

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

RAWDON.—This parish has recently suffered a heavy loss in the death of John W. Bond. Mr. Bond was for many years one of the foremost members of the Church here. A man of quiet, unassuming piety, but of uncompromising church principles. Always ready with head, hand, or purse, to do what ever lay in his power for the good of his Church and the encouragement of his clergyman. His place will not be easily filled.

Another loss to this parish is the removal of Joseph Moxon to Shubenacadie. Mr. Moxon has for many years filled the office of churchwarden and vestry clerk, as also that of teacher and occasional superintendent of the Sunday school. In his case we have the satisfaction of knowing that Rawdon's loss will be another parish's gain.

It is to be hoped that other men will rise to the occasion and not allow the church to suffer.

Rev. James Spencer, a man of ability and energy, has just taken charge of the parish, and if the people unite and rally to his support there is a bright future for the Church here.

WINDSOR.—A quiet marriage took place at Christ Church on Tuesday morning, 9th June, in which the participants were Rev. R. Holland Taylor, of Brigus, Newfoundland, late Principal of St. John's Theological College, and Miss Marian Campbell, of Weymouth. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Prof. Vroom, brother-in-law of the bride, assisted by the Rector, Ven. S. Weston Jones. The bride was simply but becomingly attired in a costume of white silk, with a long flowing veil and the traditional orange blossoms, and was given away by her mother. The marriage service was followed by a celebration of the Holy Communion in which the newly married couple participated. After the service the bridal party drove to the residence of Professor Vroom, for breakfast, and then left in the Halifax train en route for Bras d'Or, where they will spend a short time before sailing for Newfoundland. —*Hant's Journal.*

HALIFAX.—In most of the Churches on Sunday, the 7th June, reference was made to the sad loss that the Dominion has sustained in the death of Sir John A. Macdonald. Dr. Partridge in St. George's Church, took his text from Joshua i. 5., having given a short history of the oldest nations said that, 'the personal rule of Almighty God over the children of man, led events to certain crisis, and then raised up and used the men who were to direct and, under Him, control them.' Among such men were Pitt, Washington, Lincoln, Wellington and Bismark, all endowed with the marvellous gift of leadership, springing to the front and assuming the command of passing circumstances. Among such men the name of John A. Macdonald will be enrolled by the future ages.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

PERSONAL.—Rev. H. Neales, rector of the Episcopal Church at Wood's Holl, Mass., died the week before last after a protracted illness. Deceased was a son of Rev. Scovil Neales and a brother of Rev. Canon Neales and of Mr. J. DeVover Neales, of Gagetown, N.B. He was educated in England and then returned to this Province. For some years he was in charge of the Parish of Richmond, and then went to Campobello. He has been in the United States about five years, and was much esteemed by his congregation and by the people among whom he dwelt. His many friends in this Diocese will regret to hear of his early death.

CHATHAM.—The Parish Church of St. Paul, which has been undergoing repairs during the

past winter and spring, was reopened for Divine worship on Sunday morning, May 31st at half-past eleven o'clock. There was a large congregation present, and much interest was manifested in the re-opening of the venerable Church, the interior of which has been so greatly improved in appearance. The ceiling has been cleaned and tinted with calomine, and the walls have been painted in shades of terra cotta, and are decorated with bordering around the window, and scrolls with texts, etc. A new and large Sanctuary has been provided, which is handsomely furnished with Altar rail in walnut with standards in cherry, an Episcopal chair and chairs for the clergy, a new Altar handsomely furnished with coverings, etc. The coverings are of Utrecht velvet and silk embellished with applique work. There is a handsome dossal and canopy in Utrecht velvet above the Altar and curtains in green and maroon on each side of the Altar. The canopy bears the Tera sanctus. 'Holy, Holy, Holy,' and the dossal a star and rays in applique work with gold orphreys. There is also a royal Axminster altar carpet.

The seating of the nave has been repainted and grained in maple and oak. Among handsome gifts of furnishings are an alms basin from the venerable Metropolitan of Canada, chalice veils, etc., from Mrs. Medley, alms bag from Mrs. J. P. Burchill, kneeling mats and book markers from Mrs. Judge Wilkinson and Mrs. Prof. Butler, of Kings College, Windsor, N. S., communicant's kneeler from Mrs. Chas. Sargeant, pulpit banner from Miss A. Wright, St. John, N.B. Shields for the sanctuary walls, and texts over the porch doors, from Mrs. Geo. Burchill, jr., cut glass cruets from Bishop Kingdon, and a beautiful Chalice Veil and Burse from Miss Henderson of Montreal.

The re-opening services consisted of Morning Prayers, followed by a celebration of the Holy Eucharist with a sermon by the Rector. The service began with the processional hymn, 'We Love the place, O God, etc. The Rector preached from the text, Psalm xi v. 4 'The Lord is in his Holy Temple;' and Psalm 96 v. 6 'Strength and beauty are in His Sanctuary.'

The Rev. speaker began by saying that it had been his expectation that a special preacher would have been present upon the occasion, but that it had been impracticable for those clergymen who would have gladly been present to leave their posts of Sunday duty. It remained for himself and those present to thank God for will and ability to repair His Holy House and also to draw what instruction they could from the words of the Text. He explained the occasion and purpose of the Psalmist's use of these words which showed his unflinching trust in God under all circumstances, and the propriety of honoring Him in the proper furnishing of His House and in the use of such other beautiful externals of worship as indicated in His people a proper reverence for so great a Being. He referred to the changed conditions of this community since the erection of St. Paul's, 66 years ago, which, owing to the building of other Churches and the removal of population, had not been favorable to an increase in the congregation. These were circumstances, however, beyond human control, and the unchanging God was ruling over all. It remained for those, and there was still a good number, who could still attend the House their fathers had erected to do their duty in bearing a faithful witness to Him who ruleth among the children of men. If they did so they would find the true strength and beauty of His sanctuary to be God Himself conveying himself to those who faithfully sought Him in the ordinances of His religion.

At the close of his discourse which was attentively listened to, the Rector stated that the expense of the repairs would be about \$500, but that if the congregation contributed \$250 their obligation would be discharged. Of this \$250, \$90 had been contributed by the ladies of

St. Paul's Guild and \$65 in a special offertory last summer, so that the balance to be raised would not be large. The offerings at the re-opening service would be for the expenses of the repairs. The Rector then proceeded with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist with which the service closed. Among the congregation we noted Mr. Churchwarden F. E. Winslow; D. G. Smith, Vestry Clerk; T. Das-Brisay, Treasurer of St. Paul's Corporation; Vestryman A. Montizambert and others from St. Mary's congregation, Chatham.

The special offerings at the service amounted to \$72.77. The whole service was very interesting, and marked a new era in the history of old St. Paul's, the interior of which is now one of the most handsome and properly furnished in the Diocese.

ST. JOHN.—The regular meeting of the Church of England Sunday School Teacher's Association was held Tuesday evening, 9th June, in St. Jude's Schoolroom. An interesting paper on 'Hymns and Hymn Writers' was read by Rev. Canon Brigstocke. A vote of thanks was unanimously tendered Canon Brigstocke, and it was resolved to have the paper published.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

MAGOG.—On Monday evening, June 8th, the Lord Bishop of Quebec administered the Apostolic rite of Confirmation to twelve candidates in the presence of a closely packed congregation. The Rev. Canon Thornloe, of Sherbrooke, acted as his Lordship's Chaplain. The other officiating clergymen were the incumbent, the Rev. R. C. Tamba and the Rev. W. A. Adcock, of Fitch Bay.

LENNOXVILLE.—After the sad fire of February last, which destroyed the beautiful chapel of Bishop's College, the Rev. A. C. Soarth and wardens of St. George's, Lennoxville, kindly tendered the use of that church, thus temporarily bringing back the old state of things when the College and Church of the parish, though separated in location were one in everything connected with temporal and spiritual welfare. On Sunday evening, 7th instant, the church was filled, as has been the case at nearly every service. Professors Alnatt and Watkins assisted the Rector, and the sermon was by the Principal, Dr. Adams, on the text, 'not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life.' The preacher having vividly pictured the contrast between the temporal and eternal priesthood, wherein the best is always to be sought and not to be content with what may be considered in a sense good while a better is obtainable; very forcibly illustrated by the life of the great statesmen, who may well be called the human creator of the Confederation of the Dominion; whose patriotism, unselfishness and fidelity required no long eulogy, when throughout the British Empire there is the acknowledgment that a great man has fallen. The Principal then went on to that which affected more closely every one connected with the College, the death of one of the sons of the Rev. T. A. Young, of Coteau Landing, Diocese of Montreal, which occurred during the previous week. For three years his college life had been a bright and beautiful example, and he did not believe while the present generation of teachers or students lived it would be forgotten. Thus one was taken who had stood long first in the Dominion, another at the beginning of a life which had the promise of a most useful future. Though we cannot see clearly the reason, the Divine is the perfect way, the human the fallible, and whatever may be grand in the temporal the unseen is eternal, and then will at last be displayed the power of an endless life.

SHERBROOKE.—At the service in St. Peter's Church on Sunday morning June 7th, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese confirmed 37 persons, all