

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

Gathered specially for this Paper by Our Own Correspondents.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

AMHERST.—The Bishop of the Diocese having kindly consented to pay a special visit to this parish for the purpose of administering Confirmation, arrived on the 5th inst. Even song was held at half-past 7, when Christ Church was filled with an attentive congregation. Prayers were said by the Rev. A. Bent, of Pugwash, and the Lessons taken by the Vicar, Rev. V. E. Harris. After the Bishop had attended to various parochial matters of interest, he addressed the candidates at some length, urging upon them the great necessity of a prayerful preparation for the proper reception of this Apostolic rite, a constant use of the means of grace, and an unceasing watchfulness lest they fall into temptation. Twelve males and sixteen females were presented by the Vicar to receive the "laying on of hands." His Lordship also delivered an earnest and impressive sermon from 2 Tim. iv. 6, 7. Lectern, prayer-desks and altar were vested in white, the latter adorned with a beautiful floral cross and vases of flowers. The music and singing were very good. Miss Purdy presided at the organ, accompanied by Mr. Hillecoat on the cornet. The choir boys were again in their places, after a vacation of a few weeks, and, judging from their singing, they have lost nothing by their rest. A number more candidates were prepared by the Vicar for confirmation, but for several reasons were unable to be present. One young woman who was prevented by illness from attending the church, the Bishop, with his usual kindness, confirmed her privately at her own home on the morning of the 6th instant.

PUGWASH.—Rev. A. Bent, deacon, is now in charge of this parish. The non-payment of claims on the "Short Line" has crippled many financially; removals from the parish, and by the hand of death, has taken some of our most earnest and zealous workers. All this combined has hindered the work of the Church, and formed difficulties which are hard to surmount. There is still a little band of the faithful left, who are willing to make any sacrifice to advance the work of Christ's Church here. The church is in an unfinished state, and the contributions of the charitably disposed are earnestly solicited towards finishing it. It is most desirable that it should be ready for consecration when the Bishop returns from England, and as soon as he can make it convenient to visit the parish.

SHIP HARBOR.—On the 10th inst. Rev. John Partridge was unanimously elected to the rectorship of this important parish. The Rev. James Lowry, M.A., acted as Chairman. The letters of the different applicants were permitted to speak for themselves, and the merits of their claims presented with the strictest impartiality. The elected clergyman has a very large parish and an extended sphere of usefulness before him. We sincerely hope the fond expectations of the parishioners will be fully realized. Before adjourning, by a standing vote, they testified their hearty appreciation of the services of the retiring rector.

HALIFAX.—*Personal.*—The Rev. F. W. Vroom, of Richmond, N.B., is taking duty at the Bishop's Chapel, and Rev. K. H. Hind is officiating at Richmond N.B.

Rev. Mr. DesBrisay gave a very interesting lecture on "Sable Island" in St. George's School room last week.

St. George's Anniversary Service.—The Anniversary Services of the Church were held last Tuesday evening, when Evensong and short address by the Rector was followed by a long selection from "Handel's Messiah." The choir of St. George's was augmented by the addition of members of other choirs, and the "Haydn Quintette Club" accompanied all the choruses. Nearly all the city clergy were in the chancel. The Rector conducted the choruses and Professor Porter, of St. Paul's, presided at the organ. Miss Taylor, Miss Pickford and Mr. Mitchell took the solos in the selection. The Church was densely crowded.

DARTMOUTH.—*Christ Church.*—The *Evening Mail* of the 14th inst., has the following: A meeting of the congregation of Christ's Church, Dartmouth, was called last evening to appoint a new rector for the parish. The first business was the appointment of a warden, to take the place of Dr. DeWolfe, who recently sent in his resignation. A discussion arose on this point and lasted for a couple of hours, when a motion was carried to adjourn for two weeks, when another meeting will be held and a warden elected, and a rector appointed to fill the parish vacancy. There were fifteen applications formal and informal.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

RICHMOND.—The Bishop-Coadjutor visited this parish on August 4th for the purpose of holding Confirmation at St. Paul's Church, South Richmond. The preface was read by Rev. J. C. Titcombe, of Canterbury, and after the Bishop had delivered his address, which was a very forcible and instructive one, upon Gen. viii. 11, nine candidates were presented for confirmation. This is the first time a confirmation has ever been held in South Richmond.

The Deanery of Woodstock held its regular quarterly meeting at Richmond on August 4th and 5th. There were present at the meeting the Bishop-Coadjutor and the following clergy of the Deanery: Rev. L. A. Hoyt, of Andover, Rural Dean; Rev. Canon Neales, of Woodstock; Rev. W. B. Armstrong, of Grand Falls; Rev. J. E. Flewelling, of Wicklow; Rev. J. C. Titcombe, of Canterbury; Rev. F. W. Vroom, of Richmond, and Mr. A. W. M. Harley, Lay Reader at Woodstock. Evensong was said at St. James Church on Tuesday, at 7.30, and a sermon preached by the Rural Dean, on St. Matt. xviii. 20. The Holy Communion was celebrated on Wednesday morning, at 8 o'clock, and the rest of the day was taken up with the work of the Deanery. The most important business was a long and interesting discussion on Confirmation, taking into consideration the meaning of the rite, the grace conferred, and the manner of preparation. Extracts from Christian writers of each century were read by the Bishop-Coadjutor, showing the continuous teaching of the Church on this important subject. A hearty vote of thanks was given to the Bishop at the close of the meeting.

The anniversary service of the Choral Union of the Deanery of St. Andrew's will take place (D.V.) at St. George, Tuesday afternoon, Aug. 25th, at 4 o'clock. Preacher, the Right Rev. the Bishop-Coadjutor. The steam yacht *Leila* will leave St. Stephen at 7 o'clock a.m., and call at St. Andrew's.

LUDLOW.—This parish, situated about 45 miles distant from Fredericton, on the Miramichi Road, is now being reopened and Church work revived, after a lapse of about ten years. Previous to that time it was under the care of the Rev. James Hudson, who for thirty-five years as Travelling Missionary worked over more than 150 miles of country, part of which is now worked by three clergymen, while the

other part, owing to increase of work, has been allowed to go without the services of the Church. But now that the Mission is reopened the faithful few seem anxious to do all they can to secure the services of a Missionary, and once more enjoy the blessings which their Mother Church affords them. For ten years they have remained loyal to the Church and steadfast in the faith, notwithstanding that different denominations have been actively at work in their midst. His Lordship the Bishop-Coadjutor, with Rev. G. H. Sterling, Rector of Mangeville, have visited the Mission several times, and have found the Church people of Ludlow earnestly longing for the services of the Church, claiming that since Mr. Hudson's death they had been deserted, but still patiently waiting until in God's own good time they should once more have a Missionary among them. The Rev. R. Symonds, now residing in Fredericton, has been engaged by the Board of Home Missions to visit this Mission and give three services once a fortnight. The work seems to have been begun in earnest, for these good people are anxious to build a church in memory of Mr. Hudson, whose faithful work among them is still held in affectionate remembrance. A site has been given and \$250 have been promised. A Committee has also been formed, the Treasurer of which is the Right Rev. the Bishop-Coadjutor, by whom subscriptions for the Hudson Memorial Church will be gladly received. The work is certainly deserving of the prayers, the help and sympathy of every faithful member of the Church, and we can assure those who are disposed to assist the faithful few at Ludlow to build their church that their offerings could not be more worthily bestowed than in this way.

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Any further subscriptions will be duly acknowledged in the CHURCH GUARDIAN.

JOHNSTON.—On Tuesday, July 14th, His Lordship the Bishop-Coadjutor visited this Mission and administered the sacred rite of Confirmation to 50 candidates—29 males and 21 females. Considering that the Missionary, the Rev. C. P. Harrington, came to this parish about a year ago, it certainly is a noble record of one year's work. Mr. Harrington is greatly beloved by his people, and under his zealous management the Church is rapidly increasing in members and communicants.

WESTMORELAND.—The rite of Holy Confirmation was administered in the parish to 23 candidates by the Bishop-Coadjutor during his late visit. The Rev. D. M. Bliss has been rector of this parish about 20 years, and has done good and faithful work in the service of the Master.

WESTFIELD.—Eleven candidates (seven males and four females) were confirmed by the Bishop-Coadjutor on Friday, the 31st ult. The zealous