

News from the Home Field.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

LOUISBURG, C. B.—Rev. T. F. Diaper, B. A., has been appointed by the Lord Bishop Missionary of this Parish, in succession to the Rev. C. W. McCully.

CHESTER—Opening of the New Church, continued.—The Church Extension Society, of London, have kindly given us a grant of an altar cloth, linen, etc., but they have not yet arrived, so we have had to do as well as we could for the present, with one borrowed from Chester, which though much too small to cover the altar, served as a frontal, but we had to cover the retable as well as the top of the altar with white. On the retable were placed an altar cross, tastefully trimmed with white roses, moss and ferns, and on each side a vase of handsome flowers, while another vase stood on the organ. One friend has kindly given us a handsome carpet for the chancel, and a lady from Halifax has promised a pair of vases, which we hope to see filled every Sunday; but we have still a great many wants, foremost among which are, a font, credence table (for the present we used a small square table that had been in one of the school-houses, but is an awkward size and shape for the sanctuary), hangings for pulpit and desks, stoves and pipes, lamps, and, what many of our good people have specially set their hearts on, a bell. The collections taken up on Thursday and the following Sunday amounted to \$17.07, which will be applied towards the cost of painting the Church inside.

GRANVILLE.—The children's annual flower service was held on a recent Sunday in the Parish Church, which, as usual, was densely crowded, many people coming more than an hour before the time for commencement of service in order to secure seats. The chancel was trimmed with wreaths of flowers, principally roses, the perfume from which filled the church. The children, each carrying a large bunch of flowers, met at the house of Mr. John McCormick, the Superintendent of the Sunday School, and walked to the church in procession, carrying three banners and singing hymns. It being an extremely hot day and the windows of the church open, the children's voices could be heard by the large congregation inside the church when they were yet a long way off, and sounded exquisitely sweet. Immediately after the third collect the large cross was placed on the chancel steps, and two young lady members of the Parochial Guild, Miss Mary McCormick and Miss Matilda Calnek, taking their places to right and left of it, prepared to receive the flowers. The children then brought up their bouquets to the Rector, who passed them to the young ladies, who quickly transformed a plain wooden cross into an exquisite floral one, the choir meanwhile singing a hymn and an anthem. The cross was then placed on the Holy Table. A sermon was preached to the children upon the lessons to be learned from flowers, especially the truth of the resurrection, and the offertory was devoted to Sunday School expenses. This is now the third year that this service has been held, and it has become extremely popular. People remark that if once seen it could never be forgotten. J. M. Owen, Esq., of Annapolis, has kindly presented to the Parish what has long been needed, and is thus most acceptable, a new chalice and paten of correct shape, with cruet, etc., to match. Within the last few months the new chancel at the Parish Church has been entirely covered with tapestry carpet in red and black, and two new chandeliers added, which now completes the lighting of the church.

WEYMOUTH.—In December of last year we sent a few lines to the CHURCH GUARDIAN in reference to a Bazaar held by the members of the "Junior Sewing Circle," in Weymouth. On Tuesday, the 8th inst., another sale of fancy and useful articles, with usual accompaniments, was held in the Warerooms of Mr. L. R. Nichall, most kindly lent us as before. On this occasion the sum of nearly \$52. was realised, which almost doubled their former effort, and it is to be noted that the weather which had been unfavorable did not clear off until late in the afternoon.

The object of our young friends is gradually to increase a fund for the purchase of a Pipe Organ for our new Parish Church, which, on the part of those of tender years, is specially commendable; and we may certainly predict that their care and love for the House of God will not grow less as years pass by. On Friday evening, the 4th inst., Messrs. Chisholm, Taylor, and Maclean, graduates of the Institution for the Blind in Halifax, gave a concert at Rice's Hall, Weymouth Bridge; and another the next evening at Rothesay Hall, Weymouth. It is almost needless to add that both entertainments afforded great pleasure to all lovers of song and music. When listening to the efforts of these amiable and intelligent men we could not but be strongly impressed with the thought how much of this marvellous success must be due to the skill, patience and ability of C. F. Fraser, Esq., and his assistants. This gentleman, though himself bereft of the blessing of vision, has won for himself a name as an instructor of singular skill and aptitude, as well as a most able administrator, and the Institution over which he presides must rank foremost among any in the Dominion. We shall ever have a warm recollection of the eloquent and powerful address which Mr. Fraser, in the course of his Provincial tour, delivered in Weymouth in the interest of the Free Education of the Blind in Nova Scotia; and none could doubt that such pleadings made by such a man would be crowned with complete success.

HALIFAX.—The Sunday School children of the North-West Arm Mission were favored with fine weather on Sunday last for their Anniversary Service, which took place on that day at 3 p. m. Between 40 and 50 children were present, who, together with some grown people, made a congregation. The Service began with Hymn 564 (Church Hymns), and after the inscription and the reading of the Gospel and reciting the Creed, Litany hymn No. 583 was sung kneeling. Several appropriate Collects were said, and, after singing another hymn, the children were addressed at some length in a most interesting manner on the subject of the first Morning's Lesson by the Rector of St. George's, Rev. Francis Partridge, B. D. The Chapel was neatly decorated for the occasion. The Altar was vested in its festival color—white—and a white Lectern hanging, just made by Miss Draper, was used for the first time. Suspended over the reredos was an illuminated framed text, "God bless our School." On the re-Table were some handsome bouquets of flowers, chiefly the offerings of the children. On Thursday next (D.V.) at 7.30 p. m., the Anniversary service of the Mission will take place.

BRIDGETOWN.—Mr. Moore C. Hoyt, having been obliged to leave the parish and consequently to resign his position as organist in the Parish Church, has been presented with the following address, signed by the Rector, Wardens and a large number of parishioners, as a token of their respect and esteem for him:

DEAR SIR,—We, the undersigned Rector, Wardens and members of St. James' congregation, having heard of your intended departure from amongst us, feel desirous of expressing our sincere regard and respect for you. After the time and trouble which you have expended in qualifying yourself as organist at our services, we feel that something would be wanting were we to allow you to depart without assuring you of our gratitude for your successful efforts in that direction. While regretting that circumstances oblige you to remove from this parish, we cordially unite in the hope that our loss may prove your gain. You may rest assured that our best wishes and prayers for your success in the new sphere of duty, upon which you are about to enter, will accompany you.

Signed by Rector, Wardens and many others.
Mr. Hoyt made a suitable reply.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

FREDERICTON.—The spire of the Cathedral is to be repainted and pointed.

DORCHESTER.—Recently the Bishop visited this parish and confirmed a class of thirty presented by the Rector, the Rev. J. R. Campbell.

SYNOD OF FREDERICTON.

THURSDAY—(Continued.)

The following are the resolutions moved by Mr. Dowling in favor of King's College, Windsor:

Whereas, It is found impracticable, in the present state and prospects of the finances of this Diocese to establish a Divinity School in connection with this Synod;

And whereas, The University of King's College, Windsor, is in danger, by reason of the withdrawal of State aid, of being seriously crippled in its work, if not of ceasing to exist as a University;

And whereas, That institution is the only distinctively Church University in the Maritime Provinces; and it is highly advisable that its present state of efficiency should not, in the interests of the Church, be allowed to be impaired;

Therefore Resolved, That this Synod recognizing the need of preserving intact the ancient rights and privileges of that University, and of maintaining the connection of the Christian Faith with higher education, desires to support it with such moral and material aid as may be possible; and recommends that such Divinity Students as desire it should be encouraged to pursue their studies there.

The mover in supporting his resolutions spoke at length and with great earnestness, appealing to those present to support an Institution whose past record had been so honorable, and whose influence in advancing the Church was so great. He referred to the fact that by the withdrawal of the Government grants the Baptist College at Wolfville and the Wesleyan College at Sackville had to appeal to their people, and the response had been made from both Provinces so that large endowments had been provided. He called upon the Church people of the two Provinces to imitate their Dissenting brethren and support King's College as the Theological School of the Dioceses of Nova Scotia and Fredericton.

The Rev. Foster Almon expressed himself in favor of the resolution and spoke warmly in advocacy of King's College being made the common training school for the two Dioceses.

Vice-President Spencer, of the College, gave a very full account of the present condition and needs of the College, pointing out its advantages, and showing how practically a free education could be obtained within its walls, by nominations and the numerous Scholarships at its disposal. Dr. Spencer appealed in strong terms to the Churchmen of New Brunswick to join their brethren in Nova Scotia in making King's College, Windsor, a credit to the Church of England, and a great means of advancing her interests in these Provinces.

His Lordship the Bishop, after saying that he had hoped to establish a Divinity School at Fredericton, but had failed in his efforts, expressed his willingness to support King's College, Windsor, and promised \$100 to the College Fund.

Rev. G. G. Roberts agreed with the Bishop in the conclusion he had arrived at, altho' regretting very much that it seemed impossible at the present time to establish the Fredericton School. Mr. Roberts promised to contribute to the Windsor College.

Rev. Canon Brigstocke warmly supported King's College, Windsor, and hoped that the Churchmen of Fredericton would rally to its support.

Hon. Judge Wilkinson, Revs. H. Wainwright, Cecil Wiggins and others addressed the Synod in favor of the resolutions, and they were adopted.

On motion of Mr. W. M. Jarvis the Constitution was altered so as to permit the Coadjutor Bishop to become an *ex officio* member of the Standing Committee. Mr. Jarvis also moved that the rules of the Boards of Missions be so altered as to give authority for the appointment of a Secretary for each. Carried.

Rev. Canon Brigstocke moved—That the action taken by the Provincial Synod in regard to providing a stipend for the Bishop of Algoma and the assessment of this Diocese (\$300) be approved, and that the Board of Domestic Missions collect the money and remit the payments quarterly to the proper officer.

His Lordship remarked that if the proposed endowment was raised the \$300 will not be required. Mr. T. W. Daniel seconded Canon Brigstocke's