

News from the Home Field.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

FURTHER APPOINTMENTS BY THE BISHOP OF NOVA SCOTIA.—July 27th, Manchester; 29th, a. m., Guysboro; p. m., Half-way Cove; 30th, Cole Harbor; 31st, Port Mulgrave; August 2nd, Sydney; 3rd, N. W. Arm; 5th and 6th, Cow Bay; 8th, Louisburg; 9th, Mainadieu; 12th, Sydney Mines and N. Sydney; 14th, Baddeck.

THE Secretary B. H. M. announces that the Report for 1882-3 is now ready for delivery, and requests the clergy kindly to advise him as to the number of copies required, and how they can be forwarded so as to avoid charges.

HALIFAX.—Recently two very successful entertainments have been given by the Guilds of St. Mark's and St. John's Parish. St. Luke's Junior Guild held its annual picnic on Tuesday, which passed off most pleasantly. On Thursday Trinity held a fancy sale, which, owing to the disagreeable weather, was not as successful as it otherwise would have been. The receipts at the strawberry festival, Christ Church, Dartmouth, on Thursday last were \$150. Proceeds Garden Party, N. W. Arm, Saturday, July 14th, in aid of "Tower Fund," N. W. A. Mission. Receipts—Sale of Tickets, \$100.27; Refreshment Tables—Miss Draper and the Misses Piers, \$40.00; Mrs. F. C. Stevens and Mrs. T. Goudge, \$37.67; Mrs. C. Potts and Mrs. J. G. Bennett, \$34.00—\$111.67; Donations, \$3.00; Total, \$214.94; Expenses, \$94.90; Nett Proceeds, \$120.04.

St. Paul's.—This church is undergoing quite extensive repairs both inside and out, and is also being painted. It will consequently be closed for two or three weeks, and in the meantime services will be held in Argyle Hall.

St. George's.—The 82nd anniversary of the opening of this church was celebrated on Thursday evening in a highly becoming and interesting manner. The church was charmingly decorated with flowers. The service began shortly after eight o'clock with the singing of the 100th Psalm, which was rendered in a grand and impressive manner by a large choir, with instrumental accompaniment by the Hayden Quintette Club. Prayers were said by the Rev. John Padfield, of Bishop's Chapel. The 1st Lesson, from Haggai ii., was read by Mr. Partridge. The choir chanted the Magnificat admirably. The 2nd Lesson, from Romans xii., by Mr. Winterbourne, Rector of St. Mark's and St. John's. The anthem from Handel's Messiah, "Hallelujah for the Lord God Omnipotent Reigneth," was then rendered very finely, the voices blending in perfect harmony, and the accompaniment by the Quintette Club being excellent. After the concluding prayers, the choir sang hymn 266, beginning "O God, our help in ages past." The Rev. F. R. Murray, Rector of St. Luke's, preached from St. John x. 22 a particularly able and eloquent discourse, in the course of which he referred in complimentary terms to the improved condition of the work in the Parish, and to the earnest labours of the Rector, and the warm and hearty support extended to him by his laity. At the conclusion of the sermon, while the collection was being made, the 147th hymn was sung, beginning "Lord of the world above," which was rendered in a very pleasing manner, as was also the 438th hymn, "The Church's one foundation." After the benediction had been pronounced by the Rector, hymn 418, "Onward, Christian Soldiers," was sung as a recessional. The congregation was very large, and the service was highly appreciated.

RAWDON.—The Church people of Lakelands held a strawberry festival and fancy sale at the Hillsdale School House on the 12th inst., for the purpose of procuring the means of purchasing an organ. The day was all that could be desired and the attendance good. The ladies had been

working hard, and considering the few Church people in the district and the short time at their disposal they did wonderfully well. The tea-table was laden with every conceivable variety and of the very best quality. In fact it was supplied in true Hants County style, and it is unnecessary to say that full justice was done by those who sat around it. At the close of the day it was found that the net proceeds amounted to \$76.62. This was handed to Rev. W. J. Ancient with instructions to procure an organ not to exceed \$100 in price. Late in the evening several of the people assembled in the School House to hear short addresses from Rev. Mr. Ancient, and others, all of whom eulogized the ladies for the way in which they had thrown themselves into the work and the successful issue to which they had brought it.

SACKVILLE.—The following Address, accompanied with a purse of money, was recently presented to Mr. Jno. Harrison, our faithful Lay Reader:

Mr. John Harrison,—

DEAR SIR,—A little over a year ago you came among us a stranger, and since your sojourn with us you have earnestly endeavoured to build up the Church, and minister to our spiritual needs. Your labours have been attended with no small degree of success, and as a token of our esteem and regard, we offer you this small donation, and beg of you to accept it, not for its intrinsic value, but as an earnest of our appreciation of your services.

With kind regards to you and Mrs. Harrison, and earnest prayers that the blessing of heaven may rest upon and follow you and yours, and that success may attend all your efforts, we remain yours sincerely, William A. Schmidt, Henry A. Schmidt, Fred W. Schmidt, Samuel Eisenhour, and 28 others.

NEW GLASGOW.—The S. P. C. K. have promised to pay the last \$250 of the Building Fund of St. George's. They also presented service books for the church—value at least \$15—and half the price of 70 volumes of library books for the Sunday Schools at Albion Mines and New Glasgow, and 2 dozen Bibles free, on the application of the Rector. While in the employ of the S. P. C., all offertories and subscriptions were handed by Mr. Moore to that Society; but from Scotland, through his old friend, Canon Bell, of Cumbrae, he has received the following for New Glasgow Chapel:—Rev. Canon Walter Bell, £1.0.0; Rev. B. J. Mapleton, £1.1.0; Rt. Hon. Earl of Mar and Kellie, £2.0.0; Rev. I. Leyland, £1.1.0; Rev. C. Smith, £1.0.0; Dean of St. Andrews, £1.1.0. Total, £7.3.0. The Rector expects to receive other sums for the same purpose.

Our proof-reader begs to apologize to all concerned for having overlooked a ridiculous misprint which read *memento* twice for *memento*, in the address and reply to and from Mr. Smith, in last week's GUARDIAN.

PORT HILL.—The Rev. Mr. Reagh leaves here at once for New London his former Parish, to which he has been urgently requested to return. Mr. Reagh has in the few months he has been here done a good work. Our communicants have doubled, the new Church is up, spire completed outside, roof shingled, painting done, etc. He leaves us amid the regret of all. The Rev. Henry Hooper will succeed Mr. Reagh. He is highly spoken of and we hope for much progress in the future.

PERSONAL.—The Rev. Andrew Gray, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Chelsea, Mass., sailed for Europe, on the 5th inst., from New York, on the "State of Florida." His Address, till Sept. 1st, will be—"Care Messrs. Brown, Shipley & Co., Founders Court, London, E. C."

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

PETERSVILLE.—The Right Reverend the Co-adjutor visited this Parish on the 27th and 28th of

June. A service was held in St. Luke's Church, Weldsford, on the evening of the 27th, when the Bishop addressed the people on behalf of the D. C. S. On the following day a Confirmation was held at the Parish Church, and a class of 12 was presented to the Bishop by the Rev. F. Towers, to receive the grace conferred, and the Ancient Apostolic Rite of Laying on of Hands. In the evening service was again held in the Parish Church, at which the Bishop delivered another address, on the needs and requirements of the Diocese, laying before the people their duty, not only of bearing their own burdens, but also of helping others to bear theirs. This is the second visit His Lordship has made to this Parish within a year, a Confirmation being held by him in August last. The hands of the Missionary are strengthened and the spiritual life of the Parish deepened by the frequent visits of the Bishop. In this Parish the Church seems to be awakening into new life. There are signs of improvement and steady growth on all sides. The communicants list is three times as large as it was a year ago, and although much remains yet to be done, there is reason for thankfulness to God, for past help and blessing, and encouragement for renewed and more earnest efforts for the future.

ST. MARTINS.—*Statement and Appeal.*—On the afternoon of the twenty-third of June, one of the severest storms of lightning and thunder ever experienced here visited the Parish of Saint Martins, and was particularly severe in one section of the Village. In the storm, the Parish Church was so severely injured by the lightning striking the spire, destroying it, and injuring the tower, roof, and otherwise destroying the building both outside and inside, so as to necessitate the taking down of the entire tower in order to enable us to continue our regular services there. To re-build the tower would be quite an expense, and, added to that, the whole building is so seriously weak and shattered from age that it would not seem to justify any large expense in rebuilding the tower and spire. Under these circumstances, the members of the Church of England had a general public meeting at the Temperance Hall, on the evening of the twenty-ninth, and it was unanimously resolved to build a New Parish Church. For this purpose they will subscribe as largely as they can, but, considering the sad depression of business here just now, they feel obliged to solicit help from their fellow-Churchmen and friends in other places in order to ensure their having a House of God better suited to His worship and service. St. Martins, N. B., June 30th, 1883. JNO. LOCKWARD, Rector; W. H. Rourke, J. B. Hodsmyth, Wardens.

BURTON.—A most successful strawberry festival and sale of needle-work was held on the delightful grounds of Gerhardus Clowes, Esq., Oromocto, on July 11th., by the ladies of the sewing society. The Messrs. Hughes, with their usual kindness, furnished very good music, which was enjoyed by many. The Rector wishes to express his thanks for this and similar kindnesses received from this family, in aid of Church work in this Parish.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

(From our own correspondent.)

THE RIVER THAMES, which flows past the City of London, has again been the scene of a sad disaster. For the past six weeks an unusual quantity of rain has fallen, and the River has been unusually high for the season of the year. On the night of Tuesday, the 10th of July, there was a heavy storm, and a rain fall of extraordinary violence and quantity. The ground was so saturated by previous rains that it could hold no more, and the rain rose to an extraordinary height, and at about three o'clock on Wednesday morning the inhabitants of London West were startled by the water rushing into their houses through the doors and windows. The city, which stands on high ground, escaped with but slight damage, but London West, which is occupied chiefly by people in humble circumstances, presents a scene of utter desolation, which must be seen to be realized. In many