

News from the Home Field.

Diocese of Nova Scotia.

TRURO.

A very successful and encouraging meeting of the Amherst Deanery took place here on St. Luke's Day. The clergy present were the Rev. V. E. Harris, R.D., Amherst; the Ven. Archdeacon Kaulbach, Truro; the Revs. W. J. Ancient, Acadia Mines; S. Gibbons, Parsboro'; G. R. Martell, Maitland; A. M. Bent, Pugwash; R. Smith, Stowiacke; W. C. Wilson, Springhill; E. Underwood, Truro. Evensong was said in St. John's church, and an excellent sermon preached by the Rev. W. C. Wilson on Wednesday, 17th ult. On Thursday (St. Luke's Day) Matins was said at 10.30, and the sermon preached by Rural Dean Harris, who also celebrated the Holy Communion.

At 2 o'clock the business meeting was held in the crypt of the church. After the opening exercises and routine business, the Dean brought before the meeting a scheme for raising all Diocesan Funds by means of assessment. It was drawn up by the Rev. E. P. Crawford, Halifax, and based on the present Synod assessment. The sum to be raised is \$15,000. After a lengthy discussion in which the principle of the scheme was heartily endorsed, but not the details, the following resolution moved by the Rev. S. Gibbons, and seconded by the Rev. G. R. Martell, was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, "That this Deanery strongly recommend a redistribution of Synod assessment, taking as a basis the sum-total of the civic or municipal assessment of all Church members in the different parishes, and would endorse the scheme of assessment proposed by the Rev. E. P. Crawford if based upon the above resolution."

Ven. Archdeacon Kaulbach proposed, and Rev. S. Gibbons seconded, that the Rural Dean be asked to read a paper at the next meeting of the Deanery on "The Commission and Functions of a Priest, and the Essential Principle of Priesthood in the Church of England."

The Rural Dean then gave an interesting and detailed account of work being carried on at Maccan, River Philip, Joggins, and adjoining districts. The work in these districts, although not in the parish of Amherst, is done by and under the direction of the Rural Dean. At Joggins there is a church almost completed. The people have raised some \$2,000 themselves towards its erection, and if the rest of the money needed is forthcoming (only a few hundred dollars) it is hoped not only to have the church finished by next midsummer, but also to have the various districts resolved into a parish with a Rector of its own. During the past year they have been worked by a layman on a bicycle; a great deal of money has been spent in Church literature for distribution, and only last summer 20 candidates were prepared for Confirmation. Altogether, the Dean spoke of it as being the most hopeful mission in the whole Diocese. The Rev. W. C. Wilson also spoke confirming the Dean's remarks.

The meeting then closed with the customary office, after which the clergy adjourned to the Parsonage for dinner.

At 7.30 Evensong was again said in the church, the sermon being preached by the Rev. S. Gibbons. After the service a reception was held in the crypt, and a most enjoyable evening was spent, great thanks being due to the members of St. John's congregation.

The next meeting of the Deanery will be held at Parsboro' on January 23rd, 1895.

HANTSPORT.

St. Andrew's church at Hantsport was conse-

crated by Bishop Courtney on Oct. 18th last. Besides his Lordship and the Rector, the following clergy of Avon Deanery were present: Rural Dean Axford, of Cornwallis; Archdeacon Jones, of Windsor; the Rev. Canon Brock, Kentville; Rev. K. C. Hind, Wolfville, who acted as chaplain.

A former incumbent of the Parish, the Rev. C. H. Fullerton, of Peticodiac, N.B., was also present on this occasion.

The Consecration Service was performed by the Bishop. Shortened Evensong was said by Archdeacon Jones; the Lesson was read by Canon Brock. The Rev. F. J. Axford preached the sermon. The Bishop also gave a short address, congratulating the Rev. Geo. Howcroft, Rector of Falmouth, and the former Incumbent, Rev. C. H. Fullerton, as well as the Churchmen of Hantsport on their success in freeing the church from debt.

After the Consecration Service was ended, three candidates received the Apostolic rite of Confirmation.

His Lordship's address to the newly confirmed was as usual of an encouraging and practical nature.

The musical part of the service was well rendered, showing that the organist, Miss Ella Smith, and the members of the choir, must have taken great pains to make this important portion of Divine Service a fitting accompaniment to the words of prayer used on this occasion.

The altar and font were beautifully decorated by Miss Brown with flowers given by members of the congregation and by their friends.

On Wednesday morning, Oct. 17, the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia administered the Apostolic Rite of Confirmation in St. Michael's church, WINDSOR FORKS, when the Rector, Rev. G. Howcroft, B.A., presented 18 candidates—eight males and ten females. The Bishop addressed the candidates, and urged upon them the necessity of a knowledge of Holy Scripture, a knowledge of the contents and meaning, which should result in practice.

In the afternoon at MILL BROOK, in All Saints' church, the Bishop confirmed seven persons.

On Thursday morning he returned to FALMOUTH, where he also had confirmation. The Rector presented ten more candidates. The Bishop's address at this service was exceptionally good, urging the candidates (since they were certain of their being called in Christ) to walk worthy of their vocation. In the afternoon the Bishop confirmed a candidate privately, who was too sick to come to the church. In the evening a memorable service was held at Hantsport, in St. Andrew's church, when the church, being free from all legal encumbrance, was consecrated.

Diocese of Fredericton.

ST. JOHN.

The congregation of the Mission chapel on Paradise row, gave their priest in charge, Rev. J. M. Davenport, who had just returned from England, an enthusiastic welcome home on Monday evening Oct. 29th ult., in the school-room. There was a large attendance of parishioners, and they spent a most enjoyable evening. Mr. George A. Schofield, on behalf of the congregation, gave an address of welcome, to which Rev. Mr. Davenport made an appropriate reply. Mr. Hurd Peters also made an address advocating better Sabbath school accommodation. Refreshments were served by the ladies, and an impromptu musical programme enlivened the evening greatly.—*The Globe*.

The reception tendered Venerable Arch-

deacon Brigstocke at Trinity Church school-house, Tuesday evening, Oct. 30th ult., by the Young Women's Guild and the Young Men's Association was a very pleasant gathering. The attendance was very large, the school room being crowded. A reception committee of members from the two societies stood at the door and cordially welcomed all the guests. The gathering was called to order by Mr. C. W. Weldon, who, on behalf of the churchwardens, welcomed Archdeacon Brigstocke home after his journey in Europe. Briefly Mr. Weldon sketched the career of Trinity during the twenty-one years that Archdeacon Brigstocke has been its pastor. He expressed the hope that he would long be spared to continue that charge. Addresses of welcome were next read by Mr. Pickett on behalf of the Young Women's Guild and the Young Men's Association, and by Mr. Charles F. Kinnear on behalf of the Sundayschool. To all these words of welcome the Venerable Archdeacon responded in feeling terms. He warmly complimented Rev. Mr. Eatough for the faithful way in which he had ministered to the church, and he thanked all the others who had helped in the work during his absence. He closed his remarks with a brief sketch of some of the interesting places he had visited. The remainder of the evening was given up to social intercourse, and most of those present were given an opportunity to personally express to Archdeacon Brigstocke their pleasure at his return home. The Y. M. C. A. orchestra carried out a fine musical programme, while the members of the two associations passed light refreshments. It was about ten o'clock when the pleasant gathering broke up.—*Globe*.

It is said that the Rev. Canon Partridge D. D., Rector of St. George's Church, Halifax, has accepted the position of Dean of the Cathedral, Fredericton.

Diocese of Quebec.

QUEBEC.

The Lord Bishop of the Diocese sailed from Merville on October 26th, per steamship Parisian and is expected in Quebec about the 13th instant.

All Saints' Day was duly observed in the Cathedral here by celebration at 8 a.m., and by Morning service and Holy Communion at 11 a.m. Evening service with a short address by the Dean was held at 5 p.m.

Thanksgiving day, Nov. 22nd, will be observed in the Cathedral with full morning service; choral, with sermon and Holy Communion, the preacher being the Rev. Canon Von Iffland. Evening service will be said in All Saints' chapel at 5 o'clock.

A new stained glass window has been placed in the Cathedral in memory of Mrs. Jones, wife of E. A. Jones, Esq., formerly rector's churchwarden, and a prominent member of the congregation. Mrs. Jones was conspicuous for her deeds of charity, and her sympathy with the poor, sick and suffering, and the window is an appropriate memorial representing Dorcas distributing food and clothing to starving men, women and children.

An address was presented to the Rev. Canon Richardson by the congregation of St. Paul's Church, Quebec, on Oct. 12th, expressing the deep sorrow which they felt at learning that he was compelled to resign, owing to failing health, the rectorship of the parish after an incumbency of seventeen years, during which, by his loving and faithful care of the cure, he had endeared himself to each and every member of the congregation. It also expressed their sympathy with him in the severe and unexpected sorrow which he had experienced in the loss of his wife, whose memory would ever be cherished lovingly