regretted that the services could not be held in the New Church now in course of construction, but confidently expects that it will be ready for consecration in July. It is a very fine building and when complete will be a great credit as well as a great gain to the parish.