

News from the Home Field.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

TO THE CLERGY.—Will the Clergy who have made or are making their own arrangements for their stay in Halifax during Synod week, kindly send the Clerical Secretary a Postal Card as soon as possible, stating that they do not desire provision to be made for them by the "Hospitality Committee."

DARTMOUTH.—John P. Mott, Esq., has recently sent the Lord Bishop of the Diocese a cheque for a thousand (\$1,000) dollars towards the Endowment Fund of King's College, Windsor. The same gentleman has generously contributed \$20 to the Building Fund of the North Common Mission Building.

WINDSOR.—The Church Wardens of the Parish of Christ Church beg to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of twenty dollars, through Miss Fraser, from the Right Rev. Dr. Suther, Lord Bishop of Aberdeen, Scotland, towards the building fund of the new parish church.

GEO. H. WILCOX,
W. KER DIMOCK,
Church Wardens.

Windsor, June 1st, '82.

SHELburne.—Will you kindly allow me to correct what might otherwise give rise to misunderstanding on the part of some of your readers in this parish. In the *CHURCH GUARDIAN* of May 24th, under the heading of "Shelburne" (on whose authority I cannot imagine), it is stated that service is held "in a hall at the west end of the little town." This statement is somewhat misleading. The real state of the case is this: On Friday evenings, usually, Divine Service is held, also, instruction classes are conducted in a large room, well suited to such purposes, kindly lent free of charge by Mr. Edward Bowers. I would also say that the neighbourhood of this "North End Mission Room" is not a *rendezvous* of the noisy; the services are well attended and never disturbed. You will, I am sure, excuse my thus correcting your remarks, the kindness of which I thoroughly appreciate. Allow me also to take this opportunity of thanking many kind friends who have taken interest in the services and work of what we have named the "North End Mission."

JOHN R. S. PARKINSON,
Curate of Shelburne.

DARTMOUTH.—At a special meeting of the parishioners of Christ Church held on Thursday week the decision of the Easter meeting to build a Rectory on the north-east corner of the church ground was confirmed by a large majority. The proposed building will cost about \$3,000.

HALIFAX.—In the Cathedral, on Trinity Sunday, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese admitted Messrs. W. B. King, B. A., T. F. Draper, B. A., and E. Welsh, all of King's College, Windsor, into the Diaconate; and the Revs. H. L. A. Almon, B. D., of Halifax, and J. Lowry, B. A., of Ship Harbor, were advanced into the order of Priests. Mr. King read the Gospel. The Archdeacon presented the candidates, and the sermon was preached by the Rector of St. Luke's. Messrs. King and Welsh are to have work assigned them in Prince Edward Island, and Mr. Draper, we have heard, goes to Louisburg to succeed the Rev. C. W. McCully, who has been elected Rector of Clements.

GUYSBORO.—Under the head of our marriage columns to day will be found chronicled the marriage of John A. Tait to Harriet A. Hartshorne, eldest daughter of William Hartshorne, Esq., of Guysboro. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. H. H. Hamilton, at the residence of the bride's father, at the early hour of nine a. m., after which a sumptuous breakfast was partaken of by the bridal party, augmented by a number of friends and relatives, the bride being the recipient of numerous presents, some of which were very handsome as well as costly, being a token of the high

esteem in which she was held by those with whom she came in contact with in the daily walks of life. After the usual amount of congratulation had been gone through with, consequent upon such occasions, the happy couple, accompanied by several members of the bridal party, started *en route* for Canso, followed by the usual number of good luck wishes from remaining friends, which we hope will be verified in the future.

ALBION MINES.—The Sewing Circle of this parish, with the help of the men of the congregation, hope to hold a church festival on Thursday, August 3rd, the proceeds to go towards painting the church and putting new windows into the nave. Our respected Church Warden and his family have suffered a most severe bereavement by the sudden death of Mrs. Rutherford. The funeral was so largely attended that the church would not contain nearly all who followed the remains. The handsome coffin was covered with two floral crosses and a central wreath of white flowers. The choir sang "When our heads are bowed with woe." Professor Liscombe played most touchingly the "Dead March." Mrs. Rutherford was out driving till nearly 6 p. m., and at 2.30 a. m. she passed away.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

ST. JOHN.—The Synod of this Diocese has been summoned to meet for the transaction of business in the School-room of Trinity Church on Wednesday, 5th July, at 9.30 o'clock a. m.

The funeral of the late Mr. George Thomas took place on Thursday last, from the corner of Harding and German streets, and was largely attended. The pall-bearers were Col. Foster and Messrs. John Sears, Thos. Hanford, Capt. Albert Betts, James U. Thomas, and Charles McLauchlan. Rev. Wm. Armstrong officiated at the funeral service. The remains were interred in the rural cemetery.

THERE were ten candidates at the Sunday School Teachers' annual examination, which was held last week in Trinity School-house. This is a smaller number than last year, but still a very creditable showing compared with other places in Canada. St. John takes the lead in this important matter. The papers will be sent to England, and, with the examination papers from all parts of the world, will be submitted to a Committee, whose report will be looked for with considerable interest. We hope the result will add new laurels for St. John to those already won.

The *Church of England Institute* held a conversation on Thursday evening, and although the evening was a stormy one, it was a very pleasant and successful affair. The Philharmonic Club had prepared a choice programme of music, which they rendered exceedingly well. Ice creams and other refreshments were served at the close of the entertainment. During the evening the papers and magazines were sold, to be supplied the buyers after having been on the tables in the room for a time. The lady members of the Institute are most faithful in their efforts to sustain this important undertaking, and to them is largely due its present efficient and satisfactory condition. Much good has already resulted from it, and there is a wide field of usefulness before it in the future; and we have sufficient confidence in its officers and members to believe it will exert itself to accomplish its noble mission.

CENTREVILLE.—The Woodstock Deanery meets with us here (D. V.) on June 13th. Service 11 a. m., at St. Barnabas' Church, preacher, Rev. Thos. Neales, M. A., Rural Dean.

FREDERICTON.—On Sunday, the Metropolitan admitted two Deacons—the Rev. F. W. Vroom, of Peticodiac, and H. Montgomery who has been pursuing his studies here, to the higher office and order of the Priesthood; and Messrs. John Smith, of this place, and Chas. H. Hatheway, of St. John, to the Diaconate. The service was very impressive, and the sermon by the Co-adjutor an admirable one. The congregation was quite large.

ST. JOHN.—The respected Rector of St. Mark's has addressed the following note to a contemporary. We quite agree with Mr. Armstrong that now is the time for concerted action in the matter. Mr. Armstrong says:—"I am credibly informed that the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts has granted £1,000 for the endowment of Algoma, provided £4,000 more be raised by 1887. Is it not possible for us to secure this at once from the lay and clerical members of our Church in the ecclesiastical Province of Canada. When we who are clergymen have such an example set before us by the Bishop elect in the sacrifice which he is making in, as I regard it, "laying down his life for the brethren," (1 John iii., 16,) ought we not to come forward, and at some humble distance practically express our sympathy with him in his self-denying work? I just throw out the hint with the recommendation to strike while the iron is hot, and to say that I shall be thankful to give the sum of \$100.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

(From our own Correspondents.)

QUEBEC CITY.—All the English-speaking congregations of Quebec report a considerable falling off in attendance, owing to the continual emigration West.

The splendid new organ generously presented to the Cathedral, by R. R. Dobell, Esq., was used for the first time Thursday afternoon, May 25th. The organist, Mr. Bishop, was assisted by the organists of the Basilica (the French Cathedral) and of St. John's Roman Catholic Church, and also the organist of St. Matthew's Church. All present were delighted with the power and tone of the new instrument.

The celebration of St. George's Day, unavoidably postponed, took place May 30 in the Cathedral. The Lord Bishop of the Diocese was present and occupied the Episcopal Throne. The prayers were read by Rev. G. V. Housman, the assistant minister, Rev. C. W. Rawson reading the lessons. The musical portion of the service was exceptionally fine. The hymns were rendered in a hearty and congregational manner. The "Coronation Anthem" was worthy of no little commendation. Mr. Bishop, the organist, contrived to show off the new instrument to perfection. An excellent sermon was preached by Rev. M. M. Fothergill, Rector St. Peter's Church, from St. Luke viii. 44, 45. A collection was taken up to aid the funds of the St. George's Society. The following is a verse of the concluding hymn:

"Thee with humble adoration,
Laud we now for mercies past;
Still to this most favor'd nation,
May these mercies ever last,
Britons then, through future story,
With their prayers shall praise sing;
Lord of life, and light, and glory!
Bless Thy people! bless their Queen!"

The Lord Bishop pronounced the benediction.

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

At a meeting of the Montreal Conference of the Methodist Society, held in Ottawa, on Friday last, June 2, one of their ministers, a Mr. Buck, sent in his resignation, and announced that it was his intention to join the Church of England in Canada.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

(From our own correspondents.)

WEST SHEFFORD.—Ascension Day, 1882, will ever be a memorable date in the history of this Parish, as the day on which was laid the corner stone of the new Church. The first steps in this important enterprise were taken some years ago, during the incumbency of the Rev. K. D. Mills; but various causes hindered its prosecution, and it was not till last year that the work, so long talked of, was actually begun. The ceremony on Holy Thursday was one of unusual interest, owing to the participation of the Grand Lodge of Freemasons, who came forward, as on a previous occasion at Frelighsburgh, to assist the ecclesiastical authorities of the Diocese, in accordance with the ancient usage of the Masonic Craft. Owing to the fact that most of the clergy had services in their own Churches, the clerical attendance was not as large as it would otherwise have been. There were present, however, besides His Lordship the Bishop, the Revs. Canon Davidson, J. Merrick, H. W. Nye, F. R. Smith, W. B. Longhurst, P. de Gruchy, and the In-