

## NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

## DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

**HANTSPOBT**—Last week we recorded the opening of a new Church at Northfield in the parish of Maitland. This week we are able to record an opening of another beautiful church at Hantsport. The *Hantsport Journal* devotes nearly three columns of its space to an account of the proceedings on the day of opening, Nov. 27th, which also was the day fixed for the Quarterly meeting of the Avon Deanery. In opening its account the *Journal* says:

The members of the Church of England in Hantsport are certainly to be warmly congratulated on the result of their labors for the past four years. Though far smaller than any other religious body in the village, they have more than made up for this in zeal, earnestness and hard work, and as a result, they have to-day a church edifice, which in beauty and tastefulness both within and without, takes the first rank in the village in which it has been erected. It is a church of which any congregation might be proud, and certainly the little band who have raised it to the glory and for the worship of God have more than ordinary cause for thankfulness and pride.

The first service was a celebration of the Holy Communion at 8 a.m., followed by Morning service at 11 a.m., which opened with the Processional hymn, 'Onward Christian Soldiers,' during which the clergy passed from the main entrance of the building to the chancel. The following clergy were present: Rev. Canons Maynard and Brook, Rev. C. W. McCully, of St. Luke's, Halifax; Ven. Archdeacon Jones, Rector of Windsor; Rev. Professor Vroom, of King's College, Reva. C. H. Fullerton, of Falmouth, J. M. C. Wade, of Aylesford, K. C. Hind, of Newport, and F. J. Axford, of Cornwallis. The Psalms selected as proper to the occasion, were the 84th, the 96th and 132nd. Rev. Canon Brook read the First Lesson, taken from ii Chron. chap. 6th; the Second Lesson, from Ephesians, 2nd chapter, being read by Rev. Canon Maynard.

It was expected that the Rev. Canon Partridge, of Halifax, would have been the preacher on the occasion, but owing to his inability to be present, the Rev. C. W. McCully, of Halifax, filled his place and preached an eloquent and earnest sermon from the 18th and following verses of 6th chapter 2nd Chron. The Benediction was pronounced by the Rev. Canon Maynard, after which the Hymn, 'Crown with many Crowns' was sung as a Recessional.

The third service was held in the evening, when every available seat was occupied. As in the morning it commenced with a Processional hymn, 'All People that on earth do dwell.' The service was the shortened form, in which the Rev. F. J. Axford, Rector of Cornwallis, and the Rev. J. M. C. Wade, Rector of Aylesford, took part. After singing of the hymn, 'The Church's one Foundation,' the Rev. Mr. Fullerton explained that at Deanery meetings instead of a sermon it was usual to have a series of brief addresses, and he called upon the first speaker, the Rev. S. Weston Jones, who delivered an able address on 'The Claims of the Anglican Church to Catholicity.' In his address he explained the meaning and application of the words 'Anglican' and 'Catholic,' and showed that the Church was firmly established in England long before the visit of St. Augustine; that the Reformation was only a casting off of the errors and superstitions, un-catholic in character which had crept into the Church, that the Bishops of the Church of England can validly claim continuity of Orders from the earliest Bishops of the Christian Church, and that the teaching of the Church was Apostolic.

The second address was by the Rev. Canon Brook on 'Baptism' in which he spoke of its necessity, its character or effect, and ably answered objections to infant Baptism.

The closing address was by the Rev. H. C. Hind, Rector of Newport, the subject being 'Worship.' He said that it should be remembered that people go to God's house to give rather than receive, that worship should be real coming from the depths of the heart, and it should have the effect of training mind and heart for the worship of heaven.

This beautiful little edifice stands on the Main street of Hantsport, in a central part of the village. The lot on which it is built was purchased from Mrs. Theodore Davison for \$372, and an additional five feet was afterwards paid for by His Lordship Bishop Courtney. The cellar and foundation cost about \$250 more. The total cost will approximate \$4,000. The Church has a seating capacity of 250, the pews being of white wood edged with walnut. The walls of the body of the church are a light gray, bordered by a narrow stripe of dark brown, and within this by a finer stripe of red. A wainscott of ash, edged with walnut, extends on all sides about three feet from the floor, the whole giving a very neat and tasteful effect. There are on each side five windows of ground glass, marked in diamond pattern, having but one pane each in upper and lower sash. A large window is at the rear of the church, above this being the rose window, which is of palest green.

Over the entrance to the chancel appear these beautiful and suggestive words in illuminated letters: 'Oh magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together.' The walls of the chancel are a dark brown, bordered by a tasteful design in gold, edged with black. The chancel window is of amber glass, through which a mellow, golden light is poured over the interior, giving a most beautiful effect. Two handsome chandeliers and several neat bracket lamps give light for evening services.

Miss Nellie Smith was the organist at the opening services: the choir being composed of the best voices from among the future worshippers in the church, assisted by a few from other congregations. The collections at all the services amounted to just \$59.

**BAWDON**—The Rev. W. J. Ancient closed his ten and a half years' ministry in this parish on Sunday, November 23rd. There was a special celebration of the Holy Communion at the Morning service at which forty-five communicated. In the evening a farewell service was held and sermon preached in the parish church in place of the regular service at Pleasant Valley. Very large congregations attended each of these services. In the morning, instead of a sermon, Mr. Ancient gave an address on the Holy Communion; its nature, blessings, etc., speaking thankfully of the very large increase in the number of communicants during his pastorate, particularly among the young men; and urged upon them the importance of a continuance in well doing.

At the close of choir practice on Saturday evening, November 22nd, Miss Ancient received a genuine surprise in the form of an address and a purse. The address eulogizing Miss Ancients' services as organist, was read by Miss Mary Chambers, and the purse, containing \$31, was presented by Miss Emma Northup.

On Wednesday evening Miss Ancient received another *bona fide* surprise from the people at Pleasant Valley, where she has also been organist. This was an address, read by Miss Bessie Bond, and a beautiful gold Albert, presented by Mr. J. W. Bond, on behalf of the people in this section of the parish.

On the Monday evening Mr. Ancient received a deputation from the Ardoise section of the parish who presented him with between sixteen and seventeen dollars and expressed their deep regret at losing his services; at the same time wishing him every blessing in his new parish. Mr. Ancient and family left on Thursday morning for Londonderry, his new field of labor.

**KENTVILLE**—A subscriber in Kentville sent us a P.O.O. on 2nd October last but forgot to inclose a name. Will the sender please communicate with us.

## DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

**FREDERICTON**—The meeting of the Women's Aid Union, held on the afternoon of the 3rd Dec., in the Church hall, was very largely attended. Mrs. Madley presided, and spirited addresses were delivered by Canon Roberts and Rev. Mr. Parkinson.

**DORCHESTER**—*Holy Trinity Church*.—This church has lately undergone extensive alterations and repairs, some \$2,000 being expended. Among the improvements may be mentioned the following: A furnace has taken the place of the old stoves. Gothic windows of double lights, with stained glass headings, the body of the glass of the several lights being what is known as cathedral tint, substituted for the old windows. The church has been re-seated in a handsome and comfortable manner, the Oxford Manufacturing Company supplying this part of the work, and have done it admirably. Among the special gifts were a memorial pulpit by Lady Smith in memory of the late Sir Albert J. Smith, which cost \$400. The same lady also gave a font of pure white marble, costing \$200, in memory of an infant child. A stained glass window has been donated by Mrs. David Chapman, in memory of her deceased children. Among those who subscribed very largely we observe the names of Albert J. Chapman, Mrs. Joshua Chandler, John B. Forester and Churchwarden H. W. Palmer, who contributed \$500. Rev. J. Roy Campbell, the pastor, has worked indefatigably to put the church in its present condition, and deserves the thanks of his parishioners for his arduous labors.—*Moncton Times*.

## DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

**MONTREAL**—*Personal*.—There was a large gathering at the Diocesan Theological College, on Thursday last, of the city clergy, the students of the college, and a number of friends, who assembled to say farewell to Rev. J. A. Newnham, late Rector of Cote St. Antoine, who is about leaving for England prior to his engaging in missionary work in the Diocese of Moosonee. The Bishop presided. After an address by the Rev. Principal Henderson, Archdeacon Evans, on behalf of the clergy, presented Mr. Newnham with a portmanteau and despatch box, trusting that they would prove useful to him, and would remind him of the friends he had left behind him. Interesting addresses by Dean Carmichael and by Mr. J. A. Elliott, on behalf of the college students, were delivered. Rev. J. A. Newnham, in returning thanks, said he thought he was going to make very little sacrifice. He believed, from conversation with persons who had resided in the district to which he was going, that the hardships had been much exaggerated. His Lordship the Bishop, having said a few parting words, pronounced the benediction.

A reception was held in the Academy Building, Cote St. Antoine, in the evening of the same day, when on behalf of the congregation of St. Matthias Mr. Newnham was presented with a silver (pocket) Communion service, the presentation being made by Mr. Hobbs. The Sunday school also presented him with a splendid photographic camera, the presentation being made by Mr. Ross, while the Ladies' Aid, through Mrs. Everett, presented Miss Newnham with a collection of silverware and jewellery, consisting of a dozen pieces.

**CLARENCEVILLE**—Sunday, the 30th ult., being the anniversary of the Rev. W. N. Duthie assuming the rectorship of St. Thomas and St. George's churches, he gave statistics of the