

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

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DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

HALIFAX.—Personal.—The Rev. E. A. Harris is visiting Prince Edward Island. The rev. gentleman is doing a good work at Mahone Bay. The new church there is progressing rapidly. The recent tea-meeting brought in about \$400 to the building fund.

The Rev. J. A. Kaulbach is visiting his friends at Lunenburg, being obliged to take rest on account of indisposition. Last Sunday week the rev. gentleman could scarcely finish the regular service in Truro, on account of indisposition. We hope that the needed rest will bring restored health.

The Rev. C. McCully, who recently resigned the charge of Clementsport, has been nominated by the Lord Bishop to the Chaplaincy of the Military Prison at Melville Island, Halifax. Hitherto the Garrison Chaplain has had the services of an assistant military chaplain; now there will be but one military chaplain on the station, and the charge of Melville Island will be placed in the hands of one of the Nova Scotian clergy, nominated by the Lord Bishop. As the duties of the Chaplain are not very onerous, Mr. McCully will assist at the Bishop's Chapel.

The Rev. W. B. King, formerly Curate of St. Peter's, Charlottetown, is to return to his old charge, and carry on the work until an incumbent has been secured for the parish.

NEW GLASGOW.—The appeal for King's College was read in St. George's on Sunday, 6th inst., and the Rector preached the annual sermon for that institution: "That our sons may grow up as the young plants."

Public thanksgiving was offered in St. George's (and also in the Parish Church) for the preservation of three members of our Bishop's family from death by the shipwreck of the *Hanoverian* on the coast of Newfoundland. The diocese would indeed have had cause to mourn had Mrs. and Miss Binney been taken from us, and all know how the Bishop's life is bound up in the life of his dear child's child.

BEAVER HARBOR.—The Tangier Rural Deanery met at Salmon River on Thursday, Sept. 3rd, being the first meeting ever held in the above parish. It being the eastern extremity of the Deanery, the attendance of the Chapter was small. Morning service was held in the Salmon River church, when the Rev. E. H. Ball took prayers, and the Rev. W. Ellis, Rural Dean, preached and celebrated, assisted by the Rector, the Rev. Richmond Smith. The church was well filled, and there were upwards of 60 communicants.

At the capitular meeting in the afternoon, the aim sought for in the organization of Rural Deaneries—viz., the mutual edification of the clergy—was felt to have been very fully realized.

A very large congregation gathered in the evening, when the Rural Dean again preached. Both sermons, though from different texts, were on the subject of "the Kingdom of Heaven;" and consisted of lucid explanations of the phrase, showing that by it is meant the Church on earth, and dealing with the Kingship of Christ, the visibility of the Kingdom, its Catholicity, the means of membership with it by Holy Baptism, sustenance in it by the means of grace, specially by the Holy Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, &c. This teaching, given in a very lucid manner must have helped very much to strengthen the attachment of the parishioners to the Church, and to build them up in the Faith.

On Friday, well attended services were held at Beaver Harbor and Sheet Harbor, when the Rural Dean again preached.

The next meeting was appointed for Dartmouth, on Nov. 18th.

WEYMOUTH.—Dr. Dart, late President of King's College, being about to return to England, the parishioners of Weymouth presented him with the following address, to which he replied in the most feeling terms:—

Reverend and dear Sir,—

We, the undersigned, regret to learn that, after a residence of ten years in this Province, as President of King's College, Windsor, you have decided to return to England, your native land. We cannot, however, bid you farewell without offering you the sincere expression of our regard and esteem. Our acquaintance with you has extended over a period of seven years. Since then your vacations have been spent in our midst. Owing to your numerous duties at the College, you might have fairly claimed rest and exemption from clerical functions; yet you have ever most cheerfully responded to the frequent invitations of our Rector to occupy the pulpits in this parish.

In asking your acceptance of the accompanying writing-desk and gold pen, we beg to assure you, reverend and dear sir, that you carry with you the affection and best wishes of the inhabitants of Weymouth, who will not fail to pray that the blessing of God may ever accompany you and prosper your work in whatever new sphere of duty He shall appoint you to serve Him.

The address was signed by the Rev. P. J. Filleul, A.B., Rector of Weymouth, by the Wardens, the members of the Vestry, and a large number of the parishioners.

WEYMOUTH, N.S., Sept. 4, 1885.

MEETING OF THE RURAL DEANERY OF ST. GEORGE.—This Chapter, comprising in territorial extent the Counties of Guysboro', Antigonish and Richmond, C.B., was convened for worship and business at Port Mulgrave on August 19th last. Owing to the fact that the clergy of this Chapter are separated by long distances, in two or three cases, and some of the Missions being well nigh inaccessible in inclement seasons of the year, meetings are necessarily irregular, and are sometimes held at longer intervals than the Rural Dean and his clergy would wish. However, meetings are held of much profit, and the fact that we are governed by a model constitution, attested to by the fact that two deaneries in the diocese have adopted our code in its main features, ensures for us a prominent position.

The meeting in the mission of Melford, as regards attendance of the clergy, viz., the Rev. Rural Dean Hamilton, Rev. Messrs. Brine, Macdonald, Ansell and the incumbent, the Rev. D. S. Sutherland, was quite satisfactory. The absence of large congregations was accounted for from the fact that many of them, following the vocation of fishing, were thus absent from the parish.

On the morning of Wednesday of the above date, the public service was celebrated in St. Paul's Church, morning prayers being read by Rev. R. F. Brine, lessons read and sermon preached by Rev. A. C. Macdonald, the Dean taking the Holy Communion and being celebrant, while the incumbent acted as server. The sermon was pronounced as one of much power, and suggestive of doctrinal and practical lessons not a few.

The meeting proper of the Chapter was held at the Mission House in the afternoon, and questions raised and answered concerning the services and usages of the Church of God, Lay Baptism receiving a large share of attention.

At 7 o'clock p.m. the clergy and a goodly congregation assembled for Evensong, the ser-

vice being divided among the clergy, and the Rev. Mr. Brine preaching a sermon full of thought and excellent advice, regarding the duties and privileges of our Christian worship. The choir throughout, though limited in numbers, performed their part in a churchly manner.

It may not be out of place to say a word or two with reference to the extent and character of this mission and the labors of the missionary. To be successful here a man requires a high standard of physical development. When it is learned that the present incumbent has travelled on foot from one end of the parish to the other, a distance of eighteen miles, and returned, saying three services and preaching as many sermons, in one Sunday, it will be acknowledged that he possesses this characteristic in an eminent degree. Evidences are not wanting of his ministerial success, as a church finished in one portion of his mission (after remaining incomplete for some fifteen years), and arrangements being well forward for the erection of a new church in another portion, amply testifies to his zeal and energy. Moreover, he has not yet completed his second year in the work here.

It cannot be omitted from this account that the people of Port Mulgrave manifested their proverbial hospitality on the occasion of this meeting, and that the scenic beauty of the Strait of Canso, now generally admitted as possessing charms second to no locality in America, received much comment.

The success, also, with which Mrs. Sutherland discharged her duties as hostess (she being but recently a bride) demonstrated that Mr. Sutherland has a helpmeet in every sense of the word.

AMHERST.—The annual picnic of Christ Church Sunday-school passed off on the 4th inst., and was a most enjoyable affair. The pupils were treated to a drive, while tea, &c., was being prepared for them in a pleasant grove, about two miles from town. Music by the Juvenile Brass Band added greatly to the pleasure of the day.

Mr. Shaw has just paid this and the neighboring parishes a visit on behalf of the GUARDIAN.

On Sunday, the 6th inst., Mr. Selwyn Shreve, licensed lay reader, assisted the Vicar at Matins and Evensong, and delivered an earnest address at the former.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

GRAND MANAN.—On Thursday, Sept. 3rd, the Right Rev. H. T. Kingdon, Bishop-Coadjutor, with Revs. Canon Neales, of Woodstock, K. E. Smith, R.D., of St. George, T. E. Dowling, of St. Stephen, H. H. Neales, of Campo Bello, arrived at Grand Manan on the steamer *Flushing*.

Divine service was held at 7 p.m., followed by stirring addresses from Revs. K. E. Smith, T. E. Dowling and H. H. Neales.

The Church of the Ascension was consecrated on Friday morning by the Right Reverend the Bishop-Coadjutor. The service was deeply impressive. The petition for Consecration was read by the Rector of the parish, the Rev. W. S. Covert, and the deed of consecration by Rev. T. E. Dowling.

For the musical portion of the service a good deal of credit is due to Mrs. Josiah Parkill, the organist, and the members of the choir.

The Bishop preached two valuable sermons—in the morning at the consecration, and in the evening, when an aged gentleman was confirmed.

Mr. K. C. J. Dunn, of St. John, N.B., was the architect of this church. At the missionary meeting one of the clergymen spoke of it as "a gem."