

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

Gathered specially for this Paper by Our Own Correspondents.

[We are obliged to hold over many items of Home Field news.]

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

DARTMOUTH.—The Rev. R. N. Raven has been appointed curate of Dartmouth until Easter next.

St. George's.—A week of special Mission services has just closed. Addresses of a stirring nature were delivered each evening, both by the rector and the curate. The hymns were particularly appropriate, and were heartily taken up by the congregation.

CHARLOTTETOWN.—*St. Peter's.*—This church is fortunate enough to have a cemetery of its own, which is carefully tended, and is a credit to the congregation. A new graveyard cross was erected in it last week, in the place of the wooden one which had been there since the graveyard was opened in 1870. It is of Wallace greystone, and stands fourteen feet high on a mound, which makes the total height about eighteen feet. It weighs between four and five tons. The design is from the pencil of Mr. C. E. Kemp, of London, G.B., and is a departure from the conventional, which commends it as much as do its own artistic merits. The base consists of three steps, each a monolith, the low: at one of which is five feet square, the next nine inches smaller, and the uppermost in proportion. Upon this stands the die, one foot and a half high, from which the spire rises nearly seven feet, in its turn surmounted by the cross proper, capped by a roof-shaped structure. The whole is symmetrical and graceful, its slender proportions giving it a light, unobtrusive appearance. Upon the front of the die is inscribed the following words from the Litany:—"In the hour of death and in the day of judgment, good Lord deliver us." On the opposite side is:—"The Lord grant unto them that they may find mercy of the Lord in that day." On the south side is inscribed:—"Erected 1885. George Wright Hodgson, Priest, Incumbent, from June, 1869, to July 1885."

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

GAGETOWN.—The quarterly meeting of the Ruridean Chapter of Kingston was held here on the 4th and 5th inst., and nine of the brethren were in attendance. Our pleasant and profitable session began at 2 p.m. on the 4th Nov., on the arrival of the guests, and continued up to the hour of their departure, 11 a.m. on the 5th, only interrupted by intermissions for prayer, provender and the night's rest. Divine service was held at 7 p.m. the first day, and addresses delivered on "Layman's Work in the Parish," by Rev. C. Hannington, and "Woman's Work," by Rev. O. S. Newham. The next day was begun with early celebration, and the loving intercourse of the meeting closed with a song of praise.

BISHOP MEDLEY SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

Owing to the pressure upon our columns we have not hitherto been able to refer to a movement which was commenced in Fredericton in July last towards fittingly marking the 40th anniversary of the Enthronement of the Venerable Bishop of this Diocese. At a meeting of duly elected representatives from the several Deaneries held in St. John, the Bishop Coadjutor presiding, a sub-committee was appointed to prepare a statement giving all necessary information in respect to the Divinity Students and the object of the Bishop Medley Divinity Scholarship Fund, and the Committee in September

last issued a circular, from which we take the following:

The maintenance of Divinity Students in this Diocese has been supplied mainly through annual grants of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts.

The S. P. G. has this year notified the Diocesan that on and after January 1st, 1886, the annual grant will cease. The only available resources for the aid of Divinity Students for the Diocese are the sums contributed for that purpose now in the hands of the D. C. S. and amounting to \$1,200, the interest only of which is available. The urgent necessity for raising a Fund to take the place of the S. P. G. grant now withdrawn, must be apparent to all persons interested in the welfare of the Church in the Diocese:

(1) Because the need of such Students, more especially natives of this Province, is growing daily stronger from the increasing calls for Missionary Clergy; and

(2) Because Churchmen of this Diocese have for half a century and more felt the necessity for a Special Fund in aid of Divinity Students.

It has been suggested and approved by Churchmen of the Diocese that a special Divinity Scholarship Fund should be founded to commemorate the Fortieth Anniversary of the Enthronement of our Diocesan, who has been pleased "thankfully to assent to this proposal."

The wants of the Diocese cannot be supplied with less than four Scholarships of the annual value of \$120 each. It is estimated that an endowment of \$2,000 is necessary for each Scholarship. The meeting at Fredericton proposed to found at least one such Scholarship, immediately.

As one method of procuring the necessary funds the full Committee recommend that the Clergy of the Diocese be requested to have collections in their respective Churches on, or soon after, Easter Day next. Any other method to be adopted is left wholly with the several Deaneries.

Geo. E. Fairweather, Esq., of St. John, is the Treasurer of the Fund.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

LOWER IRELAND.—A writer in the *Sherbrooke Gazette* states a few facts about the new Church just completed in this place, after three years of work. It has cost about eighteen hundred dollars, of which the Johnston Bros. have nobly contributed about seven hundred; the rest of the congregation have responded to the call by giving as far as their means would allow. The building committee of seven men, worked together like true brethren, but they were delayed by not getting the site and by not agreeing on a plan for a length of time; the plan being afterwards furnished by the Rev. Mr. Chapman, of Marbleton; but in their difficulty they were helped and blessed by their clever, hard-working young minister, Rev. R. Hewton, who has had some experience in Church work and in choosing church furniture, as any one can see by going to Lower Ireland Church. It should be said that the furniture was supplied by the Messrs. Johnston, only it was done in such a way that the congregation had a chance to contribute their mite. All the committee took a very active part in forwarding the work. A very successful tea meeting was held in the old Church, which has been turned into a hall, on the 22nd, at which sixty-six dollars were taken at the tables. The new Church was opened that evening with Thanksgiving Service by the Rev. R. Hewton, assisted by the Rev. T. S. Chapman and Rev. W. Price.

ISLAND BROOK.—Sunday, Oct. 25th, was a day of importance to the Church people of Island Brook, for on that day the new bell lately placed in the tower of Christ Church was solemnly dedicated. To an aged member of the congregation, Mr. Israel Bowen, we owe this

splendid addition to the necessary furniture of our Church edifice. With devoted energy and perseverance he set about collecting the necessary funds, nearly \$120—with which a bell weighing 523 pounds was purchased from the foundry of Messrs. McShane & Co., of Baltimore. On Sunday afternoon the dedication service was held. After the third Collect in Evening Prayer, the Rector proceeded to the tower and began the service of dedication, ringing out three strokes in the name of the Holy Trinity, as an act of dedication. After prayers had been offered three prominent members of the congregation, Messrs. Israel Bowen, Luther French and Ezekiel Bowen, were called upon, who each rang a short peal, when the service was closed with a formal announcement that the bell was now set apart for the service of God. The sermon which followed, preached from Numbers x: 2 and 3 was suited to the special occasion.

The bell is of a fine tone, clear and deep, and can be heard for miles around. It bears the inscription, "Christ Church, Island Brook, 1885."

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

THANKSGIVING DAY IN MONTREAL.—*Christ Church Cathedral.*—The largest Thanksgiving Day congregation for a good many years was present in Christ Church in the morning. The prayers were read by Rev. Canon Henderson and Rev. J. A. Newham. The first lesson was read by the Rector, Rev. J. G. Norton, and the second lesson by the Very Rev. Dean Carmichael. There was a full cathedral choral service effectively rendered by the splendid choir under the leadership of Professor Couture. The offertory was for the Diocesan Fund. The Rev. Canon Norman preached an eloquent and impressive sermon. The service closed with the Benediction, which was pronounced by his Lordship Bishop Bond.

St. George's Church.—There was a very large attendance at the evening service in this church. His Lordship Bishop Bond preached an eloquent and appropriate sermon, taking for his text Psalm xxxi. 4, "All things wait on Thee." The lessons were read by Rev. Canon Baylis and Rev. Mr. Norton, and the service, a full choral one, by Rev. J. H. Dixon. The choir was a large one, and sang in a fervent and earnest manner. The offering was for missionary purposes in the Diocese. Amongst those present were Principal Henderson, Ven. Archdeacon Evans, Rev. Canon Belcher, Rev. Canon Mills and Rev. Mr. Hood.

Trinity Church.—A union service of St. Martin's, St. Thomas', St. Luke's, St. Stephen's and Trinity churches was held in this church in the morning, and among those who took part were the Ven. Archdeacon Evans, Rev. Canon Mills, Rev. Canon Mulock, Rev. G. Rodgers and Rev. J. S. Stone. The church was filled with worshippers. Rev. J. S. Stone preached, taking for his text Psalms cvii. 8:—"O that men would praise the Lord for His wonderful works to the children of men." In the course of an eloquent sermon the preacher referred to the epidemic which had visited the city, and expressed the sympathy which the English portion of the people felt for their French fellow-citizens; and he paid a well-deserved tribute to the Mayor, who has incurred the odium of his compatriots for his faithful discharge of duty. Speaking of Mayor Beaugrand, Mr. Stone said:—"What higher, nobler, grander word can I give to, or can I describe, the heroic and brave Mayor of Montreal, than that of man? He has risen to his position, and has done his duty with unerring fidelity and wisdom. He has won for all time the gratitude of the people of this city. Never once has he failed; never once has he flinched. Crises have arisen, but he too has risen. With his strong hand on the helm, his keen eye upon the difficulties and dangers, and his wise mind and great heart at