

News from the Home Field.

Gathered specially for this paper by Our Own Correspondents.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

HALIFAX.—On Sunday, at 11 o'clock, an ordination service was held at the Bishop's Chapel, when Mr. Kenneth C. Hind, B. A., and Mr. Edward A. Harris, B. A., both of King's College, Windsor, were admitted to the holy order of Deacons by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese. Mr. Hind read the Gospel. It is not yet known where these gentlemen will be placed.

HALIFAX—*St. John's Village Church*—A special Lenten Evening Service has been started in this Church, and is very well attended. The picturesque little Church looked a perfect picture last Thursday evening. Buried in a grove of trees, surrounded by the graves of the faithful departed, the solemn stillness of the neighbourhood, and the unusual sight of lights from the Church window, gave a weirdness and solemnity to the scene which will long be remembered by those who took part in the Evening Service. The Evening Service will be continued every Thursday evening at 7.30 o'clock.

WINDSOR.—On Sunday, the 2nd inst., Divine Service was held for the first time in the handsome and commodious new church building. Both morning and evening the church was crowded, and the services were of the most impressive character. The sermon in the morning was preached by the Rector, Canon Maynard, whose long and faithful ministrations in the parish has endeared him to the hearts of two generations of his people. In the evening Canon Dart, President of King's College, was the preacher. The Rector and congregation may not only congratulate themselves on the successful completion of their much-needed new church, but especially on the fact that it is the fruit of their own labours and self-denials, the whole amount, so we understand, having been contributed by the people themselves. The church will comfortably seat 600, although it could be made to hold a considerably larger number.

AMHERST.—Canon Townshend, with his characteristic energy, has not been idle while enjoying a well-earned leave of absence in the Motherland. Writing to a friend, he says:—"I know you will like to know how it is I am turned into an English Vicar, *pro tem*. After my residence in London a few weeks, I had the offer of work in several parts of England, but not wishing to leave London, I declined them all, some I liked well enough, some I did not fancy. But the Vicar of the Parish I am now in came to me twice, and asked me to take his work for a few months. Seeing that he was in great affliction, for he had just then lost his only daughter and child, and had fled from the scene of his troubles, I consented to take his work for a couple of months, and so I am living in the nice, comfortable Vicarage of Ashby Green. I have two Churches, three miles apart. The country is beautiful, even at this time of year. We have had no frost nor snow.

SPRING HILL MINES.—Our esteemed friend and former Spiritual teacher, when in Londonderry, the Rev. Mr. Harris, together with that excellent and energetic young servant in the field, Rev. Mr. Sherman, made us a pleasant, and, we believe a profitable visit this week, having two Services in this Mission, in connection with the Rev. Mr. McKenzie, the Incumbent.

On Monday evening, the Rev. Mr. Harris, in his own earnest manner, discoursed (by request) on the importance of confirmation. One woman has since told me that she took her first communion Tuesday morning as the result of that address.

The Rev. Mr. Harris celebrated communion on Tuesday morning, and the Rev. Mr. Sherman preached on "The Body" and "The Blood" of our Blessed Lord. He held that the Bread and Wine

were a mysterious reality of the former two. The burning desire of these two earnest workers seemed to be "that we would be saved," and I think that their presence cheered and strengthened both pastor and people. A goodly number were present at each Service, and we will welcome their return as the ambassadors of Christ, and devoted to his cause. Our Church seems to be gaining in numbers very well lately, and her prospect in the future is not discouraging.

CHESTER.—The Church here was crowded to overflowing on Sunday afternoon, 2nd March, on the occasion of the burial of an old and highly respected inhabitant, Robert D. Clarke, Esq., who died on the evening of Ash Wednesday. We missed his presence at the morning celebration of Holy Communion, where, when in health to permit of his going out, he was seldom wanting. In him we have lost a staunch supporter of the Church, and one who, as long as his strength permitted, was an active worker, having served as Warden for many years previous to 1880, when, on account of failing health, he was obliged to decline re-election to that office, but he always continued to take a strong and lively interest in the Church's welfare; and we may hope that now he has joined that higher worship which occupies the Church expectant in Paradise, awaiting the return of our loving Lord, and the pronouncing of the invitation, "Come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

PARISH OF ALLION MINES—*Lenten Services*—Christ Church, Sundays—Holy Communion, 1st 3rd and 5th Sundays at 8.30; 4th Sunday at 11; Morning Prayer at 11, except on 2nd Sunday in the month, when it is at 10.15; Evening Prayer at 7. St. George's, Sundays—Holy Communion 2nd Sunday at 11.30, after Morning Prayer; other Sundays, Evening Prayer at 4.15. Trenton—2nd Sunday, Evening Prayer at 3. Christ Church—Week-days—Wednesday and Friday at 11, Thursday at 7. St. George's, Wednesday and Friday at 3. Westville, 2nd and 5th Friday at 7. These new arrangements have been made to supply the new settlement of Trenton with at least a monthly Service for the English glass blowers' settlers, and to obtain a forenoon celebration for New Glasgow.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

We are glad to see that at last some definite action has been to secure a Missionary for the scattered Parishes of the Island. We have often called attention to the matter, and the following circular which has been distributed over the Island, will shew that our remarks were to the point. In one county of the Island the Church is not represented by a single clergyman. We hear that the subscription list is being filled up, and some of the Parishes are going beyond their respective assessments:—

Charlottetown, P. E. Island, Feb. 18, 1884.
Dear Sir,—At the last annual meeting of the Diocesan Church Society, the undersigned were appointed a Committee to make arrangements for the appointment of, and to provide a salary for a Travelling Missionary in this Province. The object the Society have in view is to minister to Church members living beyond the reach of resident parish clergymen. Also, to have such Missionary do duty in vacant parishes, and to gather together the scattered members of the Church into regular congregations. The probable amount of salary required will be \$700. This amount it is proposed to raise, by private subscription in Charlottetown and in the other parishes. We have carefully estimated the proportions which can be raised in each parish, and have addressed a letter to the resident clergyman therein, asking him to co-operate with us in this endeavor, and undertake to make up the amount required. We need hardly urge upon you the great importance of the work we have in hand, and how absolutely necessary it is to have your hearty co-operation.

The future of our Church, in this Island, depends upon this or some other scheme having for its object the enrolment of the scattered members of the Church. The census of 1881 conclusively shows a retrograde movement and a gradual absorption of members of the Church of England into other bodies of Christians. When we note the fact that all the parishes east of Charlottetown are vacant, and most of their Churches closed, we cannot wonder that we have lost ground. This humiliating fact should arouse all Churchmen in this Province, and stimulate them to prompt and effective action at the earliest possible moment, and before the remnants of these congregations are utterly lost to the Church. We will wait upon you in a few days for your subscription, when we trust that we will find no difficulty in raising the sum required. Committee, R. R. Fitzgerald, F. T. Newbery, A. B. Warburton.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

ST. JOHN.—The Rev. George Schofield has been elected Rural Dean of the Deanery of St. John.

ST. JOHN.—Since the departure of the Rev. F. Sill, the Secretary of "Mission Box Committee," as it is generally called, (but of which the correct name is the "Committee to interest Sunday Schools in the work of Home Mission") is Hurd Peters, Esq., St. John.

NEWCASTLE.—One of the most successful meetings of the Deanery of Chatham was held in Newcastle on Monday, 18th ult., and two following days. All the members of the Chapter were present from the first, and gave their undivided attention to the work of the session. On Monday evening there was service in the Parish Church, and Rev. Wm. H. Street preached an admirable sermon from 1 Jno. ii. 6—"He that saith he abideth in Him ought himself also so to walk, even as He walked." Tuesday morning, after celebration of Holy Communion at 8 o'clock, the work of the Chapter began with reading and commenting upon the appointed portions of the Greek and Hebrew Scriptures. An interesting paper on "How the clergy may best oppose intemperance in their respective parishes," read by Rev. F. H. Almon, with discussion thereon, consumed the remainder of the day's session. A public meeting of a semi-missionary character was held in the Parish School-house in the evening. After some opening remarks by the Rector, explaining the nature and object of the meeting, Rom. x. was read by the Dean, followed by addresses by Revs. F. H. Almon and A. F. Hiltz. The former was on "The history and work of the Church of England Temperance Association," with some concluding remarks upon the general principles involved in the total abstinence movement, and the latter was on "The duty of Christian giving." A collection was taken up in aid of the Foreign Mission Fund, which, together with the offertories at the previous services, amounted to \$9. Wednesday, after morning prayer and litany at 9 o'clock, the Chapter met for despatch of business, and Rev. A. F. Hiltz read a paper on "The recent change in the marriage law." After some discussion of this important subject, the thanks of the Deanery were accorded to the two Rev. gentlemen who had read papers for their valuable productions. Rev. E. P. Flewelling read a communication from Rev. R. F. Wheeler, Vicar of Whitley, near Newcastle-on-Tyne, England, who proposes to send out to some part of Canada young women as domestic servants, asking for information respecting the best part of Canada to which to send them, he not caring to place them in the large towns. These young women have been in training in his village homes, are 16 or 17 years of age, and are expected to remain in their first situations two or three years. The question was asked whether the clergy of the Deanery could locate these young women in their respective parishes. It was thought that this might be done; and Rev. E. P. Flewelling was appointed to communicate with the Rev. gentleman in Eng-