

News from the Home Field.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

ORDINATIONS.—On Trinity Sunday, at an ordination in St. Luke's Cathedral, the following gentlemen were admitted to the Diaconate:—W. H. S. Morris, H. McKenzie, Geo. R. Martell, H. Harper, F. F. Sherman, W. J. Lockyer. At the same time the Rev. T. F. Draper, Missionary at Louisburg, C. B., was advanced to the Priesthood.

PERSONAL.—The Rev. Canon Maynard, of Windsor, who has been quite ill for some time past, we are glad to learn, is much better.—The Rev. Dr. Nichols is in the United States seeking in a milder climate restoration to health.—The Rev. D. C. Moore returns to the Diocese in June.

CHANGES.—The Rev. A. D. Jamison, owing to a weakness of the throat, has resigned Maitland, and accepted a Parish in the Diocese of Antigua. Mr. Martell, one of the newly ordained Deacons, goes temporarily to Shelburne. Another Deacon, Mr. Morris, becomes Curate to Rev. Dr. Nichols, in Liverpool. Mr. Sherman goes to Kentville. Mr. Lockyer to Cow Bay. Mr. McKenzie succeeds the Rev. D. A. McLeod, who has left the Diocese, at Spring Hill, and Mr. Harper, the Bishop has sent to French River and New London, P. E. Island.

SYDNEY, MINES AND NORTH SYDNEY.—The Easter meetings were duly held in both of these Parishes, and the officers elected for the ensuing year. The Church Wardens appointed at the Mines were R. H. Brown and Richard Partridge; at North Sydney, John Vooght and F. T. LeMoine. At North Sydney, the proposal to enlarge the Church was discussed. A committee which had been previously appointed to enquire into the matter, asked for more time, in order that additional information might be obtained as to the probable cost of the contemplated alteration. This was granted, and the committee have since furnished themselves with plans and estimates. A meeting of the Parishioners will be held on Friday, the 18th inst., to decide whether the work will be undertaken or not. At the Mines Church, some very nice new book markers and a pulpit banner testify to the kindness of some of the lady parishioners. The Rogation Days and the Ascension festival were observed by Services both at North Sydney and at the Mines, the celebration on Holy Thursday being at St. John the Baptist's Church, North Sydney. On the Sunday after Ascension the collections in both Churches were in aid of the W. & O. Fund.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

FREDERICTON.—The Revs. H. Montgomery and John Smith, Deacons, were advanced to the Priesthood by the Metropolitan in the Cathedral on Trinity Sunday.

THE METROPOLITAN has named a Committee of five Nova Scotians and five New Brunswick clergy to arrange for another Clerical Conference or Congress, which will probably be held in Halifax.

PERSONAL.—The Rev. Geo. Love has resigned the Parish of Kingsclear, and accepted work in the Diocese of Ontario. The Rev. Jno. Smith takes temporary charge of Kingsclear.

ST. JOHN.—The memorial service in Trinity Church in connection with the Loyalist Centennial was attended by the Lieut. Governor, with Lt. Col. Taylor, D. A. G., and Major Drury, A. D. C., both in uniform; by the Mayors of St. John, Pictou and Portland, members of the St. John and Portland Councils, the High Sheriff and Judge Wedderburn, who occupied seats reserved for them in the centre aisle. There was a large congregation present. The following clergy were robed and took part in the procession:—Canon

Brigstocke, Canon DeVeber, Revs. T. E. Dowling, L. G. Stevens, A. V. Wiggins, R. Simonds, O. S. Newnham, D. W. Pickett, G. O. Troop, A. H. Weeks, D. H. Parnter, W. A. Holbrook, F. Towers, H. D. Parlee. The choir of Trinity was strengthened by additions from several of the city and Portland churches. The service was opened with hymn 331, "All people that on earth do dwell;" and the opening sentences were read by Canon DeVeber of St. Paul's. The sermon was preached by Canon Brigstocke, Rector of Trinity, from 1 Kings viii. 40—"The land which thou gavest unto our fathers."

WOODSTOCK.—A Missionary service was held in the beautiful new Church, St. Luke's, on the eve of St. Mark's Day. After the Litany had been said by the Rev. L. A. Hoyt, Andover, the Rev. F. W. Vroom, Richmond, gave a short address on the "North-West," showing its needs, and calls for help, and asking Churchmen here to assist in planting the Church there. The Rev. Canon Brigstocke, Trinity, St. John, followed with a long and interesting address on "Algoma," putting forth its special claims upon the other Dioceses of Canada, and referring particularly to the labours and achievements of the Rev. Mr. Crompton, and to the Church's work among the Indians. Hymns were sung by the choir during the service, and an offertory, amounting to about fourteen dollars, was given to Algoma. The Woodstock Deanery met on St. Mark's Day. At 8 a. m. the Rector of the Parish and Dean Rural, Canon Neales, celebrated the Holy Communion. The Chapter met at 10.30 a. m. Besides most of the clergy of the Deanery, Canon Brigstocke, and Mr. E. B. Hooper, Divinity Student and Lay Reader were present on invitation of the Deanery. Two sessions were held. The Rev. Leopold Augustus Hoyt, B. A., was unanimously chosen for nomination to the Metropolitan for appointment to the office of Dean Rural at the next visitation. A resolution was passed congratulating the Dean Rural, Rev. Thomas Neales, upon the expression of confidence and esteem which he has recently received from the Metropolitan in being appointed a Canon of Christ Church Cathedral of Fredericton. An interesting paper was read by the Rev. J. E. Flewelling, Wicklow, upon the exhortation to priests at their Ordination. An arrangement was made by the clergy of the Deanery for supplying services to the vacant Missions of Aberdeen, Canterbury and Madawaska. Each clergyman is to give one Sunday in the year to each of the three Missions, thus affording to the people, now left without the services of the Church, one Sunday's services every two months. A Chapter in Greek, and a discussion of the Burial Service, brought the business of the day to a close. At 7.30 p. m. Evensong was said by the Rev. LeB. W. Fowler, Prince William, and a sermon preached by Rev. Canon Brigstocke. The offertory, for the Diocesan Church Society, amounted to about twelve dollars. The next meeting is to be held at Richmond, on the Festival of St. James the Apostle.

PORTLAND.—St. John Baptist.—The Most Reverend the Metropolitan held a Confirmation at this Church, on the evening of Wednesday, 9th inst. There were thirty-one candidates, seven men and twenty-four women. Most of the persons Confirmed were adults, and more than half of them were baptized or brought up in other denominations, but had been drawn to the Catholic Faith by the Services and teaching at the Mission Church. The Metropolitan was attended by the Revs. A. H. Weeks and R. Mathers, the latter of whom carried the pastoral staff. The candidates were presented by the Rev. Father Davenport, the priest in charge of the Church, under whose zeal and untiring energy this Mission is making rapid growth. Although little over a year in existence, this is the second Confirmation held in the Church, and the Communicants will now exceed one hundred in number. After the Confirmation, on Wednesday evening, a woman who had been received by the priest from the Church

of Rome and admitted to Communion, was presented publicly to the Bishop, and had conferred upon her the Episcopal Benediction. The chancel and font were beautifully decorated with flowers. Although some 400 people crowded into the small Church, a large number had to go away, unable to gain admission. The Metropolitan, who has recently suffered from a severe illness, seemed to be in very good health and spirits, and made, as usual, a very earnest and practical Address to the candidates. His Lordship was accompanied by Mrs. Medley, who has not visited St. John for many years.

DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

CONFIRMATIONS.—The Lord Bishop has lately held Confirmations at St. George's, Guelph; St. Alban's, Acton, Thorold.

CHURCH CONGRESS.—The Congress, to be held in the first week of June, bids fair to be a success. Considerable interest is manifested in the neighbouring Diocese of Toronto among the clergy. We sincerely trust that the day is not far distant when such a gathering may annually bring together clergy and laity of many Dioceses to take counsel together, and to discuss matters of general Church and religious interest. Nothing will tend to remove the acerbity of party as the gathering for temperate discussion upon a common platform of the representatives of the various schools of thought in the Church. We are not of those who wish for the annihilation of schools of thought in the Church; we do not desire that a cast-iron uniformity should prevail, for we believe that the Church must ever remain truly Catholic; we are not of the opinion of the "Friend" who wished that the universe were "one unvarying tint of sober grey." As long as there is life there will be men of varying opinions. When the Church life was dead there were no schools of thought. We have no desire to return to the dull monotony of Church life which characterized those *calm* days in which we lost the Methodists.

CHANGES.—Mount Forest is vacant by removal of Rev. C. R. Lee to the *locum tenency* of Thorold for Rev. W. Graham, who is away on sick leave. There are rumours of several changes among the Missionaries.

S. P. G.—At the request of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, the Bishop has appointed Rev. Dr. Mockridge, Rector in charge of Christ Church Cathedral, Hamilton, as Honorary Secretary for the Society in this Diocese.

HAMILTON.—On the evening of Ascension Day the Bishop confirmed twenty-five candidates in All Saints' Church, and on Whit-Sunday thirty-nine received the same rite in Christ Church Cathedral in the morning, and twenty-four in the Church of the Ascension in the evening.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

The Western University.—The first Convocation for the conferring of degrees was held on April 27th at the Western University. Besides the professional staff there was a fair attendance of students and others. His Lordship the Bishop of Huron, Chancellor of the University, referred to this Convocation as a day of small things, but everything must have a beginning, and referred to the small beginnings of Oxford, Cambridge, Dublin and other Universities. He referred to Canada as a young country, and said that although there had been many difficulties in the way of the promoters of the Western University, God had blessed their work. The duties of the Medical Staff had been performed in a most noble and able manner, and they had always been found assiduous in their attendance and work. In the Western University there have been sixteen students in medicine and seven in arts. His first duty today, as Chancellor of the University, was to confer