

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

Horton.—Special Advent sermons are being delivered on Sunday evenings in St. James' Church, Kentville, on some Words of Jesus Christ in reference to His Second Advent. The first was on: *The Promise*—I will come again; the second: *The Intermediate Work*—Occupy till I come; the third will be: *The Command*—Watch; and the fourth: *The Separation*—One shall be taken, and another left.

The same series will be preached in St. John's Church, Wolfville, on Sunday afternoons in Advent.

On the four Wednesday evenings in December, a series of lectures will be given in St. James' Church, Kentville, on *The History and Sources of the Prayer Book of the Church of England*. The following subjects will be taken in order: [1] *The Liturgies of Apostolic and Post Apostolic time*. [2] *The Sacramentaries of Leo [A.D. 440], Gelasius [A.D. 492], Gregory [A.D. 590], Alcuin [A.D. 800]*. [3] *The Sarum Use [A.D. 1085]*. [4] *Mediæval Service Books*. [5] *The First steps towards the Reformation of the older offices [A.D. 1516-1547]*. [6] *The First reformed Prayer-Book of the Church of England [A.D. 1549, Edward VI]*. [7] *Subsequent revisions of the Prayer-Book [A.D. 1552; a] The second Reformed Prayer-Book [A.D. 1552]; [b] The revision on the accession of Elizabeth [A.D. 1559]; [c] The Hampton Court Conference [A.D. 1604, James I]; [d] The Savoy Conference [A.D. 1661, Charles II]; at which the final revision of the Prayer-Book took place. A Service preceds the lecture commencing at 7.30.*

The same series of Lectures on the Prayer-Book will be given at St. John's Church, Wolfville, on the Thursday afternoons in Decem., at three o'clock.

KINGS' COLLEGE.—The Record (published by the undergraduates of the University and presenting always a very attractive appearance reflecting great credit upon the Editors and Manager) for November, announces that a Guarantee fund is being raised for King's. It is proposed that a sum of \$3,500 annually be guaranteed, of which \$1,000 will go to the new chair of Modern languages. It adds, "It seems a small amount to ask from the Church people of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland and Bermuda. There are some sons of King's in the far west away in California who have not forgotten their Alma Mater in their prosperity; and some of them have already sent her aid in the most acceptable form, and it is probable that the other sons will stand by her also." We sincerely hope it may be so, and that the very moderate demand made may be quickly and lovingly met. If Church people value their Church and would see her extending her borders, they should carefully and generously sustain her Educational institutions.

AMHERST.—Our beloved Bishop has come, given us his blessing and gone. He has, it might be said, more than fulfilled the very high anticipations of him founded on reports of his eloquence, and graciousness of manner. His Lordship arrived in the parish on Tuesday evening, 4th December, and his first duty was to attend a reception given by the parishioners in the Hall belonging to the Y.M.C.A., which had been secured for that purpose. It was filled to its utmost capacity, not only Church people being present, but all the ministers of the religious denominations around us, and many of their leading members. An address was read by Rev. V. E. Harris, and signed by him and the Wardens on behalf of the parishioners. It tended His Lordship a cordial welcome, expressing thankfulness that the choice had fallen upon him as Diocesan, and conclud-

ed with the hope that he might long be spared to rule over the Church of Christ.

His Lordship replied in pleasing terms and alluded particularly to the word "brother" in the address, which, he said, he had not seen in any former address, and was glad to be called brother and pleased to meet so many "sisters." He also expressed his pleasure in meeting so many belonging to other religious bodies, and thanked them heartily for their kindness for coming to welcome him. A very large number present availed themselves of the pleasure of an introduction to His Lordship who had a pleasant word for everyone.

Several pieces of choice music were rendered and the reception was brought to a close by singing the National Anthem.

The next morning at half-past ten, His Lordship held a Confirmation service in Christ Church, when seven males and eleven females were presented by the Vicar to receive the Apostolic rite. "Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest," was sung before the laying on of hands, and after the blessing, "O Jesus I have promised." The Bishop's plain and beautiful address teemed with instruction, solemn warning, and sympathy. The clergy present besides His Lordship, were Rev. V. E. Harris, rector of Amherst; Rev. Mr. Wollard, curate of All Saints, Spring Hill, and who acted as Chaplain to the Bishop; Rev. J. R. Campbell, rector of Trinity, Dorchester, N.B.; Rev. C. Wiggins, rector of St. Paul's, Sackville, N.B.; and Rev. S. Gibbons, rector-elect of St. George's, Parrsboro.

The Bishop left on the mid day train for Parrsboro.

ALBION MINES.—Our active Churchwarden, Mr. Hensley, takes a very deep interest in our Sunday-school, and is getting up an entertainment for December 18th, an opera to be sung by a selection of our S. S. children, and followed by an afterpiece by older amateurs. We trust the affair will be a great success not only as regards the pecuniary help of the S. School, but for the sake of Mr. Hensley (who is organist and choir master as well) and of those others who have kindly undertaken to lend their aid.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

FREDERICTON.—The Rev. Dr. Courtney, Bishop of Nova Scotia, arrived here on Thursday, 27th Nov., the guest of the Bishop Coadjutor, at the Queen's hotel. He preached in the Cathedral on the evening of the 2nd Dec., when the church was crowded. On Monday Bishop Courtney visited the University and addressed the students. His Lordship is a most able and eloquent preacher: and a most attractive 'platform' speaker.

The Bishop Coadjutor held a Confirmation at St. Mary's Church, on the evening of the 3rd, when twelve candidates were presented by the Rev. Mr. Jeffrey for the "laying on of hands."

ST. JOHN.—On the afternoon of Dec. 4th, the St. Paul's Woman's Aid Society held a "sale" at the residence of the President, Mrs. W. H. DeVeber. The amount realized, including subscriptions, amounted to about \$250. The St. Paul's Needlework Society has been in existence for twenty-two years and shows no signs of diminished energy or interest. The annual meeting will take place on Monday, Jan. 7th, 7.30 p.m., at the house of the President, Mrs. W. H. DeVeber.

The Church of England Institute Lecture Course which embraces five lectures was opened by a concert in Trinity Church school-house on the evening of the 6th. Dec. when a fine programme was presented. Among the lecturers in the course will be Bishop Kingdon, Rev. Dr. Partridge, of Halifax, Mr. C. H. Lugrin and Mr. F. H. C. Miles. The first lecture will be delivered by Bishop Kingdon, on Thursday,

Dec. 13th, his subject being: "Anecdotes of the recent Lambeth Conference."

According to the statement furnished to the S.P.G. to 31st Dec., 1887, and appearing in the 53rd Report of the Church Society, just to hand, there were in the Diocese of Fredericton 6065 communicants; 46,768 members of the Church of England; 75 clergy, and 70 parishes or missions. There would appear to have been a decrease of 243 in the number of communicants as compared with the report for 1886. The total offertory collections amounted to \$19,860, and donations for other Church purposes, including assessments for the maintenance of the Church in the several parishes, amounted to \$31,189.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

SHERBROOKE.—The Anniversary of the District Association took place in this city on Tuesday and Wednesday, 4th and 5th December. On Tuesday evening a Missionary service was held in St. Peter's Church, at which twenty-one clergymen were present. A very earnest and practical sermon was preached by the Rev. E. P. Crawford.

The singing was hearty and the congregation fairly large.

On Wednesday evening the annual Missionary meeting took place in the Church hall, Montreal street, when addresses were delivered by the Rev. E. P. Crawford, Rev. W. T. Forsythe, and the Rev. A. H. Robertson. The Rev. E. P. Crawford treated the audience to a vocal solo, which was a very pleasant innovation. The interest of the meeting was sustained throughout. The offerings amounted to about \$60.

The business meetings of the Association and the Deanery Board were held during the day. Reports were received from the various parishes on the work of the Church during the year, an abstract of which will appear. We are glad to be able to say that they show highly satisfactory results.

UNIVERSITY OF BISHOPS COLLEGE, LENNOXVILLE.

On Dec. 2nd, the first Sunday in Advent, a special service of a very interesting and solemnizing character was introduced into Morning Prayer. This was an office for the admission of Lay Readers drawn up under the authority of the Bishop of Quebec. For many years the students of the College have rendered aid to parishes and missions but during the academic session and in vacations. Taking hold of a suggestion made at one of the recent meetings of the College Missionary Union the authorities have with the Bishop's sanction formed a Guild of Lay Readers under the Professor of Pastoral Theology as Warden. Eight of the students were on Dec. 2, solemnly admitted to the order of Lay Reader by the Bishop's Commissary, the Ven. Archdeacon Roe, D.D. As now constituted, membership in the Guild will be attained as a rule after the student has resided two years in College; but the Warden has power to admit men at an earlier period if he thinks them suitable.

After morning prayer had been said as far as the third Collect, the Archdeacon accompanied by the Principal, entered the sanctuary, Prof. Allnatt remaining outside the rails with the eight candidates who were suitably habited. The Litany was then said by the Archdeacon, as special suffrage for the candidates being introduced after the prayer for the Bishop's and Clergy.

The candidates were then presented by the Professor of Pastoral Theology, with these words, "Venerable Sir, I present unto you these members of the University to be admitted to membership in the Brotherhood of Readers of this College."

Archdeacon: The Persons solemnly admitted