

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

WINDSOR.—The Rev. T. E. Dowling, Domestic Chaplain to Bishop Blyth, delivered a lecture in Christ Church Sunday school here on the evening of the 7th Sept. The lecture was a rare treat and in speaking of it the local paper says that by many amusing incidents Mr. Dowling directed the thoughts of his hearers to the Holy Land; describing in graphic though necessarily brief terms the towns of Jaffa, Nablous, Bethlehem; the object of the Palestine Exploration Fund and its importance in locating Bible places; the 'withoutness,' as he characterized it, of the land, *i. e.*, the absence of carriage roads, postal system, good water supply, schools for girls, etc., owing to the injustice of the Turkish rule; the good and bad traits in the character of the Bedouin Arabs; the good work done by the Ophthalmic hospital for the blind, blindness, he said, being just as prevalent as in the days when our Lord opened the eyes of the blind; the condition of the lepers. He then gave much useful and interesting information with regard to Tiberias, Damascus, 'the Eye of the East,' and On (Heliopolis), 'the City of the Sun,' illustrated by large coloured diagrams. Also telling many new and interesting things with regard to Jerusalem, its walls, gates, interior, suburbs, etc. Mr. Dowling had with him a number of interesting articles which he had brought from the Holy Land, among which may be mentioned the 'Torah,' or Book of Law, in the form of a parchment scroll enclosed in a large wooden case. Mr. Dowling showing the way in which it was opened, read and closed, using it to illustrate the way in which Christ read a similar scroll in the Synagogue (Luke iv, 16-17), two phylacteries, describing what they were, their use, and the manner in which they were worn; a box of small bones found outside the walls of Jerusalem which have been proved to be those of animals killed in the Jewish sacrifices; a photograph of the Bishop's Chapel at Jerusalem, the altar cloth of which was presented by the present Metropolitan of Canada. On the conclusion of the lecture those who wished to had the opportunity of seeing more closely the objects of interest spread out on tables, and of purchasing mementoes of the Holy Land.

ANNAPOLIS.—The parish Church of St. Paul, Rosette, has been re-opened for divine service, when a densely packed house testified the approbation the parishioners felt in being enabled to worship in so tastefully arranged a building. Outside, the roof of the Church has been newly shingled and the interior painted, while inside the whole exterior has been remodelled, having had a new ceiling placed therein, with three very handsome and elaborate ventilators, the walls beautifully tinted in light olive green, with ornamental borderings, while on the sides are the appropriate words beautifully painted, extending around the entire nave: 'I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord,' and over the altar in bright vermilion are inscribed the texts, 'I am the true vine,' 'I am the bread of life.' The pews have been entirely refitted and the cushions covered with crimson-figured damask. Altogether the Church presents a neat, tasteful appearance, and not only reflects great credit upon the contractor, but also upon the energies and good will of the ladies of the congregation, who have been mainly instrumental in affecting the improvements. We understand also that extensive improvements on quite a grand scale are being made in the brick church at Moschelle, and that the building will shortly be re-opened for service, the new parish (so lately divided from Annapolis), under its new rector, is making rapid strides and everything is working harmoniously and well, thus proving how wise a step its erection into a separate parish was.

RAWDON.—The annual picnic of the Sunday school will be held on the 17th in the Lecture Grounds, and the annual Harvest Festival in the evening at 7 o'clock, in the Parish Church.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

SUSSEX.—A Flower service was held in Holy Trinity on Sunday afternoon, 6th Sept., by the Rev. Henry W. Little, the Rector, which was well attended by adults as well as children. Beautiful wreaths, crosses and bouquets were presented by the children of the Sunday school, and these were afterwards taken to the cemeteries of the village and placed upon the graves of the three late Rectors of Holy Trinity, and of deceased members of the congregation. The collection was for the 'Homes for Indian children in the Northwest.'—*Globe.*

ST. JOHN.—The Davenport School for boys was opened on the afternoon of the 7th Sept. inst., by the Right Rev. Dr. Kingdon, Bishop Coadjutor. There was a large attendance of ladies and gentlemen interested in this new church enterprise. The services were of a special character, and were conducted by the Bishop. They opened with the ascription to the Holy Trinity, after which followed some Suffrages, the Gloria Patri, and the hymn 'O God, our help in ages past.' Psalms viii. and cix. were then said followed by the Lesson from II Timothy, v. 3, 14-15. The Apostles' Creed was then recited, followed by special Suffrages and Prayers. A surpliced choir composed of the scholars rendered the musical portion of the service.

The School starts with an attendance of 17 boarders and 30 day scholars. The building is first class, with large and airy rooms and halls. Mr. Davenport is to be congratulated upon the successful inauguration of the school of which he is prime promoter.

ST. PAUL'S.—The anniversary services of St. Paul's (Valley) Church, which were held on Sunday, Sept. 6th, were largely attended. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers. The Rector preached in the morning, and in the evening the Rev. Mr. Lutz, hitherto curate of the parish, preached his farewell sermon.

WOODSTOCK DEANERY.—The quarterly session of Woodstock Deanery convened at Mr. George A. Brittain's, Bristol, Mission of Aberdeen, which is at present without a resident missionary, on Wednesday, Sept. 9th inst. Present:—Rev. Canon Neales, Rev. H. B. Harris, Rev. J. R. Flewelling, Rev. Scovil Neales and Rev. A. R. P. Williams. On the preceding evening service was held at East Florenceville, and on account of appointed preacher and his substitute being absent Canon Neales preached an admirable sermon, from Romans xii. 1.

On Wednesday at 9 a.m. Holy Communion was administered at East Florenceville, Canon Neales being celebrant, and Rev. S. Neales, Epistoler. Wednesday p.m. a missionary meeting was held at Bristol, which was largely attended. After Canon Neales had baptized a child presented by Mr. George A. Brittain, addresses were delivered by the following clergy men, Revs. Henry, Badd, Morris, Scovil, Neales and Thomas Neales.

At meeting of Chapter after routine business, the parable of the Good Samaritan was read, translated and discussed. The next meeting will be held at Gordon, Dec. 9th, 1891.

PERSONAL.—The Rev. C. D. Brown, late of the Diocese of Fredericton, N.B., has been warmly welcomed at Deorah and Cresco.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

HATLEY.—About twenty years ago the whole front and spire of St. James' Church in this parish was blown down by a high wind. The end of the church was soon replaced, but the

rebuilding of the spire had to wait for a more convenient season. There has been a great desire on the part of the older members of the congregation especially to see the church restored to something like its former appearance, but the undertaking seemed to be beyond the financial state of the parish.

A short time ago a generous member of the congregation offered to put a new bell into the tower, and we were further stimulated by offers of help from two former members of the parish. These generous offers were gladly accepted and the people set to work to raise funds with such energy and unanimity that in a short time more than enough was given. So the church is now adorned with one of the prettiest spires in the country, and the people are summoned to worship by the sound of a very sweet toned bell. When all was paid for it was found that there was \$40 still in the treasurer's hands. It was decided to raise about as much more and paint the outside of the church.

The work had gone on so smoothly, and the improved appearance of the church was so satisfactory, that a special service of thanksgiving and benediction was decided on.

Advantage was taken of the presence of the Right Rev. W. W. Niles, D.D., Bishop of New Hampshire, who is a native of this parish, and was on a visit to his friends, and the service was appointed for Saturday, Aug. 29th.

All the neighboring clergy were invited, together with several former residents of the parish who had taken an interest in the work, among whom was Mr. Hollis Shorey of Montreal, and Mr. T. B. Rider, M.P. The people were asked to bring their lunch baskets, and after the service have dinner under the shade trees on the square in front of the church; one of the prettiest spots, by the way, in the whole Eastern Townships. A large congregation assembled, many having come from the neighboring parishes of Coaticook, Brampton and Stanstead to rejoice with us. The service of benediction of the bell and spire was read by the Ven. Archdeacon Roe, and was one which he had specially prepared for this occasion. After this service there followed the office for Holy Communion, with a very able sermon by Bishop Niles, from the text, 'I have set my affection to the house of my God.' A large number communicated.

As the day turned out to be cold and damp the tables were set in the School hall, beside the Church, and a couple of hours were spent in the enjoyment of the good things spread out and in social intercourse. Another two hours were spent in speechmaking, addresses being delivered by Bishop Niles, Archdeacon Roe, Canon Foster, Revs. Thompson and Forsythe, and Mr. Hollis Shorey of Montreal.

Bishop Niles in expressing his congratulations at what had been done spoke of certain other things in the way of restoration which ought to be attended to. After the speeches were ended Mr. Shorey asked permission to say another word, and to everybody's surprise made an appeal for funds to make the repairs which Bishop Niles had suggested. His appeal was responded to in a very hearty manner, and in a few moments over \$100 was pledged, including, it need not be said, a generous subscription from Mr. Shorey himself. This was acknowledged to be a fitting ending to one of the happiest and pleasantest days in the history of the parish.

Bishop Niles remained over Sunday and preached to large congregations in the morning in St. James' Church, and in the afternoon in what is now called the 'old church,' being the oldest in Stanstead County, and was built in 1818 by Bishop Stewart, the first Church Missionary in Hatley.

QUEBEC.—Notice is given of a meeting of the Corporation of Bishop's College to be held in Quebec City, in the Church hall, on the 19th Sept. at 9 a.m.