

## NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

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## DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

**ALBION MINES.**—The Amherst Rural Deanery Chapter met for the forty-first time at New Glasgow, in this parish, on the 21st and 22nd October. There were present Rural Dean Moore (Rector), Rev. J. A. Kaulbach (Secretary), Rev. Dr. Bowman, Rev. J. C. Cox, Rev. V. E. Harris, Rev. C. E. Mackenzie, and Rev. J. M. C. Wade. Excuses were received, with great regret, from Rev. J. Edgcombe, Rev. J. L. Dowling, Rev. S. R. Martell, Rev. M. A. Bent, and Rev. J. R. Parkinson.

Dr. Bowman preached on Wednesday evening on "Whatever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we, through patience and comfort of the Scriptures, might have hope." The sermon was one of much thought and elegance of composition.

Mr. Wade preached, on Thursday morning, a capital sermon on "It is written." There was a goodly number of the faithful at the Holy Communion, celebrated by the Rural Dean, assisted by Rev. Messrs. Kaulbach, Bowman and Harris.

At the evening service, addresses were given by Rev. Messrs. Cox, Kaulbach, Harris and Moore, on Missionary subjects, so arranged as, beginning with individuals, the field of the world was at last embraced. About \$14 were collected.

The business of the Chapter was broken in upon by the experiment of admitting the laity to hear an able paper by Rev. C. E. Mackenzie on parish visiting. A few availed themselves of the opportunity, and we cannot doubt that this is a move in the right direction, *i.e.*, towards increasing the interest of all not in Holy Orders in the work of the Church.

Resolutions were passed expressing the sentiments of the Chapter on parting (most unwillingly) with Messrs. Brock and Sherman—the one to the Presidency (*pro tem.*) of King's College, and the other to his native land on account of his health.

The consideration of the office for the private baptism of infants was completed.

Fifty dollars' worth of books were received for the Deanery Library from Dr. Bray's associates.

The Hodgson Memorial was spoken of with loving words for the blessed dead; and then came the parting, to meet again, if God will, at Stewiacke, on the Conversion of St. Paul.

The Rectory being near the Parish Church, dinner was served for the clergy at the Banquet House, who agree that Mr. McDiarmid understands catering.

The clergy were lodged—one at the Rectory, two at Mr. Patton's, and one each at Messrs. Townsend's, Drake's and Pritchard's.

Dr. Bowman remained over, and preached for Mr. Moore at the Vale Colliery on Friday, the opening of a new station in the parish, and on Sunday in the Parish Church, in which he served faithfully for eight years prior to the induction of the present incumbent.

**WALLACE.**—Very little is ever heard from this corner of the diocese. Situated about ten miles from Pugwash, where the clergyman resides, it cannot receive the same pastoral care as it would were there a resident pastor. Still, with this and other disadvantages, there is a growing interest manifesting itself in the work of the Church, and as a natural result when an interest is increasing, there is a desire to beautify and improve the House of God, and for that purpose the congregation held a tea meeting on the 21st inst., the proceeds to be devoted towards repairing St. Andrew's Church and enclosing the grounds, the balance to be placed in trust towards an organ. The very creditable

sum of \$170 was realized. Service is held in this parish three Sundays in the month.

**PUGWASH.**—During the heavy gale in September last, one section of the window in the west end of the new St. George's Church was blown in, and entirely destroyed. This is quite a loss, especially in the present financial state of the parish. The Sunday-school has increased during the summer. This is cheering when we consider how much the future of the Church depends upon this, her nursery, where the young are trained to be faithful soldiers and servants under her banner.

**HALIFAX.**—*Personal.*—The Rev. W. H. Sampson has been enjoying a much needed rest during the past fortnight in Prince Edward Island.

The Rev. H. J. Winterbourne preached the special anniversary sermon for the Colonial and Continental Church Society at St. Paul's last Sunday.

The Rev. J. L. B. Downing, of River John, has been staying and officiating at Dartmouth during the past fortnight.

The Rev. A. J. Townend lectured at the Academy of Music, on "Sam Slick" last week, in aid of the Churchwomen's Missionary Society. It is the greatest compliment to the genius of the lecturer and the brilliancy of his effort to say that although there was a heavy rain-storm all the evening, yet the Academy was fairly filled with an appreciative audience.

**THE BISHOP ABROAD.**—On Sunday, the 17th Sept., an Ordination was held in St. Andrew's Cathedral, Inverness, when the Right Rev. Bishop Kelly ordained the Rev. Wm. H. Wilson, B.A., to the Priesthood. The *Scottish Guardian* says that the Right Rev. Hibbert Binney, D.D., Bishop of Nova Scotia, then present at Inverness, preached an eloquent and appropriate sermon on the occasion, from Acts i. 26. The other clergy who took part in the Ordination were Rev. Canon Medley, youngest son of the Metropolitan of Canada, and who is Precentor of Inverness Cathedral, Rev. Canon Eden, and Rev. H. Binney, son of the Bishop of Nova Scotia.

**ST. LUKE'S.**—The women of St. Luke's have been working hard to raise funds for a new church, and a sale of work on behalf of St. Luke's new church fund will be held in the Freemasons' hall on the 1st and 2nd December. Contributions may be sent to the members of the Committee:—Mesdames Sawyer, Tucker, Adams, Cowie, Chipman, Payne, Fairbanks, Gossip, Reynolds, Wilby, Murray, and the Misses Murphy, Thompson, Wyld, Almon, Salter, Wier, Perley, Gilpin, McNab, Keating and Wainwright.

**ST. GEORGE'S.**—Special Mission services are being held on Wednesday evenings in the parish, and a large congregation is being gathered together. There are signs of life in all directions. Arrangements have been made for starting two new Mission rooms in the poorest part of the parish.

**ST. PAUL'S.**—The all-absorbing topic in town and in the diocese is the following letter of resignation from the Rector:—

5 KENSINGTON PARK ROAD,  
Notting Hill, London, W.,  
Sept. 4, 1885.

To the Churchwardens of St. Paul's,  
Halifax, Nova Scotia:

GENTLEMEN,—When I obtained leave of absence from the parish at the last Easter meeting for a few months, it was my purpose to come to Europe, and, after seeing my family—part of whom in consequence of delicate health have been compelled to reside in a milder climate than our own—to decide for myself whe-

ther I should return to Halifax, or resign my rectorship of St. Paul's.

It is not without deep regret on many accounts that I have arrived at the conclusion that it will be better for the parish and myself to resign now than in a very few years hence, as would necessarily be the case, inasmuch as I should not only be unwilling to be separated from those of my children whose constitutions have been proved by trial to be unequal to a residence in their native country, but I should not feel myself justified in being so.

Hence I have decided, after the most grave deliberation, and not, you may rest assured, without many most painful reflections, to retire from the important post which, in God's good providence, I have had the privilege of holding for so many years.

Bound up with the parish from my infancy to the present day, there are many links of union which it will cause me deep sorrow to break, and I trust that I shall be able to communicate to my old and dearly-esteemed flock expressions of a true pastor's love and earnest longing for their welfare.

I hereby resign my rectorship of St. Paul's, to take effect at the close of my six months' absence, which will be Nov. 11, unless the parish should prefer that I continue to hold the office for a few months longer while they are looking for a successor. This extension, however, would be contingent on the Bishop of the Diocese granting me additional leave, for which I would apply if it were thought by the parishioners to be desirable. Of course I should not, if this idea was carried out, expect any salary from the time of my resignation, *viz.*, Nov. 11.

I earnestly hope and pray that you may find a man who will preach the simple gospel of Christ, and maintain simplicity in the conduct of public worship. If I can help in any way in providing a successor, you may rely on my hearty aid.

It is only just to myself to say that I have not been induced to take this step by the offer of any increased emolument, or, indeed, by any specific offer at all, although I have ample opportunities of doing the Master's work by frequent invitations to officiate in various parishes.

In communicating my resignation to the parishioners, will you kindly offer them my most affectionate Christian love, and my sincerest thanks for their long-continued and warm manifestations of regard and attachment.

Believe me,

With much affection,

Your faithful friend and pastor,  
(Sd.) GEORGE W. HILL.

P.S.—Sept. 12, 1885.—Since writing the above statement relative to my not having accepted any appointment, I have been offered one which I trust and believe will be conducive to the health of my family, and at the same time afford me an opportunity of usefulness. To-day I have agreed to take the chaplaincy of Davos-Platz, Switzerland, for the winter, and purpose residing there with my wife and family during the next six months.

(Sd.) G. W. HILL.

The Churchwardens say:—

When the above reached us, to say that we were surprised is but a very mild term. Yet the feeling has been growing amongst our people that the Rector's resignation was only a matter of a few months. Indeed it was known that the Rector intended to resign, and to many people the only change in the matter was that his resignation was sent to us from England instead of being handed us in Halifax.

A meeting of the parishioners was held on the 8th inst., when, after some consideration, the resignation was accepted, and a Committee, consisting of the Wardens and Vestry and five others, was appointed to make enquiries concerning a new Rector.

Brethren of St. Paul's and Trinity, a crisis