

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

RAWDON.—The Bishop paid his first visit to this parish on Monday, Oct. 22nd, and administered the Apostolic rite of laying on of hands to nineteen females and eleven males belonging to Rawdon, and one female from the parish of Newport.

A large congregation assembled from the various parts of this widely scattered parish, to meet His Lordship, and listened with wrapt attention to his able and sympathetic address. Rev. K. C. Hind, rector of Newport, acted as chaplain to the Bishop, and the candidates were presented singly, by the rector. The service commenced by singing "Soldiers of Christ arise," and immediately before the laying on of hands the hymn "Just as I am" was sung, the candidates kneeling; and after the administration of the rite, the hymn "Thine for ever," was sung, the newly conformed again kneeling. All express the pleasure and profit derived from this visit, and there is but one desire felt by all, viz., that we may soon have the benefit of the Bishop's presence with us again.

STEWIACKE.—*St. George's.*—The Lord Bishop of the diocese made his first visit to this parish on the 19th, and administered the holy rite of Confirmation.

MACCAN AND RIVER PHILIP.—Over one half of the money required has been provided for the building of a Church near the foot of Wyndham Hill on River Philip; land has been given by Mr. Charles Bragg, and the building material needed will be placed on the grounds at an early date so that the erection of the Church can take place in the Spring.

JOGGINS AND RIVER HERBERT.—The Church people of this parish have placed \$132 in the Savings bank—the commencement of a fund for another Church. They hope that they will soon have a clergyman sent to their Mission.

HANTSPORT.—On Oct. 24th, Bishop Courtney laid the corner-stone of the new Church at Hantsport. He was accompanied by Rev. Mr. Partridge and Rev. W. B. King, and joined at Windsor by Rev. Canon Maynard, Rev. Mr. Polehampton, Dr. Bowman, and Rev. K. C. Hind. They were received at Hantsport by Rev. C. H. Fullerton, who has charge of the parish; the Bishop and Clergy robed, marched to the site in procession. The ceremonies took place in the presence of a large gathering, and after the formal exercises were over the Bishop delivered a most pleasing address. Hitherto Hantsport, although a village of some importance, has had no place of worship in connection with the Church of England. There are but few Churchmen in the village and this effort on their part to erect a church will no doubt receive the sympathy and support of Churchmen throughout the diocese.

HALIFAX.—The Anniversary service of the Church of England Institute was held at St. Luke's Cathedral and was full choral. The choir was a very large one—upwards of 90 voices—made up from the choirs of the several Episcopal Churches in the city. Rev. Dr. Partridge, Rev. C. W. McCully, Rev. W. B. King, and other clergy took part in the service. The body of the Church was packed four-fifths of those present being ladies. Bishop Courtney preached a beautiful sermon from the words, "And whether one member suffer all the members suffer with it, or one member be honored, all the members rejoice with it," [1st Corinth. xii. 26]. He began by pointing out the perfection of the human body. The hand was the most wonderful thing in the world. With it we do everything which we have ordinarily to do. The eye is no less wonderful, and the ear makes up a trinity of wonders which have

never been equalled. The heart and brain were spoken of; all being a manifestation of unity. Those organs out of sight are those on which the best health of the body depends. In time of religious enthusiasm or persecution it is almost possible to realize the unity which exists in the human body. He applied these facts to the relation of the Institute to the Church. When the Institute suffers the Church suffers, and when the Institute prospers the Church prospers. He spoke in glowing terms of the advantages of such an institution and called on his hearers for their support.

During the service the Bishop thanked God for preserving him from harm, the train on which he was travelling the day previous having run off the track.

LAHAVRE.—On St. Luke's day, the 18th ult., two of those enjoyable and profitable services, now so much in vogue, were held in St. Matthew's Church. The Church was most prettily decorated with fruits, flowers, and autumn leaves, making her look almost bridal in her array, and reflecting great credit on the willing workers and the kind donors.

Many valuable gifts were presented by kind and thankful hearts as their offering of first-fruits, which plainly proved beyond doubt that though the summer has been uncommonly wet and cold, neither "harvest time," nor the harvest itself, has failed; but that the giver of all good, has been most bountiful and gracious in His gifts of the fruits of the earth. The four neighbouring clergy—Revs. W. E. Gelling, G. Haslam, E. A. Harris, and C. P. Mellor, were invited to take part in the services, but the morning was most terribly wet, which prevented all but Mr. Haslam from coming; he, however, came through the torrents of rain to fulfil his promise. He and the Rector walked to the Church, not expecting to have any service, but much to the surprise of both, a fair congregation was assembled to whom an earnest and practical address was given by Rev. Mr. Haslam.

The storm having cleared away the Rev. W. E. Gelling came for the evening service and addressed a crowded congregation in a very eloquent and powerful discourse, based upon the words "I am Alpha and Omega."

The Sunday previous Alma May Burns and Owen Harold Mulock, were incorporated members of Christ's Holy Church by public Baptism, making seven thus publicly christened since June, when, two years ago, scarcely any could be induced to bring their children to the Church for holy Baptism.

Last Sunday, the 21st inst, the congregation of this Church bowed its head in sorrow as one man, in humble submission to the call of the Master, when a dear young brother, aged 19 years, was called from the Church militant to the Church triumphant. Mr. Freeman Clevesey, one of our most promising and beloved young members, after a peculiar and rapid decline of three weeks laid down his life at the Master's word, ready and willing to depart to be with Christ.

One particular point concerning him we wish to mention, besides his moral worthiness, his good example, and his Christian fellowship, is, that he remembered his spiritual mother, from whom he had received his training and preparation for the upper world.

His father had allowed him to retain his earnings, and on his death-bed he gave to his Rector towards the new Church fund one-tenth of all his savings. Such remembrances are so rare by the children of the Church that this in one so young deserves special acknowledgement. We mourn our loss; we rejoice in his gain.

"God hath two families of love,
One is in earth and one above;
One is in battle sharp and sore,
And one at rest forever more."

NEW DUBLIN.—Good work is being done in St. Peter's parish, New Dublin, of which the Rev. C. P. Mellor is deacon-in-charge. The Rectory has been refitted and painted inside and out; a new stable has been built, and much active life is being manifested in all Church work and in the services, and also a sale of fancy and useful articles have been held, from the realization of which the sum of \$50 was devoted towards the purchase of a Sunday-school library. The enlargement and refitting of St. James' Church in this parish is now under way.

A Harvest festival was held in St. Peter's Church on Sunday last, when the Rev. W. E. Gelling officiated. Another was held at All Saints' Church, in Petite Riviere, on St. Luke's day, under the direction of the Incumbent, the Rev. James Spencer. I have no particulars concerning these and can therefore only mention the fact.

KENTVILLE.—Canon Brock on entering upon his duties as pastor of St. James' Church, Kentville, made the following touching reference to the former pastor, Rev. J. O. Ruggles. Said he:—"My predecessor who labored amongst you, earnestly, faithfully, and diligently by the space, all told, of 26 years, has been privileged to do a great work for Christ and His holy Church in this parish. He gathered large numbers into Christ's fold by holy baptism, including many adults. From time to time both in Kentville and Wolfville he presented large classes to the chief pastor of the Diocese to receive the Apostolic rite of Confirmation. Under his ministry the number of communicants has increased from a couple of a score to over 160. The parish now possesses two sanctuaries preeminently churchly in appearance and fittings, and one of these sanctuaries, that of St. James, Kentville, owes its existence and beauty mainly to the untiring energies and exertions of your former Rector. Tough work for Kings College and other outside calls upon his time pressed upon him, he was as many of you doubtless can witness, diligent in his private ministrations to the sick and to the whole of the flock over which he had been appointed a shepherd. He endeavored to instruct and build you up in the principles of the English branch of the Church Catholic. So, if some of you are not good Churchmen, able to give a reason of the hope that is in you, it is not my predecessor's fault. I trust that through God's grace I may be able to carry on the work in this parish which for more than a quarter of a century he so diligently prosecuted. It gives me sincere pleasure to say that Mr. Ruggles, as you would expect, knowing him so well, has done all in his power to render my coming amongst you pleasant and profitable. He assures me that you have treated him with unvarying kindness and great forbearance. I plead for a continuance of the kindness and very earnestly for your Christian forbearance. We ministers of our Lord Jesus are like other men full of faults and failings and imperfections, and therefore there is ample room for the exercise of forbearance between pastor and people."

NEW GLASGOW.—*St. George's.*—A meeting of the parishioners of St. George's was held in the Church on Wednesday evening. The parish having been divided it was necessary to call the meeting to elect office-bearers and transact other business in connection with the new parish of St. George's, which now embraces New Glasgow, Trenton, Thorburn, &c.; the meeting was large and enthusiastic. Rev. F. Archbold, of Halifax, will conduct divine services until a resident clergyman is appointed. The following officers were elected:—Wardens, A. O. Pritchard and W. B. Moore; Vestry, Harry Townsend, J. L. Jennison, J. B. Mooreman, A. B. Gray, E. W. Thurston, T. M. Patton, H. Hawker, Newton Drake, E. Wadden