

cious Majesty Queen Victoria, and found that throughout that ceremony the Archbishop and Bishops are described as vested in Copes.—Ed.

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

ANNAPOLIS DEANERY.—Pursuant to notice a meeting of the Annapolis Rural Deanery was held in the parish of St. Luke's, Annapolis, on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 14th June. Members present, the Rev. the Dean, Revs. Messrs. Ritchie, Ambrose, deBlois (Secretary), Wilkins, Greatereaux, Heath. On Tuesday evening Divine service was held in the Parish Church, when Rev. H. D. DeBlois took the desk. The Rev. T. P. Greateroux delivered a very impressive sermon, from the words, "The Earth is filled with the goodness of the Lord." On Wednesday morning Divine service was again held in the Parish Church, when the Rev. L. N. Wilkins, rector of Bridgetown, took the desk, the Rev. the Dean and Mr. Ritchie being the celebrants at the Holy Eucharist, of which many of the faithful remained to partake. The Dean officiated in the pulpit and took for his text those ever memorable words, "God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life," and handled the subject with his usual well known ability. After dinner at the Rectory a meeting of the Deanery took place, and was opened with the new and appropriate Form of Prayer, provided by the thoughtful care of our lamented Diocesan. Many interesting subjects for discussion were introduced, not the least among which was the very important one of taking the best means of securing a worthy successor to him who had so long and ably administered the spiritual affairs of the Diocese. Much interesting information was elicited, concerning the proposed candidates; but no definite conclusion was arrived at, save, that the closer we would keep to the circumstances connected with the election of the chosen Apostles Matthias, the better it would be for the Diocese at large. The following resolution was then moved by the Rev. James Ritchie, seconded by the Rev. John Ambrose, with a request to the Secretary to forward a copy of the same to Mrs. Binney at Halifax, and passed unanimously, viz.: "Whereas it has pleased Almighty God in His inscrutable wisdom to remove, by the hand of death, from this Diocese our loved and respected Bishop, this Deanery, at its first meeting held since his decease, desires to place upon record its deep sense of the great and almost irreparable loss it has sustained in his demise, and to offer, in common with the whole Diocese at large, the respectful and heartfelt sympathy of its members to his bereaved widow and family in their affliction." The Chapter was then closed.

A Missionary meeting in the evening was held in the Sunday-school house, when addresses were given on the subject of Missions by the Rector and the Revs. Messrs. DeBlois, Filleul and Ambrose. The collection, amounting to \$4.40 was handed to the Secretary to be forwarded by him to the Board of Foreign Missions.

PARRSBORO.—Some delay having occurred by reason of the death of our late lamented Bishop in the administration of the Rite of Confirmation in the two principal sections of this parish, we were gladdened in spite of the rain, on the night of the 13th June, by the arrival of his Lordship the Coadjutor-Bishop, of Fredericton, who, under the direction of the Most Reverend the Metropolitan, had kindly undertaken, in addition to his other arduous duties, to administer the Rite of Confirmation in those parishes where an early visit from the late Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia had been expected. His Lord-

ship was met at the station by the Rev. Dr. Bowman, rector of the parish, and conducted to the Rectory to make the most of the remaining hours of darkness, in rest from the labours of the day and preparation for those of the morrow. The prospect, at the hour of retiring for a drive of twelve miles to the Church of Holy Trinity, Port Greville, in time for morning service and Confirmation was not an encouraging one, but as nature seemed to have wept at the necessity which required a visit from another to take the place of him who had so frequently thrilled the hearts and ears of his listeners on previous similar occasions; so, as morning dawned, her features brightened, and a beautiful fresh sunshiny morning welcomed Bishop Kingdon, as though rejoicing in the fact, that the Church of Christ among us though temporarily bereaved was not forsaken. After a pleasant drive the Bishop accompanied by the Rector of the parish arrived at the Clergy House at Port Greville, in which the Rev. J. M. C. Wade, curate assistant, resides; and at 11 o'clock proceeded to the Church, close by, in which was assembled a large and attentive congregation. The Rev. Rector said Morning prayer to the end of the third Collect, the choir rendering the Chants and Hymns with hearty devotion.

The Rector having read the preface in the "Order of Confirmation," His Lordship delivered a soul-stirring and instructive address to the congregation generally and the candidates for Confirmation particularly, after which the candidates were presented by the curate singly, and the Bishop, as a successor, and in the manner of the first apostles, prayed for them and laid his hands on them that they might receive the Holy Ghost, "for as yet he was fallen upon none of them only they were baptized." His Lordship then again addressed them briefly upon the duties and responsibilities to which they had newly bound themselves, and exhorted them to continue steadfast, and use all means appointed for their progress towards perfection in their spiritual life. The number of candidates confirmed was seven, several others were expected, but did not attend. In the afternoon the Bishop, with the Rector, followed by the Assistant Curate, returned to the Rectory, and at 7:30 p.m. another large congregation was assembled in St. George's Church, to witness and take part in the interesting ceremonies connected with the Confirmation of twenty-one candidates. The congregation had during the day made almost a conservatory of the Church, so elaborately and tastefully was it decorated with growing plants in pots, and cut flowers in vases. The service was very similar to that of the morning, the Rev. Mr. Wade occupying the prayer-desk, and the Rector presenting the candidates, the addresses of the Bishop both before and after the laying on of hands being most appropriate, instructive and acceptable. The musical part of the service, accompanied on the organ by a daughter of the Rector, was very hearty appropriate and enlivening, and gave evidence of ability and care on the part of the choir.

ALBION MINES.—On Sunday, 19th inst., the service used was that prescribed by the Rev. the Metropolitan.

In the morning at Christ Church, and in the afternoon at St. George's, New Glasgow, Mr. Moore spoke at length of the history of the Colonial Church since its beginning in 1787: referring also in hearty terms to the Jubilee of the Queen. In the evening at Christ Church the sermon was entirely on the subject of loyalty to the earthly and to the Heavenly Monarch. The collection for the Cathedral was much smaller than it would no doubt have been but for the hard times just passed through, as well as the strike.

AMHERST.—The Metropolitan confirmed 26 candidates from this parish on the 17th instant. The service was held in the pretty Church in

the neighbouring parish of Westmoreland, and at the same time a large class was presented to the Bishop by the Rector of Westmoreland.

HALIFAX.—*Personal.*—Rev. H. J. Winterbourne has resigned his rectorship of St. Mark's. St. Mark's is an important and growing charge which has been well built up under Mr. Winterbourne's ministrations. The rev. gentleman will be a great loss to the Diocese. It is to be hoped that a worthy successor will be selected to fill his post, and carry on the work he inaugurated. An active man, one who knows the needs and parochial machinery requisite for successful work in such a parish—a systematic visitor, and sympathizer with the poor; above all a man of untiring spiritual activity, such is the kind of man needed for this important work; a man who knows Nova Scotia Church work will be preferable to one who has to learn it.

CHOIR FESTIVAL.—The service held last week in St. Luke's Cathedral was a great success. Over one hundred surpliced singers were in the chancel. The 66th Band assisted. A short address was given by Rev. F. R. Murray, rector of St. Luke's, who adverted to the service, explaining its nature and object, and to the Fund for the Centennial Memorial Cathedral, to which the collection was devoted, after which the Benediction was pronounced by the Archdeacon. The project was originated by the late Bishop, who took a live interest in it, and the only thing that marred the whole celebration was the sight of his empty seat draped in mourning.

THE COMING SYNOD.—The Synod called for the election of a Bishop meets July 6th. There has been some free discussion in the papers on various names likely to be nominated, but there seems to be no unanimity.

SPRINGFIELD BAZAAR.—Friends at a distance will be glad to hear that the bazaar was a great success, and that about \$600 were taken in the two days. Miss Cochran, of Maitland, and Miss Page, of Truro, came and gave valuable assistance. All the Church people worked heartily to make it a success. Our little Church holds only about 240 people, and yet with God's blessing during the past ten months we have been enabled to wipe out \$1,000 of Church debt, which was bearing us down, or \$100 per month. At our Jubilee service last Sunday seats had to be placed in the chancel. A new and larger Church is needed. Does anyone want to build one for God's glory? Well, here is an opportunity. The Rector was last week presented with a handsome silver basket and silk cushion which had been awarded to him as heading the pole in a voting contest among the ministers in Springhill.

HANTSPOET.—On Thursday evening last, in Churchill's Hall, the charming Operetta entitled the *Tyrolien Queen*, was placed before the public for the first time in this province, under the able and skilful management of Mrs. W. H. Clement, whose powers as a teacher of music and singing are too well known to need comment. This, having been said, it is almost needless to add the Operetta was a great success. The chief characters were ably sustained by Miss Newcombe, Miss Ethel Newcombe, Miss Annie Andrews, and Miss Bisco Davison. The Maids of Honour, Tyroliens, Gipsies and Fairies, were represented by a number of little girls and young ladies, whose exquisite singing elicited frequent applause. The three scenes represented (1) A shady rock-bound grove; (2) A wayside Gipsy camp; (3) A Fairy Palace with back ground in the distance, the latter one being the most charming of all. The scenery was the result of local talent, having been painted gratuitously by our zealous Churchman, Mr. R. Burns. Everything passed off without hesitation or interruption, the littl