

News from the Home Field.

GREAT PROGRESS IN HURON.

THE BISHOP'S CHARGE.—The Bishop read his address to the Synod. It showed a large measure of prosperity, and the episcopal acts, &c., of the year were summed up as follows:—1st, ordained 7 deacons; 2nd, ordained 9 presbyters; 3rd, confirmed 1,776 persons, 4th, baptized 3 adults; 5th, consecrated 9 churches; 6th, consecrated 2 church-yards; 7th, opened 2 churches; 8th, preached 131 sermons; 9th, delivered 144 addresses; 10th, attended 49 meetings; 11th, administered the Holy Communion 34 times. It was stated that not fewer than fifty of the working clergy have received their theological training in Huron College; also that Dr. Alford, late Bishop of China, accepts the position of commissary and canon of the cathedral without any charge upon the diocese. The condition of the diocese in 1880, as compared with 1871, when Bishop Heimuth assumed charge, is as follows:—

Table with 3 columns: Category, 1871, 1880. Rows include Parishes, Churches, Parsonages, Mission Stations, Number of clergy doing parochial duties, Supernumeraries, and On leave.

Twelve parishes formerly dependent upon Mission Fund aid have been constituted Synodical Rectories. This comparison gives an increase of 15 parishes, 74 churches, 37 parsonages, 16 mission stations, 18 clergymen, and 91 additional localities supplied with the ministrations of the Church. The address of the Bishop was cheered most enthusiastically, and a resolution was passed with only three dissentients that the address be read in every diocesan church as a pastoral.

DIocese OF FREDERICTON.

THE new Board of Home Missions had their first meeting last week. There was a full attendance, and among other things the grants referred to the Board by the General Committee were considered with satisfactory results, we believe. We are unable to understand why the Secretary of the Board is not instructed to publish the results of the meetings. While it might not be well to print the substance of discussions, the results are the property of the whole Church, and Churchmen in the Diocese are entitled to know what the body which represents the Society in this branch of work is doing, without waiting till the end of the year. Those results are of interest to the Diocese, because a part of its Mission work. There is no advantage in this tendency to do things in a corner, which we have noticed in several matters lately. The Board ought not to be afraid to take the people into their confidence, who gave them the power to act, and to whom they are responsible.

MONCTON.—The Church here has been labouring under a burden of a floating debt of \$300 for some time past, part of it incurred some years ago—a balance on the heating apparatus, &c. At a meeting last week, \$187 were subscribed, payable in three monthly instalments, and the balance has since been provided for in the same way. By Oct. 1st, the Parish will be entirely free from debt, with a new Church, valued, with the furniture, at nearly \$6,000, and a Rectory, on which \$1,000 have been spent during the last five years. Several subscriptions have been promised for the completion of the tower and spire, which will cost about \$500. Collections will be made during the next few months with the intention of finishing them next spring. We wish some of our friends outside would help us a little in this, as we are doing all we can.

GRAND MANAN.—A new Church is in course of erection at one end of this Island.

WELDFORD.—A most successful picnic and bazaar has been held in this Parish for the benefit of a new Church to be erected. About \$750 were realized, and it is estimated that 1,000 persons were present. The band from Kingston was on the grounds, and addresses were

delivered by Rev. W. B. Armstrong, Rector, Rev. Geo. M. Armstrong, of St. John, and others.

DORCHESTER.—A bazaar has been held in this Parish to pay off the debt on the Rectory. \$200 were realized.

DIocese OF NOVA SCOTIA.

Table with 3 columns: Location, General Purposes, Deficiency Fund. Lists various locations like Aberdeen, Albert, Amoy, Bathurst, etc., with corresponding amounts.

Total.....\$7,060 28 \$2,039 17 The contributions to the Widows and Orphan Fund were: Pettaquamscutt \$4.10; St. Mark's \$110.20; Special \$103.00; St. Martin's \$2.00; St. David \$2.00.—Total \$227.30.

UPHAM, KINGS CO.—Our Bishop has just been paying us a visit, and we may all be thankful to find his Lordship in such apparent good health, after thirty-five years Diocesan work; and froth from the wearing and more or less anxious duties in connection with the Sessions of the Synod and Church Society. On Wednesday 7th July, Canon Medley drove his Lordship some 14 or 15 miles, from Sussex to St. Paul's Church in Hammond, and which is attached to Upham Mission. Here a good congregation were ready to meet their Bishop, and greet him, it may be for the last time as their Diocesan. The Rev. Mr. Lockward of Waterford, an adjacent mission, was also able to join us.

After Litany, said by the respected Canon, eleven candidates were presented for Confirmation; after which the Bishop gave us one of his usual practical and instructive addresses.

Having partaken of luncheon, in company with the brethren of the clergy, at Mr. Ferguson's, the Missionary drove His Lordship to the Upham Parsonage, some 15 or 16 miles.

Next day the service was at the Parish Church of St. Peter's, and thirty-five persons were confirmed. The Bishop, as is his wont, addressing them in such a clear and impressive manner as to render the service of a profitable and lasting character.

On Friday morning, the Missionary drove the Bishop to St. Martin's (formerly a part of this Mission) where we had a large congregation and a very satisfactory service, and of which you will, most probably, receive fuller details from the able and energetic Rector, J. Roy Campbell. Later in the afternoon, we returned to the Upham Parsonage 12 miles where the Bishop rested for the

night. Next day the Rev. Mr. Hoadley, Curate of Hampton, came over to Upham and after dinner drove the Bishop back for his Confirmation on Sunday, at Hampton.

May we all pray for a Blessing on our Bishop's Ministration, and that his words of counsel and direction may encourage the young, and confirm the strong, and help us all to prepare for the enjoyment of the endless life.

DIocese OF NOVA SCOTIA.

THE Bishop will be at the following places next month:—

- August 1—Guysboro.'
—Halfway Cove.
2—Manchester.
3—Bayfield.
5—Port Mulgrave.
8—Sydney.
—Coxheath.
9 to 13—Glace Bay, Louisburg, etc.
15—Sydney Mines and North Sydney.
17 to 22—Baddeck, Ingonishe, etc.

HALIFAX.—St. Luke.—On entering the church on the morning of Tuesday week, the sexton discovered the chancel in a state of disorder. During the night the building had been entered, and the Eagle Lectern thrown down and damaged, and a valuable Altar Cross partially destroyed. In the basement, the surplices were scattered on the floor and trampled upon, and other damage done. Fortunately for the credit of Halifax, such occurrences are very rare. So far, there is no clue to the perpetrators of the rascally deed. The Vestry has offered a reward of \$50 for the discovery of the guilty party.

CHESTER.—The Rev. George H. Butler has been elected Rector of this Parish. The selection is a good one, and Chester is to be congratulated on its choice. We shall look for tidings of great progress in the work of the Church in this place.

AMHERST RURAL DEANERY.—The members of the Chapter of this Deanery will hold their next meeting at Acadia Mines, Londonderry, on August 24th.

By order.

J. A. KAULBACH, Sec.

Truro, July 23d, 1880.

PICTOU.—The fancy sale in aid of the St. James Church Building Fund, held in Mason Hall on Friday 16th inst., was very successful, in a pecuniary point of view and otherwise. The tables for the sale of fancy goods were laden with very handsome articles, while the stock of cheap and useful goods was not neglected. The refreshment tables were conspicuous for the tempting viands and refreshments displayed. Ere the sale terminated, nearly everything was disposed of and the snug sum of \$550.00 was to the credit of the energetic ladies of the church, for the furtherance of the work of church construction. Too much praise cannot be given to the fairer part of St. James congregation for their successful efforts, while quite a large amount is due the people of the town for large, general, and kindly bestowed patronage.—Local Paper.

GLACE BAY, C. B.—Permit me to acknowledge the following donations towards liquidating the debt on Glace Bay Parsonage:—Mrs. E. G., \$5.00; W. H. P., \$2.00; G. R. A., \$5.00; A Friend, .50; W. P., \$2.00; M. Mc., \$1.00; B. G., \$1.00; Lt. Col. L., \$4.00; Mrs. O. P., \$1.00; K., .50; Mrs. B., \$1.00; Mrs. A., \$5.00; Col. C., \$2.50; G. R., .50; R. P., \$4.00; P. W., \$5.00; St. G. T., \$2.00; Mrs. M., .50; Lady R. P., \$3.00; Mrs. Mc., \$3.00; Mrs. C., \$2.00; Mrs. O., \$5.00; Mrs. W. L., \$2.00; W. E. S., \$4.00; A Friend, .50; J. E. W., \$1.00; J. B., \$2.00; K. McL., \$2.00; Friend, \$1.00; Chief J., \$5.00; M. Bros., \$2.00; E. D. M., \$1.00; A Friend, \$5.00; J. W., \$1.00; — P., \$1.00; Mrs. T., \$2.00; Capt. M., \$1.00; W. G., \$1.00; A. P. S., \$2.00.

I also would take this opportunity to state, that a Parsonage and Glebe of forty acres were purchased some two years ago, and on this property there is a mortgage of seven hundred dollars. The people have promised some two hundred dollars, besides what they have already paid, and kind friends in England are sending small sums towards its liquidation. The coal trade has made it impossible for the people to do more than they

have done, and the existence of the Mission depends upon the payment of the debt. Will not Christian friends extend a helping hand? The Missionary has paid the interest of the money borrowed up to date, in order that the debt may not increase, but it is a burden he can ill afford, and which his successor may not feel justified or disposed to continue. Will not some Christian friends here in the Colonies follow the example of some English Christians who, having read my appeal in the Little Magazine—the Net—have not only given their pound, but have added such loving words as show that they deem it a pleasure and privilege to help on God's work.

Should you, Messrs. Editors, deem it convenient, I will send you not only my appeal as it appeared in the Net of May last, but also a copy of some of the letters I have received.

C. CROUCHER, Missionary.

P. S.—Will those kind friends who promised me donations, but whose names do not appear in the above list, please forward their donations direct to me, or leave them with the Venerable the Archdeacon.

HALIFAX.—The following circulars have been addressed to each of the Clergy:— HALIFAX, July 22, 1880.

Rev. and Dear Brother.—I enclose you a copy of his Lordship's letter, which fully explains the object of my visit to your Parish. Also, a list of my appointments. I shall be glad if you can arrange a Service at every Church and Mission, and if possible to bring together not only adults, but especially the children of your Sunday Schools, and congregations. The more appointments you make, the better it will be for the work, two or three a day if requisite.

Praying Our Father's blessing on our united work, believe me,

Fraternally yours,

R. WAINWRIGHT, Sec. B. H. M.

P. S.—The Committee desire a collection in aid of the funds at each Service. R. W.

HALIFAX, July 22, 1880.

To the Clergy of the Diocese.

REV. AND DEAR BROTHERN.—The Rev. R. Wainwright, Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, has been directed by the Committee to visit some of the Missions this year, for the purpose—not merely of addressing the assembled people from the pulpit or platform but also, and more particularly with the sanction of the Incumbent—of visiting from house to house, in order to obtain additional contributions to the funds of the Board, and to establish permanent organizations in each Parish or Mission. As the necessity is great, and an increase essential, if our work is to be continued, even with the grants as lately reduced, I trust that you will afford the Secretary all the aid possible in this work. Every Parish has received, and most are still receiving aid, either from the S. P. G., or the B. H. M., and all are called upon to help others as they themselves have been helped.

Your affectionate brother, H. NOVA SCOTIA.

Appointments of Secretary of B. H. M. from July 30th to October 2nd, 1880:—

- July 30th to Aug. 4th, Eastern Passage
Aug 7 to Aug. 12th, Windsor
Aug. 12, to Aug. 17th, Parrsboro.
Aug. 18, to 21st, Cornwallis.
Aug. 21, to 25th, Granville,
Aug. 25, to Aug. 28th, Rosette.
Aug. 28, to Aug. 31st, Digby.
Sep. 3, to Sep. 10th, Shelburne.
Sep. 11, to Sep. 16th, Bridgewater.
Sep. 17, to Sep. 24th, Lunenburg.
Sep. 24, to Oct. 1st, Mahone's Bay.

E. WAINWRIGHT, Sec'y. B. H. M.

Halifax, July 22nd, 1880.

SEAFORTH.—Again have the loyal Churchmen of the Parish been cheered by the fatherly presence and kind words of their Bishop. Like their brethren of old, when the call was made, they left their nets and boats, and congregated themselves together in one place, that they might listen to words of Truth. Saturday, the day His Lordship came into this Parish, was anything but an agreeable day. The sky was overcast, with dark clouds, occasional heavy falls of rain, and these, together with the usual accompaniment of muddy roads, made the prospect anything but cheerful.

The next day, however, brought a better state of things in more ways than one. The sun came forth in all its beauty, dispersing the clouds, and rapidly drying up the roads. Sunday, at 10.30, a. m., the Parish Church was literally crowded, inasmuch as benches had to be placed in the aisle for the people who otherwise would have been obliged to stand; and this crowd extended itself even into the vestibule of the church. The candidates for Confirmation, to the number of 39, were placed together near the chancel. The services of the morning opened with the reading of the Litany, followed by a hymn. After the introductory part of the Order for Confirmation had been read, His Lordship made an earnest appeal to the candidates, that they might order their future footsteps in accordance with the sacred position in which they had now voluntarily placed themselves; that as there was but One Baptism, there could only be One Confirmation, and that the blessing of the Holy Spirit, through the Laying-on of Apostolic hands, would be in proportion to the earnest, prayerful and penitential manner in which the candidates came forward to receive it. The candidates were then presented in threes for the reception of this Holy and Primitive Rite. In the sermon following the Ante-Communion Office, His Lordship, in the subject founded on the text, "Thou God seest me," in an impressive and skillful manner clinched the nails driven in by his former appeal. In the continuation of the Office of the Holy Communion, a very large number of the faithful came forward, and with deep reverence received the Holy Mysteries of the Body and Blood of our Saviour Christ.

In the evening, after a drive of seven miles, His Lordship preached in St. George's Church Chozetcook Head. The sermon in the evening was preached from the text taken from Gal. 6. 7-8. This sermon fitting so closely the occupation of the people in this part of Parish was listened to with wrapt attention by a crowded audience. After the sermon, one of the ablest and most heart-touching productions that we have ever had the pleasure of hearing, His Lordship made an address to the people having especial reference to their new Church building which is, as yet, not quite finished. This address was a cheering compliment upon the hard pushed endeavours and zeal of the people in the service of our Lord and of His Christ. His Lordship returned to Halifax on Monday morning bearing with him the hearty well-wishes of a grateful and encouraged people. By His Lordship's suggestions and words of practical wisdom, he has largely helped to remove the difficulties which have bound the hands of both Priest and people, leaving them freer in the execution of those duties which they owe Christ and His Church.

Praying that you may insert this letter in the columns of your very estimable paper,

I remain yours in H. C. C., J. W. NORWOOD, Parish Priest.

FORKS, WINDSOR.—A pleasing incident occurred at the Forks Church, Windsor, on Wednesday evening, the 4th inst., on which occasion the Rev. George H. Butler, who has during the past two years while attending College acted as lay reader to this Church, was made the recipient of the following address upon his being appointed to the Parish of Chester:—

THE FORKS, WINDSOR, July 14th, 1880.

The Rev. Geo. H. Butler:—REV. AND DEAR SIR,—We the Wardens, Vestry and Parishioners of St. Michael's Chapel, Forks, under a deep sense of obligation for your untiring efforts to promote the welfare of our Parish, desire now to tender our sincere thanks for the same, and beg you will accept our heart-felt expressions, together with this small offering, as a token of our esteem and regard for the very deep interest you have taken in our spiritual welfare. We deeply regret, dear sir, that you are about to leave us; it is needless to say we shall miss you, and we shall always try to remember you teaching and good counsel, but we must submit to such earthly partings, knowing always that it is for some good and wise purpose. We would assure you, dear sir, that you carry with you our cordial affection and best wishes; also our sincere and earnest prayers for your future welfare. May your labours be abundantly blessed, and may He, who watches