

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

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DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

FALMOUTH.—The 38th meeting of Avon Deanery was held in Falmouth on August 20th. The following members were present, Revs. Canon Maynard, D.D., R.D.; Axford, Ancient, Harrison (Deacon), How. We were favored with the presence of Rev. Wm. Ellis, Rural Dean of Tangier, who kindly consented to preach at the next meeting to be held in Rawdon, Oct. 14th. Prayers were said in St. George's Church by Rev. W. J. Ancient, 1st Lesson read by Rev. H. How, the 2nd by Rev. F. W. H. Axford, who also preached a telling sermon on the corporate Union of Christendom. The Dean was celebrant, and he was assisted by his brother Dean in the administration of the Holy Communion. The clergy were all hospitably entertained by James Smith, Esq. The capitular meeting took place at 3 p.m. Among other interesting topics the superannuation of the clergy was considered. This resolution passed: "that in the opinion of this chapter the present system of superannuation is highly unsatisfactory, and that the several Rural Deaneries be requested to take the matter into consideration with a view of laying it before the next session of Synod." The following also passed unanimously, "this Deanery desires to record, on the earliest opportunity, on behalf of its members, collectively and individually, its sense of the great loss the whole Diocese has sustained by the early removal of their brother in Christ Rev. George W. Hodgson, M.A., of St. Peter's, Charlottetown, and they desire to express their highest admiration of his saintly life, untiring zeal, breadth of opinion and high scholarship, which were so wholly consecrated to the service of that Master he loved so well and served so faithfully to the very last." Mr. Hodgson did most effective work for the Parish of Falmouth while at King's College.

In the evening spirited addresses were delivered to a good congregation. The Rural Dean spoke on the support of the Ministry; R. D. Ellis, on the visible kingdom of God on Earth; Mr. Axford, on Infant Baptism and the Scriptural mode of administering His Holy Sacrament; Mr. Ancient, on need of parents instructing their children in positive truths; Mr. How, on Forms of Prayer. The collection was for the Widow's and Orphan's Fund. The Dean pronounced the benediction.

AMHERST.—The next meeting of this Deanery Chapter will be held (D.V.) in New Glasgow on October 22nd, instead of at Londonderry Mines, on the day previously named. This alteration is caused by the appointment and necessary going into residence at Windsor of the Rector of St. Paul's, Londonderry, to be Divinity Professor and President (*pro tem*) of King's College.

The appointment is a wise one, and the Governors and the students are to be congratulated, but to this Deanery the loss will be a heavy one, the Rev. Isaac Brock, M.A., Oxon., having been a great power here, on account of his great learning and ready ability.

FALMOUTH.—On Friday evening the 21st instant an address was given in St. George's Church on the subject of *Guilds* by the Rev. W. Ellis, Rector of Sackville, and Rural Dean of Tangier. The objects of *Guilds* were set forth in a very plain and practical manner, the Speaker instancing the marked improvement in the Parish of Sackville since the formation of the Guild there. After an address by the incumbent, the Rev. J. Harmon, five of the West Church members came forward and kneeling at the altar rails with the incumbent took the obligation required of all members of the Guild.

Several others present also promised to join at the first meeting of the Guild, which will be held shortly.

On the previous day the clergy of the Avon Deanery held their meeting in this parish an account of which will no doubt be sent to you by the esteemed secretary. On Sunday the 23rd inst., the incumbent exchanged duties with the Rector of Sackville, where he was formerly lay reader.

CHESTER ROAD MISSION.—A font was recently presented to the new church in this Mission by Mr. Jacob Sweinhauser made by himself, and in which his granddaughter was the first to be baptized. The people in this Mission are very earnest in Church matters, although poor. The Missionary is not able to attend to this part of the Parish of Falmouth as the necessity of the Mission requires in consequence of not having a horse. A new Church was erected some time ago, but there is a debt of seventy dollars or more on the outside, and nothing whatever has been done to the inside of the building. Will some kind friends help us to clear off the debt so that we may begin to work at the interior of the Church. All subscriptions will be thankfully received by the incumbent of Falmouth.

PERSONAL.—J. A. Dunham, of Carleton, N.B., who some two years ago took the Stevenson scholarship at King's College, and lately graduated at the same place with honors, has been appointed head of the classical department in the Cathedral school, Garden City, N.Y., at a salary of \$2,000 per year.

Captain Auren, of the Halifax Battalion, superintendent of St. Matthias Mission Sunday School Halifax, addressed his scholars last week on the way the Halifax Battalion spent the Sunday in the Northwest Campaign. The address was very interesting, and one of the principal points was the necessity of valuing the Prayer-book more and more since wherever a Prayer-book was found there and then a communion service could be held at once by anyone. One incident of the campaign, stated in the address, was the following: It was the duty of the senior officer to take the service and on this occasion the senior officer was a Presbyterian unaccustomed to such duty. In his quandary a Prayer book was found and placed in his hands, and with the guidance of a brother officer, a Churchman, the usual prayers for the day were taken. The scholars of St. Matthias were glad to have the Captain among them once more marshalling so ably and willingly his little band of Christian soldiers.

DARTMOUTH.—*Christ Church.*—The annual Sunday School Picnic was held last Tuesday at Hasterman's grounds, Northwest Arm, and a very enjoyable day was spent by the children and their friends. Mr. Lewis Parker deserves the greatest credit for the hard work he bestows upon this important Sunday School.

A meeting of the parishioners of Dartmouth was held last Monday for the purpose of electing Churchwardens and for the election of a Rector. J. W. Allison and Jas. Simmonds were elected Churchwardens in the place of Dr. DeWolfe and C. G. Oland, who have resigned. The matter of appointing a rector was taken up, and after much discussion as to what kind of a man they wanted, &c., the following gentlemen were appointed a committee to report which of the applicants would suit best and ordered to call a meeting to report as soon as possible: A. Lloyd, C. E. Creighton and Lewis Parker. The meeting then adjourned to meet again in four weeks to make the appointment.

JEDDORE AND SHIP HARBOR.—On the eve of the departure of the late Rector, Rev. J. Lowry, M.A., the parishioners presented him with a

purse of \$54.15, together with the following address:—

Rev. and dear Sir,

We, your parishioners, feeling most deeply your departure from our midst, cannot allow you to leave us without expressing our sincere regret that circumstances have rendered it necessary that you withdraw from this field of labor, in which for the past four years you have so faithfully borne the "burden and heat of the day."

Your untiring efforts have been the means of accomplishing very much; and we feel sure that the good seed sown by you in your capacity of priest in the Church will in due season spring up and bear fruit abundantly.

Will you accept the accompanying purse as an expression of our appreciation of your valuable services, and as a token of our warm attachment to you?

We do earnestly pray that God in His infinite mercy and love may restore to you the blessing of health.

Once more, dear Sir, permit us to express our deep sorrow at your departure; and, whether we ever meet on earth, may we all be gathered together beyond the river, where, in the light of a loving Saviour's face, we may, as you have taught us, unite with one accord in the adoring worship of our Heavenly Father, joined in with holy joy by all the Saints triumphant.

Believe us, dear Sir, your loving and faithful parishioners.

Signed on behalf of the parishioners.

CHAS. M. DEAN,
ROBT. J. STEVENS,

Churchwardens.

Mr. Lowry replied, thanking them heartily for their appreciation of his humble efforts. With gratitude he accepted this unexpected manifestation of a good feeling, more valued by him than even its substantial expression. With singleness of purpose, he had done what he could while among them, and now, on leaving, felt anxious only for the welfare of the parish. Yet he would still have its interests at heart, and would constantly be prompted to act on their behalf by the agency of kind recollections treasured up in memory of true friends left behind him.

CAPE BRETON.

The regular meeting of the "Sydney Rural Deanery" was held at Cow Bay on Thursday, August 6th. The preceding evening service was said in St. Paul's Church, Cow Bay, and an address on "worship" given by the Rev. S. Davies, the newly appointed travelling missionary. On Thursday morning Matins was said at Christ's Church, South Head, Rev. R. D. Bainbrick officiating. A celebration of the Holy Communion followed at which the Rural Dean, Rev. D. Smith, was celebrant. The sermon was preached by the Rev. S. Davies. The chapter met in the Rectory, at 3 o'clock p.m. There were present Rev. D. Smith, Rural Dean, W. J. Lockye, S. Davies, R. D. Bainbrick, secretary. After prayers, 1 Tim. iv. was read in Greek, and commented upon at length. After transaction of general business the meeting adjourned at six o'clock. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Baddock, sometime near St. Luke's day. Evensong was said in St. Paul's Church, Cow Bay, at 7:30; Rev. S. Davies officiating. The sermon was preached by the Rev. R. D. Bainbrick.

KING'S COLLEGE.

The following appeal has been issued to every member of the Church in the Diocese of Nova Scotia:

Various circumstances have of late tended to embarrass the financial condition of the College.