

News from the Home Field.

—o— DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

Owing to the unfortunate delay in getting printed the Reports for this year, the Board of Home Missions has extended the time in which the annual subscriptions should be made, from the end of October to the end of November. The clergy will please bear in mind that all subscriptions should be made and their books closed by that time. The Reports are now ready, and the Secretary would be glad if the Clergy will inform him at once how he can get them to their destination without incurring expense.

YARMOUTH.—By some means, at present unknown to the writer, the teachers and pupils of the Sunday School here discovered that Sunday, 15th, was the anniversary of the Curate's birthday, and with the utmost kindness, and in the most delicate and courteous manner, took him entirely by surprise at the opening of the regular session of the School, by presenting him with valuable and finely bound copies of Blunt's Annotated Book of Common Prayer and Young's Analytical Concordance to the Scriptures. The gift is naturally highly valued, not only for the cost of the volumes, which must have been considerable, but also especially for the kindly spirit thus exhibited. We are proud of our School, and work together for its good. The volumes bear the following inscription:—"To the Rev. Richmond Shreve, M. A., with kindest regards and birthday greetings, from the teachers and scholars of Holy Trinity Church Sunday School, Yarmouth, N. S.
Sunday, Oct. 15, 1882."

TANGIER.—On Wednesday, October 11, Tangier witnessed a gala day. A picnic was held here for the purpose of obtaining funds to rail in the burial ground. Early in the day the sound of the bagpipes summoned the merry-makers to the feast. The summons was responded to with joy. People came from all parts of the Parish. It is estimated that over 400 were present. After meeting all expenses a sum was left which was declared sufficient for the object in view.

The Rev. D. McLeod, Incumbent of the Parish, delivered his farewell sermon Sunday, October 15. The church was crowded to suffocation, many having to remain outside. It was noted by many that the congregation was the largest within any of their remembrances. This shows that a kindly feeling existed between the clergyman and his parishioners. Since Mr. McLeod came here he has worked with a will, so much so, that his health is impaired. He leaves this Mission for one less laborious, and is followed by the well wishes of his people.

WINDSOR.—The corner stone of the new Church was laid by the Archdeacon, acting for the Bishop of the Diocese, in the presence of a large number of the parishioners on Saturday last. We should like to give a full description of the proceedings, but have not yet received the account which we trust the Rector will be able to send in. Awaiting further information we postpone any remarks that we should otherwise have made.

DIGBY.—On Sunday, 8th inst., an early celebration of the Holy Communion at half-past seven o'clock began the services of the day in Digby. Many saints everywhere still "rejoice in their beds," so that the number receiving, in the refreshing quiet of the morning, though considerable was not as large as it would have been at a later hour. At 11 o'clock the Church was well filled, and three males and five females openly before the Church ratified and confirmed the vows undertaken for them in their baptism, and were confirmed by the outward sign which accompanied in apostolic days the gift of the Holy Spirit to enable Christians to fulfil the same. The smallness of the number confirmed was partly owing to recent removals from the parish, and partly also to the comparatively recent administration of the rite in Digby.—a Confirmation having been held here two years ago. After the Laying on of Hands the Bishop preached a sermon evincing his

usual clear and masterly exposition of the Holy Scriptures. In the afternoon at three o'clock three males and seven females were confirmed in the very neat and well-kept church in Marshalltown. Here, as in Digby, the fulness of the responses and the singing elicited well-merited approbation, showing as they did the efficiency, heartiness and attractive power of congregational or common worship. His Lordship was much pleased also with the evident care bestowed by the Church people of the place on their house of worship and its surroundings. A good sermon from the Bishop concluded the services. In the evening Divine Service was held in Digby. The Prayer-desk was occupied by the Rector, and a very acceptable sermon was preached by the Rev. Clarence W. McCully, Rector of the parish of St. Clements. The congregation, as usual, was large. On Monday morning at an early hour the Bishop with the Rector started for Rossway, in Digby Neck Mission, distant eight and a half miles. Here two males and one female were confirmed, and a stirring address and sermon were delivered by the Bishop. After the sermon at Rossway his Lordship, accompanied by the Rev. John Ambrose, proceeded to Barton, a village on the south side of St. Mary's Bay, in the parish of Weymouth, where a Confirmation was held at half-past three o'clock in the afternoon. The parish of Digby has been favoured during the last few months with the visits and, in most cases, the ministrations of several visiting clergymen, among them being the Rev. Dr. Tatlock of Stamford, Connecticut, U. S., Rev. W. Panckridge, and Rev. Wharton B. Smith of London, Eng., Rev. W. R. Cochran of Langton Parish, Lincolnshire, Eng., Rev. T. E. Dowling of Carleton, N. B., and Rev. Canon Dart, President of King's College, Nova Scotia.

—o— DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

ST. JOHN.—The Rev. Canon Brigstocke, of Trinity, has returned home from his visit to England, and, with Mrs. Brigstocke, received a warm welcome back.

THE Rev. William Armstrong, the late beloved Rector of St. James', after an incumbency of over 24 years, having previously been assistant for six years, preached his farewell sermon to a deeply sympathetic congregation on Sunday, October 15th, having previously parted with his Sunday School in the tenderest manner. Mr. Armstrong leaves at once for England, where he will sojourn at least for the present winter, and is followed by the good wishes not only of his late flock, but of the whole body of Church people of St. John, who held him in affectionate regard. His presence and loving counsel will be greatly missed. The Rev. G. O. Troop, who succeeds Mr. Armstrong, has entered upon his work, and has made a most favorable impression.

CONCERT IN ST. JOHN.—The event in a musical line in Church circles in St. John will be the grand concert to be given in Trinity School-house on the evening of November 2. Mr. Peiler is the conductor, and will be assisted by the best musical talent in the Province. The proceeds will be given to the Endowment Fund of Christ Church, Margerville.

THE Clerical Conference opened on Tuesday, and our readers shall have a full report of the papers and speeches next week. The Metropolitan will preside.

ST. PAUL'S (VALLEY) CHURCH.—The Thanksgiving harvest services, held in St. Paul's Church on Sunday week, were of an interesting and instructive character and largely attended. The sacred edifice was decorated in the purest style of Church art, traces of reverent feeling being everywhere evidenced by appropriate religious symbolism. In the sanctuary, at the furthest end of the chancel, grapes and corn, emblematic of the Holy Communion, were arranged with artistic effect. In the centre panel of the retables was a cross of green and purple grapes, and on the retable were two vases filled with the same fruit, between two miniature sheaves of wheat. The credence table con-

tained a large cross of wheat on a base of scarlet berries, while the panels on either side were effectively decorated with stalks of Indian corn. The prayer-desk was surrounded with a mass of scarlet geraniums, from which was a stalk of lilies, filling the church with fragrance. Along the top ran a border of beautiful flowers from Rothesay, and at the side hung a cross of pink hollyhocks. The lectern was beautiful with its profusion of flowers and crimson velvet frontal, finished with a fringe of oats and the glossy tassels of Indian corn, on which were worked the appropriate words, "Rejoice and be thankful." Around the font were grouped products of the field, half ornamented and half concealed by leaves glowing with autumn tints, which formed a rich background and threw into relief the exquisite carving of the font. The whole effect was good and expressive of thankfulness for "the kindly fruits of the earth." The beautiful harvest hymns were sweetly sung by the surpliced choir. The Rector preached in the morning from the words, "He that now goeth on his way weeping, and beareth forth good seed, shall doubtless come again with joy and bring his sheaves with him." In the afternoon the Rev. F. S. Sill delivered an effective sermon on the seed sown in the honest and good heart, wherein he made a graceful allusion to the decorations.

WE are glad to learn that the Sunday School of St. Paul's has increased to such an extent within the past few months that it has been found necessary to open an auxiliary school. For this purpose a large store on Somerset Street, Fort Howe, has been rented, in which school will be held every Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. In addition to the school it will be used during the week for mothers' meetings, cottage meetings, etc. The room is large and well ventilated and will seat comfortably between fifty and sixty children.

DEANERY OF KINGSTON.—The next meeting of the Chapter is to be held at Hampton, Kings Co., on Wednesday and Thursday, the 8th and 9th of Nov. First meeting 2.30 p. m. on Wednesday. Services—Evensong on Wednesday at 7 p. m. with addresses. Holy Communion at 7.30 a. m. on Thursday. Affiliated members please take notice.

J. H. TALBOT, Sec'y.

—o— DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

(From our own correspondents.)

EARDLEY.—The annual Harvest Home Festival was held at St. Augustine's Church on Friday, Oct. 6th. The interior of the church was appropriately decorated for the occasion with fall leaves, flowers, fruits and vegetables by the ladies and gentlemen of the Parish. The service was conducted by the Revds. Rural Dean Robinson, W. H. Naylor, J. A. Newnham, and Mr. R. L. Macfarlane, who has temporary charge of the Mission. Miss Mackay, who has ever lent a willing hand to the Church's entertainments, presided at the organ. Rev. W. H. Naylor, of Shawville, preached the sermon from Psalm viii. 2, 3 and 4. He referred to the natural inclination of man to distrust Providence. His eloquent astronomical illustrations were simply grand, and had a striking effect on his hearers. The preacher concluded by entreating the congregation to heartily thank God for the bountiful harvest, and to be in readiness for that great day when God would gather His wheat into the eternal Garner—"those mansions built not with hands." A dinner, prepared by the ever-helping and untiring ladies of the Mission, was ready for clergy and congregation at the expiration of the service, of which all partook heartily. Proper amusements were provided for the enjoyment of the young people. Many expressions of thankfulness for the clear, bright day were heard to proceed from many lips. Darkness coming on, put an end to the festivities of the day, and all departed homewards, fully satisfied and heartily pleased with their Harvest Home Festival.

The annual Missionary Meetings were held in St. Augustine's Church at 7 p. m. Monday, 16th, and at St. Luke's on Tuesday, 17th Oct. Both services were well attended. Addresses were delivered at the first mentioned church by Revds.