

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

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DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

SACKVILLE.—The twentieth meeting of the Chapter of the Tangier Rural Deanery was held on Wednesday, July 15th, in the parish of Sackville, of which the Rev. W. Ellis, Rural Dean, is Rector. A service was held on the previous evening at Bedford, when the Rev. J. Lowry, Rector of Ship Harbor, gave an address on the threefold nature of the Christian ministry. The address dwelt upon the scriptural and historical views of the subject, and claimed that Luther and Calvin were firm believers in Episcopacy, and that those who otherwise adopt their doctrines are non-Episcopal rather from inability to procure Episcopal orders than from choice.

At the morning service, held at Sackville, the Rev. G. F. Maynard, of Falkland, took the Litany, Rev. J. Lowry the Ante-Communion service, and the Rural Dean celebrated, assisted by Rev. E. H. Ball, of Tangier. The Rev. J. A. Richey, of Seaforth, preached the ad-clerum sermon, on "My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer."—St. Mark xi. 17. The sermon was as bright in composition and delivery as it was eloquent in thought and language. Whilst giving due weight to the fact of God's general presence, it pressed upon that of His special presence in Christian Churches, and enforced the thought that in them, as houses of prayer, the Holy Table or Altar (the emblem of God's presence) should be made the conspicuous feature, rather than the pulpit. A unanimous request was made by the Chapter that Mr. Richey would allow its publication.

The capitular meeting was held in the afternoon at the Rectory, at 3 o'clock, the Rev. Mr. Harrison, incumbent of Falmouth, in the Avon Deanery, being also present.

At the evening service, the Rev. J. S. Smith, a member of the Chapter and former Rector of the parish, took Even-song; and, by the special request of the Rural Dean, the Rev. J. Lowry repeated his address of the previous evening.

Signs of Church work in the parish of Sackville are very apparent. A handsome new Rectory has been built during the present Rectorship; on Sunday, July 12th, the Sackville and Hammond's Plains Church Guilds were ably and forcibly addressed by the Rev. F. R. Murray, Rector of St. Luke's, Halifax; a church is about to be built at Beaver Bank; the Parish Church is being re-shingled; a handsome altar frontal was last week presented for the Bedford Church, by the daughter of a former Rector, as we learnt from the sermon of the Rev. H. J. Winterbourne, on Sunday, the 12th; and the annual tea and entertainment of the Guild was held the day after the Rural Deanery meeting, for which nearly all the clergy remained.

To the clergy of the Deanery hospitality was extended by E. Morrison, Esq., and Miss Morrison, at whose summer residence they took tea before the evening service at Bedford, by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fenerty, Prof. Tawson, and the Rector and Mrs. Ellis.

The next meeting is to be at Beaver Harbor, on Sept. 2nd.

RAWDON.—This parish has recently sustained a severe loss through the death of Mr. James Casey, one of its most liberal and devout members, who was suddenly called to his rest.

On the 8th inst. a strawberry festival was held here, for the purpose of raising money to alter the interior of the church and finish the new hall at Pleasant Valley. Though the weather was not favorable, a goodly number

assembled, and upwards of \$100 were taken. We therefore hope soon to see the choir moved down from the west gallery, and seated at the east end of the church, which will be a decided improvement. Too much cannot be said in praise of those (particularly the ladies) who worked so hard and accomplished so much for this object.

ALBION MINES.—On Sunday, 19th inst., at the early celebration and at the other services in Christ Church and St. George's, the Rev. Geo. W. Hodgson was specially remembered, as soon to enter upon his rest, after his (comparatively) short but most efficient work here below. Mr. Hodgson's words of love at the opening of St. George's are not forgotten, as he spoke of God's house as the house of prayer, and free to all. We all sympathize with his flock in their deep distress.

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF KING'S COLLEGE.—On Thursday last the new Board of King's College met, the following being present:—His Lordship the Bishop, Archdeacon Gilpin, Dr. Cowie and the several members for Windsor and vicinity.

There was a free discussion of matters affecting the College, as respects the future. It was decided to resume work in October next with a full staff of Professors. The following are required to fill the vacancies—a President, to take the Chair of Classics; a Professor of Theology; a Professor of Modern Languages. Steps were taken to secure the services of first-class men.

A statement of Finances was presented by the Sec. Treasurer. This showed an average annual deficit of about \$1500. To meet this amount for the ensuing year, it was decided that His Lordship the Bishop and the Metropolitan are asked to make an appeal to both Dioceses for a general collection to be made in the congregations in September next. His Lordship gave assurance of co-operation and support. A committee is to seek assistance from individual friends of the College. The students will be asked to co-operate with the Governors in forming a fund toward putting the College in repairs.

Archdeacon Gilpin read a statement of the new Endowment Fund to July 1885, as follows: Subscriptions obtained by Mr. Ruggles, \$30,900; obtained in payments, \$10,781; balance uncollected, \$20,119.

On the amounts collected and invested in bonds, savings bank, etc., interest is due, up to date, of \$572.

A printed financial statement will be sent to all the parishes with the appeal.

Routine business was then disposed of, when the Board adjourned.

We have to congratulate the Board and the College on the action above indicated. It is timely and ought to succeed. That the Presidency and Theological tutorship are to be separated, seems to us an eminently wise decision. The advantages we have not here an opportunity to enumerate. As to the financial policy, it will commend itself by its boldness and confidence. The Board have not lost faith in the Church of England in these Provinces, as to either its ability or generosity. The wide constituency is to be brought into sympathy by a general effort on the part of numerous interested agencies. It will be seen that the finances are by no means hopeless; and we have every confidence that, with a sound and energetic policy in the College itself, two or three years will suffice to make King's again a famous seat of learning.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S MISSION.—*St. Luke's Cathedral Parish.*—The opening of the new Mission room in this part of the Parish, on the 23rd ult., was an important event in the history of the Parish.

The chapel is prettily situated on the slope of the hill, close to the water's edge, in the midst

of the settlement. Through the kindness and liberality of the Curate, the Rector has been placed in possession of this building and the land attached thereto, for the purposes of the Mission.

The interior of the building received quite a change at the hands of the willing workers, so that at the Opening Dedicatory Service its appearance was quite that of a Mission Chapel.

The exterior had been freshly painted—the roof red, and the walls white, with the Symbol of our Salvation surmounting the end nearest the water.

The whole of the interior had been papered, painted, and decorated with pictures, scrolls and texts, whilst the east end had become very Church-like. With the aid of curtains two vestries had been formed on either side of the carpeted dais. On the dais stood the Prayer-Desk, and at the edge the Lectern.

On the Dossal, at the east end, hung a large floral cross, whilst underneath it, on a ledge, were vases of flowers and two candlesticks.

St. Luke's choir very kindly took part in the opening ceremony, so that the rendering of the choral parts of the Service was well done.

The children and adults had tea in the field adjoining the Chapel about 6 p.m., when all seemed to enjoy the good things provided for them by many kind friends.

During the singing of the hymn, the choir, lay readers, and clergy filed out of the building, and perambulated round the building. On their return into the sanctuary, temporarily dedicated to the service of God, the Curate said evensong, and Messrs. Wiswell and Spike read the proper Lessons.

The Ven. the Archdeacon, in his sermon, spoke very earnestly on the subject of Worship, pointing out that services were for the worship of Almighty God and to His Honor and Glory, and not for the praise of men or their exaltation. All prayer and preaching was to lead us to worship God, both with heart and body.

The Curate then expressed his great pleasure at their having been able to secure a building which would only be used for the benefit of the people and to the Glory of God. For sometime past they had been deeply indebted to one of their number for the use of a room, but as this must have been inconvenient, and had proved too small for its object, all must rejoice at the thought of having such a building as this set apart for this special object.

He trusted that all would work well together, so as to make the Mission a success.

The Rector expressed his thankfulness to all who had enabled him to secure this building for the Mission work at this end of his parish. He referred to the fact that this was a Mission Room, pure and simple; that here we were to lay the foundation of a spiritual life, and to build them up in the same, so that if the work here only ended in their being congregated together from time to time to say prayers and to hear preaching, it would fall far short of the performance of the Master's work, and the fulfilling of the Gospel Message. Here they were to be taught to confess their sins, to seek pardon, and to lead new lives; but they were also to wait upon all the means of Christ. Preaching was to lead us to pray—Prayer, to take us to God—to lead us to Jesus—to take us to His Sacraments and means of grace where Jesus is to be found. Prayer is only asking for mercies, not getting them. We must go to the fountains of mercy and channels of grace, so that we may live. Consequently, all these Services were to teach us to worship God and lead us to God; so that if our preaching did not lead us to Jesus in His Sacraments, our preaching would have no life. If preaching taught you to believe but not to practice your belief, that preaching was not of Christ.

PERSONAL.—On Monday afternoon, the 13th inst., at Peterborough, Ont., the marriage of James Johnston Ritchie, Barrister, son of the