

News from the Home Field.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

ANNAPOLIS.—The Lord Bishop of the Diocese visited this Parish last week, for the purpose of administering the rite of Confirmation. It is rather a reproach to us that more interest is not taken by the townspeople in the visit of the chief Pastor, and no wonder that it called forth a reproof from his Lordship. Otherwise the Bishop's visit was a great satisfaction to those immediately concerned. The words of counsel and advice will, we trust, not soon be forgotten by us, and it is hoped will have a lasting effect. The outlying districts of Rosette, Dalhousie and Perott especially were much edified by the kindly words they received, all testifying to the fact that they received great encouragement and benefit from the Episcopal visit. The number of candidates who received the holy rite in this Parish was 54,—the number would have been larger had not many of the candidates been called away to the Aldershot camping grounds to their annual drill. His Lordship was pleased to express his gratification at the progress being made in spiritual matters here, and also left some valuable advice as to the future.

CLEMENTSPORT.—The visit of his Lordship the Bishop to this Parish was full of comfort and blessing and was highly appreciated by Priest and people, and will we feel sure linger in our hearts for a very long while. His Lordship arrived on Thursday, the 27th, and having rested awhile began again his labours on the following morning. The services of the day were the induction of the new Rector and the administration of Holy rite of Confirmation. The service of induction commenced at 10 o'clock. The clergy present were His Lordship the Bishop, the Revs. F. P. Greafores and John Partridge. After a very touching reference to the late Rector, the Bishop congratulated the people on the election of his successor, reminding the people of the great responsibility resting upon them as to how they had profited by the labours of their late Pastor, for they would have to answer for every word of exhortation and advice they had received from his lips as they stand before their common Judge; therefore whatever may have been the result, as they cannot redeem the past, so must take heed to the future. After the induction was over the regular service commenced. The candidates numbered 16, quite a large number for the short time that the Rector had been among them. The Holy Communion service was choral, such a thing probably was never heard in the old Parish Church before, but notwithstanding the prejudice generally shown before people hear such a service, when they do hear it they cannot help liking it in spite of themselves—such was the case here, every one acknowledging what an improvement on the old state of things. During the Bishop's address he alluded to the alteration in the arrangement of the Church and expressed his satisfaction in glowing terms. The pulpit in which the prayers used to be preached from has been taken down and converted into a decent prayer desk. The choir have been induced to come down from the gallery, which every one must own is a vast improvement in every way; and best of all the Table of the Lord has been furnished with a handsome covering, the gift of the Rev. John Partridge, Curate of Annapolis, all of which has helped to establish the worship of God and the edification of the people. Every praise is due to the Rev. C. W. McCully for the energetic way he is fulfilling his sacred trust, and we sincerely hope he will be enabled to carry on successfully the work which for so many years was so faithfully performed by the late Rector.

NEW ROSS.—His Lordship's visit to this Mission has come and gone, a matter now of happy remembrance unmingled with regret; for, though the day was as stormy and dark as its predecessors had been calm and bright, yet our good Bishop diffused so much cheer and sunshine, he spoke such loving words of commendation and encouragement concerning all he saw and heard, that we readily forgot

the gloom and difficulties under which the day's duties were to be performed. Indeed, we might plead one single regret, that so many of our people were prevented from hearing the gracious words which fell from his Lordship's lips. A class of about 55 had been prepared, mostly males, but the military call to Aylesford combined with the weather to considerably reduce the number. His Lordship arrived with Rev. Mr. Ruggles, Rector of Horton, Rev. Mr. Butler, of Chester also, at about 6 o'clock Monday evening the 11th. Next day, to our glad surprise, quite a large congregation appeared of people who, like our good Bishop at the "Dingle 5 o'clock tea," were brave weather-beaten soldiers, not afraid of storm and rain. At 11 o'clock Mr. Butler said Mattins and Confirmation followed. His Lordship in the usual address spoke feelingly of the order and neatness everywhere visible in the Church property, of the churchy character of the services, and regretted that New Ross was not more prominently located so as to afford to other places an example in these respects. The Invocation sung (Hymn 157 A. & M.) the Missionary presented his candidates—18 males, 16 females—and a choral celebration followed, Mr. Ruggles taking Epistle and assisting, Mr. Butler the Gospel, at which over 60, including the entire class, communicated. The offertory, \$3.46, will be devoted to recent chancel improvements. Tuesday evening, notwithstanding the continued storm, a congregation of about 40 assembled and Choral Evensong began before 8 o'clock, the Psalter rendered to Helmore's pointing. Addresses of an interesting and instructive nature, interspersed with Hymns, were then delivered in turn, the first by Mr. Butler on the subject of "A Christian's duties in general," the second by Mr. Ruggles on "Duties to the B. H. M." and lastly by His Lordship who again gave kind and stimulating expression to his satisfaction with the Church work and services going on within this Mission. The offertory, \$1.81, will be devoted to the W. & O. F. The terrace around the Church, the new seats which are a credit to their builders (Mr. Jos. Skerry, Senior Warden, and Mr. Isaac P. Morse, both of this Mission), and which have been paid for, and our window all met with very favorable notice from his Lordship. Between voluntary contribution from our people for the new seats amounting to \$42.50, and the last picnic receipts of \$101.41, we are happy to say this Mission is still exempt from any debt. Our Senior Warden's younger daughter, Miss Mary Skerry, who has been but a short time under musical training by the Missionary, presided at the organ as usual at both services with great success, and with every promise of ever increasing usefulness in the future in this important department.

SEAFORTH.—The sum named below was placed on the plate at St. James' on Sunday morning, accompanied by the following note: "Will Rev. Mr. Richey accept enclosed \$138.00, in token of the regard and respect of his people throughout the whole Parish, viz., Seaforth, Head of Chezzetcook, East Chezzetcook, Lawrencetown, Middle Section and Lake Porter? By order of Committee."

Good for the poet! Better still if we could induce our readers, say a thousand of them, to serve themselves and the author by buying up his book lately reviewed favorably in these columns. The book may be had from the author or at the bookstores, or, if more convenient, we will ourselves execute orders if accompanied by cash. Price, 75 cents.—ED. CHURCH GUARDIAN.

"I thirst for gold to pay my honest dues,
And bring my patient household bread and shoes:
In catalogues that tempt too well the eye,
Some books I've marked, and thirst for gold to buy;
My heart must suffer—suffers—for the poor,
Would that I had a purse could suffer more!
To meet the case these titled pages shine
Half in my Mother's service—half in mine."

From the Preface to "Verses Devotional and Miscellaneous."

RAWDON.—A Harvest Thanksgiving and Sunday School picnic was held in this Parish on Tuesday, 19th ult. Divine service was held at 11 a. m., the congregation being considerably larger than last year. The decorations were few and simple,

consisting of white frontals to the Holy Table and Re-Table; the former being divided into three panels by crimson trimming: the centre panel contained a gilt cross, and the two side panels Alpha and Omega of the same material. Along the retable were placed flowers, fruits, etc. The anthem was "Thine O Lord is the greatness," by Kent. In the afternoon the children and their friends assembled on the Rectory grounds, and swings, races and the usual picnic amusements were entered upon and fully enjoyed. The day was fine, the provisions abundant, and everything passed off pleasantly, both to the satisfaction and credit of those who had it in hand.

GRANVILLE.—The Lord Bishop of the Diocese held a Confirmation on the evening of Sunday, Sept. 17th, at the Parish Church of All Saints. The Church was crowded in every part, and the service was very hearty, the music being remarkably good. The Rev. C. McCully, Rector of St. Clements, acted as Chaplain, and the Rector presented the candidates—8 female and 3 male. The Bishop in the course of his address said that it was with unfeigned pleasure that he saw the great alterations and improvements that had been made, and congratulated the people upon the harmony that prevailed generally in the Parish.

On Monday evening his Lordship held a Confirmation in the Church of the Holy Trinity, Granville Ferry which, although the evening was wet, was comfortably filled. Here 8 candidates were presented—6 male and 2 female, thus making 19 in all. Here as at the Parish Church the Bishop kindly expressed the pleasure he felt at seeing the great improvements that had been made, and especially as he had been told that everything was paid for. All must have felt the extreme solemnity of the two services held in Granville this year, and the kind words addressed by the Bishop to the congregation generally as well as to the candidates, will not soon be forgotten.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

ST. JOHN.—An examination for teachers in Sunday Schools, according to the scheme of the Church of England Institute in England, was held in St. John last May, the results of which have lately been reported in the Institute's Magazine. The examination included two sections—the Advanced and the Elementary. Each section contained three subjects. Eight questions on certain chapters of the Bible, (St. Matt. i. to xiii. inclusive being the Scripture portion); eight questions on the Prayer Book, (the Catechism and the Confirmation Service being the subjects), and a lesson selected from the Scripture portion, given the candidate at the time of the examination to work out, as if preparing it for a class. In the Elementary Section a skeleton of the lesson was furnished, to be used or not, according to the option of the candidate. The lessons given were, in the elementary section, St. Matt. viii. 1 to 4—The Healing of the Leper, or St. Matt. xiii. 24-30 and 36-43—The Parable of the Tares; and in the Advanced Section, St. Matt. vi. 24-34, or St. Matt. xii. 1-13. Of the eight questions on the Bible, and of the eight on the Prayer Book, only five were to be answered, according to the choice of the candidate, and in any order. One hour was allowed for each subject, with an intermission of five minutes between each. Printed question papers, one set for each candidate, were sent from England in sealed envelopes carefully marked on the outside as to section and subject, which were opened in the presence of the candidates, one for each section immediately before each hour of the examination, so that neither examiners nor candidates knew the questions until the hour of examination arrived. The examination was held in Trinity School House. Tables and all writing materials were prepared for the candidates, who, ten in number, took their places at 7.15 p. m. The examination closed at 10.25, after which refreshments were provided, and a short time spent in conversation. The account is thus made circumstantial that others may gain some idea of the way in which the examination is conducted. The Rev. O. S. Newham, the Rev. F. S. Hill, and Mr. William M. Jarvis were moderators in charge of the papers, &c., and the papers containing the answers were sealed up by