

News from the Home Field.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

SHELburne.—Mrs. Parkinson, wife of Rev. Mr. Parkinson (late Curate of Shelburne), died at the parsonage yesterday morning, 10th Sept., after a long and painful illness. The remains were forwarded to Liverpool, N. S., this morning (11th inst.) As the funeral left the parsonage the bell of Christ Church, Shelburne, was tolled as a mark of respect for the dead, and sympathy for the living. Mrs. Parkinson was greatly beloved by all classes of people in the community, and Mr. Parkinson carries with him to his new parish (Port Medway) the heartfelt sympathy and best wishes of his former parishioners. The Rev. E. M. Welsh (who is Mr. Parkinson's successor) arrived here Aug. 8th, and as Mr. Parkinson found it impossible to vacate the parsonage, Mr. Wm. Muir kindly placed his house at Mr. Welsh's disposal, until such time as he should be able to move into the parsonage.

The annual Sunday School picnic was held on Wednesday, 6th inst. The children were rowed across the harbour to the grounds called the "Barracks," where they spent a most enjoyable day. The amusements, games, etc., were superintended by Mr. B. W. R. Tayler, our popular Lay Reader. And it is hardly necessary for me to say that they were quite successful.

Sandy Point.—The foundations of the new Church at Sandy Point have been laid for some time. We hope to have the frame up and boarded in this autumn, ready for service next summer. The people of Sandy Point are never backward in any good work. And when their church is completed it will be a lasting monument of their zeal for Christ and His Church. We are quite busy preparing for our Bishop's visit. He will hold Confirmations in this Parish on the 14th and 15th of October. The Rector (Rev. Dr. White) has a large Confirmation class in Shelburne, and classes have been organized at Sandy Point and Church Over.

COLE HARBOR.—The picnic held at Cole Harbor on Wednesday, 30th August, in aid of St. Andrew's Church (English), under the management of Rev. W. L. Currie, was a grand success. The day was charming, and everyone seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves. The sum of \$130 was realized, which will materially aid in painting and renovating the Church.

HOWTON—Kentville.—The Bishop of the Diocese consecrated the new chancel of this Church on Sunday morning last. The building has been lately removed to a better site, and a handsome new chancel 25 by 18 feet added. The plans were very kindly given, gratuitously, by Hurd Peters, Esq., of St. John, N. B., architect of the Mission Chapel. The roof is a very handsome one, finished with diagonal boarding. On either side of the chancel are vestry and organ chamber, both spacious. The latter opens to the body of the Church, and is filled in with a richly carved screen. The altar, a beautiful piece of work, has the proper elevation of seven steps from nave to footpace. On Sunday morning the Church was crowded to see the Consecration service. The Rector and Wardens met the Bishop, preceded by the Curate of the Parish, Rev. G. J. D. Peters, bearing the pastoral staff, with the petition for consecration. The usual service then followed. At the Holy Communion His Lordship was celebrant, the Rector Gospeller, Rev. F. H. Axford Epistoler, and the Curate server. The address of the Bishop was most earnest and moving. Great praise is due to Mr. Ruggles for his earnestness and perseverance, as well as business faculty. It is through him altogether that the change has been brought about. Under the chancel is a comfortable room for the Sunday School.

WOLFVILLE—St. John's Church.—A Confirmation was held in this Church on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 10th, when sixteen persons received the rite of laying on of hands. Of these five adults were from the sects. The Church was handsomely decorated, the chief feature being a Gothic screen of

moss, flowers and ferns at the entrance of the chancel. This was surmounted with a large floral cross, having on either side crimson banners, with the sentences in straw, "Be a good soldier," "Under His banner." The font was decked with moss and flowers, with a cross of white blossoms above. There were also four bouquets on the table. The choir rendered Wesley's "Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis," and the hymns very well and heartily. The stirring hymn, "Faith of our Fathers," was sung as a recessional. The Bishop spoke with much power and effect on the Sacrament of Baptism, and the Holy Rite he had just administered. The Church was packed to its utmost capacity. In the evening the Curate, Rev. Mr. Peters, said farewell to his people. The Parish being unable to support two clergymen he is obliged to leave. He takes with him the good wishes of his late flock, as well as many substantial tokens of affection and good will.

ALBION MINES.—The Committee on repair of the Church, (viz. Rector, Wardens, and Delegates,) have removed the doors from the pews; the effect is excellent. Mr. McQuarrie is repairing the exterior, prior to its receiving three coats of much needed paint at the hands of Mr. Turner.

The Rector has been so happy as to meet with a clergyman (Rev. Fred. J. J. Smith) to take charge of the Parish during his winter's absence.

The proposed "Retreat" in Windsor has been put off, since the arrangements necessary for holding it cannot be made at present.

HALIFAX—St. George's.—Immediately after the induction of the new Rector of St. George's, Rev. F. Partridge, a movement was set on foot for the removal of the organ loft hitherto occupying the east end of the Church and completely filling the chancel, and throwing open and suitably fitting up the chancel in accordance with modern requirements. A Parish meeting was held, at which plans and estimates were submitted by a Committee of the Vestry, and which were unanimously adopted; the Rector promising to raise the necessary funds himself. A contract was then entered into with Messrs. Jordan & Pidler, both members of Saint George's congregation, to finish the work for \$945. The alterations included the building of two wings, one for an organ chamber, the other for a vestry. On Tuesday, Sept. 5th, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese consecrated the chancel with its new furniture. The choir of St. George's, which is trained by the Rector, was kindly assisted by the choirs of St. Luke's Cathedral and St. Paul's Church. The music at the morning service and Holy Communion was Dykes in F; the anthem *Gounod's* "Send out the Light." The singing was very good and steady and showed much pains in its preparation. The preacher was Rev. F. R. Murray, Rector of St. Luke's, the Bishop having previously given an address on the Consecration. Great credit is due to the architect, Mr. F. H. Crocker, who has admirably succeeded in carrying out in the restored chancel the general design of the Church. The builders also deserve a word of praise, especially for their bold and successful feat of lowering and putting in position the large organ bodily as it stood. The painting, which is in excellent taste, was done by the Messrs. Cutlip. A bright future lies before this Church, if the vigour already infused into the Parish be only sustained. The parishioners have nobly supported their new Rector in his plans for the good of the Parish, and the improvements in the Church are out of debt. The Guild is now in good working order, and numbers about sixty members, each of whom has some prescribed work to do for the Master's cause.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

NEWCASTLE.—The first annual sale in connection with "The Young Women's Guild of St. Andrew," took place in the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, the 6th inst. The day was all that could be desired, and nothing could exceed the taste displayed by the Ladies in the arraying of the large Hall, so well suited in every way for such an occasion. The

sale table was abundantly loaded with useful and fancy articles, quite a large assortment of things having been collected together considering The Guild was only inaugurated in February last, and one could not but feel that good and faithful work had been done to produce such results in so short a time. But few articles remained over when the bazaar closed. A large refreshment table, as well as the ice cream department, did good execution throughout the day, and were largely patronized. Tea was served at an early hour to accommodate visitors from a distance, and the ladies were kept busy for a long time in attending to the many who came to partake of the good things set before them. The proceeds amounted in all to about \$230 from which a certain amount has to be deducted for necessary expenses. The net proceeds are to be devoted to the debt upon the Sunday School House, which at the present amounts to \$921. The members of the Guild are certainly to be congratulated on the result of their first sale, and have every encouragement in the good work in which they are engaged. The devotion of a certain portion of their time in direct work for God and his Church. Where church work is carried on in this spirit—in a quiet, unostentatious way it is impossible to estimate the amount of good that may be accomplished, nor the source of strength such a Guild is to the Rector's hands!

KINGSTON.—On Sunday, Sept. 10th, the Rt. Rev. the Bishop Coadjutor held a Confirmation at the Parish Church of Kingston, when thirty-four were confirmed and there were one hundred and fifty-one communicants. Of these last, many who had ceased to be residents of the Parish had come back for the day, from St. John and elsewhere, to shew their attachment to the old Church. The day and the scene were alike beautiful. The Church stands on high ground, surrounded on all sides by higher hills, reminding one of the Psalmist's words, "The hills stand about Jerusalem;" and here it has stood for nearly 100 years, having been built in 1788. It is said that the loyalists chose this lofty site for their place of settlement because they arrived during a freshet, when the surrounding country was submerged. The consequence is that railroads come not near to Kingston, and that the honour and emolument of being the shire-town, which it possessed for many years, has been transferred from it to Hampton. Nevertheless Kingston is still almost, if not quite, the largest country parish in the Diocese in Church population, and ought by this time to be preparing to walk without the leading strings of the Board of Home Missions.

On Sunday afternoon, the Coadjutor-Bishop preached at St. James' Church, on the River St. John. The interior of this Church displays a very remarkable ecclesiastical arrangement, but at the same time bears evidence of thoroughly faithful work on the part of the builders of some forty years ago, and also of reverent care now on the part of the gentleman who acts so efficiently as Church Warden, Sexton and Choir Leader. The Rev. D. J. Wetmore assisted the Rector in the Services.

On Wednesday, Sept. 13th, the Coadjutor Bishop, though suffering under a sharp attack of feverish cold and neuralgia, went from Fredericton to Prince William Station by train, and thence drove to Magaguadavic, where he confirmed thirteen candidates. In the evening he preached at Magundy Church on the Collect for the week. On Thursday morning he held a Confirmation at the Parish Church of Prince William, which is beautifully situated on the river bank. Here four were confirmed, and fourteen received the Holy Eucharist.

FREDERICTON.—The Anniversary of the Consecration of the Cathedral was observed by appropriate services on the Twelfth Sunday after Trinity. The Metropolitan preached at the morning and evening services. He spoke of the many changes that had occurred both in the choir and congregation, the many members who had passed away, and of the warm friendship and support of some who had at first opposed his work. The beautiful anthem, "Peace be within Thy walls," was sung at the conclusion of the evening service.

On the following Wednesday, the Sunday School children of the Parish of Fredericton, accompanied