

## News from the Home Field.

### DIocese OF NOVA SCOTIA.

THE BISHOP recommends the use of the following form of thanksgiving on Sunday, October 1st, in all Churches where no special Thanksgivings were offered yesterday, for the marvellous success vouchsafed to the British forces and the speedy termination of the war in Egypt.

Monday, Sept. 25.

#### To be said after the General Thanksgiving.

O Lord God Almighty, in whose hand is power and might, which none can resist, we yield Thee praise and thanksgiving for Thy great mercy in preserving our country from the miseries of protracted warfare, and for the great success which Thou hast vouchsafed to the forces of our Queen both by land and by sea. To Thy great goodness and Thy protection we ascribe the marvellous preservation of those engaged in battle and the small number of the slain in our Army; and, we beseech Thee, to comfort and support the bereaved and to heal and restore the wounded, and so to continue Thy mercies to our Queen and her Dominions, that all the world may know that Thou art our Saviour and Mighty Deliverer; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

NEW ROSS.—After so much unusually bright and lovely weather as we had last month, we became anxious lest rain might come at length on its closing day chosen from the opening of the year. However, August departed as she came, radiant and smiling, and leaving pleasant memories for us in this woodland retreat. Our third annual Sunday School Picnic took place on the 31st, and was a signal success. From 10 o'clock a. m. visitors began to arrive, and availed themselves of dinner served for them after 11.30 o'clock. The Sunday School Service was sung at 1 o'clock p. m., fully 104 members of the Sunday School going in double file with their banner to the parsonage grounds, while the Missionary played a march. Besides tea for all these, a second table was set in the picnic building for visitors at 5.30. During the p. m. people swarmed around Miss Rebecca Keddy's ample and inviting refreshment stand, and a lively business was done. Our hearty thanks are also due to Mr. Beardsley, of Berwick, for his kind and energetic assistance in this department. The evening amusements in the picnic building were well attended, and the receipts larger than expected. The modest sum of \$101.41 was realized, and used in defrayment of expense of new seats in our church and also of insurance on church and parsonage.

AMHERST DEANERY.—The Chapter of this Rural Deanery met on the 26th Sept. at Maitland. Present—Revs. V. E. Harris, E. H. Ball, J. A. Kaulbach, Dr. Bowman, the Rector (Mr. Jamison), and Rev. D. C. Moore; the last named, as senior, acted for the Rural Dean, who was unable to attend. All the clergy present took part in the services at Five Mile River and the Village. Mr. Harris preached an excellent sermon at the former place, and Mr. Ball one equally good at the latter. The congregations were wonderfully good for a week-day in harvest time. The communicants at Five Mile River were 31, beside the clergy, and everything went to show the effect of hard, steady and judicious work on the part of the clergyman, especially the beauty and appointments of the two churches visited. The hospitality at the Rectory, Hon. A. M. Cochran, Messrs. Murphy and Mrs. Barbrick was heartily appreciated by the visitors. The next meeting is to be held on St. Andrew's Day at Parrsboro.'

### DIocese OF FREDERICTON.

DERBY.—The usual triennial Confirmation was held in this Mission Aug. 8th, when Bishop Kingdon visited it for the first time. He was met at Derby Station on the afternoon of the 8th by the Rector and driven to the Rectory where his Lordship remained over night, driving to Blackville, 15 miles distant, next morning. The weather was very rainy and disagreeable and the roads heavy in

consequence of a storm that had raged the night before, preventing quite a number of the candidates from being present at the Confirmation to be held here, so that, instead of 13 as was confidently expected, only 6 were presented. The congregation, however, was pretty good; and after lunch at Mrs. T. W. Underhill's, the Bishop returned to Derby with promising weather and every expectation of a more successful gathering in the evening, when the Confirmation at St. Peter's was to be held. Here again, however, it was found that the rain in the early part of the day by softening the roads had kept back many of the candidates who had to walk some distance to be present. Notwithstanding this hindrance, however, the number confirmed—nine—was greater than usual here, and the congregation was excellent. On the following morning his Lordship returned to Derby Station whence he proceeded to Chatham to spend a day with Dean Forsyth. The confirmation being over, the ladies of the Derby congregation immediately took measures for holding an Apron Fair and Tea, for which they had been making preparation during a part of the summer. It was, accordingly, held on 1st inst., and notwithstanding some heavy showers which considerably disorganized the tables, a large body of people assembled and the handsome sum of \$145 was realized clear of all expenses. This will be spent in improving the Rectory premises.

BLACKVILLE.—On Thursday, 14th inst., the people of Blackville being stirred up to zeal and good works by our success in Derby, held a picnic to raise money for repairing the windows and painting the exterior of their Church. This was, on the whole, a very successful affair, and the large sum of \$200 was taken. This of course will be much reduced by the expenses of carrying it on, but a very good margin of profit will still be left when all debts are paid. It must also be stated to the credit of the Blackville congregation that early in the season the sum of \$60 was raised by private subscription to procure much needed furniture for their Church. They have done all this in addition to paying their portion of the clergyman's salary and contributing liberally to the general funds of D. C. S., and much credit is reflected thereby upon the few zealous labourers among them who never tire of working for their beloved Zion.

GAGETOWN.—On the 12th inst., we held gala-day in Gagetown. The willing workers of the Guild of St. John's Church had their fancy sale in the Temperance Hall, in aid of the fund for building a Guild Hall and Sunday School house, and added to it upwards of a hundred dollars. The weather was lovely, and a party of our Churchpeople contributed to the amusements of the day by a yachting excursion on our noble river. On the 19th inst., our highly esteemed Dean, the Rev. Canon Medley favored us with a visit, and delivered an admirable lecture on "The Progress of Civilization," reminding us that we of the busy nineteenth century were only carrying on the work bequeathed to us by past ages; and then, touching both lights and shades with a bold hand he claimed something more than reprobation for the old monks of pre-Reformation days, many of whom diversified their lives of prayer by works undertaken for the love of God and good of man, so that their

"—talent had not lain  
Unwrapped in a napkin, and all in vain."

### DIocese OF QUEBEC.

[From our own Correspondent.]

QUEBEC.—St. Matthew's Church.—This Church and congregation have been greatly blessed by the presence amongst them of a spirit to offer willingly to the Lord out of that which He hath given to them. This month witnesses the active preparation for or the actual dedication of several offerings which may fairly be described as the best of their several kinds, such as offerings to God and His service, ought invariably to be. On 24th September Mr. Arthur Judge, the eldest son of one of the families in the congregation, is to be admitted to the Order of Deacons, thus offering himself to God's service. On 12th September five young persons solemnly gave themselves in the Rite of Confirma-

tion to live henceforth not to themselves but unto God. On the same day the Bishop dedicated the beautiful stone pulpit which has been erected in loving memory of the Rev. George Hamilton by his father. On the same occasion an Alabaster reredos of excellent workmanship, given by three sisters in affectionate memory of Mr. William Evans Price, was also dedicated. And yet further, a rich white altar cloth for the Festival of our Blessed Redeemer, given by a member of the congregation, was in the same service offered to God for the use of His Sanctuary. Besides this goodly list of rare and costly offerings, the tower and spire are being completed by efforts which are costing not a few in the congregation some measure of self-denial. A brief description of the several material offerings in this list, and of the service of their dedication, may prove interesting to your readers: The pulpit is of "Oolitic freestone," known in England as Painswick stone. Its general outline is circular, symbolizing the perfection and eternity of the Godhead. Its base and substructure are massive and solid, to indicate the firm and immovable rock on which Christianity, the Church's faith and teaching, rests. The superstructure is rich in ornamentation and very perfect in its minutest detail, symbolizing the beauty and perfection of the Graces of the Christian life. A slab of polished alabaster runs round the top of the pulpit and surmounts the perforated arches which spring from clusters of marble columns, three in each cluster, bound together in the centre by a band of oolitic stone. These columns are of very beautiful variegated marbles, contributed by Italy, Egypt, Spain, California and England. Between the arches are niches with curved canopies, in which will shortly be placed alabaster statues of the three great preachers, St. John the Baptist, St. Peter and St. Paul. The carving, in its sharpness and depth and general excellence, does great credit to the skill and painstaking care of a Quebec artist, Mr. F. Morgan, of the firm of F. & J. Morgan. The work was done at Cheltenham, in England, where Mr. Morgan made his home last winter. The reredos has been admirably executed by Messrs. Earp, of London, England. The five windows in the apsidal chancel being placed low in the wall have ruled the form of the reredos, which, though long and low, is well proportioned. It consists of a central panel, in which is shown in strong relief "the last supper." Each of the thirteen figures is carved in clear, distinct and striking form. At each end of this central panel is a niche with a rich canopy resting on marble columns. In one stands St. Matthew, the Patron Saint of the Church; in the other Nathaniel. On the top of the second, which is in a deep recess, stands a cross, and beneath it the Pelican feeding her young with blood from her own breast. The altar cloth is of white damask silk covered with leaves and flowers embroidered with rare skill and care. It is divided into three panels, each bearing in its centre a shield with a monogram. In and out amongst the leaves and roses are carried scrolls bearing the following words: "Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the Temple of my God, and He shall no more go out; His servants shall serve Him. They shall see His face, and His name shall be in their foreheads. I will write upon Him of my God and the name of the city of my God." The service of dedication followed the Confirmation. The Bishop, preceded by the clergy and choir, left the chancel, singing a hymn, and gathered round about the pulpit. A brief lesson was then read by one of the clergy, and the prayer of dedication was said by the Bishop. The procession, forming again in the same order, returned to the chancel singing an appropriate hymn. Another short lesson (Heb. xiii. 10-16) was then read and followed by the prayer dedicating the reredos and altar cloth, and asking God's blessing on the donors and their families. The Collect for St. Matthew's Day and the last Collect but one in the Burial Office, with the blessing, closed this part of the service. After another hymn the celebration of the Holy Eucharist was proceeded with, the offertory being devoted to the Mothers' and Daughters' meetings in the parish. It may be added that the service afforded very general satisfaction, and was heartily joined in by all present. The prayers used for the dedication were from an old office of the Irish Church, kindly furnished by Rev. Edmund Wood, of Montreal.