

News from the Home Field.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

LOWER STEWIAKKE.—On Thursday, the 28th ult., a very successful Sunday School Festival was held on the parsonage grounds, and was attended by nearly all the children and many others residing in the village and the parts adjoining. The day was a charming one, the grounds pleasant and well suited for the purpose with its green lawns and old shady pines; the good things for the table were in abundance, and it was well that they were, as the appetites of all present were remarkably good. The swinging and games were enjoyed to the utmost, and at the close there was some singing led by Mr. Joyce, our Choir Master, and a short address by the pastor, followed by the National Anthem. I may add that about three weeks previous to this a very enjoyable picnic was held on the banks of the Shubenacadie, at Dutch Settlement, in which the children of that place belonging to St. George's congregation, with their parents and others, participated.

DIGBY.—His Lordship the Bishop of Nova Scotia arrived in Digby on Friday afternoon, the 6th inst., having left Halifax in the morning. On Saturday morning, accompanied by Rev. John Ambrose, Rector of the Parish, his Lordship proceeded to Sandy Cove, on Digby Neck, 20 miles distant, where at 11 o'clock a.m. Matins were conducted by the Rector of Digby, immediately after which, in an interesting address on the state of Digby Neck Mission, the Bishop expressed much regret that a small but attached congregation of Church people should be deprived of the services of a clergyman for so large a proportion of the year, owing not only to a want of clergymen in this Diocese, but also to a deficiency in the Home Mission Fund, to which—here as elsewhere—he earnestly exhorted all to contribute to the best of their ability. It required, he said, some time to educate Church people in the colonies up to the fulfilment of this duty, accustomed as they had been since the first settlement of the country to missionary assistance from England, whilst their neighbors of other denominations were obliged to maintain their religious organizations without external aid. But although the English grants to the Church in the Dominion of Canada were being very rapidly withdrawn and would very soon terminate, he felt sure that true-hearted Churchmen would more and more prove their warm attachment to the Church of their forefathers by constantly increasing liberality in their contributions. The Bishop next feelingly addressed the candidates for Confirmation (four males and three females, including some of the leading people of the place), and administered to them the Apostolic Rite of Laying On of Hands. Here, as in other churches on this occasion, he showed that now, even as in Apostolic times, mankind are beset by the same temptations, struggling with the same fallen nature, bound by the same baptismal responsibilities, and, needing the same assistance of the Holy Spirit, may be sure of the same Divine help if, coming to God as did the primitive Christians in repentance and faith, they received the outward token of that promised assistance, for then "they laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost." Miraculous signs, it is true, proved to a Jewish and heathen world that the Holy Ghost was given with the Laying On of Hands, but so also did miraculous signs follow those that believed. Those were withdrawn when the necessity for such proofs ceased, and a Christian may now be a true believer and may now be sanctified without the power of working miracles for the satisfaction of the superstitious or the worldly. At the celebration of the Holy Eucharist which followed the sermon (by the Bishop), all the newly confirmed communicated, as well as two others of the congregation, some of the remaining communicants of the place being unavoidably absent. The Bishop was much pleased with the zealous labors of the Catechist, Mr. F. F. Sherman, of King's College, Windsor, who had so well bestowed a portion of his summer vacation on the work of the Church in Sandy Cove, where a Confirmation had not taken place previously for more than twenty years. His Lordship was also much gratified by the care bestowed on the Sunday School by Miss

Isabella Moorhouse and her assistants, as also with the neat condition of the church and the graveyard, now enclosed with a good wire fence by the few zealous parishioners.

TERRENCE BAY.—During the last week a special effort has been put forward, in the above place, to create a greater interest in Church work. The population consists of about 400 people including children, of which 200, or thereabouts, are Roman Catholics. The Church work is carried on, under the Colonial and Continental Church Society. The Missionary, Mr. Spencer held a service for outsiders on Wednesday night, at the north-east side of the Bay. A crowded house was the result of kind invitations, and marked attention was paid to the service by all present. On Thursday night a temperance lecture was given by the missionary in the Society's School House, subject "Alcoholic drinks and their effects upon humanity." The room was packed to excess, and many could not enter at all. On Friday night a service was held in the Church and there were present 150, a collection was taken on behalf of the School. One of the residents undertook, on Saturday, to go around the place and gather subscriptions towards the purchase of a horse for the Missionary, as that he could go among them more frequently, a good amount was subscribed. From appearance a new interest is aroused and has shown itself by the people feeling their pockets. We trust there will be an increased life in Church work, and that much good work will be done.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

WOODSTOCK.—The Bishop-Coadjutor being unable from illness to fulfil his engagement to visit this parish, the Metropolitan undertook the pleasant duty. On Tuesday, the 26th, eight persons were confirmed in the lately consecrated church at Jacksonville, and Holy Communion was celebrated, twenty-four remaining to partake of the Bread of Life. Appropriate hymns were sung during the Service both of Confirmation and Holy Communion. The Metropolitan preached from 1st Epistle of St. John, 3rd chapter—"Beloved now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that when He shall appear we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is." The congregation showed the utmost attention and reverence during the whole service. After lunch,—provided by the well known hospitality of the people of this part of the Mission,—the portion of the burial ground appropriated to members of the Church of England was consecrated, suitable hymns being sung and an address delivered by the Metropolitan full of instruction and consolation in view of those mysteries of which death and burial remind us. Great credit is due to the members of the Church here for their earnest efforts to complete a most Churchlike and pleasing building, in which all the seats are free. The Rector of Woodstock and the Revs. W. LeB. Fowler and J. P. Flewelling took part in this interesting service. The following morning the Metropolitan confirmed eighteen persons in Christ Church, the Parish Church of Woodstock, situated about three miles below the town. The same clergy took part in the service. A devout congregation filled the little church, and a large number communicated. The Metropolitan delivered an expressive extemporaneous address from the 8th verse of the 124th Psalm—"Our help is in the name of the Lord, who hath made heaven and earth." After service the Metropolitan, clergy and others enjoyed the kind hospitality of the Rector and Mrs. Neales. The progress of the new Church of St. Luke is most creditable to the parishioners. The edifice when completed will be a great ornament to the town, and the internal arrangements such as will be gratifying to all who are privileged to worship within its walls. Several memorial windows are either promised or in contemplation. It is pleasant to hear that the subscriptions have been paid up monthly, and that the well-directed prudence and foresight of the Vestry had secured a considerable sum by way of insurance against fire, which was promptly paid, and enabled them to overcome the disastrous consequences of the great fire which destroyed their church buildings and their school-house.

OAK BAY.—St. David's Church has just been repaired and repainted, roof coated with fire-proof paint, choir seats put in, font moved to proper place, south side of main entrance, and various other improvements made.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

(From our own correspondents.)

MISSION OF THORNE.—The annual Harvest Home Festival was held at Thorne West, in this Mission, on the 3rd inst. The Incumbent was assisted in the services by the Revs. W. H. Naylor, B. A., T. Motherwell, B. A., J. A. Newnham, B.A., Rev. T. Motherwell preaching the sermon. Alas! there were no church decorations, as our Church people in this part of this young, but living Mission, have been unable hitherto to provide themselves with a suitable building for the worship of Almighty God. In consequence, the services were conducted in a beautiful grove. A sumptuous dinner was provided by the ladies of the entire Mission. The proceeds, amounting to \$57, are to be applied to repair the parsonage. A feature of this Harvest Home, which deserves notice, and one which added much to the solemnity of the services, was the baptism of a fine baby boy, son of the Incumbent.

MONTREAL.—The induction of the Rev. James Carmichael, M. A., as Rector of St. George's Church, Montreal, took place, as previously announced, on Sunday, October 1st, the Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity. The service began at 11 a.m. with an opening hymn—"All people that on earth do dwell;" Venite 78; Morning Prayer to the end of the Third Collect; *Te Deum*, Hopkins in G; Proper Psalms—84, 118; *Benedictus*, Cooke in G; Proper Lessons—Isaiah lii., 2 Corinthians v. Then followed a hymn—"The Church's one foundation." The Church Wardens then declared the election of the Rev. James Carmichael, M. A., to the Rectorship, and that the Bishop had approved of the election. Then the Rector-elect standing by the Bishop, the Bishop turning to him said: We, by Divine permission, Bishop of this Diocese of Montreal, do by these presents constitute and appoint you, the Reverend James Carmichael, Master of Arts, in whose learning and sound doctrine we do fully confide, to the office of Rector in this St. George's Church and Parish, hereby conferring upon you full power to perform every act of ministerial function as such Rector among the people committed unto you, so long as you continue in communion with us and comply with the Rubrics and Canons of your Church, and with such lawful directions as you shall at any time receive from us. And, as Rector of this Church and Parish, you are faithfully to feed that portion of the Flock of Christ which is now entrusted to you, not as a man-pleaser, but as continually bearing in mind that in the great and important work of winning souls to Christ you are accountable to us, and above all, to the Chief Shepherd and Bishop of the Church. The Church Wardens, presenting the newly-inducted Rector with the keys of the Church, said: In the name and on behalf of this St. George's Church and Parish, we, the Wardens, do receive and acknowledge you, the Reverend James Carmichael, as Minister and Rector, and in token thereof we give into your hands the keys of the Church. The Rector replied: I receive these keys of the House of God, at your hands, as the pledges of my institution and of your acceptance of me as your appointed Minister and Rector. And I, on my part, do promise, by God's help, to be a faithful Shepherd over you. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. The Bishop, presenting the books of the Church, said: Receive these books, and let them be the rule of thy conduct in dispensing God's Holy Word, in leading the devotions of the people, in administering the Sacraments of Christ, and in exercising the discipline of the Church. And be thou, in all things, a pattern to the Flock committed to thy care. Let us pray. Then followed four prayers ordered for such occasions. Afterwards, hymn, "My God and is Thy table spread," was sung. Then followed the Ante-Communion; Kyrie, Hodges in F.; Gloria, Plain Song; Hymn, "Praise the Lord, ye Heavens adore him." At the proper time the Bishop ascended