

## News from the Home Field.

### DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

As all contributions for B. H. M. should be in the Secretary's hands by the end of the year, will the Clergy please forward lists and monies at once?

**HALIFAX.**—On Sunday last the Bishop of the Diocese at his Cathedral Church of St. Luke, ordained Mr. Spencer of Harrietfield to the Diaconate, and the Revs. W. H. Sampson, D. Sutherland and G. S. J. Peters to the Priesthood. The Bishop was the preacher, and the candidates were presented by the Archdeacon. Mr. Sampson remains at Trinity, Halifax. Mr. Sutherland who has been Curate of Mahone Bay goes to Glace Bay, C. B., and Mr. Peters becomes Curate of the Cathedral. Mr. Spencer is quite an addition to the Diocese from England.

The lecture of the Rev. Canon Partridge before the Church of England Institute on Monday week on "A forgotten page of History" attracted a large audience, and proved most interesting.

The Rev. Dr. Bullock, chaplain of Herbert Hospital, Woolwich, has been appointed principal chaplain to the Woolwich Garrison, in succession to the Rev. H. N. Wheeler, who has retired from the service and accepted a living in Cornwall.

**WINDSOR.**—The Rector writes under date of Dec. 19 to the Clerical Secretary, and we take the opportunity to make it public: "As an incentive to others as follows I am glad to be able to announce that the Churchwardens will send you in a day or two about \$275 from my Parish to the funds of B. H. M. We made an increase last year of \$57.29, and now we have advanced on this sum again by sending about \$75 more than the sum sent last year. This is very gratifying to me, especially as the parishioners have been called upon to expend so largely on their new church.

**FALKLAND AND HERRING COVE.**—A few weeks ago in company with the Rector of St. George's, Halifax, we made a visit to the fishing village of Herring Cove to participate in a Missionary meeting in behalf of the B. H. M., and we cannot refrain from making special reference to the well ordered and pretty Church, which was decorated quite artistically for the occasion, to the singing of the surpliced choir, and to the reverence and heartiness of the congregation during the service. Mr. Maynard, the Missionary, has certainly succeeded well in his charge if the things we have named go for anything, and they certainly do with all true lovers of the Church. The singing was admirable with Mrs. Maynard at the organ, under whose training the boys sing with precision and great heartiness. It would astonish Church-people were they to hear and see the service at this little fishing village, which, as far as we know, has nothing equal to it out of the city. All that is wanted is a Rectory which the Missionary has been for some time trying to build, and which, thanks to kind friends, requires only about two hundred dollars more expended on it to make it habitable. As the house now occupied is simply a boarded frame building unfit for any human being to live in in winter, it is to be hoped that those able to do so will during this glad season forward if only a dollar to the Rev. George F. Maynard, Herring Cove, Halifax Co., N. S., and two hundred such gifts will change the condition of the Missionary and his wife from one of almost misery to that of comfort. We hope to hear soon that this amount has been contributed in the way named. Larger sums of course will not be refused.

**CLEMENTS.**—(Continued.)—At the conclusion of the sermon the Rector of the Parish, Rev. C. W. McCully, addressed a few words to the large congregation, explaining the meaning of the service, decorations and offerings, shewing that our God being the same yesterday, to-day, and forever, would not fail to accept and be pleased with the offering of the fruits of the earth in his house now,

because He himself had formerly commanded such offerings to be brought, and such command had never been abrogated. The deep attention and reverent demeanor of the congregation and the hearty singing, especially of the Recessional Hymn, "Glory to Thee, my God, this night," which was sung to the tune of "Old Hundred," every one seemingly of the large congregation joining heartily "with the spirit and understanding also," was the subject of much comment. A very large number of members of other bodies of Christians were present and on this occasion at any rate we were reminded of the words of the sweet singer of Israel, "how pleasant and joyful a thing it is, brethren, to dwell together in unity." At the conclusion of the service large numbers remained for a time in the church examining the decorations and offerings. The offertories at both services were devoted to the Board of Home Missions. Thus closed a day the memory of which will long linger with all who took part in the services of Thanksgiving and which for many reasons greatly rejoiced and cheered the heart and strengthened the hands of the faithful in the Parish. It was *freely and thankfully* remarked upon that in both Churches, but especially in the Parish Church where it occupied its proper place on the retable, the symbol of the Church Catholic and of every faithful Christian "the cross of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" was a conspicuous feature in the decoration and symbolism employed.

**STELLARTON.**—We are informed that a society having for its object the cultivation of Church music is about to be formed in this Parish. A Parochial Choral Association would be a benefit in any Parish, and a source of pleasure to its members, more especially during the long, dull winter evenings. A literary and musical entertainment will be held, in aid of the Sunday School and Church, during Christmas week. The ladies connected with the Mission Church at Now Glasgow are busily employed preparing for a fancy sale to be held in March next. Though few in number the Church folk of New Glasgow have no lack of life and energy. Could not some aid be afforded the present undertaking by larger congregations. We are sure contributions for the purpose would be thankfully received and gratefully acknowledged.

### DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

**FREDERICTON.**—The week-day services during Advent have been well attended, both at the Cathedral and the Parish Church. At the Cathedral impressive addresses were delivered on Friday evenings by the Metropolitan on "The waiting Church," "The militant Church," and "The triumphant Church," and on Wednesday evenings by the Bishop Coadjutor on "The Kingdom," "The laws of the Kingdom," and "The officers of the Kingdom."

An ordination was held at the Cathedral on Sunday the 17th inst., instead of the usual Sunday, in order to enable the newly ordained to have Divine Service in their respective Missions on Christmas Day. The Rev. Walter Hancock of the Parish of Rothesay was ordained Priest, and James R. DeWolfe Cowie, B.A., and Clarence P. Hanington, B.A., were ordained Deacons. Mr. Cowie takes the Mission of Waterford, and Mr. Hanington the Curacy of Petitcodiac.

**CLERICAL CONFERENCE (Continued.)**—But once more: We are considering how to interest the people in the work of the Church. If there is life there must be activity. There must be work in the Church for every member, but we clergy have not given it you to do. If you care about your own souls you must care for the souls of others, and so must work for them. And to do this effectually you must be organized. But don't be suspicious. Wesley was wise in his generation, and he thoroughly organized his followers. He took care that each should have his place in his Guild, that each should have work, and some one to look to his work. You know nothing of each other. You do not meet or touch. You see each other in different pews on Sunday, and then part for the week. There is too little sympathy

and cordiality among Church people. If they would notice and speak to each other, not in Church indeed, but as they go out—if they would shew an interest in their fellow-worshippers, especially in those who are strangers, and in the poor, who are Christ's children, yea Himself—if they would even greet each other with a kindly smile, it would help to make the fellowship and communion of the Church more of a reality. When the loving interest is felt every good work will follow. On the other hand, our work for you is to make you our friends, and ourselves your guides and comforters and helpers. We have failed too much in this. We have been content to go now and then, and call socially with our wives. This is of little use. True pastoral visiting is what is needed. We have failed too in teaching you that the Church is Jesus—for it is His Body. You say when we preach the Church we do not preach Christ. But Jesus in the Church is the great thing—Jesus in the prayers, Jesus in the Word, Jesus in the Sacraments. If He is not in her, and we parts of Him, then the Church is nothing. Again we have failed to teach you fully to believe in the Communion of Saints, and so you do not realize the Church as a spiritual body, and have little idea as to the unseen world. The result is that when our loved ones are under the sod they are forgotten as parts of the family. Our little ones who have fallen asleep in Jesus are not angels, are not in heaven, but are to be remembered by name as still part of the family, though in Paradise. Yet we see Christian parents calling their children on earth by the same names as their children in Paradise, as if those were gone forever. How little such persons must realize the oneness of the Household of God. Again, we have failed to teach you, when in trouble, to come to Holy Communion as the central act of worship and of intercession. Parents in deep sorrow for a suffering or an erring one do not plead before that Calvary the atoning sacrifice of the Lamb of God, and so do not receive the help and comfort that are provided for them. If we had been more faithful and direct in giving you the fulness of the Church's teaching we should see in you a far deeper interest in the life and work of the Church. The result would be, not bazaars to get money for Church purposes, but the willing offerings of God's children, not the continual demand for some present *quid pro quo*, but a full tenth given cheerfully, with faith and love.

Mr. Herbert Lee said that there was little left for him to say after the exhaustive speech they had just listened to. He would suggest that the interest of the laity might be aroused by public speeches on the work of the Church at home and abroad. As good addresses were often spoiled by being too long and not carefully enough prepared, he thought short programmes and short speeches would prove attractive. Judicious associations also would interest the laity. They should be well furnished with religious and secular literature. They should also be placed on a firm basis, and should not attempt too much, or lay too exclusive stress on one or two objects. A good family Church newspaper was also an excellent means of interesting the laity in the life and work of the Church. Such a paper should not be too controversial.

(To be continued.)

### DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

[From our own Correspondent.]

**AYLMER.**—A great loss has fallen upon the Rural Deanery of St. Andrews, and particularly upon the Parish of Aylmer. On Tuesday, the 12th December, the Rev. George Canning Robinson, Incumbent of Aylmer and Rural Dean, entered into his rest after a sickness of four days. Up to Friday, the 8th, he had been active in his work. Suddenly the Master's call came to put aside earthly labor. His ministry was not a long one, but it was full of good deeds. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Fulford in Christ Church Cathedral, Montreal, the 20th December, 1863, and Priest the 25th of September, 1864. He served for a short time as Curate to the Rev. Mr. (now Archdeacon) Lindsay, of Waterloo, Que. In July, 1864, he was appointed to the Parish of Clarendon, on the Upper