

## News from the Home Field.

## DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

**PERSONAL.**—The Rev. H. M. Jarvis has accepted the charge of Christ Church, Eastport, Maine, U. S., and requests his letters and papers to be addressed accordingly.

**CARLETON.**—The Parochial Mission which was to have commenced last Saturday evening, (Nov. 5th), at St. George's Church, has been postponed, owing to the sudden illness of the missionary.

**NORTON STATION.**—On Tuesday, Oct. 25th, the Most Rev. the Metropolitan consecrated the new Church at this place. It is now nearly two years since a few hopeful and earnest men met together and passed a resolution in favour of building upon a piece of ground close to the Station, offered for the purpose by Mr. E. J. Baxter, and opened a preliminary subscription. During the winter of 1879 and '80 these men and others went into the woods and cut and hauled an abundance of spruce for the frame and rough work, and in the spring the foundation was dug and substantially built by Mr. William H. Baxter. From time to time since then volunteers have gathered together upon the ground, as the weather and the exigencies of farming permitted, and worked with their hands at fanning, boarding, shingling, anything that they could do for the work that would make the scanty means hold out to the completion of the little building. Strangers present on Tuesday might have supposed that four days work by a large gang of men had been expended on the ground alone; but the road on which they either walked or drove to the door was made over a bed of rock, which it took over thirty blasting charges to break up, and a four ox team to remove the pieces. In all this work they were assisted by their fellow-Churchmen from Springfield and Central Norton, and in the matter of means help has been received, and is hereby thankfully acknowledged, from many places; Fredericton, St. John, Clifton and Kingston, Sussex and Studholm and other places have assisted. The Metropolitan and the Bishop-Coadjutor subscribed largely, and the Rector and Vestry of Trinity, St. John, gave the Altar. The S. P. C. K. gave a grant of £15 stg., which provided seats, and all the other furniture necessary has been given by friends, except a font, which is still wanting. And so a building, plain but churchlike, roughly finished, but strong and weather-proof, with a well elevated chancel, in which eleven clergymen and the Bishop were placed, without crowding, and a nave seating 140, and holding on Tuesday morning some 260 people, has been made fit for consecration and use. At 10 o'clock the Metropolitan was met at the door of the church by the Church Wardens of Springfield and the Building Committee and other residents at Norton Station, with the Rector of Springfield and to other clergy, in surplices, namely, Rev. Canon Brigstocke, Rev. Canon Medley, Rev. Canon Partridge, Rev. O. Pickett, Rev. E. A. Warneford, Rev. J. R. Campbell, Rev. H. Wainwright, Rev. J. R. Lockward, Rev. A. Hoadley, and Rev. V. Vroom. The spokesman of the Committee read the Petition for Consecration. The procession then entered the church singing the 24th Psalm, and the service proceeded. After consecration a hymn was sung, and the Metropolitan administered the Rite of Confirmation to a candidate presented by Rev. Canon Medley. The Metropolitan both gave a Confirmation address and preached a sermon from St. James iv. 8, "Draw nigh unto God," and the Holy Communion was administered to more than sixty souls. The offertory amounted to \$26.85, and will go towards further finishing. After service the Bishop, clergy and visitors dined at the house of Mr. W. H. Baxter, where Mrs. Baxter and other ladies of the congregation had prepared abundantly. Evensong was said at 3.30, Rev. Canon Partridge preaching a most useful sermon from the text "Fear not: they that be with us are more than they that be with them." 2 Kings vi. 16. And then the guests and clergy separated, the Bishop going to St. John by train, and others, we fear, like the writer of these words, to drive through the dark in a downpour of rain. But the people were thankful that the day, at least, had been fine, and that so happy a day had inaugurated the existence of the Church of St. Luke the Evangelist at Norton Station. Long may the spirit that actuated its builders remain and prevail, and may it be a blessed instrument in the hands of the Most High to extend to his people effectually the means of grace.

## DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

**HALIFAX.**—In Memoriam.—Death ever near seems to make its presence felt more than ever as it calls the young and healthy from their homes on earth to an abiding one in Heaven. Three times in the last few years has death come to the little band of scholars in the "Institution for the Blind," and in every case their loss has been greatly mourned by teachers and pupils. The last one, Elizabeth Wambach, who was committed to her last resting place on All Saints' Day, had been a pupil about four years. Amiable, gentle and affectionate, she won the love of all connected with the Institution. Though a long time in delicate health, there did not appear to be any danger until three or four days before her death, when her mind

became clouded, and there was scarcely a ray of consciousness until she quietly passed away—another warning not to put off repentance for a sick or dying bed. It is needless to say every attention was paid her, and the doctors were unremitting in their care. Ever since Bessie has been in the Institution her life has been a pattern to all her companions, and those who knew her best say, of all the pupils, she was most prepared to die. Service at the Institution was conducted by the Rev. W. L. Currie. And it is hoped that this sudden warning may be a blessing to her sorrowing companions, and we earnestly entreat them to "Remember their Creator in the days of their youth," while to her bereaved family and friends we offer our hearty sympathy.

"Then let us place the anchor of our confidence and trust, On the might of the Creator, the Omnipotent and Just, Whose will we may not question, nor His hidden motive tell, Yet rest in His assurance that He doeth all things well." —Com.

**ST. LUKE'S.**—At the meeting of parishioners recently held the following resolutions of respect and sympathy were unanimously passed:—

"Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God to remove from us our Rector, the Rev. JOHN ABBOTT; and

"Resolved, That we, the parishioners of St. Luke's Cathedral Church, desire to give expression to the deep sense of the loss we have sustained in the death of our beloved and lamented Rector, who, for the past twenty years (thirteen as curate and seven as Rector), has been intimately associated with us in all the events of our lives, and in whom we ever found a loving and faithful friend and pastor, endearing himself generally by his genial sympathy, and, to the poor of his flock, by his unflinching and generous kindness;

"Resolved, That we desire to place upon record our high estimate of his life and character, and his devotion to the cause of his Master, testified in his earnest efforts to win souls for Christ, in his loving labours among the young of his flock, and in his faithful ministrations to the sick and dying. In conducting the services of the sanctuary, and in a faithful setting forth of her doctrines and practices, we bear an affectionate testimony to his unwavering loyalty to our Spiritual Mother, the Church of England, which he so dearly loved. By his constant endeavour that all things connected with the Service of Almighty God should be done "decently and in order," he cultivated in his flock a spirit of reverence for holy things, while his affectionate appeals to our hearts and consciences have, we doubt not, borne rich fruit in the lives of many of his hearers;

"Resolved, That while we deeply deplore his most unlooked for loss, in the vigour of manhood and in the midst of his labours, we humbly acknowledge that our Heavenly Father doeth all things well, and bow in submission to His Will, feeling confident that in thus removing His faithful servant, He has taken him to a well-earned rest, in expectation of a final glorious reward.

"Resolved, That a copy of these Resolutions be forwarded to Mrs. Abbott, and that we tender her our sincerest sympathy, with the prayer that the God of the widow and the fatherless may sustain her and her children in their deep affliction."

**COLLECTIONS, SUBSCRIPTIONS, and DONATIONS** received at the DIOCESAN ROOM, for the week ending October 5th, 1881.

**GENERAL PURPOSES, B. H. M.**  
Amherst, Secretary's Visit, \$3.77; Truro, Secretary's Visit, \$6.32; Tangier, per Rev. D. McLeod, \$5.00; Old Bains, per Rev. J. A. Kaulbach, \$2.00; Sackville, per Rev. Wm. Ellis, \$7.10; Digby, per Rev. Jno. Ambrose, (Colt. Thanksgiving Day, Trinity Church, \$7.00; St. Paul's, Marshalltown, \$1.16; Wm. Baxter, 25c.) \$8.41.

**CLERGY SUPERANNUATION FUND.**  
St. John's Church, Cornwallis, per Rev. F. J. H. Axford, (Thanksgiving Collection,) \$2.00; Digby, per Rev. John Ambrose, (Collection Thanksgiving Day,) \$1.00.

**WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.**  
Riversdale, per Rev. J. A. Kaulbach, (Collection Thanksgiving Day,) \$1.40; Sackville, per Rev. William Ellis, (Collection Thanksgiving Day,) \$2.32; Digby, per Rev. Jno. Ambrose, (Collection Thanksgiving Day,) \$1.00; St. Luke's, Halifax, (Thanksgiving Day,) \$3.53.

JOHN D. H. BROWNE, Clerical Secretary.

**BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.**  
Received, Nov. 2, from Rev. John Edgecombe, Pictou, \$6.30, Thanksgiving Offering for Algoma.  
WM. GOSSE, Treas. B. F. M. Dio. N. S.

**RAWDON.**—A Harvest Festival and Sunday School Pic-nic was held in this Parish on Thursday, 15th ult. The day was all that could be desired; but owing to the backwardness of the season the congregation was not so large as it would otherwise have been, many of the farmers being busy completing the ingathering of their grain crops. The church was decorated much the same as last year, the reredos being trimmed with evergreens and autumn leaves, the font trimmed with the same, and surmounted with grain, and the Holy Table with flowers, fruit and grain. The service was semi-choral. A very earnest and appropriate sermon was preached by Rev. H. How, Rector of Newport, from 1 Cor. iii. 9. The offertory was for the Clergy Superannuation Fund. In the afternoon the Sunday School children and their friends assembled on the Rectory grounds, where the usual games and a good tea was provided for them, and where everybody present seemed to fully enjoy themselves, until darkness put an end to the festivities.

[This should have appeared some time ago, but was unfortunately mislaid.—Eds.]

**WALTON.**—On the evening of Monday, 1st inst., after Service in St. Matthew's Church, Mr. W. S. H. Morris, B. A., who has been acting as lay reader for the last two years, was presented with a Holy Bible, ruby edition of Teacher's Bible, and a Book of Common Prayer to match. The presentation of volumes was preceded by the reading of an Address by the Rector, Rev. H. How, B. A., which set forth the work of Mr. Morris, and bore testimony to the high esteem in which he was held, and the appreciation of his gratuitous efforts. The Address was numerously signed; the Churchwardens, A. McN. Parker and Fred. Wier, Esqrs., were only prevented from securing all the names of Parishioners living at a distance, by the bad state of the roads. Mr. Morris made a very suitable Reply—thanked the Parishioners for their uniform kindness, and hoped that a successor to his position would be forthcoming. After a few words by Mr. McN. Parker, a hymn was sung, and the benediction pronounced.

**FIVE ISLANDS.**—As a supplement to the report that appeared in the GUARDIAN of last week, I should like to add a short account of the building fund, etc. When the Church here was first started by the Rev. Mr. Axford, an amount, equal to about \$315, was contributed, and paid in money and in work. In consequence of a heavy storm the church was blown to the ground two different times, and about \$185 of the amount contributed was thus totally lost to the Church. The people, of course, were much downhearted and discouraged at this, and only after a period of over three years were they encouraged to again attempt the rebuilding of their church. When work had once begun it was hurried on, and the building was completed and ready for Divine Service inside the short space of eight months, and on Oct. 12th the first service was held, as reported last week. For aid in liquidating the cost of the present building, we have to thank, among many other friends, for cash received, Dr. A. S. Townshend, \$7; Mrs. Coster, \$5; Mrs. Jas. Rachford, \$2; Edwd. Marshall, Halifax, \$4; Mrs. Marshall, Halifax, \$2; John Brodrick, Five Islands, \$2; Rev. Geo. D. Harris, \$3; Rev. J. A. Kaulbach, \$3; Rev. D. C. Moore, 50c.; for material—D. R. Eaton, the rafters; B. Fulmer, locks and hinges; Thos. Grant, lumber; Robt. Livingston, F. Sanford and Wm. Dimock, of Windsor, for nails; for work—Chas. Harrington, Harris Harrington, Thos. Aylward, H. Kempt, J. Robinson, — Aylward, — Lewis, Wm. Arthur, Jessie Lewis, Jessie Fulmer. The lectern, which takes the place of a pulpit, is the gift of the Curate in charge. A beautiful set of Communion vessels was presented by the Rev. Dr. Bowman, and used for the first time at the opening service. Thanks to our many friends, we have a debt of but about \$40 remaining, which we hope to pay off by funds obtained from a proposed entertainment, to be held at the Five Islands in the early part of the winter.

## PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

**ALBERTON.**—Our Harvest Festival, which was celebrated Oct. 20th, was not so largely attended as one could have wished, owing to some mistake in our notice being given; and also, as the day appointed by the Dominion Government came when perhaps only two-thirds of our harvest in P. E. Island had been gathered in. The people were all busy in securing both their grain and potatoes on that day. Still, the congregation was pretty fair. There was a full Service, with appropriate lessons and hymns, and a sermon from St. Luke xii., "The parable of the rich fool." But wishing that the people should have a real benefit of a General Thanksgiving Day and Service, notice was given that on Sunday next, the 23rd should be the "Thanksgiving Day." It was really encouraging to see such a large attendance; such a general feeling of thankfulness manifested throughout the whole Service, which consisted in the appropriate lessons, harvest hymns beautifully sung, (our friend Mr. Ross leading the choir, with the "General Thanksgivings" appointed for the occasion. A good sermon was delivered by the Rector, taken from Psalm cv., 1—"O give thanks unto the Lord, call upon His Name, make known His deeds among the people." The preacher first showed what is meant by calling upon the Lord, and what we are to understand by the Name of the Lord. 2ndly. The duty of all persons to make known His great and glorious works among the people. And 3rdly. Urged all to cultivate a grateful and thankful heart for all God's mercies, both spiritual and temporal through Jesus Christ. The offertory, as a Thanksgiving offering, amounted to \$5.00, which is to be given to the Algoma Clergy Fund.

## DIOCESE OF NEWFOUNDLAND.

**RESTING FROM THEIR LABOURS.**—On August 16th, within a few days of completing his 74th year, there entered into his rest the Rev. T. M. Wood, of St. Thomas in St. John's, Newfoundland, one of the oldest, if not the oldest, of the Society's Missionaries. Mr. Wood was appointed to Newfoundland in 1832, and his long and faithful services have been much appreciated by the Society and the diocese. On Bishop Kelly's resignation in 1878, the Synod appointed Mr. Wood Administrator of the diocese during the vacancy of the See.

Newfoundland has been deprived of the services of another devoted Missionary, the Rev. John Bishop, of Belleoram, who died on September 7th,

after eleven years' service in that Mission, the greater portion of which time he was dependent entirely upon the free-will offerings of the people. The Bishop writes:—"Mr. Bishop's loss is a heavy one to the diocese. There is no one of my clergy of whom I had a higher opinion. In spite of ill-health he has worked steadily on, modest, devoted, contented. Belleoram is one of the few places in which there is not a Dissenter. The whole population is 350 souls, and some idea of the good results of Mr. Bishop's teaching may be gathered from the fact that on Christmas Day last 144 persons were present at Holy Communion. There are few parishes, I imagine, in any part of the world which could show such a result as that. Mr. Bishop leaves a widow and three children."—Mission Field.

## DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

We referred at the time to the receipt of the 39th Report of the Church Society of this Diocese. We now give our readers some interesting statistics from the Parishes. Says the Report of the St. Francis District Committee, "Prominent amongst the signs of life and vigour is the fact that the following Missions, viz: Acton Vale, Brompton, Georgeville, Hatley, Magog and Stanstead, have raised, during the year, the amount necessary to entitle them to Mr. R. Hamilton's generous subsidy towards either the creation or augmentation of a local endowment."

"CHURCHES are in course of erection at Spooner Pond, in the Mission of Kingsley, and at Lorne, in the Mission of Danville." Churches in the following places have been consecrated, viz: Georgeville, Cookshire and Sandhill. Parsonages have been erected in Drummondville, Bury and Hatley. One new Mission has been opened, St. John's, Melbourne. The reports of the various Incumbents show progress everywhere.

**BROMPTON.**—"Adornment of God's house by a beautiful memorial window and chancel carpet."

**COATICOOKE.**—"Spiritual advance of people;" "increased attendance at Holy Communion."

**ACTON VALE.**—"Material progress;" "increase of Endowment Fund;" "purchase of chandelier;" increase in receipts of \$300 over last year.

**COMPTON.**—"£153 raised in Parish last year;" "readiness of people to respond to calls;" "increase of \$50.95 to Church Society."

**COOKSHIRE.**—"Completion and consecration of St. Peter's Church;" "presentation of surplice, stole and hood from ladies 'as a token of their respect and esteem.'"

**DANVILLE.**—"Church in course of erection." "Increasing love and appreciation of the Church Service."

**DRUMMONDVILLE.**—"Rector speaks with great thankfulness of anxieties, doubts, and discouragements dispelled;" "unbroken good will of his people;" "erection of a parsonage."

**DURHAM.**—"Increase of Endowment Fund;" "new carpet for St. James' chancel;" amount raised for all purposes, \$1020.30; a fair by the ladies for Sunday School Hall realized \$164.48."

**MELBOURNE.**—"Finances show an increase" "important work being carried on in wide and promising field;" "Church everywhere gaining ground."

**KINGSLEY.**—"Church partly built at Spooner's Pond;" "increase in Endowment;" "new Church Fence."

**HATLEY.**—"£800 received for new Parsonage;" "new carpet and altar cloth cost \$34;" "\$100 received from generous subsidy of Mr. Hamilton to Endowment Fund."

**SHERBROOKE.**—"£530.55 raised for Society, being increase of \$65;" "47 Confirmed, largest class ever presented;" during seven years Mr. Brock has been assistant 159 have been Confirmed;" present number of Communicants, 360, increase, 38;" "greatest want, a bona fide Free Church;" "indications of returning prosperity, and of increasing appreciation of Church's Missionary work."

(To be continued.)

## DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

(From our own Correspondent.)

**THE LORD BISHOP** of the Diocese returns to Canada this month, after a protracted stay in England.

**KINGSTON.**—A general ordination will (D. V.) be held in St. George's Cathedral, Kingston, on the 4th Dec., Second Sunday in Advent. Examination of candidates for Priests' and Deacons' Orders will commence on Tuesday, Nov. 29th, in St. George's Hall.

**THE Venerable Archdeacon** of Ottawa and Rector of Christ Church is about to enjoy a six months' leave of absence to recruit in health. His congregation have given a handsome purse. Best wishes of many friends will accompany him.

## DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

(From our own Correspondent.)

**RURAL DEANERY OF WEST SIMCOE.**—The regular quarterly meeting of the Ruri-decanal Chapter of West Simcoe was held at the Parsonage, Cookstown, on 27th and 28th ult. The clergy present were the Revs. W. R. Forster, R. D., Thos. Ball, J. Fletcher, M. A., A. C. Watt, A. Fletcher, B. A.,