

## NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

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## DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

**ALBION MINES AND NEW GLASGOW.**—The two Sunday-schools held their pic-nic on the 12th; weather having caused a postponement from the 10th. A short children's service was said in the Parish Church at 2 o'clock, and then all hands went to Mount Rundell Park, in which, by the kindness of Mr. Rutherford, the feast and games took place. Swings, tugs-of-war, races, scrambles, round games and as much as they could eat of good things occupied the time till dusk, when all departed, as happy as young princes, maybe happier than some such. Gratitude is especially due to Mrs. W. B. Moore, Mrs. Pritchard and Miss Mason, of New Glasgow, and to Miss Maggie Blenkinsop and her brother John, besides Mrs. Poole, Mrs. Johnstone, the Rutherford family, and many others.

**PUGWASH.**—Rev. V. E. Harris, Vicar of Amherst, having exchanged with Rev. Mr. Bent, deacon in charge, for the purpose of administering Holy Communion, officiated in St. George's Church, on Sunday, the 6th instant.

Another very acceptable offering has just been presented to the church—a set of hangings in green and gold velvet for lectern and pulpit. The materials were given by Miss Lottie Harding, of Amherst, and the work by Miss Rufus Bent, of the same place. "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

**RAWDON.**—This parish has just lost another of its foremost men, Mr. Daniel Anthony, who entered into rest on the 1st inst.

On Tuesday, the 8th inst., the annual Sunday-school picnic and harvest thanksgiving were held in this parish. Various games were provided for and enjoyed by the young people. The ladies, as usual, provided abundance of refreshments, and all seemed to enjoy the treat to the full. Shortly after 6 o'clock the procession was formed, and the children, headed by their banner, marched to the church, singing, "Brightly gleams our banner." The east end of the church was decorated with white banners, bearing appropriate texts in blue and gold; the re-table was filled with fruits, flowers and grain, and the holy table draped in white. The service was bright and hearty, the anthem "Thou crownest the year" being particularly well rendered by the choir. The only cause for regret was the unavoidable absence of Rev. H. J. Winterbourne, who had kindly promised to preach. But his place was taken by Rev. H. How, Rector of Newport, who preached an appropriate and telling sermon from "Consider the lilies how they grow." The offertory was for the W. and O. Fund.

**ANNAPOLIS AND ROSETTE.**—Church work is progressing favorably in this parish. The rector has lost an efficient assistant in the resignation of his late curate. Mr. Partridge endeared himself to the parishioners during the four years he resided among them. His work lay not only in Annapolis and Perrott, but especially in Rosette, where he resided. Here he was instrumental in initiating the erection of a well designed little brick church. From this locality he was able to conveniently visit Dalhousie church fortnightly, passing, on the way, over a road likely to impart peculiar sensations. It is to be hoped that a successor may be found willing to continue the work already begun. For a few weeks the curacy is taken by the Rev. J. Lowry.

Mr. Partridge was not allowed to leave his Annapolis congregation until they presented

him with a purse of \$73. Their best wishes accompany himself and Mrs. Partridge, who was beloved by all, to their new parish of Jeddore and Ship Harbor.

**PERSONAL.**—The Rev. Canon Dart sailed for England last week from Halifax in the *Nova Scotian*. Many of the city clergy were present to bid him God-speed. The rev. gentleman during his stay in the diocese has made many firm and true friends, and those who know him best feel that in the departure of Canon Dart the young men of the diocese have lost a sterling and sympathizing friend, and the Church has lost one of her hardest and best of workers. It is with the deepest regret that we record the departure of such a man from the Canadian Church.

**EXCURSION.**—The combined Sunday-schools of St. George's and St. Matthias' Mission, Halifax, had an excursion last week, at which about 500 children and 300 visitors attended. The affair was a very enjoyable one. The schools are growing in the north end of the town, and, with first-class tutorial supervision, the numbers ought to be nearly doubled by the time of next year's excursion.

**ST. GEORGE'S BENEFIT SOCIETY.**—The semi-annual meeting of this society was held last week in the large school-room of St. George's Church, Halifax, the president, Rev. Dr. Partridge, in the chair. After the usual routine business, the reports of the various officers were read and adopted, the treasurer reporting a balance in hand of about \$100. The financial secretary reported 96 members in good standing, and a revenue of \$25 per month, which is slowly but surely increasing. The society, under careful management, has been cautious in admitting to its membership, and is now in a flourishing condition, and will prove a great blessing to the working men of the north end. The election of a long list of officers then took place.

**THE HODGSON MEMORIAL.**—A meeting took place in St. Luke's Hall, Halifax, last Tuesday, for the purpose of considering the best means of perpetuating the memory and example of the late Rev. G. W. Hodgson. The Ven. the Archdeacon of Nova Scotia was in the chair. The Chairman lucidly explained the objects of the meeting, and read extracts from letters from persons unable to be present, and also submitted various suggestions for a fitting memorial. After a careful and lengthy discussion, the following resolution was moved by the Rev. Dr. Nichols, and seconded by the Rev. Dr. Partridge,

"That a subscription be opened to found a lectureship in Theology at King's College, Windsor, to be called the Hodgson Lectureship."

Another resolution recommended the following gentlemen as a Committee to further the movement: The Ven. the Archdeacon of Nova Scotia, Chairman; Revs. V. E. Harris, Secretary, Amherst; D. C. Moore, Stellarton; J. A. Kaulbach, Truro; F. R. Murray, Halifax; W. C. Wilson, Halifax; Canon Maynard, Windsor; E. A. Harris, Mahone Bay; J. Ambrose, Digby; Dr. Nichols, Liverpool; R. D. Bambrick, Sydney Mines; J. M. Davenport, St. John; F. W. Yroom, Shediac; Canon Brigstocke, St. John; Chaplain General H. M. Forces, England; Messrs. Ed. Bayfield, Charlottetown; L. Watson, Charlottetown; T. Brown, Halifax; C. Bullock, Halifax; H. S. Poole, Stellarton; C. Townsend, Amherst; Hon. Senator Kaulbach, Lunenburg; E. C. Kaulbach, M.P., Lunenburg; H. Farish, M.D., Liverpool; Dr. Moody, Windsor; Dr. David Muir, Truro; J. Allen Jack, St. John; C. Weldon, St. John; Major Freeland, London, England.

Subscriptions may be sent to any member of the Committee.

## DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

**CHATHAM, N. B.—Episcopal Visitation.**—The Most Reverend the Metropolitan of Canada arrived in this parish on Wednesday, Aug. 19th, and was the guest, during his visit, of His Honour Judge Wilkinson, at Bushville. On Sunday Aug. 23rd, the Bishop administered the rite of Confirmation to 26 candidates, in the presence of a large congregation. The service began with the Confirmation Service, and concluded with the administration of the Holy Communion. At the close of the former service the Bishop addressed a few words of faithful and earnest counsel to the newly confirmed. His Lordship afterwards preached, with his usual force, in the customary place in the order of the Communion Service. The Rev. Canon Medley, Rector of Sussex, was present, and assisted in the service. In the afternoon the Metropolitan preached at St. Paul's Church, and the Rector was assisted at the evening service in St. Mary's Chapel by the Rev. Canon Medley who preached a highly interesting and instructive sermon on the Ministry of the Holy Angels.

On Tuesday, Aug. 25th, the Bishop, accompanied by the Rev. Canon Medley, the Rector of Chatham, His Honour Judge Wilkinson and other parishioners of Chatham proceeded by the steamer "Miramichi" to Baie des Vents where the rite of Confirmation was administered to 13 candidates in the Church of St. John the Evangelist. There was a crowded congregation and a large number of Communicants, and all were glad to see the Venerable Bishop and to hear his fatherly counsels. His Lordship returned the same day to Chatham, and on the day following consecrated a portion of land which has been added to the burial ground at St. Paul's Church.

On Thursday evening, Aug. 27th, a hearty reception was given to the Metropolitan at the Rectory where a *Conversazione* was held, and a large number of the parishioners of Chatham met to welcome the venerable and beloved Bishop. Before the company separated the Rector on behalf of himself and the parishioners, in a few words, welcomed his Lordship to their midst and expressed the hope that God would continue his health and strength and that they would see him soon again. His Lordship in a very happy reply, referred in appreciative and thankful terms to the hearty reception he had received, as evidenced in the abundance of good things which he saw on the refreshment tables so handsomely furnished by the ladies and in the good wishes otherwise expressed. He congratulated them upon the evidences of work and prosperity which he saw in the parish. On the following day the Bishop proceeded to Newcastle and held Confirmation in St. Andrew's Church, where 11 candidates were presented by the Rector, the Rev. J. H. S. Sweet. The clergy present on this interesting occasion were the Revs. Canon Medley, A. F. Hilty, D. Forsyth, W. J. Wilkinson and the Rector. The beautiful little church was filled with a worshipful congregation who listened with great pleasure and profit to the Bishop's address.

On Saturday, Aug. 29th, the Metropolitan travelled to Bathurst and held a Confirmation in St. George's Church where 23 candidates were presented by the Rector, the Rev. W. H. Street. On Monday the Bishop accompanied by the Rev. D. Forsyth, R. D., proceeded by rail to Dalhousie, where Confirmation was administered on Tuesday evening, and on the following day the Bishop in company with the Rector, the Revs. E. P. Flewelling, and D. Forsyth, travelled to Flatlands, 10 miles beyond Campbelltown on the I. C. R. Here at the owner's house, Mr. Cooling, an old man, of 75 years, was Confirmed, and the Holy Communion was celebrated to the great joy of the few faithful church people who had come together