

more than once souls have departed to God, the soft and solemn music being the last sound in the dying ears. The example is well worthy of general imitation, for there are thousands of sick rooms where such music would be eagerly welcome.

J. H. Dixon, formerly of the Wesleyan Methodists, has become a postulant for Orders in the Diocese of Maryland.

CHURCH MUSIC.—The Organ is invested with a peculiar sacredness, and should be approached and employed reverently. Light and trivial voluntaries, long and unmeaning interludes, the introduction of frivolous airs, are unworthy of it and the holy place it occupies. The Organist should seek simplicity and appropriateness rather than to display himself, or the full capabilities of his instrument, regarding both as but secondary to the great end of aiding and dignifying worship.—*Church Calendar.*

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

HALIFAX.—*Harvest Festival.*—In England the most popular festival held in the year is that of the Harvest and Thanksgiving. In country parishes rich and poor alike throw open their doors and hospitably welcome their friends from adjoining parishes, who have come to join them in thanking God for the blessings of the year. Last year this good old custom was introduced in this city by Rev. T. Scandrett Edwards, at the Garrison chapel, when the Church was most beautifully decorated with fruit and flowers. We are glad to hear that the harvest festival will be held at the Garrison Chapel this year on Tuesday, October 11th, at 8 p.m., when the choirs of St. Luke's, St. George's, and St. Stephen's, with several volunteers, will assist the Garrison Chapel Choir under the able leadership of Mr. King Pooley (late of St. Paul's Cathedral Choir) and accompanied by the splendid band of the 2nd York and Lancaster Regiment, and the organ. The sermon will be preached by the Right Rev. Dr. Kingdon, Lord Bishop Coadjutor of Fredericton, who made such a great impression upon the soldiers of the Garrison, when he preached at the Parish Service a few weeks ago. At 7.30 the Regimental band will play selections of sacred music for half-an-hour, which will prove very attractive under the conductorship of the talented bandmaster Mr. Coole. The order of service has been printed by Mr. Jas. W. Dolery, and can be purchased for 10 cents per copy. Judging from the practices that have been held, we look forward to a grand service that will long be remembered in Halifax. Accommodation will be provided in the Garrison Chapel for about 1700 hundred people and doubtless the Church will be well filled.

SEAFORTH.—The 29th meeting of the Tangier Rural Deanery, was held at St. Marks, Lake Porter, in the parish of Seaforth (Rev. J. A. Richey, Rector), on Wednesday, Sept. 21st, St. Matthew's day, in the pretty new Church at the head of Chezzetcook Harbor at 11 o'clock. Litany was said by the Rev. E. H. Ball, the *ad clerum* sermon was preached by the Rev. T. C. Mellor, of Eastern Passage, and Rural Dean Ellis celebrated, assisted by the Rector and the Rev. G. T. Maynard. Though the season was a busy one, a fairly large congregation was present. This would naturally be expected, when it is known that the people have built this Church with their own hands without any extraneous help. When the Church was far advanced in building the Rector was able to reply to one asking him, "For how much could such a pretty little Church be built?" "Well! so far as cash is concerned, that is a four and a half dollar Church." The

windows were then in, and the wardens are fishermen.

Capitular meeting was held at the Rector's residence, Lake Porter; evensong was held at St. Mark's Church at 7 o'clock, when a large congregation was present. Prayers and lessons were taken by three of the clergy, and the Rev. G. T. Maynard preached a sermon full of deep thought on the ministerial commission, and the Rural Dean addressed the congregation in his happy manner.

The attendance of the Chapter has been larger this year than ever before in the history of the Deanery; but much regret was felt at the immediate severance of the Rev. John Partridge then present for the last time, who has always been active in advancing the interest of the Deanery, and who goes to Roslin, Ont., from Ship Harbour.

EASTERN PASSAGE.—A Sale of work was held in the Temperance Hall on Tuesday, the 27th September. The proceeds are to be devoted to the extension of St. Peter's Church. The present Incumbent has been desirous of extending and thoroughly repairing the Church ever since he entered the Parish. One of the Churchwardens (Mr. J. Hinchman), and the Incumbent, have been actively engaged seeking subscriptions in the city of Halifax and Dartmouth, and close upon \$200 have been collected. The sale of work realized about \$350. The people of the Parish have worked well in order to have their Church made more like a House of God than it is at present. Among those who have been foremost in this good work are Mrs. Mellor, who commenced it and carried it through; Mrs. Lawson, who, in addition to her usual large heartedness, was the instrument in obtaining Messrs. Cunard's steam launch "Arrow" to run down the Passage; F. Perrin, Esq., the largest subscriber to the above Fund, and a good friend of the Church here, and J. C. Mahan, Esq., who has done much for the good of the Parish.

It is hoped to have the Church restored before the cold weather sets in.

Some astonishment and feeling has been excited here in consequence of the republication in our local papers of a letter addressed to the editor of the N.Y. *World* by Bishop Perry, in answer to certain imputations on his loyalty based on his supposed statements in his sermon at Westminster Abbey on the occasion of the Centenary. In the course of the letter Bishop Perry says anent his election by the Synod of this Diocese:—"Your correspondent, among other inaccuracies, was also in error in stating that I had accepted the Bishopric of Nova Scotia, to which I was chosen wholly without my knowledge or consent the day preceding the delivery of the sermon in the Abbey. I never for a moment entertained the thought of accepting the invitation to Nova Scotia, and directly on receipt of information of my election cabled the Committee of the Synod to that effect."

The publication of the letter elicited a prompt reply from Archdeacon Gilpin, in which he said:—"The election of Dr. Perry was communicated to him by telegram on the next day after his election. In answer I received the following:—

"Telegram received cannot give encouragement but wait particulars."

If Dr. Perry had no intention of accepting, why not say so at once? Why ask for particulars? Why not put our Synod immediately in a position to take further action? The "particulars" asked for were at once sent to him by duplicate letters. Since the receipt of the above quoted telegram, I neither as Chairman of our Synod, nor in any other way, have received any communication whatever from Dr. Perry."

It would appear that some letter or cable from Bishop Perry must have miscarried, as it

is highly improbable that he would have treated the Synod discourteously.

PERSONAL.—The Rev. Dr. Partridge, has returned from England, and resumed his duties at St. George's. His congregation greeted him with a reception which was kindly and enthusiastic, and they in turn listened to an interesting account of their Rector's trip across the Atlantic.

The Rev. Canon Brock, preached in St. George's last Sunday, upon the doctrine of the Church concerning Infant Baptism.

The Rev. J. R. S. Parkinson will induct, on All Saint's day, the Rev. W. Chas. Wilson into the Rectory of All Saint's parish, Springhill, and will proceed with a series of Special services for a few days in the same place. The Rev. gentlemen together with the Rev. F. R. Murray, were eminently successful in this direction last year at Springhill. The congregation since then has greatly increased and a corresponding greater blessing is anticipated.

CORRIGENDA.—*Albion Mines.*—The name of the Lay Reader—misprinted "Patterson"—should read H. H. Pittman.

Wallace.—The name of the late Churchwarden—misprinted "McCarron"—should read McCann.

THE SERMON.

Preached in St. Luke's Pro-Cathedral, Halifax, August 12th, 1887, by The Most Rev. John Medley, D.D., Metropolitan.—*Continued.*

But I pass on to speak of our manifold duties to the Church and to each other. How solemn it is to stand, as at this time by the grave of our honoured Bishop! How tremendous is the responsibility of electing a successor! How needful is it that all should be controlled by a high sense of our religious duty when the power of nomination and election is placed in our hands! For it is hard to come to a Synod with a sense of power, and yet to feel inwardly constrained to exercise it "with meekness and with fear."

Whether, as in my own case, and that of our departed father in God, the nomination and election were made by the Archbishop and the Chief Minister of the Crown, or whether they were made by the action of the Church at large represented in Synod, we must not forget that the Church alone consecrates to the office. Through her Bishops she gives Mission and Jurisdiction. Through her Bishops she gives letters of Institution. Through her Bishops she carries on the line,—the strand is joined by "three at the least,"—and in her Ordinal she plainly and fearlessly proclaims that "it is evident unto all men, delightfully reading the Holy Scriptures and ancient authors, that from the Apostles' time there have been three Orders of Ministers in Christ's Church: Bishops, Priests, and Deacons;" and in fulfilling this charge, we believe that we are carrying out the order of the Apostles, as well as following the common usage of the Church, when we say, "Take thou authority to execute the office of a Deacon in the Church of God;" "Receive the Holy Ghost for the office and work of a Priest in the Church of God, now committed unto thee by the imposition of our hands;" "Receive the Holy Ghost for the office and work of a Bishop in the Church of God, now committed unto thee by the imposition of our hands." Thus ever since, as before the Reformation, the work has gone on, "from Deacon to Deacon, from Priest to Priest, from Bishop to Bishop, and this solemn ordinance has been given, taken and received."

While, then, we avoid and repudiate certain errors, whether of excess or defect, which it is not necessary now to dwell upon, we venture to join hands with a Clement, an Irenæus, a Cyprian, an Augustine, a Leo in the West; with an Ignatius, a Chrysostom, a Basil in the East; and while we thankfully recognize our English nationality, and our loyalty to the Queen, we