

News from the Home Field.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

HALIFAX.—The C. W. M. A., whose cheering report we published last week, owes very much of its success to the indefatigable exertions of its Treasurer, Mrs. Wm. Lawson, than whom no better Church worker exists anywhere. On Wednesday and Thursday nights Mrs. Lawson held two Parlor Entertainments at her house in aid of the funds of the Association when a considerable amount was realized, and a very pleasant evening spent of those present.

NORTH-WEST ARM MISSION.—The fourth annual meeting of this Mission took place at the Chapel, North-West Arm, on Friday evening, May 18th, at 8 o'clock. The chair was occupied by the Rector of the Parish (Rev. H. J. Winterbourne), and after singing the hymn, "The Church's one Foundation," and prayers, the usual routine business was transacted. From the Treasurer's statement the finances seemed to be in their usual healthy condition, and the annual report was in every way satisfactory. In the estimates for the ensuing year, \$150 was entered for ministrations, as an opportunity for securing the services of a clergyman for Sunday evening had presented itself. The envelope system was unanimously adopted, and some \$4 per Sunday in addition to the usual offertory is expected will result therefrom. The retiring Secretary and Treasurer was presented with a warm vote of thanks for his untiring energy during the time he has held that office. Mr. H. L. Chipman having moved to the city, found it necessary to resign that position. A vote of thanks was tendered Miss Draper for presiding so faithfully at the organ, and the Rector, on behalf of the congregation, presented her with a jewel case and silver napkin ring. The Chairman and the Lay Reader shared in the usual votes of thanks, and after appointing the Chapel Committee for the ensuing year, the meeting was closed with the benediction.

Chapel Committee—S. H. Shreve, Chairman; E. L. Fenerty, Secretary; F. C. Stevens, Treasurer; C. H. Potts, Auditor; Dr. J. G. Bennett, Thos. Goudge.

WINDSOR.—The Rev. J. O. Ruggles, M. A., who has been appointed by the Governors of King's College, to collect funds for the Endowment, started upon his duties Monday June 4th. A large public meeting was held at Windsor on that day in Temperance Hall. The warden of the town presiding.

KENTVILLE.—*St. James' Church.*—His Lordship, the Bishop of the Diocese visited this Church Sunday evening, May 27th, for the purpose of confirming a large class, consisting of nineteen females and seven males. The females were dressed in white, and occupied the front seats on one side, and the males those on the other. Many of the candidates were baptized as adults by the Rector. Although the weather was unfavourable, the Church would not contain all who came to the service. The new stained glass window over the altar, representing the scene of the Crucifixion, was much admired, and great credit is due those who worked so hard to obtain it. The Rev. Mr. Binney, his Lordship's son, acted as Chaplain. After evensong, the Bishop addressed the Congregation concerning the temporary absence of their Rector. He said it would indeed be a great loss to them, but that as it was for the good of the College and Holy Church, no doubt they would be willing to submit. The Board of Governors were convinced that Mr. Ruggles was the man for the place. After this, the candidates were addressed by the Bishop, who reminded them of the duties and privileges of their Holy Religion, and impressed upon them the necessity, if they would grow in grace of a regular attendance upon the Holy Communion. After the rite had been ad-

ministered his Lordship preached a sermon taking for his text Romans, xii. 1. The service, over two hours in length was much enjoyed by the congregation.

NEW ROSS.—The observance of Ascension Day, is yearly improving in the mission. On its late recurrence, although our people were getting busy with farm-work, we had a good attendance at the morning service. The weather interfered very much with the evening attendance. At 10.30 full Choral Mattins and celebration with 23 communicants; the service heartily and effectively rendered by organist and choir. On Whitsunday the Sunday School was opened for the season with 42 scholars and five teachers present. This festival being a time-honoured season for baptismal services, at Mattins 1 adult and 3 children, were received into the congregation, and 1 adult and 4 infants baptized, presenting an unusually bright and interesting sight, and being the largest number thus ever assembled here on one occasion. At the celebration 61 communicants were present. The whole service, as well as Evensong, was choral throughout. The Missionary was busy on Trinity Sunday holding services of an encouraging sort in the distant Dalhousie settlement.

LOWER STEWACKE.—This Parish, until recently, forming a part of St. John's, Colchester, and a Mission of the Colonial and Continental Church Society, has now been formally separated from the above Parish, and constitutes a new Parish, with the title and designation of "The Holy Trinity, Lower Stewacke. The Wardens for the present year are—F. H. Holesworth and William Blake, Esquires.

CAPE BRETON.—A Deanery Meeting was held on May 23rd, at Baddeck, for the purpose of electing a Rural Dean, in the place of Rev. C. Croucher, removed from the Island. Rev. D. Smith, Curate in charge of Sydney, was unanimously chosen Rural Dean, the members present being Rev. D. Smith, R. D. Bambrick, T. F. Draper, and Simon Gibbons. A Resolution was passed, signifying the loss sustained by the Deanery in the removal of the late Rural Dean; of the Rev. G. Metzler and C. W. McCully. Rev. R. D. Bambrick was chosen Secretary. Upon the evening previous Services were held at the Hall, Baddeck, by the Rev. T. F. Draper, and at Baddeck by Rev. S. Gibbons and R. D. Bambrick. On Wednesday, Holy Communion, with sermon, by Rev. T. F. Draper, (Rev. D. Smith not having then arrived), was administered in St. John's Church, Big Baddeck. The Deanery Meeting was held at 3 o'clock. At 6.30 p.m., the corner stone of the proposed Church at Baddeck was to have been laid, but the rain coming down in torrents prevented the carrying out of that project. Evensong was said at 7 o'clock, with sermon by Rev. R. Bambrick. At 9 o'clock, on Thursday morning, the corner stone of the proposed Church of St. Peter was laid by Mrs. Tremaine, wife of the Church Warden, Judge Tremaine. The clergy, in cassocks and surplices, walked from the Hall, where the Services are at present held, to the site of the new Church.—Hymn 145, S. P. C. K. Hymn Book, was sung. The Service used was the beautiful one found in the Priest's Prayer Book for the laying of a foundation stone. The scene was a most solemn and impressive one, not soon to be forgotten by those who, after years of patient waiting, now saw, for the first time, the beginning of a church in the village of Baddeck to be set apart forever for the worship of God according to the rites of the Church of England. A glorious bright sky over head, and the sparkling waters of the beautiful Bras d'Or beside us, added much to the picturesqueness of the scene. Among the group of eager faces might be seen some Indians standing with uncovered heads among the other men. The Rev. R. D. Bambrick mounted a stone, and delivered an address eloquent and forcible. The "Guardian," Church GUARDIAN, Halifax "Chronicle," and North

Sydney "Herald," with a cent, 5 cent piece, and a quarter dollar, were deposited in the foundation stone. It is hoped that the church will be ready for consecration by the Lord Bishop upon his approaching visitation in July next.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

Personal.—It was the Rev. C. H. Hatheway, and not the Rev. H. Montgomery, who was advanced to the Priesthood by the Lord Bishop of Fredericton on Trinity Sunday.

DORCHESTER.—The Rev. A. Hoadley exchanged with Mr. Campbell, and took the services here on Sunday last.

PORTLAND.—*St. Paul's*—It may not be generally known that there is a flourishing night school in connection with this Parish, the teachers being ladies and gentlemen of the congregation. On Wednesday the scholars were surprised by finding prepared for them a bountiful supply of refreshments, to which they did ample justice. The school is closed during June, July, and August but will reopen in September.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

SHERBROOKE.—Some \$700 was subscribed by the congregation of St. Peter's Church, Sherbrooke for the purpose of presenting the Rev. Dr. Reid, the highly popular ex-Rector, with a suitable testimonial, but at the rev. gentleman's special request the amount is to be applied to the foundation of a scholarship at Bishop's College. This is an act which will not surprise those who are acquainted with Dr. Reid's unselfish character.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

(From our own Correspondent.)

MONTREAL.—At a special Vestry Meeting, the Rev. Mr. Bridge, Incumbent of Philipsburgh, was elected to the vacant rectory of Nelsonville. The members of the two congregations have agreed to pay what they have never done before by voluntary subscriptions, \$1000 per annum to their clergyman. There is a very fine Rectory and a good garden, also some ground connected with the school which hitherto has been utilized as a kitchen-garden.

The parish of Lacolle has now as clergyman, *pro tem.*, Rev. Mr. Rodgers, lately ordained to the diaconate. The Rev. Mr. Acton, the late Rector having been appointed to the Mission of Portage, Du Fort. During his short rectorate he built a very fine Church in Lacolle.

DUNHAM.—In this parish the Bishop confirmed over forty candidates. At the Ladies College, advantage was taken to give his lordship an address accompanied by a beautiful bouquet of flowers, and what, to his lordship was still more gratifying, a sum of fifty dollars to the Mission Fund.

FRELIGHTSBERG.—The Rector of this Parish is beginning to see the welcome fruit of his painstaking and industrious teaching on Church principles and the increasing interest in Church matters evinced by increased attendance at services, meetings, classes connected with the Church. No confirmation was held during the Episcopal visit, but, notwithstanding the dark night and inclement weather, an enthusiastic and well attended missionary meeting was convened at which addresses were given by the Bishop, the Rector and Rev. H. W. Nye M. A.

SUTTON AND ABERCORN.—In the Churches in these places good classes of candidates were presented. The Bishop received the people individually as they called on him at the Rectory.