

News from the Home Field.

Diocese of Nova Scotia.

AMHERST.—A few weeks ago there passed away from our midst one of the brightest of our young people, Murial Agnew Clinton Morse. Ever ready to help in church work, and to do little acts of kindness to others her loss is deeply felt by many to whom she was known, and leaves a sad blank in the home of Dr. C. J. and Mrs. Morse.

ANNAPOLIS.—The regular quarterly meeting of the Annapolis Rural Deanery was held at Weymouth on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 12th and 13th of February. Members present: Revs. Rural Dean deBlois, ex-Dean Filleul, Withycombe, Warner, Belliss, Gale and Harley.

On Tuesday evening the Sunday-school Convention met in the parish church, and was addressed by Rev. Rural Dean deBlois, Rev. John Withycombe, Rev. John Warner and Douglas Campbell, Esq., superintendent of the Weymouth Sunday-school. An able and instructive paper on the proper method of teaching and making the school attractive and useful was read by the Rural Dean. Much interest was manifested in the proceedings and valuable assistance rendered to those engaged in this God-like work.

On Wednesday morning service was held in the parish church. The congregation was large and attentive, the service hearty and the singing remarkably good. The *ad clerum* sermon was preached by the Rev. John Warner, rector of Middleton, and was certainly one of his happiest efforts, being eloquent, truthful and forcible. After dinner at the rectory the Chapter was opened for business and much important work was done, more especially the considering, clause by clause, the resolutions adopted at the late meeting of the Rural Deans in Halifax. A resolution of thanks was also conveyed to the Venerable the ex-Dean Filleul for the earnest and useful work he had done during the many years he had presided over the Deanery, with heartfelt wish that he might be spared for many years to give us his godly counsel and advice.

In the evening service was held in St. Thomas Church, Weymouth Bridge. The Rural Dean preached one of his earnest, touching sermons, to a large and attentive congregation. This church has lately been completely remodelled, and may now be looked upon as one of the prettiest and most chaste ecclesiastical edifices in the diocese, and reflects great credit upon the rector of the parish and the warm and willing hearts of the people in that place. The collections were devoted to Missionary purposes within the Deanery. The visiting clergy were cordially entertained by the hospitable people of Weymouth, and thus ended a meeting happy in its gathering, and profitable, we trust, in its results.

Rev. H. How, B. A., has been appointed Ecclesiastical Commissary for Bishop of Moosonee. A Guild of Willing workers has been organized to sew for Moosonee, and it is their intention to send if possible, a bale by the June ship, *via*, London. A Sanctuary Guild has also been started. A Chapter of St. Andrew's Brotherhood was instituted a fortnight ago, of which Rev. H. How is the director, G. T. Bohaker the Vice-director and Thos. Savary the Sec. Treas. Rev. Messrs. Belliss and Gale, who are already Brotherhood men were present at the institution, together with Brother Smith, of Truro.

Diocese of Fredericton.

ST. JOHN.—During the Lenten season midday services are being held in the Church of England Institute rooms, Germain st., at half past twelve each day. Each clergyman in the city has consented to take part, and the whole will be under the direction of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

On Tuesday evening, 26th February, a pleasant entertainment was held in the schoolroom of the Church at Rothesay, consisting of music, tableaux, &c., a large number of ladies and gentlemen coming from St. John to take part in the programme.

The Rev. J. Cooper Robinson, missionary in Japan under the auspices of the Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions of the Church of England in Canada, has been addressing large meetings in several parishes in St. John during the past month.

Diocese of Quebec.

QUEBEC.—On the evening of Feb. 21st ult., a very large congregation attended St. Matthew's church in this city, on the occasion of the dedication of the handsome new font and baptistery just erected therein, through congregational subscription, to the glory of God and in memory of the late Right Rev. James William Williams, D.D., fourth Bishop of Quebec.

There were present amongst the clergy Lord Bishop Dunn, Ven. Archdeacon Roe, the Revs. Canon VonIffland, Lennox Williams, rector of St. Matthews, and Mr. Norrie, assistant minister; Debbage, Lariviere, Hibbard, Balfour, A. Dunn Balfour, and Parroch, Bishop's chaplain, bearing the pastoral staff.

The Bishop, clergy and choir proceeded from the vestry to the chancel, singing the hymn No. 215 A. & M., when the Bishop, standing at the chancel steps, attended by his chaplain and the Archdeacon, said to the Rector and wardens of the church:

"I am come hither at your desire; let the Petition for the Dedication of your Font and Baptistery now be read."

The following petition was then read.

"To the Right Rev. Andrew Hunter, Bishop of Quebec: We the Rector and Wardens, representing the congregation of this Church, have caused a Font and Baptistery to be erected for the Service of God, and the administration of the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, in memory of our late Father-in-God, the Right Rev. James William Williams, D.D., Fourth Bishop of Quebec, and our desire is that they may be set apart from all common and profane uses and dedicated to the honor of God by your prayers and ministry according to the customs of the Holy Catholic Church."

The Bishop, accepting the petition answered and consented saying: "Brethren, this being your desire, we will now proceed to the Act of Dedication."

Let us Pray.

In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

Our Father, etc. *Amen.*

Prevent us O Lord, etc. *Amen.*

The lxxxiv. Psalm was then sung.

The Bishop then delivered an address in which he referred in very laudatory terms to the work of the late Lord Bishop, to whose memory the new font and baptistery were erected. He said that the appeals for the Diocesan memorial in the shape of the Bishop William's Fund of the Church Society had been responded to even beyond the expectation of its promoters, and it was gratifying too, to note that parish memorials were also being erected.

This in St. Matthew's was likely to be the best of those memorials, for St. Matthew's as a parish led in every good work. His Lordship also referred to the memorial window in Bishop's College chapel, Lennoxville dedicated on the 18th ult., which had been erected to the joint memory of Rev. Dr. Nicolls, first Principal of the institution, of Bishop Mountain and of Bishop Williams. Hymn 242, "We love the place O God," etc., was sung, while the wardens, choir, clergy, Archdeacon and Bishop proceeded to the font. Then all kneeling the Bishop offered the prayers of dedication, and hymn 502 was sung.

Pure water was then poured into the font and the Bishop proceeded to administer the Sacrament of Holy Baptism to three young children, —one a child of Mr. John Ready, churchwarden.

During the singing of the next hymn, "O'er the shoreless waste of waters," the choir, clergy, Archdeacon and Bishop returned to the chancel.

Then the sermon was preached by the Ven. Archdeacon Roe, formerly rector of the Church, who took his text from Psalm xlv. 16: "Instead of thy fathers thou shalt have children, whom thou may'st make rulers in all lands." The rev. gentleman spoke in deservedly eulogistic terms of the late Bishop and of his views upon baptism and other similar subjects. The service was closed by the benediction, pronounced by the Bishop.

The hymn No. 437 A. & M. was sung as a recessional. The service throughout was most interesting and imposing, the conduct of the large congregation most reverential, and the music and singing of the choir of a very high order. The service will long be remembered in the church and parish as one of its red letter events.

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Report of Church extension in the District of St. Francis, by the Ven. Archdeacon Roe, D.D.,

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2. In the summer of the same year, 1868, the Mission of Magog was founded.

This is a case in which the Mission field 'suffered violence and the violent took it by force.' I had been deeply impressed (I think especially by Mr. Scarth, who had laboured there as travelling missionary) with the urgent importance of the Church occupying the ground, Magog being certain, from its splendid water-power, to become in time a large manufacturing town. With no small difficulty were the little handful of Church people found there, three or four families only, persuaded to take so audacious a step as that of applying for a resident clergyman. They did so, offering to contribute towards his support; and the Diocesan Board, which in those days was heartily at our back ready for any venture, at once placed Magog on its roll.

The history of this Mission,—now almost ready to graduate into a Rectory,—is also full of interest.

I remember the insolent contempt with which the few outsiders, who strolled in to look at the first Service held by Bishop Williams in the School-house there, gazed upon us; as if who should say,—"What do these feeble Episcopalians in Magog? If even a fox were to go upon the wall which they build he would throw it down."

The first clergyman was the Rev. Dr. Morrison, now the distinguished Rector of Ogdensburg, Western New York; but his stay was too brief to make any impression. It was the Rev. John Walters who built the Church and really laid the foundations of the Mission. Strong men have succeeded him,—Ernest King, James Hepburn, and the present incumbent. To Mr. Hepburn, with his twelve years of such untiring labour as very few men could give, Magog