

News from the Home Field.

DIocese OF NOVA SCOTIA.

Pictou.—The painted window to the memory of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hutton is in its place, in the east of the Chancel. The right hand light has for its subject "the Resurrection of Christ" the left hand "the Ascension." In the head of the window is the I. H. S. Messrs. Wailes and Strang have more than sustained their well earned reputation of nearly half a century, and Newcastle on Tyne has produced for a Newcastle woman and her husband a memorial of extreme beauty which must also conduce to the glory of God in its effect upon those who behold it in a christian spirit. The drawing of the artist is excellent and the lights, (if one may use the expression), are so well balanced, and the amount of color is so equal, that one wonders at the absence of sameness. The color of the countenance of the Saviour who has just thrown off the care-cloth, is contrasted wonderfully with the triumphant glance of Him as he springs from the green earth to "His Father and ours"—while the "Keepers" who "became as dead men" in the one light, equally contrast with the upward gazing faces of "the eleven." There is an entire absence of thinness in the glass which so often mars the effect of the work of less able artists, and the whole effect is such as to more than merely gratify all who have seen it. The same artists are at work for Truro New Church and their glass can be seen in Trinity Church, River John, Bayfield, and though, let it not be said, in some lovely windows in Amherst.

HALIFAX.—The following services and meetings are held. D. V. in St. Paul's Parish:—On each Sunday, Divine Service at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. On the first Sunday in the month, the Holy Communion after the morning service. At 3 p. m., the Sunday School in Argyle Hall, Room Nos. 2 and 3, open to all the children of the Parish. At the same hour (3 p. m.), the Curate holds a Bible Class in room No. 1, open to all young men of St. Paul's Parish, who are earnestly and affectionately invited to attend. At 2.30 p. m. on Sunday, the Sunday School of Trinity Church opens, closing at 3.45 p. m. Divine Service at Trinity Church at 3.45 p. m. On Monday the Curate holds a Bible Class in Room No. 1 of the Sunday School Rooms at Argyle Hall, open to all young women who do not attend the Rector's Bible Class. On Tuesday, the Rector's Bible Class in room No. 1 Sunday School Rooms, at 4 p. m. The subject for study this winter is the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. This class is open to all who may wish to attend—both men and women. On Wednesday, Prayers in St. Paul's 11 a. m. On Wednesday evening, at 7.30, a meeting for prayer and lecture in Room No. 2. At these meetings the subject for exposition is one of the minor prophets. On Wednesday afternoon, at 4 o'clock, the Curate holds a Confirmation Class for young women at his own house, No. 15 Dundonald Street. On Friday, Prayers in St. Paul's 11 a. m. On Friday evening, at 8 p. m., the meeting of the Sunday School teachers is held at Room No. 1, Argyle Hall. On the last Thursday of the month, the meeting of the Committee of St. Paul's Alms House of Industry is held at the home, on Tower Road, at 4 p. m. On Wednesday the class for teaching girls to sew and knit is held in the Room No. 2, at 4 p. m.

GRANVILLE.—The regular meeting of the Annapolis Rural Deanery took place at Granville on Friday, the 22nd Nov. Members present—the Rev. the Dean, and Rev. Messrs. DeBlois, Wilkins, Grestorox and Partridge. Morning service was held at the Parish Church, when the Rev. the Dean read the prayers, the Rev. Mr. Grestorox the lessons, and the Rev. H. DeBlois preached from the text, "Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might." The Dean and Mr. Grestorox were the celebrants at the Holy Eucharist. One had need to use great circumspection to be fully convinced in his own mind that the old Parish Church actually stood before him, so many and marked had been the improvements recently made both within and without it. The "new chancel," properly arranged and neatly furnished, left nothing undone to show to the observer that it was truly intended for the worship of Almighty God; and too much

praise cannot be given to the energetic Rector, who, we are informed, did a great deal of the work himself, assisted by the skilled mechanics and a loving and willing people. Another improvement consisted in having the choir near the chancel, (though not in it) thereby inducing congregational singing, instead of its being performed, as of yore, by a few selected members apart from all the rest. When the new vestry, which is in contemplation, is built adjoining the chancel, instead of where it now is, at the entrance end of the Church, and the handsome "font," the gift of His Lordship the Bishop, is placed in its proper position, at the entrance of the Church, this assuming sanctuary will have but little to be desired. The congregation, considering the busy time of the year, and the fact that a neighbor's child, not belonging to our communion, was to be buried at the close of the service, was good; and the singing and chanting, under the able direction of Mr. La Baron Mills, were pleasing and effective. After dinner at the Rectory, the regular business meeting of the Deanery was opened with prayer. In the absence of the Rev. Mr. Gray, and the unlikelihood of his being able to attend regularly in consequence of his continued ill-health, the Rev. H. D. DeBlois was unanimously chosen Secretary, with the understanding that Mr. Gray should be invited to resume the office should he at any future time desire so to do. After the usual routine, an animated and interesting discussion ensued on the current 'Religious Topics' of the day, and more particularly in reference to the course, a minister celebrating the Holy Communion should take towards a person wishing to participate who had been married to a deceased wife's sister, or in the case of said sister herself being desirous to commune, provided the present law forbidding such alliances were unhappily abrogated. In the evening the Dean preached one of his usual impressive and well digested discourses at the Church of the Holy Trinity, Granville Ferry. His subject was the Dying Thief's Prayer, "Lord, remember me when Thou comest into Thy kingdom." The Rev. Mr. Partridge occupied the desk, and the Rector read the lessons. Here also the services were hearty, pleasing and attractive, and thus ended another meeting of the Deanery, not, we hope, unprofitably spent. Collection for Algoma Mission Fund, \$2.25. H. D. DeBlois, Secretary.

DIocese OF FREDERICTON.

ST. JOHN.—The annual service of the Church of England Teachers' Association was held yesterday, in Trinity Church school room. The Holy Communion was celebrated at 11 a. m. In the evening, Rev. Canon Brigstocke preached a sermon on Holiness, basing his remarks on the first three verses of the 5th chapter of St. Matthew. He pointed out that holiness was embodied in "the beatitudes," which comprise the whole circle of Christian graces only. After stating the essential characteristics of holiness he proceeded to show what holiness is not—it does not consist in the specific performance of duties, however exactly and punctually attended to; it does not necessarily consist in the ascension from a lower to a higher grade; it is not made up of intellectual greatness. In conclusion, Canon Brigstocke spoke to the teachers of the greatness and responsibility of their work and how their aim might be most effectively accomplished in the training of the children.—Tel. 5th.

SACKVILLE.—A harvest festival was held in St. Paul's, Sackville, on Sunday evening, 24th October. The Church was fittingly decorated for the occasion the font being surmounted by a cross covered with moss and trimmed with wax and barberries, autumn leaves and heads of wheat and barley. The top of font was covered with a profusion of mosses, berries and leaves; a wreath of wheat and autumn leaves encircled the stem, while the pedestal was banked with moss and flowers. The pulpit and prayer desk were also most tastefully trimmed with wreaths of wheat, barley, autumn leaves and wax berries. On the chancel steps were sheaves of wheat and pots of geraniums; while the altar rails were entwined with a garland of wheat, barley and autumn leaves. A moss cross, beautifully lightened up with everlasting and colored grasses, placed over the altar, completed the decorations, which, all through, were chaste and pretty, and

spoke of loving hands and grateful hearts. The duly appointed thanksgiving prayers were said, and special sermon preached. The music was bright and joyous, and the hymns were sung with a will and heartiness as though coming from really thankful hearts. The whole service seemed to be fully enjoyed by the people, and bright and cheering to all. The St. Paul's Sunday School held their first children's service last Sunday 21st. The day was very wet, but there was a large attendance. The service consisted of the shortened form of common evening prayer, with one or two special prayers, canticles chanted, hymns sung and responses made by the children. This is essentially a children's service, and the idea is to educate worshippers, as our Church have been too long already asylums for the deaf and dumb. After prayers, the children were addressed by the Incumbent, and the service closed with a hymn. This was also a sort of thanksgiving service for the children, they had symbols of their thanksgiving on every hand. The arch of the entrance door was spanned by a wreath of wheat with a key stone of bright autumn leaves. The lectern and prayer desk were chastely trimmed, while the table in the altar place bore a rich cross with a vase of moss, encircled by a wreath of wheat, the whole brightened with barb and wax berries, sheaves of wheat stood on either side. This school-house is thought to be one of the prettiest and most ecclesiastical looking buildings in the Province, and was designed and built under the superintendence of R. C. Boxall, Esq., C. E. This is not the sole evidence of Mr. Boxall's skill and kindness, for he is not only the architect of our new Rectory, but he also gives its erection his daily supervision.

WESTFIELD.—The old Parsonage house having fallen into decay and not being situated in a convenient place for working the Parish, a meeting was called to see what was best to be done. The meeting was held yesterday afternoon at the Parish Church, and after discussing the matter at some length, it was decided to sell the old Parsonage, with the Canal connected with it, and to build a new one in a more convenient spot. The chairman, Rev. Mr. Wiggins, was asked to give his opinion of where he considered the most suitable place to build. He strongly recommended that the site be located on Mr. Woodman's property, as being the most central. His recommendation seemed to meet with the unanimous approval of the meeting. Mr. Woodman was then asked on what conditions a site could be procured from him. He replied that he would give a site, and a valuable one with from two to three acres of land. This very generous offer met with the most hearty approval of the meeting. A committee of ten, of which the Missionary was to be chairman, was then appointed to locate the site and building, to procure plans, raise means, and proceed with the work. The members of the committee are to meet at Mr. Woodman's on Monday next, to organize and commence their work. Mr. Wiggins recommended that the work be not given out by contract, but that a competent man be secured to oversee the work; and that those who would rather work than subscribe money, give work of whatever kind they were able to do. In this way, the building can be put up equally well, if not better than by contract, and with far less money, which is always a matter of serious consideration in the country, especially in these times. The site so kindly given by Mr. Woodman, is one of the most beautiful on the St. John River, which is saying a good deal; it overlooks the St. John River and the mouth of the Nerepis, and all the surrounding country. It is very convenient for travel by railroad and steamboats, and of the three Churches, the farthest is only three miles distant. Considering that during the summer a new fence was built round St. Peter's Church burying ground at an estimated cost of \$120, and St. James Church repaired externally, at a cost of \$70, and also that other improvements are to be made in St. James and Land's End Churches, at a considerable cost, the Church people of Westfield are to be congratulated, and deserve to be assisted in their efforts to beautify and improve the Churches of God, and provide a home for their minister.

BAR DU VIN.—The harvest thanksgiving services were held on Thursday, Oct. 28th. The services were as follows:

Mattins, with sermon and celebration of Holy Communion at 11 o'clock. Rev. T. S. Richey, of St. Eleanor's, P. E. L., was the preacher; Rev. H. H. Barker, of Newcastle, the celebrant; Rev. D. Forsyth, of Chatham, read the lessons and served; and the Incumbent read the prayers. The chants were sung to Gregorian music; the Te Deum, Helmore's Hymns, from H. A. & M., were Nos. 382, 383 and 313. At Evensong, 7 o'clock, the lessons were read by the Rector of St. Eleanor's. An appropriate sermon was delivered by the Rector of Chatham. The Incumbent read the prayers. The chants, Gregorian; hymns Nos. 381, 382, 383. The service closed with the Te Deum—Helmore's, and the benediction. At both services the Rector of Newcastle presided at the organ with his usual ability. It is to be regretted that not many were present at the morning service to show their thankfulness to the Lord of the Harvest in the highest service permitted to Christians in the Church Militant; and many have lost some useful lessons by not hearing Mr. Richey's sermon upon "The parable of the barren fig tree." The evening service was well attended. The offertory at both services was in aid of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund of the D. C. S. The little Church was neatly decorated for the occasion.

SHEDIAC.—St. Martin's Church in the woods has been overhauled in the inside, and handsome new pews made by Burnham, of St. John, have been put in at an expense of \$600.

DIocese OF ONTARIO.

At a Meeting of the OTTAWA CLERICAL UNION, in the parish of Smith's Falls on Tuesday 26th October 1886 after a good deal of earnest discussion and deliberation the following resolutions were unanimously adopted and Petition was drawn up.

The earnest hope is that the Bishops and Clergy throughout Canada will exert themselves to the utmost to bring the strongest possible pressure to bear in the way of petition against the proposed Bill as touching certain marriage relations referred to in the petition below.—Now, let the Bishops and Clergy remember, is the time to act. If we let the proposed Bill become law without making the most strenuous effort in Opposition, our members of parliament with various constituencies will rightly and justly tell us You could not have believed very much in the law of God as set forth by the Church or you would have taken a little more trouble and pains to resist the passage of such a Bill.—As a body the Church of England in this Country makes herself less felt at the foot of the Throne as it is represented in our Country, either in the way of resisting or asking for certain legislation, less felt I say, than almost any of the various denominations of Christians in the Country. The Romanists and the Methodists make frequent demands by petitions and otherwise and persistently press their Claims and they are very frequently successful. This is a most important matter, and is for the welfare of the human family without distinction. Let us as watchmen in the town know what of the night. Let us take care that none of the barriers against morality, more than the symbols of our Faith, be tampered with.

Resolution No. 1.—Moved by Archdeacon Lauder, seconded by the Reverend K. L. Jones.—That the "Ottawa Clerical Union" recommends that a petition against the proposed Bill, legalizing the marriage with a deceased wife's sister be sent up from the various Rural Deaneries of the Diocese of Ontario, and handed to the Lord Bishop of Ontario for presentation to the Senate and House of Commons of the Dominion of Canada.

Resolution No. 2.—Moved by Rev. S. Tiggs, B. A. Seconded by Rev. Rumi Dean Nesbitt, that a copy of petition be sent to the Rural Deans of the Province of Canada asking their Co-operation.

Petition.—To the Senate and Commons of the Dominion of Canada from the Rural Deanery of the Counties of Lanark and Renfrew.

The petition of the Clergy of the Church of England in the Rural Deanery of Lanark and Renfrew, in the Diocese of Ontario Humbly sheweth that Whereas a Bill has been brought before your honourable houses proposing to legalise marriage between a man and his deceased wife's sister, or a woman and her deceased husband's brother, and whereas such marriages have been declared by the

Church Catholic from the earliest ages, to be contrary to the law of God as contained in the Holy Scriptures, Whereas they are strictly forbidden in the table of affinity in the Book of Common Prayer which forms part of that law of the Church to which we at our ordinations vowed obedience, Whereas the proposed Bill, if passed, will lay a burden upon consciences by bringing the laws of the country into conflict with the laws of God, Whereas we believe such Marriages to be subversive of morality, and would lead to serious social evils. Therefore, We do earnestly beseech you Gentlemen of the house of Commons, and you Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate, to refuse to assent to the proposed Bill; and your petitioners will ever pray.

Resolution No. 3.—Moved by Rev. E. A. W. Harrington M. A. Seconded by Rev. A. Stunden, B. A.—That this Union considers it desirable that the Most Rev. the Metropolitan should invite the Bishops and Clergy of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada to Assemble at Ottawa to take part in the presentation of the petition of the Provincial Synod and that we respectfully ask the Lord Bishop of Ontario to communicate with the Most Rev. the Metropolitan on the subject.

Resolution No. 4.—Moved by Rev. H. Pollard, seconded by the Rev. Rural Dean Emery, that the secretary be requested to forward a copy of the resolutions to the papers. A. C. NESBITT, Sec. and Treas. of The Ottawa Clerical Union.

DIocese OF QUEBEC.

NEW ENDOWMENTS have just been formed for the mission of Richmond and Melbourne, Magog, Stanstead and Magdalen islands, by the gift to all severally of \$200 by R. Hamilton Esq. and of \$150 by the Church Society, supplemented by \$100 from the congregation themselves. Every one of these parishes has therefore, now a nucleus of \$450.—Que. Dio. Record.

MISSIONARY UNION.—One of the best papers that has been read at the monthly meetings of the Church Missionary Union was that by Rev. G. Rawson on Monday evening in the National School Hall. The subject was "Missions in British Guiana," and the interesting description of the country, its climate, productions, etc., with ample details of the work so successfully carried on there, elicited a well merited compliment from the chairman, the Rev. G. V. Housman, and the warm applause of the audience. These meetings are calculated to do great good by stirring up people to take an interest in mission work, besides giving useful information as to what the missionaries are actually doing, and the success attending their labors.—Mercury.

DIocese OF MONTREAL.

Ordinations, Confirmations and Clerical changes must always constitute the burden of any Church Paper correspondence. His Lordship held an ordination service in Sorel on 24th of the month by which he admitted to the order of the Priesthood, the Rev. Alf. Leo, B. A., of Lennoxville and the Rev. Alf. Bareham of the Diocesan College. Mr. Leo has served his diocesan in the Parish of Abbotsford and now enters upon the Mission of Eardly on the Upper Ottawa. Whether Mr. Bareham enters upon a sole charge anywhere we have not heard. The parish of Eardly forms a nice mission, although the distance between the two principal churches is rather long, but long journeys between station and station are characteristic of the Upper Ottawa Missions. One gratifying feature to Mr. Leo in his new work will be that he has two good churches, arranged in every way suitable to the rendering our services as acts of worship. Both churches, one of them not yet completed, were built under the directorship of clergymen who knew what churches ought to be and what their form, arrangement and furniture should teach the frequenters thereof. The Rev. W. B. Longhurst who has been the Incumbent of this Mission has entered into the Rectory of Granby, and we believe is regarded with satisfaction by the people. The Church is one that has been renovated only a few years ago, at the expense of one individual. The improvements he made were not altogether such as would meet the entire approval of such as are accustomed to "correct" churches. But doubtless the "renovation" was in some respects an improvement.