

## NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

Gathered specially for this paper by Our Own Correspondents.

## DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

SPRINGHILL.—There passed away from among us on Sunday, the 17th May, one who has been closely identified with the Church in Springhill for the past eight years, one whose place cannot be easily filled—Mrs. Byers, wife of J. A. Byers, M.D. She was most zealous for the faith, and to her kindly interest and energy the Church owes much. She presided at the organ faithfully and efficiently until within a few months past. Many in need will mourn the loss of a true friend. Her remains find a last resting place in the lovely rural cemetery at Dorchester, N.B.

PETITE RIVIERE, N. S.—His Lordship the Bishop has just left this parish after a very enjoyable time spent in three of the stations. Petite Riviere, LaHave Island, and Broad Cove. There were 49 candidates presented for confirmation in all. The service on the Island was held in the new church which is nearly completed. His Lordship expressed his great satisfaction with the church. The building is small but sufficiently large for the congregation. It measures 30ft x 20, has a chancel 10ft x 10; a porch at the west end with a vestry on the right and a general room on the left; the east window is not yet obtained. I take the opportunity of thanking those friends who have helped us to build so early as this. The service was choral both in Petite Riviere and in the church on the Island. Large congregations attended the services and gave good attention to the wholesome counsel given by His Lordship. His Lordship proceeded to Port Medway after morning service in Broad Cove on 21st. F. Spencer, Incumbent.

LIVERPOOL.—On Whitsunday, the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia administered the Apostolic rite of Confirmation to forty-three candidates in Trinity Church. The seating capacity of the church was taxed to the utmost by the large number from the town and country portions of the parish who were attracted by the presence of their chief pastor. The services were hearty and most impressive, and the music exceedingly good. The Bishop's address to the candidates for confirmation was, as usual, full of loving and paternal counsel. The floral decorations provided by some of the ladies of the congregation were particularly beautiful, and called forth his Lordship's commendation, as did also the reredos which has been recently placed in the chancel, greatly improved its appearance. His Lordship was the preacher at evensong, and spoke on the special subject of the day, to a large and most attentive congregation. Monday afternoon was spent by the Bishop in visiting some of the older members of the church, and on Tuesday morning he left for Lockport, to hold confirmation in that parish and consecrate the new church at Green Harbor.—Com.

PERSONAL.—The Ven. Archdeacon Read, of Prince Edward Island, has returned from England, very much benefitted in health.

We are pleased to state that the Rev. A. J. Townend is now rapidly recovering from his late serious illness, and will probably soon be able to leave the house, although it may be some time before the reverend gentleman regains perfect control of the injured foot.

DARTMOUTH.—The Rev. J. S. Bell and family left for England last week. The churchwardens and vestry gave the reverend gentleman a quarter's salary, equivalent to about \$300, and over \$150 were collected and presented to him before his departure, by the parishioners. A great number of applications for the vacant rectorship have been sent in, some of them coming from Newfoundland and from the Magdalen Islands. The parish is an

important one, and needs an active and able man to work it up. It is very large in extent, including a great deal of suburban work at Preston, as well as the town work in Dartmouth. Unfortunately for the parish, there is still a heavy debt on the chancel and rectory, the debt on the chancel alone amounting to \$1,200.

St. Mark's.—The capacities of the new organ recently placed in this church were shown off last week by Professor Porter, who gave an organ recital in the church. Shortened evensong was first said by Rev. W. C. Wilson and the rector, the Rev. H. J. Winterbourne, after which a long programme of organ music was performed by Mr. Porter. A very large congregation was present, and reverently listened to the strains of the fine new instrument.

St. Matthias' Mission.—J. W. Roach, Esq., of the commissariat department, a gentleman well known in the annals of the mission as one of the active workers and choir helpers, having received his commission last week, left for Bermuda. Mr. Roach was the recipient of a flattering address and presentation from the clergy and executive of the mission, in recognition of his services in the past.

SUNDAY AFTERNOONS FOR THE PEOPLE.—Last Sunday was started a series of lectures on important subjects of the day at St. George's Church. The lectures will take place at a quarter past four on every Sunday afternoon till further notice. The singing is congregational and hearty, printed slips with popular hymns printed thereon being placed in each seat. It is intended to devote some of the afternoons to the healthful influences of religious music, and so on, these afternoons organ recitals will form the principal part; and sacred anthems will be sung. The movement will be an inestimable boon to the many over-worked people of the North end of the City as well as being no less profitable to others.

BISHOP'S CHAPEL.—The indefatigable Chaplain, the Rev. K. C. Hind, has started a Juvenile Temperance Guild in connection with the Chapel, and in this way spreading the cause of temperance in the city.

St. Luke's.—Both the rector and curate of this Church had occasion through ill-health to visit Kingston, Jamaica, and have now received recognition of their services in Jamaica in the shape of a flattering address to both, a purse of money to the rector, and a pocket Communion set for the curate.

CHURCH WOMEN'S MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.—The work of this valuable Church auxiliary during the past year has been remarkably successful. The receipts from all sources during the year were \$2,020.92, principally made up from sales of work, the needle work being executed by willing hands from the various parishes in Halifax, and to some extent in the Province, but principally by the ladies of St. Luke's and the Bishop's chapel congregations. The following Missions are receiving help from the funds of the Association, viz., Clements, Cumberland Mines, Lockport, Louisbourg, and Cape Breton.

## DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

CAMBRIDGE.—The Rev. C. H. Hathaway, missionary in charge of this extensive mission, has, we are glad to report, been much benefitted by his two months rest, and has resumed work with his former energy and zeal. He is looking forward to having a new Church at Jemseg built during the year to replace the old one which is now one of the oldest in the Diocese, and can well be spared to give place to a better one. We bid the worthy missionary God speed in his good work, and can assure any of the brethren who are rich in this world's goods, that if they wish to help a faithful priest and an earnest people in erecting a suitable

building to the honour and glory of God, this aid will not be unworthily bestowed if given to this mission.

FREDERICTON.—The Ruri-decanal Chapter met for business at Rev. F. Alexander's, Fredericton, on the 20th and 21st ult. An early celebration of the Holy Eucharist was held at the Cathedral, the Metropolitan being the celebrant. Among the important items of business transacted was the recommendation of a report of a committee on the manual acts in the service of the Holy Eucharist, the object of which is to promote greater reverence and uniformity throughout the Deanery in the celebration of the holy mysteries. The report of the Choral Union Committee in connection with the Deanery showed that the Union is in a flourishing condition both financially and otherwise. The Rev. S. H. Sterling was re-elected conductor, and the next service of the Choral Union was appointed to be held on the Festival of the Epiphany, at St. Peter's Church, Kingsclear.

The Parish Church of Woodstock has of late been greatly improved in its interior. The walls and roof have been very tastefully colored in kalsomine; a new chancel carpet of suitable pattern and material has been laid down; the walls have been ceiled with ash as high as the window sills; but the most distinguished feature of the improvement is a new reredos of appropriate design, which has been erected, adding greatly to the beauty of the Church. The wood work was done by Lt. Col. Raymond, and in part his gift, and reflects great credit on his taste and skill. The reredos is the gift of J. D. Ketchum, Esq., church warden, and the altar cross by A. F. Street, Esq., Fredericton; the carpet and colouring of the walls is paid for by the liberality and labours of the congregation.—Parish Monthly.

The regular quarterly meeting of the Deanery of St. Andrews was held on Tuesday in Whitsun week on the Mission of St. David and St. Patrick. All the clergy attended, with the exception of their brethren of Grand Manan.

The Holy Communion was celebrated by the Rev. Dr. Ketchum at St. Patrick's Church, at 10.30 o'clock, the Preacher being the Rev. H. H. Neales. His Text was II Cor. ch. VI. Verse i.

At half-past two o'clock the chapter assembled at the Rectory, St. David's, when the first chapter of the First Ep. to Timothy was read in Greek and discussed. A paper was read by Mr. Neales on Drummond's "Natural Law in the Spiritual world," the book being critically considered by all the clergy present.

The Rural Dean, Rev. R. E. Smith, was elected the Representative from the Deanery on the B. H. M., for 1885-6.

A special meeting of the Deanery will be held in Grand Manan during August, the regular September Ember season gathering being arranged for at Campobello.

The subject for discussion on the next occasion is "Confirmation: its doctrine, and the best way of preparing for it."

The details of the approaching Choral Union Meeting at St. George on Tuesday afternoon, August 25th, were left with the Rural Dean and Secretary. The music has been printed by Novello, Ewer & Co., London, and single copies can be obtained from the Rev. T. E. Dowling for 25 cents.

At eight o'clock in the evening a well attended meeting of parishioners assembled in the Oak Bay School House. The large proportion of men present was noticeable. Four addresses were delivered in the following order:—

1. "The past history of this Parish," by the Rev. Theodore E. Dowling.
2. "The building of a church in this neighborhood," by Rural Dean Smith.
3. "The present duties of this Mission," by the Rev. H. H. Neales.
4. "The future prospects of the D. E. S.," by the Rev. Dr. Ketchum.