

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

LUNenburg.—The 54th session of the Rural Decanal Chapter of Lunenburg was held at Hubbard's Cove, Halifax Co., on Wednesday and Thursday, May 7th and 8th. Present:—Rev. W. E. Gelling, Rural Dean; P. H. Brown, G. H. Butler, E. Roy, E. A. Harris, C. P. Mellor, E. D. Parry, W. T. Woollard, Geo. D. Harris, and Henry Stamer, Rector of the parish. Absent Rev. Geo. Haslam and James Spencer.

Divine service was held in the Parish Church on Wednesday evening, Revs. Mellor, Gelling, Butler and G. D. Harris taking part in the same. Mr. Brown gave an address on 'The Remembrance' in the Lord's Supper as being before God and not before men. Mr. Parry followed, speaking on 'the Confidence of David' from the words, 'The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.'

On Thursday morning Divine service was held at Mill Cove, in the new St. Mark's Church lately built there under the supervision of the Rector. The Holy Communion was administered to 23 communicants besides the clergy, the Rural Dean being celebrant; Revs. E. A. Harris, P. H. Brown, C. P. Mellor and E. Roy taking part in the service, and Geo. D. Harris leading the singing. Mr. Woollard preached an interesting and excellent sermon from St. Matt. vi, 38.

The Chapter met for business at the Rectory at 3:30 p.m., when a number of interesting questions were informally discussed, and an amendment to a former motion was carried to admit of a sermon being preached at Thursday morning Chapter meeting, if the Rector so required, such sermon to be specially *ad clerum*.

The Chapter accepted an invitation from Rev. Mr. Harris to hold the next session at La Have in October.

In the evening Divine service was again held in the Parish Church. Revs. Roy, Mellor, Brown and Woollard each taking a part. Rev. Geo. D. Harris, of La Have, spoke on the 'Relationship between God and Man: God as a Father, and each man of the human race, a child, a son.' The Rural Dean followed with a very interesting and instructive address on three appearances of our Blessed Lord after His Resurrection.

The Rector Rev. Mr. Stamer, is about vacating the parish, not by resignation but by removal. His successor will take the position of vicar. This vacancy will make at the least four parishes in the Diocese to which incumbents will soon have to be appointed.

The clergy one and all felt that this was one of the pleasantest meetings held for some time, and though but little actual business was done we all felt it was good to have been there; sorrowing only for that we shall see the face of this aged Rector at these meetings no more.

KING'S COLLEGE.—The Lectureship on Apologetics has been conferred, not on Rev. George Harlow, as announced in issue of 21st ult., but on Rev. George Haslam, M.A., of Trinity College, Dublin, Rector of the Parish of Lunenburg.

AMHERST.—Whitsunday was bright and beautiful. There was a large congregation at the morning service, and a large number of communicants at the two celebrations. The flowers on the altar were very beautiful, consisting of scarlet geraniums and ferns, the gift of an earnest churchwoman, who is always to the fore in every church work.

PARRSBORO.—His Lordship Bishop Courtney arrived in Parrsboro at 5:30, upon the evening of the Queen's Birthday, and was the guest of the Rector. A beautiful drive of eight miles on Sunday morning brought him to Diligent River, where a church awaited consecration. The corner stone of this church was laid by his

Lordship on June 17th, 1889. The Church was filled from end to end at 10:30 a.m., when a petition was read by Rev. S. Gibbons, praying the Bishop to Consecrate the building, which prayer the Bishop granted. The building is small, its seating capacity being 120 comfortably. It has a beautiful three-light east window of the Resurrection, from England. The altar cloth is presented by the Church Extension Association; one desk hanging given by Miss Lizzie Aikman; another by Mrs. Gibbons; the chancel is nicely carpeted; the aisle covered with cocoanut matting; the new organ under Mrs. Gibbons' skilful management pealed forth its joyful music; the choir being composed of voices from Parrsboro and Port Greville, as well as from Diligent River; the brass altar cross and vases are presents from Miss Audubon, a grand daughter of the celebrated naturalist; the desks, beautifully made, are presents from the children of All Saints' parish, Orange Valley, New Jersey, U.S.; the font unfortunately had not arrived, but is a gift from the Sunday school children of St. Mark's Church, Brooklyn. The sentence of Consecration was read by the Rector, declaring St. John the Evangelist the patron saint of this Church, and signed by the Bishop, who delivered an eloquent address admirably suited to the congregation, upon Consecration of places, buildings and hearts to God the giver of all good things.

The Apostolic rite of Confirmation was then administered to four candidates, all married people, a mother, father and daughter being of the number. Holy Communion formed a fitting ending to the previous beautiful services.

Great credit is due, especially to our small band of courageous and united women, who have worked early, late and constantly for their church; the remaining debt being privately undertaken rendered it possible to have the consecration. The old English Society, S.P.C.K., the grand handmaiden of the Church, generously granting £40 towards the building fund. To them especially and many other kind friends our grateful hearts tender thanks.

A forty five minutes quick drive took us to dinner at Port Greville, where Mrs. Perry Hatfield sumptuously entertained the Bishop, after which Confirmation was held in the Church of the Holy Trinity which has been freshly alabastered, and was tastefully trimmed with flowers. The choir heartily sang their praises, and four candidates were presented and confirmed by the Bishop who gave practical advice and sound church doctrine in his usual happy manner. The Rector being called to see a very sick woman, the Bishop concluded the service, after which a drive of twelve miles brought tea, hastily partaken of, when Evensong and Confirmation were held at the parish Church of St. George, Parrsboro, which was crowded. The pastoral staff was here borne by Rev. E. P. Harley, who has been kind enough to help the Rector for several Sundays by his eloquent and learned sermons. The address to the five candidates for Confirmation showed the scriptural mode of blessing through the imposition of hands in the old Testament, in the case of Jacob and by Isaac. Joseph's sons by Jacob, and Joshua by Moses; in the New Testament by Jesus Christ himself, and by the Apostles in the Acts. Plain, simple, therefore, truly eloquent were the Bishop's words.

We are very grateful for the visit which cannot but be fruitful in results for the Church of Christ. A new organ procured principally by the ladies of the congregation adorns the chancel of St. George's Church, which was very profusely decorated with flowers. The beautiful service, the hearty singing of the choir, the deep attention of the congregation combined with the stirring words of the Bishop to make a service not soon to be forgotten by us in beautiful Parrsboro.

The new wardens have taken hold well; the ground around the church has been ploughed up and sowed down; the school has been

whitened; trees have been planted around one side of the graveyard, which on July 1st will be declared closed by Act of Parliament. A new lot of land has been secured for a graveyard by the new wardens, Messrs. Robt. Aikman and M. G. Atkinson, M.D., who have the counsel and advice of the old stand by warden, A. S. Townshend, Esq., who long stood by St. George's parish in troubled waters, and rejoices to see it sailing under favouring breezes.

HORTON.—On Wednesday, May 28th, the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia administered the Apostolic rite of Confirmation in St. John's Church, Wolfville, to a small class, consisting of five males and two females. The Bishop's address on the serious yet joyous nature of Confirmation was listened to with wrapt attention by a large congregation. This is the third Confirmation held in the Parish of Horton in twenty months. The total number confirmed at these three confirmations is 46—21 males, 25 females, and out of the above total just one-third were received into the Church by adult Baptism. In the last class presented five out of seven had been baptized as adults; the average age of the seven persons confirmed was 35 years.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

ST. JOHN.—Trinity Church Sunday school held its 64th anniversary service on the evening of 25th May. Rev. Dr. Brigstocke preached from 2nd Kings, xxii, 1 and 2 vs, addressing himself chiefly to the young people. Extended reference was made to the fact that Trinity Sunday school was the pioneer Sabbath school of St. John and probably of the Dominion.—*Globe*.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

ORDINATION.—The Lord Bishop of the Diocese held his Trinity Ordination in Trinity Church, Montreal, on the 1st instant. The Rev. G. Osborne Troop delivered the Ordination sermon. Rev. R. F. Taylor, Rev. W. Raven, Rev. W. J. M. Beattie, Rev. J. Paleston Roberts were advanced to the priesthood, and Messrs. H. E. Hersey, M. A., and P. E. Judge were ordained deacons.

THE 31st Synod of the Diocese meet on Tuesday, the 17th June instant, and will be preceded by the usual service in the Cathedral at 10:30 a.m., at which the Ven. Archdeacon Evans will preach. The *Agenda* paper issued by the Secretary contains only two notices of motions; one by the Dean of Montreal, to appoint delegates to the Conference in Winnipeg on "Church Consolidation," and one by Rev. J. A. Dixon, to increase the number of members in the Executive Committee to twenty of each order. Probably other business will be announced on the first day.

COTE ST PAUL.—On Thursday evening, the 29th May, Mr. G. Beaman, of Montreal, gave a very interesting lecture, illustrated with admirable stereopticon views of London, England, in the Parochial Hall here. The lantern is an especially excellent one, and the views clear and distinct. The entertainment was much enjoyed by those present; and those absent missed a treat. We understand that Mr. Beaman will make engagements for delivering his lecture in any place in the Diocese, and his address with further particulars can be had through the CHURCH GUARDIAN.

On Trinity Sunday the Rev. E. A. W. King, M.A., presently Assistant at Trinity Church, Montreal, visited this Mission and preached at morning service in the Church of the Redeemer. His former visits to the Mission have not been forgotten, nor the excellent instruction imparted some years ago to the then Confirmation candidates; and all were glad to have him once again with them. J. W. Marling, Esq., assisted