

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

PORT MEDWAY.—The Rector of Port Medway has sent the following letter to the Rural Dean of Nova Scotia and the Archdeacon of Prince Edward Island, to ask for the subject matter thereof a thorough discussion in their respective Chapters with the hope that if considered sufficiently practical some definite step might be taken at the meeting of the Synod next year.

'I am impertinently desirous of bringing an idea or scheme of mine before a meeting of your Chapter to have the wheat, if any, threshed out of the chaff. My chief idea is to bring funds into our Synod treasury.

'We have at present two practical schemes of life insurance in the interest of the clergy and their families, *i. e.*, the C. W. & O. I. being a sort of ordinary life insurance, and the C. S. F., a no less species of life insurance on the endowment plan.

'Now, my idea or scheme is to establish a system of fire insurance whereby we might insure for our own benefit our own Church buildings, Parsonages, Mission Rooms and school rooms, as well as their furniture, and perhaps also the furniture and household goods of the clergy.

'I find, I think, the names of 87 parishes and Missions in Nova Scotia and P. E. I. which at an average of three Churches would give us at least 261 Church buildings. Then, as nearly all are supplied with Rectories and Parsonages, we might say there are at least 80, and with perhaps as many as 50 Missions and school rooms. From such an estimate we might reckon the following: 261 Church buildings at an average of \$1,500, \$391,500; 80 Rectories and Parsonages at an average of \$500, \$40,000; 50 Mission and school rooms at an average of \$200, \$10,000; giving a total amount of Insurance of \$441,500, which at the rate of even 1½ p.c. will give a return of \$6,622.50, or an annual income of \$2,207.50. This amount would more than meet a yearly claim for one of each of the three classes of buildings insured at the average rate. Then, looking at the risk incurred, I find that in five years and I know not what longer period, there has only been one Rectory (Digby) burnt down, and one Church building (Liverpool) injured by fire. This experience lessens the risk. Then, too, we would not have many buildings insured in any one locality which would greatly lessen the necessity for a large and ready capital.

'Under these circumstances I would suggest the idea of forming a fund for fire insurance for Churches, &c., &c., to be managed by a committee of the Synod in the same way as the C. W. O. F. and C. S. F. Also that the profits arising from such scheme of Mutual Fire Insurance should be used in aiding the building of new Churches and Parsonages and in assisting the repairs of the old buildings being in connection with the fund.'

Upon the foregoing basis after the expiration of three years there might very possibly be the sum of \$6,000 to be appropriated in the building and repairing of Churches, Rectories and Parsonages. And there are many parishes and Missions where such help would be most acceptable and where it is much needed. Why should the several Fire Insurance Companies reap, as they do, such large profits out of our very poor Parishes? No doubt there will be much to be said against the idea, but at least let it be entertained and carefully considered.

JOHN LOCKWOOD,
The Rectory, Port Medway.

Aug. 26th, 1891.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

SACKVILLE.—The Rector of this parish, the Rev. Cecil F. Wiggins, has been absent for two

months. He is taking the services in the Cathedral of Albany, New York, in the absence of the Dean, who is now in England. The Rev. R. Simonda, of St. John, is in charge of the parish and remains till the first week in September.

ST. JOHN.—The Bishop of Huron was in this city on Sunday, 30th August, and preached in the morning at Trinity Church, and at St. John (Stone) Church in the evening, also addressing the Sunday school of the latter in the afternoon. Dr. Baldwin is one of the ablest preachers on the Canadian Bench of Bishops, and when announced to preach large congregations always follow.

The Artillery held their annual church parade Sunday morning, to St. John's Church. The turnout was a most creditable one, and the marching of the men was much admired. Rev. G. E. Lloyd, of Rothesay, chaplain of the Queen's Own Rifles, Toronto, preached an excellent sermon.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

BOURG LOUIS.—Sometime since it was decided to get up a concert in aid of the Church in Bourg Louis. The future performers consisted of two contingents; one of the visitors at Lake St. Joseph, under the kind and efficient management of Mrs. Winfield of Quebec; and the latter under that of Professor Hewton of Sherbrooke, who also proved himself well qualified for the undertaking. The two contingents met at the parsonage in Bourg Louis on the evening of the 22nd ult., and formed a goodly company of performers, and gave a most enjoyable entertainment. After all was over the visitors dispersed to their different homes, a special train taking back those from Lake St. Joseph, performers and friends from St. Raymond, and Bourg Louis going home in their own conveyances. Thus it is that visitors from towns and cities often help and encourage in our country Missions.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

LACHINE.—The Sunday school picnic of St. Stephen's and St. Paul's churches was held on Tuesday, August 25th, and proved to be a decided success.

Two hundred and sixty people were conveyed by steamer 'Prince of Wales' to Sherringham Park, where a very enjoyable day was spent by old and young. The weather was fair, and after the liberal supply of refreshments was served by the teachers and friends of the Sunday schools, the afternoon was spent in running, jumping and other sports, in which both boys and girls took part.

An excellent assortment of prizes were distributed to the successful competitors by the Rector on the boat during the steam home.

All arrived at Lachine wharf without accident shortly after six o'clock, and the Sunday school children and other pleasure seekers were safely home before seven o'clock well pleased with the day's outing.

Both Sunday schools are doing well. St. Paul's Sunday school is fortunate in being under the superintendence of Rev. Mr. King, who teaches the Bible class. The Rector has charge of St. Stephen's Sunday school, which is constantly growing.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

BISHOP STRACHAN SCHOOL.—In the recent examinations for University Matriculation, which were this year conducted by the Education Department, the following successful pupils passed with honors: Miss Emily Moss, (head of this School, and winner of the Governor General's Medal), with first-class honors in French, and second class in English and German; Miss Florence Neelands, with first-class honors in Latin; Miss Edith Fauster Jones, and

Miss Kate Moore, with second class honors in English.

Pupils not attempting full Matriculation are allowed to try the examinations in special subjects. Miss Ethel Gregg passed in everything except Mathematics, with first-class honors in French and second in English. Miss Edith Smythe passed in English, history and geography, French and German, with second class honors in English and French; Miss Lillian Caulfield passed in English, history and geography. These results show that the Bishop Strachan School is maintaining its deserved high reputation. The School reopened on Wednesday, Sept. 2nd.

DIOCESE OF ALGOMA.

GORE BAY.—A meeting of the Chapter of the Rural Deanery of Algoma was held here on August 13th and 14th. Since the establishment of the Rural Deanery of Algoma this was the first formal meeting of the Chapter. But owing to the long distances to be travelled and other unexpected causes, there was only a limited attendance.

The Rev. Rural Dean Vosey, of Sault Ste. Marie, F. Frost, of Sheguiandah, and J. H. McLeod, of Gore Bay.

It was found to be impossible to carry out the programme, as drawn up by the Secretary. The Rural Dean having opened the meeting with prayer, the clergy present discussed generally ecclesiastical matters connected with the Deanery. The Rev. Mr. Frost thought it most desirable that the clergy should interchange occasionally, but he found by experience that the travelling expenses between the missions were a great obstacle. To meet this difficulty it was decided to make an application to the Bishop of the Diocese for financial assistance.

The Rural Dean expressed his regret that so few of the clergy were present.

At 8 p. m. on Wednesday there was evening service held in All Saints' Church, and the excellent sermon from Hebrews 13-8, which was preached by the Rural Dean was listened to by a large and attentive congregation. Next morning at 8 a. m. there was a celebration of the Holy Communion.

PROVINCE OF RUPERT LAND.

Comprising the Dioceses of Rupert's Land, Moose, Saskatchewan, Athabasca, Qu'Appelle, Calgary and Selkirk.

DIOCESE OF RUPERT'S LAND.

The Bishop has received a cheque for \$4 from Bishop Whipple for Indian Missions. It is a gift through the Rev. J. H. Nixon, Pastor of the Presbyterian church, Webster Groves, Missouri, from a lady of his congregation, who was interested by the account given at their monthly Missionary meeting by Mr. Nixon of the work done by our Missionaries in British America.

The Bishop intended leaving Bishop's Cour for Banff on Wednesday, July 29th, where he is to spend three weeks. He has arranged to hold Confirmations at McGregor on August 23rd, at Emerson on August 30th, and at Birtle on 6th September; and to preach at the opening of the Fort Rouge Mission School on August 26th.

The Ven. Archdeacon Reeve of the Diocese of Athabasca, nominated by the Archbishop of Canterbury as Bishop of Mackenzie River (Dr. Bompas, Bishop of Mackenzie River, selecting the Diocese of Selkirk or Youkon, as the portion of his divided Diocese which he is to continue in charge of, arrived in Winnipeg July 23rd.

OSAWO.—On Sunday, July 26th, the Church of St. Mary Magdalene was consecrated by the Bishop. The churchyard was consecrated at the same time. In the afternoon the Bishop held a confirmation at St. Anne's, Poplar Point, when nineteen were confirmed.