

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

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DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

HALIFAX.—St. Mark's.—The Rev. H. J. Winterbourne, Rector of St. Mark's, has been enjoying a well-earned vacation in St. John and different parts of the New Brunswick diocese.

St. Paul's.—Before the sermon at St. Paul's last Sunday, a very touching valedictory was read by the Rev. D. Neish, the clergyman in charge, from the Rev. Dr. Hill, formerly Rector of this church. No definite steps have yet been taken as to the selection of a future Rector. Several applicants are freely named, some of first-class standing in the old country. Two well-known Winnipeg names are canvassed, and more than one local name is on the list. It is the intention of the church not to elect anyone before Easter.

The Rev. W. L. Currie, of Eastern Passage, suffered a heavy loss last week. The reverend gentleman's house was burned down, and nearly all his furniture, books and sermons were destroyed.

TRURO.—St. John's Church was tastefully decorated for the Thanksgiving Services—both field and garden having contributed largely of their rich autumn products, which were arranged with fine effect near the choir and around the reading desk and pulpit. Special thanksgivings and anthems had been arranged for both Morning Service and Vespers, and the Rector, the Rev. J. A. Kaulbach, M.A., officiated on both occasions. He preached a most practical and eloquent discourse in the morning from 2 Chron. xxxii. 25.

EASTERN PASSAGE.—A meeting of the Tangier Rural Deanery was held in the Parish of Eastern Passage (Rev. W. L. Currie, Rector), on Nov. 18th. On the previous evening Divine worship was conducted at Cole Harbor Church, when the Rev. N. R. Raven, incumbent of Dartmouth, and Rev. E. H. Ball, Rector of Tangier, took Evensong. The Rector was present, and Rural Dean Ellis, Rector of Sackville, preached extempore on Psalm civ. 23: "Man goeth forth to his work and to his labor until the evening." To a congregation of husbandmen these words were full of sympathy, and gave many an opportunity to the preacher for plain, practical deductions. As an instance of style, the following passage will suffice:—"You do not reason with yourselves, 'If the woods will grow, they must grow, and so it must be.' Such a principle every husbandman would condemn. And yet people sometimes talk thus about their souls; they think they cannot help the spiritual woods of sin growing rank within them. You cultivate the soil, and make use of means for keeping back the weeds and bringing on the fruits. So should it be with the spiritual garden of your soul. You plough and sow and enrich the earth; and for the soul to bring forth its fruit, you must break it up in penitence and enrich it with all the means of grace."

On the 18th, Morning Service was taken at St. Peter's Church, Eastern Passage, Revs. E. H. Ball and N. R. Raven taking Matins, and the Rural Dean celebrating, assisted by the Rector. The sermon was on Acts xvi. 31: "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." The faith that *worketh* was pointed out as the faith that *saveth*, according to Holy Scripture. The congregation were timely warned against thinking that salvation can be secured all at once; and Christ's command to endure to the end, and St. Paul's continuous self-denial lest even he become a cast-

away, were amongst the passages enforcing earnest perseverance for salvation. *Saving* faith must bring forth fruits of a life of self-denial. The silver slipper of religion of some who go up and down fits very easily upon them; they don't like fasting and long services and self-denial in any way, and prefer a great deal to talk about and little to do. The religion which Christ calls us to is one of taking up our cross daily, and so following Him if we would be His disciples.

The afternoon capitular meeting was held at Cow Bay, where an evening service was held in the school-room, the Rural Dean again preaching.

The clergy were hospitably entertained by Messrs. J. Wentzel, Alex. Morash, Geo. Bowes and J. Osborne.

The next meeting was appointed for Falkland (Rev. G. F. Maynard, Rector), on January 20th, next year.

PETITE RIVIERE.—On Sunday, the 15th of November, the parish Sunday-school examination was held here. Each class was examined separately. The scholars have made rapid progress in their work since the school was opened for the summer in May last. Some of the elder scholars have committed to memory the whole of the Thirty-nine Articles, with the Collects for every Sunday, besides part of the Epistle to the Hebrews and many other portions of Scripture. All the types and antitypes have been learnt thoroughly from the Old and New Testament. The chief feasts and fasts of the Church's year have had their proper place, together with the three Creeds and their Scripture proofs. The doctrines of Baptism, Confirmation and the Lord's Supper have been thoroughly taught. The incumbent questioned the scholars on all the above subjects, and was much gratified with the ready answers given. After the examination, a short service, consisting of suitable prayers and hymns and a short address, closed the day.

Many of the scholars who live several miles away are unable to attend school during the winter, which almost obliges us to close the school for a few months during this part of the year. There is an increase of 10 names on the register and of 226 attendances above last year.

There were a large number of people present to witness the examination, and a word of counsel and advice was given to all, especially to the parents and teachers. Happy we are to find that such work is laying a good foundation for intelligent Church people in after years.

FALMOUTH.—Divine service was held in St. George's Church on Thanksgiving Day. The church was very tastefully decorated for the occasion. A large pyramid, composed of fruit and vegetables, in the centre of which was a sheaf of corn, occupied the middle of the chancel floor. The altar presented a very neat appearance, and on the re-table was placed a beautiful variegated cross. Two pretty banners were also placed in the sanctuary. The church having been nicely cleaned added much to the pleasing aspect of the decorations. Harvest hymns were sung, and an appropriate sermon was preached by the incumbent from Leviticus xxiii. 39. In the afternoon service was held in St. Michael's Church, Windsor Forks, which was also decorated for the occasion. At both places the congregations were above the average. On Sunday afternoon the services were continued at Falmouth, when the sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Maynard, Rector of Windsor. Mrs. W. Sangster presided at the organ. At Falmouth the decorations were effectively carried out by Mrs. J. Smith, Mrs. Sangster and Mrs. Deal, and at Windsor Forks we are indebted to the Misses Palmer for the neat appearance which St. Michael's presented.

FRENCH RIVER, NEW LONDON, P.E.I.—This

parish seems to afford evidence of real progress and earnest support of Church work. Five years ago it was with difficulty that \$250 could be raised in the whole Mission for a clergyman's stipend, the Mission then receiving a grant of £100 stg. This grant was reduced first to £50 and then to £38, and the people nobly set themselves to make good the deficiency. Not only so, but they have added to one church a tower and spire, and made other repairs, at a cost of \$300; they have repaired a second church, at an expense to themselves of \$800; they have begun to build a new church, to cost \$1,800, on which \$1,000 have already been expended, and it is expected the building will be completed in July next. As the Rectory is scarcely habitable, land has been bought for a new one, which it is intended to build at a cost of \$1,600 more. This is the five years' record of a parish by no means rich, and within the sixth year it is expected that the above works will be completed. But not alone has there been financial and temporal success; in the same time the communicants have increased in number from 60 to 200, many, however, being poor. Nevertheless, the aim is, as soon as the foregoing needs are met, to do something for the brethren elsewhere. Missionary and people deserve much praise for the earnestness manifested and progress already made, and these betoken a useful future.

ALBION MINES.—Thanksgiving Day was duly observed, morning and evening prayer being said and sermons preached by the Rector in the parish church, and in the afternoon in St. George's, New Glasgow. The jubilant singing in St. George's was excellent. In this connection we are sorry that Miss Mason's voice will not be heard again for a while. We have no doubt her old friends at Tangier will welcome her back with as much sincerity as we regret her departure. The floral cross on the re-table at the parish church, given by Mrs. Poole, was the only decoration. The offertories for the widows and orphans of the clergy amounted to \$13.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

STANLEY.—The Ruridean Chapter of Fredericton met on the 4th and 5th inst. at Stanley. The clergy present were Revs. W. Jaffrey, G. G. Roberts, H. T. Parlee, E. J. B. P. Williams and H. Montgomery. On the eve of the 4th there was service in St. Thomas Church, with addresses on practical subjects by Revs. G. G. Roberts and H. Montgomery delivered to a fairly large and very attentive congregation.

On Thursday morning there was a celebration of the Holy Communion at 8 o'clock, after which the clergy assembled at the Rectory, and at 10 a.m. commenced business. The subject of a Diocesan magazine was fully discussed and favorably received. The Epistle to the Hebrews, chap. xi., was read in the original and commented upon, and after the transaction of other business, the Chapter adjourned, to meet (D.V.) on the first Wednesday and Thursday in February next at Oromocto.

ST. JOHN.—The Church of England Institute.—The tenth anniversary of this institution was held in St. John's (Stone) Church, Nov. 12th. At 9 a.m. there was a celebration of the Holy Communion, and at 8 p.m. the large old church was filled with an earnest and attentive congregation. The city clergy were present in their surplices; the music, led by the united city choirs, was congregational and very effective; the responses were hearty, and the whole service most impressive and interesting. The Coadjutor-Bishop preached an able and appropriate sermon on 1 Cor. x. 17. The Institute now numbers 300 members. It has a good and rapidly-increasing library, which places high-class works of past and present times within reach of those who could not