

## NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

## DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

**HALIFAX.—Immigrants' Home**—Through the indefatigable efforts of the Rector of St. George's, two houses have been secured near the Steamer's wharf and a comfortable home opened for the reception of immigrants. The value of this important agency to the well being and prestige of the church cannot easily be calculated.

**SPRINGFIELD.—Special Services and Induction**—On the Sunday of last week the Rector-elect Rev. W. Chas. Wilson, intimated that on the Feast of All Saints the induction ceremony would take place and that the event would be celebrated by a special effort to increase and to strengthen the church members. On Monday evening special services were begun by the Rev. C. le V. Brine preaching an earnest, masterly sermon on "Take heed how ye hear," and this was followed by a practical exhortation from the Rector-elect to make a good start in the few days of special effort. An appeal was made on behalf of temperance, and with God's blessing and power fifty-eight adults signed solemnly and publicly the pledge before God's Altar. A remarkable feature of the service was the participation in it of members of the Church of England temperance society,—many of whom, working miners, spoke of the benefits resulting to their own spiritual lives and homes from the day they took the step and urged others to come and pledge themselves. On the three succeeding days Holy Communion and address at 8 o'clock; Mattins and address to mothers at 11; and Mission service at 7.30. Tuesday the induction took place before an over crowded congregation; the Rev. Dr. Bowman, J. R. S. Parkinson, and C. le V. Brine officiating. At the close the Rev. Dr. Bowman gave a learned address on the Church and her Apostolic Ministry; this was followed by a Mission sermon by Rev. J. R. S. Parkinson, and while the hymn "Lord I hear of showers of blessings" was being sung twenty-two adults came forward and signed the pledge. The special services continued for the next two days to crowded congregations, and one of the outward results under God was a total of One hundred and Twenty-eight Adult Pledges; and the Blessed Sacrament administered to the largest number of recipients ever known here. The people here will never forget the loving tones of the silver tongued missionary and the special appeals of the Rector. The power of God worked mightily amongst us and to his saving name be all the praise. On Friday evening our missionary lectured in Fraser's Hall to an audience of nearly 600 persons. Mr. Parkinson has captured the hearts of the good miners here, and he has received many tangible proofs of their affection. It is to be sincerely hoped that a Canon Missioner's position could be secured for him whereby his attractive gifts and eloquent earnestness might be utilized for God's glory and the spread of the Church in the country parishes and in this Diocese.

**SHELburne.**—Sundry events of interest to us took place during October. A number of parishioners assembled and, by voluntary labors, painted the fence around the Parish Church, and graveyard. The "Glee Club" made its debut. The Concert was highly appreciated. After it Messrs. Chas. Morse and R. A. Bruce; Mrs. Morse, the Misses A. Bruce and Oates played "Poor Pillicoddy," in grand style. Part of the musical performance, and the play was repeated at Church Over, when \$24.85 were realized for the widow and children of the late James Robinson, drowned by the swamping of his dory. The Club were hospitably entertained by Capt. Jos. and Mrs. Walters. The sum of \$22.00 was cleared at the Basket Sociable at Gunning Cove on Hallow E'en. Miss Kensington of England has kindly sent in a Magic

Lantern and slides at a cost of \$50.00. Sister Caroline also sent us a Set of the Stations of the Cross.

The grant of £25 from Venerable S.P.C.K. for the new Church at Sandy Point has just been received.

## PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

Two Churches have been opened since 1st of September last, and another will probably be erected shortly. Several changes have taken place in the clerical circle during the last twelve months. The deaths of Archdeacon Read and Rev. Mr. Dyer are still fresh in the memory of our readers.

The Rev. C. O'Meara recently left the Island to take charge of the parish of Petrolia, Ont., and the Rev. A. Jones, late incumbent of Milton, has been appointed to a parish in another diocese.

An interesting ceremony took place on Monday evening last, when the Rev. W. H. Sampson was inducted to the rectorship of Milton and Rustico.

The clergy of the Island now are as follows: Rev. A. C. Jones, Rev. S. W. Jones, Rev. James Simpson, Rev. C. E. Mackenzie, Rev. H. Harper, Rev. W. H. Sampson, Rev. T. W. Johnson and Rev. C. F. Lowe.

It is generally thought that the appointment of Archdeacon for the Island, in the place of the late Ven. J. H. Read, will not be made, but that one or two Rural Deans will be all that we require. For this office the names of the Rev. C. E. Mackenzie, T. G. Ray and Rev. James Simpson have been suggested.

**ALBERTON.**—The Rev. C. E. Mackenzie, the Rector has been the fortunate recipient of a horse and sleigh, robes, and fit out from the members of his congregation. Such expressions of good will between pastor and people are gladly chronicled.

**CHARLOTTETOWN.**—*St. Peter's*—It is said that a Curate is to be obtained for St. Peter's before long. Rev. Mr. Simpson has returned from his vacation in better health.

**MILTON.**—*Induction of Rev. W. H. Sampson.*—On Monday evening of last week, the Rev. W. H. Sampson was inducted into the Rectory of Milton.

The clergy present were the Revs. Mr. Johnston, Rector of Crapaud; James Simpson, Incumbent of St. Peter's, Charlottetown; S. Weston Jones, Rector-elect of St. Paul's, Charlottetown, and Mr. Sampson, Rector-elect of Milton. The service began by the singing of that grand old hymn, "Before Jehovah's awful throne," after which Rev. Mr. Johnston stated the object of the meeting and then read the Mandate of Induction from the Ecclesiastical Commissary.

The proper and special service then followed, and addresses were made by all the clergy present on the relation of people to their minister, and the duties they owe to each other. No one who listened could help feeling the deep, earnest words which fell from the lips of the speakers as they spoke of the responsibility, the work, the aim, and the object of the ministry; pleading with the people to give their sympathy, co-operation, and confidence. Questions of vital interest were also brought forward, and were pressed upon the attention of the people with loving faithfulness.

At the close of the meeting Rev. Mr. Sampson spoke feelingly upon the position he had assumed, and earnestly asked for the loving, prayerful, helpful sympathy of his people. Realizing the fact that the "Great Shepherd" would one day demand from him, "Where is the flock, the beautiful flock that was given thee," he desired to so watch over and feed and tend and care for that flock, that he might answer "Here am I, my Master, and all whom thou hast given me, not one of them is missing." Having cor-

dially thanked the clergy for their kindness in being present, and for their words of counsel, of warning and of advice, he then dismissed the large congregation by pronouncing the Benediction

**CRAPAUD.—Clerical Meeting**—Last week the Church Clergy of the Island met at Crapaud at the invitation of the Rev. T. W. Johnstone. The following gentlemen were present: Revs. Weston Jones, Rector St. Paul's, Charlottetown, James Simpson, Priest Incumbent of St. Peter's, Charlottetown, C. E. MacKenzie, of Alberton, H. Harper, Port Hill, L. C. Lowe, Summerside, A. C. Jones, Georgetown, F. Woolcott, Nova Scotia. The Rev. T. B. Reagh, of New London, was unavoidably absent.

The services consisted of Matins and Holy Communion. Rev. T. W. Johnston, Celebrant, J. Simpson, deacon, H. Harper, sub-deacon. The sermon was preached by Rev. C. E. MacKenzie.

On re-assembling in the afternoon various subjects were discussed with reference to the Church in the Island, and it was unanimously resolved to form an association to be known as the Clerical Association of P.E.I., for the furtherance of united prayer, brotherly intercourse and mutual assistance. The Association will meet at different parishes every three months. The next meeting is to take place at Summerside during the second week of December.

At 7 p.m., evening service was held in the Church, which was filled to overflowing with an earnest congregation. All the clergy made addresses of a missionary character, speaking of the necessity of a missionary spirit, the difficulties and hindrances of mission work, the adaptability of the English Church for this work, the need of the co-operation of the laity, especially in earnest prayer and alms. Between each address a mission hymn was sung with much spirit by all present.

During the day the collections amounted to over \$25, which will be sent to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel.

## DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

The Rector of Christ Church, St. Stephen, and Mrs. Dowling are staying for the present at Aiken, South Carolina, the well-known Southern health resort.

## DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

**BROME.**—The Brome Clerical Union had a large meeting at Knowlton Rectory last week. The topics for discussion received calm but fair treatment. The benefit of such gatherings was felt by all to be considerable and fully worth travelling for on the part of the clergy.

## DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

**LENNOXVILLE.**—The Bishop's College Branch of the Church of England Temp. Society held a social in the Hall, on Monday, October 31st. This was well attended by students of the College, boys of the school, and a goodly number of ladies and gentlemen from the neighborhood. The invited speaker of the evening was the Rev. Dr. Allnatt; short addresses were delivered by Rev. G. Thornloe, M.A., and the Principal. Musical pieces were given by Messrs. Lloyd, Watkins, R. Wright, Carson, and a College chorus, also by a school chorus conducted by W. Petry, M.A.; readings were given by Messrs. Murray, King and the Principal.

**QUEBEC.—Memorial Window.**—A handsome two light Memorial Window was erected in St. Matthew's Church on Saturday last. One light represents the "Blessed Virgin Mary and the Child Jesus" and Joseph, with a king kneeling before Jesus." The other is a representation of two king's bearing presents. The coloring is very rich and the design is excellent. The window bears the following inscription, "To