

News from the Home Field.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

WALTON.—A. M. N. Parker and J. W. Stephens, Esq., Church Wardens, desire to acknowledge the receipt of \$5.00, from Mr. Harry Parker, of Bridgeport, Conn., towards current expenses.

A new Organ, invoiced at \$175, but sold for Church purposes at \$80, by Messrs. Heustis, of Windsor, has just been secured for the Tenny Cape Mission Room.

TRURO.—The Bishop of the Diocese administered the Rite of Confirmation in St. John's Church, on July 6th. His Lordship's visit will long be remembered as one of the brightest, and his earnest sympathetic words on this occasion made a deep impression on the minds of all present. The Revds. V. E. Harris and G. Metzler took part in the Service, and Mr. W. C. Wilson presented the candidates. The altar was tastefully decorated with white flowers; and near the chancel steps there were many pots of blooming plants. The Bishop, during his stay in Truro, was the guest of Mr. Reading.

A subscription list has been started, for the purpose of securing a competent organist and choir master for St. John's Church, Truro. This is a move in the right direction. We are pleased to learn that the full amount has already been reached.

ALBION MINES.—On the Evensong of Sunday, 8th inst, a very pleasant event took place in the Parish Church. The large congregation which assembled for Evensong, remained after the service, to witness the presentation of a purse to the Rev. Fred. J. J. Smith, who had charge of the Parish during the absence of the Rev. D. C. Moore. After the benediction had been pronounced, John Rutherford, Esq., Church Warden, advanced to the entrance of the Chancel, and, speaking on behalf of the congregation, expressed the satisfaction which all felt at happy relations which existed between the congregation and the out-going Curate in charge. He referred to the esteem which had grown up on both sides, the successful efforts made to improve the sanctuary and the choir, the marked success of the bazaar of the previous week; and begged that the purse might be accepted not as a measure, but as a token of the esteem of the congregation. The purse was then put into the hands of Mr. Smith. The Rector, Rev. D. C. Moore, spoke concerning the satisfaction he felt at finding on his return such harmony and good-will existing; and making special reference to the improvement in the music of the Church. Mr. Smith then briefly thanked the congregation for the substantial token of their good-will, and all the many kindnesses done to him during his stay. All that had been accomplished had been done through the zealous willingness of the Church-workers. He had merely made suggestions, each and all of which had been carried out with a glad readiness, which he should always remember. The work at Albion Mines, he declared, had been a mere holiday to him after several years of rough mission work on the coast of Newfoundland. Mr. Smith left Albion Mines on Wednesday for Shelburne.

The Rector returned last week just in time for the bazaar in Mount Rundell Park, which gave him an excellent opportunity of greeting and being greeted. The bazaar cleared \$350.

NEW GLASGOW.—On Wednesday the 27th ult, a presentation was made to the Rev. F. J. J. Smith, Curate-in-charge of the Parish of Albion Mines, by members of the congregation of the Chapel of Ease, New Glasgow. An address, worded and signed as follows, accompanied an appropriate gift, which consisted of a combined Clock, Pen-rack, and Inkstand, together with a gold pen and holder of Ebony, mounted handsomely in gold:—

"To the Rev. F. J. J. Smith,

Curate-in-charge of the Parish of Albion Mines."

"We, the undersigned members of the congregation of St. George's Chapel, of Ease, New Glasgow, desire to present you with this memento of our good-will, and of our appreciation of your ministrations during the short period we have known each other. Signed by—Nellie Jardine, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. G. G. Bulley, Mrs. H. Townsend, G. Grant Bulley, Harry Townsend, John Greene, Mrs. W. B. Moore, Will. B. Moore, George Carew, Arthur A. Carew, E. Carew, John Carew, E. S. Carew, Joseph Appleton, George Moffat Appleton.

To the above Address, the following reply was duly received:—

The Rectory, Albion Mines,
June 28th, 1883.

My dear Friends,—Little did I expect the pleasant surprise which I received last evening on my return from a distant part of the Parish. During the short time it has been my privilege to minister to and for you, I have done nothing to deserve your kind address and beautiful gift. The Church has prospered, difficulties have been met and overcome, not

through and by me, but the zeal and faithfulness of you yourselves. The "Memento" I will ever highly prize, and fail not to cherish a most fond remembrance of the kind and good from whom it came. With one earnest prayer for a blessing upon you, and the work of the Church in your town.

Believe me ever,

Yours faithfully and affectionally,

FRED. J. J. SMITH.

To the Members of St. George's Chapel, New Glasgow.

AMHERST.—The following address, accompanied with a purse containing \$80 in gold, was presented to Dr. Uniacke on his removing from this Parish:—

To the Rev. Dr. Uniacke:

REVEREND AND DEAR SIR,—We, the Rector and Wardens of Christ Church, Amherst, in behalf of the parishioners and ourselves, cannot allow you to depart from amongst us, after a residence of five years, marked by kindly intercourse and faithful labours in your sacred office, without the expression of our warm gratitude and affection. Your Christian courtesy at all times has won the esteem and admiration of persons of all creeds without distinction. We earnestly pray that God may grant you health and length of days still to continue to minister in His Holy Name to those among whom your future lot may be cast. We also beg you will convey to Mrs. Uniacke and Mrs. Cady our kindest regards.

To Mrs. Cady especially we desire gratefully to acknowledge her zealous services in teaching, and in otherwise promoting the interests of the Sunday School of Christ Church; her removal will make a blank not easily filled up. With these expressions of affectionate regard, we have also the pleasure of requesting your acceptance of the accompanying purse as a small token of our appreciation of your services; and in bidding you farewell, we repeat our best wishes for your health and happiness, and we are, Rev. and Dear Sir, Your faithful friends,

GEO. TOWNSHEND,

Rector.

CHARLES J. TOWNSHEND,

R. C. FULLER,

Church Wardens.

To the Rector, Church Wardens and Parishioners of Christ Church, Amherst, N. S.:

MY DEAR FRIENDS,—It is with feelings of much pleasure, mingled with deep regret, that I receive your very kind address. Such cordial expressions of regard afford me much gratification, although beyond what I am entitled to, and I am particularly sensible of your kindness at a time when I am about to sever the tie that has existed between us for the last five years; for although I could not regard myself as your regular Pastor, still I have occupied a position which has partaken a good deal of that character, and which the kindness and courtesy of your Rector has permitted me to hold. I shall ever remember the happy hours I have enjoyed in uniting with you in Divine Worship in your beautiful church, and especially the sacred moments when, as ministers and people, we have partaken together at the Lord's Table of the greatest comfort vouchsafed to Christians in this brief and changing life.

Mrs. Uniacke and Mrs. Cady desire me to thank you very sincerely for your expressions of esteem and kindness towards them, and particularly Mrs. Cady, who is grateful for your warm acknowledgment of her services in the Sunday School.

For the many expressions and marks of regard which I have received from you all during my residence amongst you, as well as for the handsome gift which now accompanies your parting address, I offer my sincere thanks.

With my cordial wishes and prayers for your future happiness,

I remain, my dear friends,

Yours affectionately,

RICH. J. UNIACKE, D. D.

Amherst, June 29th, 1883.

SACKVILLE.—Sunday, July 1st, 1883, will be long remembered here. On that day the Rector completed the seventh year of his ministry amongst us, and his heart must have been greatly cheered by the signs of life and progress around him. Divine Service was held in the Mother Church at Sackville at 10.30 a. m., and not only was the old building itself filled to its utmost capacity, but several persons had to be accommodated with seats outside. The candidates, of whom there were 37 (13 males and 24 females), occupied seats in the centre of the church, and presented a most pleasing appearance. Doubtless many present, as they looked on them, were reminded of the period when they themselves were confirmed, and were led to pray that their young friends and relatives might be Christ's faithful soldiers and servants until their life's end. Our good Bishop gave us a most spirit-stirring address. He expressed himself as gratified to see so many candidates for Confirmation, and also that the service was so hearty and congregational. Then drawing our attention to the unsatisfactory state of the building in which we were assembled, he reminded us that nearly every church in the diocese had been restored or rebuilt during his incumbency, and urged us to make a determined effort to restore our own. Referring to the Guild about to be established here, he urged the young people of the parish to join it, and to give themselves heartily to the work of the Church and of the Lord. He alluded to the improved state of Church matters in Hammond's Plains, expressing his pleasure thereat, and paying a

well-deserved tribute to our worthy Catechist, Mr. John Harrison, to whose faithfulness, zeal and industry this improvement is due. The administration of the rite was followed by one of the Bishop's able sermons, but there was no celebration of the Holy Communion, owing to lack of time, there being a Confirmation at Waverley in the afternoon.

WAVERLEY.—On Sunday, July 1st, the Bishop of the Diocese paid his first visit to our church since its consecration, many years ago. At that time Waverley was a thriving place and bid fair to grow in size and importance. Our expectations on this head were, however, doomed to be disappointed, and to-day Waverley has a forlorn and deserted appearance. During recent years we have been favored with few Church privileges, the sacred building itself being closed, and suffering to some extent from neglect and consequent decay. For about a year, however, we have had Divine Service once a month, and upon the Rector's intimation that a Confirmation would be held at Sackville during the summer, and inviting young people to attend a class held here, eleven persons—four males and seven females—gave in their names as candidates for the sacred rite. This was administered to them in our own church—the Bishop kindly consenting to come to Waverley for the purpose—in the presence of a numerous congregation, largely composed of members of the various denominations around us. Our number, i. e., the number of Church people, is but small, but we cling to the old Faith, and hope that better days are in store for us. The Bishop's visit will encourage us to greater effort in the work of the Church, and we trust that the Great Head of the Church will bless and prosper us.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

STANSTEAD.—Christ Church has recently been the recipient of a solid silver alms basin chased with gold and beautifully engraved, the gift of Wm. Grannis, Esq., of Chicago. This is not the first time that Mr. Grannis has shown his Christian liberality to and kind remembrance of Christ Church, and the Rector and congregation warmly thank him for what he has done to honor God in their midst.

CHAMBLY.—A very successful strawberry festival and bazaar was held in the officers quarters of the barracks, on Saturday, the 7th inst., under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Association of St. Stephen's Church. The affair was a great success in every way, and the receipts quite large. The ladies of St. Stephen's Church are worthy of every encouragement for they are most energetic workers.

BEDFORD.—The following resolution was recently unanimously adopted at the meeting of the Chapter of the Deanery of Bedford, held at Bedford:—Moved by the Reverend Canon Robinson, M. A., seconded by Archdeacon Lindsay, M. A.: "That this meeting desires to express as a token of respect and esteem, for the blameless character of the Reverend William Jones, and his earnestness in the Master's work, during the forty years of his ministry, chiefly spent within the limits of this Deanery, its regret that bodily infirmity, largely due to over-work in the faithful discharge of his duty in years past, has incapacitated him, for the time being, for active duty, and to assure him of our heartfelt prayers, that the Great Head of the Church may yet again give him strength for further work in His cause. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Reverend William Jones, by the Rural Dean.

SWEETSBURG.—The Rev. H. D. Bridge, the new Rector of this Mission, has already shown himself to be well suited for the position. He is a good preacher and an indefatigable worker, and the congregation and general condition of the Mission are constantly improving.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

(From our own Correspondent.)

It appears that a meeting of the House of Bishops cannot be held till September, when they meet in Provincial Synod. The resignation of the Bishop of Huron cannot be accepted till then, and the election of a successor to Bishop Hellmuth cannot take place much earlier than November next.

REV. E. E. NEWMAN has been appointed Canon of the Cathedral Chapter. Mr. Newman is one of the Senior Clergymen of the Diocese, and his appointment is regarded as only a proper acknowledgement of long and faithful service.