

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

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DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

On Wednesday, June 3rd, the members of Amherst Rural Deanery met at Maitland. Present: Rev. D. C. Moore, R.D., Revds. Isaac Brock, J. A. Kaulbach, J. C. Cox, and the Rector of Maitland.

Evensong was said on Tuesday evening in Holy Trinity Church by the Rural Dean and Rev. J. A. Kaulbach, and an excellent sermon was preached by Rev. Isaac Brock, from the text, "If they hear not Moses and the Prophets," &c.

At the 11 o'clock celebration, Wednesday, there were 14 communicants. Rev. J. A. Kaulbach was the appointed preacher, who gave a very striking and instructive sermon, on the text, "In the morning sow thy seed and in the evening withhold not thy hand."

At 2.30 the business meeting was held in the Rector's study. Among other matters was discussed the all important one, that of Travelling Missionary for the Deanery.

As the B. H. M. has very kindly granted a certain sum, and as each clergyman has pledged himself to collect so much yearly for the support of the missionary, financially speaking, the scheme has been most successful. What now remains is to select the proper man for the great work.

We hope by next meeting, which will be held at Acadia Mines on Sept. 30th, to have one travelling missionary at work in this large and important field.

After the regular meeting, which was a most successful and helpful one, shortened evensong was said in Holy Trinity Church, and papers read by the Rural Dean and Rev. Isaac Brock on "Lay help" and "Sunday-schools," respectively.

The congregation listened attentively to the clear, forcible remarks of the speakers, and were much strengthened in the faith. The venerable appearance of our beloved Rural Dean, who has worked so long and faithfully in the Master's vineyard, and who, with his strong constitution, has, as far as we can see, many useful years yet ahead of him, could not fail to deeply impress the large congregation. When we hear words of love and truth coming from lips which for half a century have preached in the name of Christ, they strike to our hearts with a double force. Even the most thoughtless could not but be impressed with the truth which these lips uttered, accompanied as they were by the dignified appearance and the memory of the long, faithful years spent in preaching "Christ and His Church."

Thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Murphy, Mr. Burwick and Mrs. Cochran, for hospitalities received. Also to Messrs. Stuart, Dallio and S. Murphy, who had expressed their willingness to entertain, and were only prevented from so doing by the absence of the expected guests.

THOMPSON MISSION.—J. S. Warner (lay reader) has been holding weekly services here for the past two months. We have a good Sunday-school and singing class which meets once a week for practice at Mr. Warner's house. The Misses Jones, under whose care the school has been conducted for two years past render most valuable assistance, and manifest great zeal and faithfulness in church work. Rev. V. E. Harris, of Amherst, has a general supervision of the work, and holds services here as often as his other pressing duties will permit.

ORDINATION.—The Lord Bishop of the Diocese holds an ordination shortly, and the Rev. R. M. Raven, of Garrison Chapel, and H. Harley, of Harriesfield, will be advanced from the third order of the ministry to the order of the Priesthood.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.—The members of the Bishop's Chapel Branch of this Society were

entertained by Mrs. Binny, at the N. W. Arm, last week. Quite a pleasant afternoon was spent by those who attended and enjoyed the tea provided for them. This branch of the Society in Halifax is doing much good and many ladies take an increasingly active interest in it. Would it not be a good thing if ladies of leisure and means would start and carry on, personally, branches of this Society in parts of the city where the most effective material exists, viz., near the cotton factory and in the northern central part of the city? As in London, the west must bring the alabaster box to the feet of the east, so in our Canadian cities the richer members must bring their purses and talents to the poorer parts of the cities; if growing effective work is to be looked for. In working among the poor and outcast we are simply crippled for want of funds and sympathy, which we have a right to expect from the richer "members of the same body."

SUNDAY-SCHOOL TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.—HALIFAX.—The anniversary service for the teachers of this Association was held in St. George's Church, on St. Barnabas' Day. There was a good gathering of teachers, and most of the city clergy and officers of the Association were present. The service was very bright and hearty. Appropriate hymns were printed on slips and distributed around the Church. The preacher for the occasion was the Rev. A. D. Sylvester, Curate of St. Luke's, who took for the basis of his sermon, "Faith, Hope and Charity," as the inspiration for Sunday-school teachers work. The sermon was a clever epigrammatic one, full of sound advice on the art of teaching and the proper way to meet the discouragements and encouragements in this important work. The next meeting takes place, in October, when there will be a general attendance of Sunday-school scholars, at St. Luke's Church, and the Rev. H. J. Winterbourne, Rector of St. Mark's, has kindly promised to preach the sermon on the occasion.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND INSTITUTE.—The Institute Committee has this year made a move in the right direction in organizing a monster demonstration of the Sunday-schools of the city. It is proposed to hold a Sunday-school festival in the large Skating Rink about the first week in September. An Active Committee has been appointed to draw up a musical programme for the occasion.

ST. GEORGE'S EXCURSION TO TRURO.—The annual excursion of the congregation will this year take place on Tuesday, the 8th of July, to Truro. The congregation have organized a cheap excursion within the reach of all, and an opportunity will thus be afforded of viewing one of the prettiest stone churches in the Province and some of the finest scenery in the Province.

ST. MATTHIAS JUNIOR TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.—This popular temperance society of the mission, which now numbers nearly one hundred members, had an enjoyable picnic last week to the North West Arm. The friends of the mission children sent in a more than bountiful supply of good things, satisfying not only the children, but also enabling some poor people to receive acceptable packages of cakes, etc.

GARRISON CHAPEL.—Rev. A. J. Townsend, to the delight of all, was seen once more in his place in the Garrison Chapel last Sunday. The reverend gentleman's lameness has not yet gone, and he is consequently unable to do much active work at present.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

PETITCODIAC.—On the evening of St. Barnabas' Day, The Most Reverend the Metropolitan of Canada administered Apostolic Rite of Confirmation in this parish. Thirty-nine candidates, the largest number ever confirmed in this mission, were presented by the Rector of the Parish, the Rev. Cuthbert Willis. The Church was crowded, people standing closely packed in the aisle. A great many were unable to gain admittance.

Twelve of those confirmed are from the ranks of dissent. His grace gave a very interesting address to the newly confirmed members of the Church. Eighteen years ago, when the present Rector took charge, there was only one churchman in Petitcodiac, and the whole of the mission, including Havelock and Portage, was served by the Rev. Canon Medley, of Sussex. To day the Church is making greater progress numerically (and we pray God spiritually) than any of the denominations. The services are usually well attended, and great interest is manifested in the ways and teachings of the Church of England. Services are now held at Pollett River Platform, the Portage, Anagance, Corn Ridge and Havelock, and congregations are fast increasing. A course of lectures on "The Church, Her Rites, Doctrines and Discipline," has been delivered at the Parish Church, Petitcodiac, to interested listeners. Two new churches and a fine rectory have been built, and judging by the results of eighteen years labour, one cannot fail to see how abundantly our Heavenly Father has blessed the faithful priest set over this portion of His vineyard.

DORCHESTER, N. B.—Confirmation.—This parish was favoured by a visit from the most Reverend the Metropolitan on Sunday, the 14th. On the previous day the Rector attended a confirmation in the neighboring Parish of Sackville, and afterwards drove His Lordship to Dorchester, where Mr. Medley awaited him at Rocklyn, the hospitable residence of the late Governor Chandler. The Church was crowded in the morning, and well filled in the evening. Twenty three persons were presented by the Rector, the Rev. J. Roy Campbell, for the Apostolic Rite of Confirmation, making the third administration of the rite in a little over three years. The Church was lavishly decorated by loving hands, with choice flowers. The musical part of the service was reverently and carefully sung, the communion service and evensong being rendered chorally, and upwards of one hundred drew nigh to the table of the Lord.

PRESENTATION TO THE METROPOLITAN.

Wednesday the 10th inst, being the 40th anniversary of the Metropolitan's enthronization as Bishop of the diocese, an address of congratulation was presented to his Lordship by his clergy, which, owing to the crowded state of our columns, we are obliged to hold over. His Lordship replied as follows:—

Rev. and Dear Brethren,—

Your most kind address on the fortieth anniversary of the day on which I was installed into my office and work in this Diocese is most gratifying to me, though I must own myself undeserving of the praise contained in it. In one part of your address I can most heartily concur with you, in ascribing all praise and honor to the giver of "every good and perfect gift," who has mercifully preserved my health and strength for so long a period, and who still enables me to enjoy the privilege of ministering to you and to your flocks. I can truly say that I feel no greater pleasure than when I am employed in assisting you in your arduous duties, and my earnest desire is to continue so to do as long as God shall permit.

It is a comfort both to you and to myself that my dear friend and Coadjutor will supply my lack of service when the burden is too heavy for my strength.

I may be permitted to refer to several remarkable circumstances which the memory of St. Barnabas' day calls out.

None of the present generation of clergy were present on the day of my installation. I have outlived more clergy than the number of the years of my episcopate, many of them younger than myself, when they were called to their rest, and there is only one remaining a little older than myself.

The Diocesan Church Society, founded by the wise foresight of my predecessor and the late Archdeacon Coster, was, when I came into the Diocese, a little brook. It has now become a river, fed by numerous, though too scanty streams. Let us hope that younger men may rejoice when