

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

Rev. K. C. Hind, late chaplain of the Bishop's chapel, is now taking duty at Newport.

Rev. C. F. Lane is to take duty at Summersides, P.E.I. one of the most important parishes on the island.

The Rev. T. R. Gwillan takes temporary charge of the Bishop's chapel.

ALBION MINES.—Thanksgiving day services were held in the Parish Church and St. George's and in the Union Hall at Westville, which were attended much better than the rainy weather led one to expect. The offertories were for the widows and orphans of the Clergy. The church was not decorated as usual because workmen had a scaffold, etc., in place for the chimney, preparing for the new furnaces. The sermon was from the words "My kindness shall not depart from thee," Isaiah lvi, 10.

SEAFORTH.—On the 10th November the Lord Bishop visited this parish for Confirmation. We have hitherto had more than our share of Sundays. Although this was a week day, and confirmation after seven o'clock Evensong, yet not only was the Parish Church filled to its utmost capacity, but the doors had to be left open for accommodation of those unable to gain admittance. The candidates, thirty-one in number, walked to the Church in procession, carrying banners and wearing either rosettes or veils. Evensong was said by the parish priest, Rev. Jas. A. Richey; and then commenced the order of Confirmation, which, with the present Bishop of Nova Scotia, is about as remote from a mere form as can be possibly imagined. While he spoke to the congregation and to the candidates, very near indeed seemed to be brought the things of the other world. The truth and earnestness of his Lordship's strong utterances on the subject of Confirmation and Holy Communion were such as must have caused serious misgivings in those who had misconceived of, or underestimated, the nature and importance of these realities. It goes without saying that the people all, as well as the candidates, were very attentive and even devout; for not to be so, under the circumstances, would have been both a wilful and a difficult sin. On Thursday morning, at St. Mark's Church, Lake Porter, there were eight candidates confirmed, making for the parish 39 in all. These also went to the Church in procession, singing as the others: "Onward Christian Soldiers." It was a promise of their soldierly disposition that they were there at all; for they came from a distance under a pouring rain. But for this there would have been more present. As is often the case those who had furthest to come endured the hardness, while some who were nearer to the Church came all too late or stayed away. The Bishop, after Litany said by the priest, went on with the order of Confirmation just as earnestly as with the greater congregation on the previous evening; and afterwards celebrated the Holy Communion. He then returned to Halifax, over 16 miles distant, in an open carriage, sent for him by mistake as to what the character of the day would be, and in a storm which makes the Rector of the parish in which so much good was done anxious until he hears that his Bishop, who retains youth's zeal, escaped unscathed.

THE PROPOSED CATHEDRAL.—The Cathedral Committee has organized itself for real work. About the first thing to be done is to write up the matter in all the leading church papers in the world, and a sub-committee has been appointed for that purpose. Another sub-committee has been appointed to draw up a statement of facts concerning the centenary and the proposed Cathedral and to send thousands of

these statements to every part of the world asking contributions. Another sub-committee, formed mainly of the above two, is to meet fortnightly to compare notes and take counsel. When the general committee meet again there will be considerable work to do relative to plans for the proposed structure and perfecting for ensuring success. It is expected that a special synod will be summoned to meet some time in August next.

HOSPITAL SUNDAY IN HALIFAX.—The following amounts were collected in the Halifax Churches:—St. Paul's, Rev. Dr. Hale, \$161.15; St. Luke's, Rev. F. R. Murray, \$140; St. George's, Rev. Dr. Partridge, \$56; St. Mark's, Rev. H. J. Winterbourne, \$51.01; Bishop's Chapel, \$42.18; St. James' Mission, \$4.02; St. Matthias' Mission, Rev. C. McCully, \$3. As usual, the Church's aggregate far exceeds the aggregate contributed by any one of the denominations in the city.

CAPE BRETON.

NORTH SYDNEY AND SYDNEY MINES.—Special Thanksgiving Services were held in these parishes on Thursday, November 18th. The Holy Eucharist was celebrated at St. John's Church, North Sydney, at 11 o'clock, when forty received. At 7.30 p.m. Evensong was said at Trinity Church, Sydney Mines. The congregations at both services were good, notwithstanding the weather, which was very disagreeable.

The ladies of the Sewing Society at Sydney Mines are having a Sunday-school built. This has been a much felt want in the parish, and the members of the society deserve high praise for the zeal they are displaying.

The alterations in the Church at North Sydney are now quite completed. A beautiful, little memorial window—the work of Spence, of Montreal—has been placed in one of the transepts.

The regular meeting of the Sydney Rural Deanery took place at Cow Bay on Wednesday, November 3rd. At 11 o'clock Matins was said by Rev. R. D. Bambrick. A celebration of the Holy Communion followed, the Rural Dean, Rev. D. Smith, being the celebrant. The sermon—an admirable discourse on the communion of saint—was preached by the Rural Dean. The chapter met at 3 o'clock in the Rectory. After prayers and routine business the last chapter of 1 Timothy was read in Greek, and considered at length. Two important motions were passed—one, that an arrangement should be made whereby the clergymen of the Deanery might in turn hold services at St. Peter's, a place at present destitute of Church ministrations; the other, that an effort should be made to hold conferences of Sunday-school workers in connection with the meetings of the Deanery. In the evening Evening Prayer was said at 7.30. This service was marked by an interesting ceremony—the induction of Rev. W. J. Lockyer as the first rector of the parish. Up to a few months ago Glace Bay was a mission and formed part of St. George's parish. It was then constituted into a separate parish, and Mr. Lockyer, who, as priest in charge, has been doing noble work for over three years, was chosen as its rector. A large congregation was present at the induction service, which was a bright and hearty one. A sermon, appropriate to the occasion was preached by the Rev. R. D. Bambrick.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

CHATHAM, N.B.—The 2nd anniversary of St. Mary's Juvenile Temperance Guild was observed lately. There was evening prayer, with an address, in St. Mary's Chapel, and afterwards a social meeting in the Sunday-school room. Previous to the hour of service at 7.30 p.m. the

members of the Guild, to the number of about forty, assembled in the School-room and proceeded to the Church, followed by the Clergy present and singing the Processional Hymn, "Brightly beams our banner," etc. The Rev. W. J. Wilkinson, of Bay du Vin, Rev. C. D. Brown, of Dalhousie, and Rev. A. F. Hiltz, of Derby, took part in the services, and an eloquent and appropriate address was delivered to the children by the Rev. O. S. Newnham, rector of Hampton, K. C. The Rev. J. H. S. Sweet, of Newcastle, was also present. After the service the members of the Guild and Clergy returned to the school room, singing a Recessional Hymn. The children sang the special hymns very heartily and did their part with credit to themselves and to Mrs. Howard, who had trained them.

A social reunion of the members of the Guild and their parents and friends in the school room was a very pleasant termination of the anniversary.

The Rector, in a few words, and in the name of the members of the Guild, expressed his great pleasure in having secured the presence of the Rev. Mr. Newnham and the Rev. Mr. Brown with the other Clergy present, who were well known to the company. He heartily thanked Mr. Newnham for his valued help in giving his admirable address and hoped the Guild would go on and prosper according to the ideal set before it in the address.

After happy speeches from the Rev. Messrs. Newnham, Brown, Sweet, Hiltz and Wilkinson the company dispersed, all well pleased with the 2nd anniversary of the Guild.

DERBY, N.B.—Annual Harvest Thanksgiving Services were held in St. Peter's Church in this parish on Thursday, the 18th inst. The Church was tastefully decorated, and the recent improvements in the sacred edifice showed to good advantage. The weather, however, was most unfavorable and the attendance at the services was small. The evening sermon was delivered by the Rev. D. Forsyth, Rector of Chatham.

NEWCASTLE, N. B.—Harvest Thanksgiving Services were held in this parish on November 18th. The Rector was assisted by the Rev. W. J. Wilkinson, of Bay du Vin. The Church was appropriately decorated, but the violent storm which prevailed prevented a good attendance.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

Sermon preached by the Lord Bishop of the diocese on Thanksgiving Day, from the text:—Ephesians v: 20:—"Giving thanks always for all things to God, and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."

His Lordship spoke substantially as follows:—

It is a good custom, my brethren, this that we have of assembling here once a year in the House of God, that we may render to Him, with special solemnity, the services of thanksgiving, which always and everywhere we owe. Good, because it is the giving of honor to whom honor is due. And good, because it recalls us to a sense of our duty; and replaces us in the mental attitude—the spiritual posture in which it becomes us at all times to be. I said "recalls" and "replaces" for we are all of us apt, immersed as we are in the flow of circumstance, and engaged in manipulation of secondary proximate causes. We are all of us apt to forget, or to ignore our dependence for all that we have and all that we are, upon Him who "Laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed for ever." And who is not the Creator and Continual Upholder of this material world only, but who presides ever, and disposes all in the moral world. For "the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever He will." And we forget, and when we forget our continual dependence upon God, then the habitual thankfulness due for His continued mercies fall from us