

News from the Home Field.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

SYDNEY, C. B.—*St. George's*.—*St. George's* Parish in this town, is one of the oldest in the Diocese of Nova Scotia, yet, anything relative to it appears never to come before the public. Within the last four years a beautiful new tower and steeple have been erected at a cost of \$1650. The Church has been painted internally throughout at a cost of \$120, and two new and beautiful stoves have been placed in the Church at a cost of \$32, and the greatest praise is due the congregation who subscribed to so large and good a work, and can say all is paid.

WINDSOR.—A meeting of the Parishioners of Windsor was held in the Parish Church, on the evening of Wednesday week, to take into consideration the appeal of the D. C. S. to the Churchmen of Nova Scotia. As far as Windsor is concerned, it has done its duty in the past, and certainly will do so in the future. The Rector appealed to the people to give something to assist in preventing either a reduction of the salaries of the clergy, or a reduction of the pensions of the widows of the clergy. He referred to the great work being done in Algoma, but said that it required money to continue the work which is now so zealously performed. The Rev. Canon Dart, President of King's College also spoke in reference to the demand made on us by the D. C. S., and to the great necessity of supporting Foreign Missions. Speeches were made by Col. Poyntz and Mr. Tayler. A committee of four young ladies, viz., Miss Anna Fraser, Miss Mary Dimock, Miss Mary DeWolf, and Miss Mary Maynard, was appointed to canvass the Parish. There are indications that although Windsor Parish has been under such heavy expenses this year, it will excel its contributions of last year. Will not a few of our other Parishes do the same, and relieve the financial distress of the Diocese?

LONDONDERRY MINES.—The second anniversary of a very successful Society (the Guild of the Good Shepherd) for young women took place on All Saints' Day. Holy Communion was celebrated at 8 o'clock, a special service having been held the evening before. In hopes of doing even more good than in the past, the Guild has been changed into a branch of the Girls' Friendly Society. President, Mrs. V. E. Harris; Branch Secretary, Mr. Niel Sutherland. The latter would be glad to give information to anyone desirous of knowing the rules of the Society. Copies of a useful pamphlet entitled "The Girls' Friendly Society for America" may be found at the bookstore of Messrs. A. Williams & Co., 253 Washington Street, Boston, Mass.; price five cents each.

RIVER PHILIP.—Regular services are at present held in the pretty little church near Oxford Junction by the Rev. V. E. Harris, of Londonderry Parish. At the thriving village of Oxford, a few miles further down the river, services are also held. A small church will no doubt soon be a necessity in this place.

CARD OF THANKS.—I beg through the columns of the CHURCH GUARDIAN cordially to thank the kind friends—Mrs. Dr. Creel and Miss E. Bent—who interested themselves in making me the unexpected recipient of a handsome sum collected by them on behalf of my very inefficient services as organist during the past four years in *St. George's* Church, Pugwash, and I also desire to express my sincere thanks to the generous contributors thereof. Though the sacred and secular tie of fellowship that bound us is, through the ever-changeable destiny of life now severed, we will hope "to praise and magnify the Lord" in the land where friends will no more part.

Yours very gratefully,

FANNIE W. BRINE.

Antigonish, Nov. 20, 1882.

KENTVILLE.—*Harvest Festival*.—Thanksgiving Day was duly observed in this Parish. The beautiful new chancel just completed was neatly and tastefully decorated. On the retable was a rich

cross of wheat and grapes, symbolical of the Blessed Sacrament; on either side of this were small sheaves and vases of flowers alternately. The footpace was adorned with heaps of fruit and vegetables. The lectern and pulpit were tastefully trimmed with autumn leaves, oat bunches, ferns, with heaps of fruit at the lower parts. The frontals on the desks are very handsome here, being of white satin, with lilies painted by hand. The first Evensong was held on Wednesday evening. The children performed the musical portion of the service.

On Thursday the Holy Communion was celebrated at 11 o'clock, and a large congregation assembled to take part in the service of praise and thanksgiving. Too much commendation cannot be given to Mr. Ruggles for his perseverance and zeal in having the church moved and the new chancel added. The latter is really quite a model one, and when thoroughly finished and adorned, will be second to no country one in the Diocese.

PERSONAL.—The address of the Rev. E. H. Ball is for the future Tangier, Halifax Co., N. S.

MAITLAND.—The Rev. A. D. Jamieson, Rector of Maitland, was the recipient of a further offering of \$65 from Trinity Church congregation on the eve of his departure for Barbadoes for his health's sake.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

St. STEPHEN.—The Rev. E. C. Saunders of West Shelburne, Quebec, has accepted a unanimous call from the vestry and parish of the Church of the Holy Trinity, St. Stephen, and will enter upon his duties early in January.

St. JOHN.—One of the prettiest weddings ever seen in St. John was that celebrated in St. Paul's (Valley) Church on Tuesday afternoon, the 28th Nov., when Mr. J. E. E. Dickson was married to Miss Thirza L. Daniel, youngest daughter of Arthur Daniel, Esq., of Portland, St. John. The church was filled long before the hour appointed for the ceremony, and by the time the bride arrived some hundreds of people were standing at the door unable to gain admission. The beautiful service of our Church was conducted by the Rev. Canon DeVeber, assisted by the Rev. Canon Brigstocke. The full surpliced choir being present, sang hymns 350 and 351 of hymns ancient and modern, and chanted the "Deus," and at the close of the service the "Gloria." The bride looked beautiful in a dress of white silk, and many were the expressions of admiration as she entered and left the church. She was attended by Miss Annie Dickson, sister of the groom, and by her cousin Miss Forrie Scholfield; the groomsmen were Mr. R. P. McGivern, Jr., Barrister, and Master Russel Sturder. The bridal presents were very numerous, elegant and costly, which showed the appreciation in which the young couple are held by their many friends. After the ceremony the guests, who comprised the elite of St. John, attended the reception at Woodawn Villa, the residence of the bride's father, where after receiving the congratulations of their friends, the bride and groom left by the western train on their wedding tour.

GAGETOWN.—In compliance with your expressed wish for local news from the various parishes of our Diocese I send you an item which I trust may prove as interesting to some at a distance as it was qualifying to those immediately concerned. In addition to many other evidences of kind feeling through the now rapidly expiring year, on Thursday last a "surprise" was given at the Gagetown Parsonage by placing therein during the temporary absence of the Rector and his wife a number of useful and valuable articles of furniture, provided by the large-hearted liberality of some kind friends and parishioners for the comfort of the aged Rector and his invalid wife during the coming winter. I am glad to add that our Guild and Sunday School house is approaching completion, and though not quite finished will soon be fit for occupation, and we expect our next Guild meeting to be held in it on the first Thursday in December.

CLERICAL CONFERENCE (Continued.)

Rev. Osborne Troop said that in following two men so reverend as Canon Maynard and the Metropolitan he spoke with utmost diffidence. He took as the basis of his teaching on the spiritual life, "He that hath the Son of God hath life, and he that hath not the Son of God hath *not* life." The sinner must first be set free from the sense of sin; and according to the words of our absolution, God "pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent and unfeignedly believe His holy Gospel." Believing this he falls before God in deep humility, he hears, and rises up forgiven. We must of course use the means of grace. We must realize God's help and love. When any temptation overtakes us we must cry out, "God help me." In this way even in the midst of our daily business spiritual union with God is possible. But the daily business of the clergy constitutes for them a special danger to be watched against. The very necessity that rests on us as ministers to use constantly the most sacred words exposes us to the peril of using them with *unreality*. The best way to counteract this unreality is, before every utterance, to lift up the heart to God for heavenly wisdom. When we speak to any man about his spiritual concerns, when we read the Word of God to the people, above all when we preach the Gospel, we must always ask earnestly for wisdom from on high. It is indeed a great privilege to preach the Gospel. One paper had spoken of the necessity for study, wisdom, experience, on the part of the minister of Christ, when dealing, as a spiritual physician, with the souls of his people, in order that he may apply the medicine of God's Word rightly and wisely to each individual case. But in his opinion there is after all, in the long run, but the one prescription for all the sins and spiritual sicknesses by which man is afflicted, viz., *Christ Jesus*. The minister of Christ, in his preaching, points the sufferer to this heavenly medicine, and leaves the Saviour to complete the work of healing. When the prodigal and the father meet, the minister, call him priest if you will, stands aside. But if we would preach the Gospel effectually, we must prepare for it earnestly, prayerfully, beforehand in our study, by communion with God, through Jesus Christ, and then our words will go home with power.

The time for adjournment had now almost arrived, and Canon Brigstocke expressed very earnestly the hope that the continuity of the life of the Clerical Conference would be kept up. He moved that a committee, consisting of five from each Diocese, be appointed by the Metropolitan to arrange for holding another Conference next year.

Rev. F. R. Murray seconded this motion. He was thankful that he had come to this meeting. We had met in brotherly love, and had heard each other's views expressed freely, but without heat or bitterness. He felt that it would be the beginning of a better and higher life for the Church among us. He hoped we might next meet in Nova Scotia. Halifax would gladly welcome them all. If subjects might be suggested by any one to the committee he would suggest that of "Temperance." He also thought that the "Spiritual Life" might most profitably occupy a whole day *every time*.

The motion for the appointment of a committee was carried unanimously, and after the usual votes of thanks, the Conference was closed with the Doxology sung most heartily by all, and the Benediction pronounced by the Metropolitan.

[We shall begin the publication of the papers in our next.]

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

(From our own Correspondents.)

QUEBEC.—*St. Matthew's*.—In removing the injurious impression that the Rector and Wardens and congregation of *St. Matthew's* Church have been wanting in proper regard to the resting place and the remains of the dead and for their memorials erected in the *St. John's* Street Burying-ground, it has been shown that although the ground is not the property of *St. Matthew's* Church, and the responsibility of caring for it does not accordingly rest with the congregation, yet they appointed at an Easter meeting some years ago a committee to issue a circular to all the living friends of the dead lying