

News from the Home Field.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

Windsor.—The Rev. Mr. Wainwright, Clerical Secretary, has appeared again in our midst, and this time for a purpose, which we hope may, under God's blessing, prove a benefit to this Province—viz. the enrollment of the Sunday School scholars into a body called 1st Regiment of "Royal Reserves." After hymn 331, A. & M., had been sung, and prayers said by the Rector, the Clerical Secretary addressed the scholars as to the nature of the company he was about to form from among their number. He then proceeded with the enlistment of members, and after that the election of officers, who were as follows:—Capt. Fred. Hiltz; 1st Lieut. Flora Wilson; 2nd do., Sophie Almon; Ensign, George Carroll; Sergt., Frank Wilson; Corporal, Jedediah Shaw. Hymn 338, A. & M., was then sung, and the service closed with the benediction from the Rector. I may also mention that a bazaar was held here on Thursday, the 7th Oct.

SPRINGFIELD.—On Thursday, the 21st Oct., the Bishop held a confirmation at this place, and confirmed nine candidates—three males and six females. The day was very fine, and the service, being the first of the kind ever held in this settlement, was attended with considerable interest. It being on a week-day, the attendance was not large; but those who were present listened with much attention to his Lordship's instructive address and excellent sermon. The shortened form of Evening Prayer was said, with the special lessons, by the Missionary in charge, the Rev. J. C. Cox, after which hymn 126, S. P. C. K., was sung. The introduction to the confirmation service was read by the Missionary, and then followed his Lordship's address, in which, after commenting on the improvement that had been made in their place of worship, dwelt on the Scriptural nature of this sacred rite as set forth in Acts viii. 14-17, and in Heb. vi. 2, showing very clearly the importance that was attached to the ordinance of Laying on of Hands by the Apostles and early Christians. The design of confirmation, however, was more especially for the benefit of younger people about to enter upon the active duties and to encounter the trials of life, rather than for those advanced in age. But when for some reason it had been neglected in early life, it was well to have it administered at any subsequent age. Two of the candidates came from Brookside, a distance of 10 miles; and one was from Falkland, in the neighboring Mission. Five were heads of families; and all seemed to be duly impressed with the solemnity of the occasion. It was to be regretted that there was not a larger number present to participate in the benefit to be derived from the visit of the venerable head of our beloved Church in this Diocese. There still exists the necessity of providing a suitable building in which a day school may be kept for the instruction of the children in this district. It is to be hoped that the parents and school trustees will attend to this very important matter without delay.

ST. MARGARET'S BAY.—On Wednesday, 20th ult., at 11 o'clock a. m., a very large congregation assembled in St. Paul's Church, St. Margaret's Bay, to witness the marriage of their worthy Rector, Rev. Philip H. Brown, to Miss Louisa Brine, well-known and highly esteemed in the Parish as an earnest Churchwoman and zealous Parish worker. A former Rector of the Parish, Rev. J. Ambrose, grateful for her assistance in his day had come from the distant Parish of Digby to solemnize her nuptials, and a clergyman also from a distant Parish Rev. W. Ogle, came to assist in the ceremony. The service was full of solemnity throughout, the music being Hilmore's adaptation of Marbeck's. The clergy and the married pair partook of the Holy Communion. The surpliced choir of boys in this Church are well trained and reverential, and the beauty and solemnity of the service were the subject of universal remark. After the wedding the married pair and their immediate friends adjourned to the house of W. E. Brine, Esq., the father of the bride, where a sumptuous dinner awaited them. It was an interesting circumstance in connection with this wedding that the day was the forty-seventh anniversary of the wedding of the bridegroom's father, W. M. Brown, Esq., of Halifax, who, with

his wife and her bridesmaid, were honored guests on the present occasion.

CHESTER.—Rev. R. Wainwright visited this parish a few weeks ago with the object of addressing the people of Chester and the outlying stations on behalf of the Board of Home Missions. The first meeting was held at Martin's Point School House, whither Rev. C. E. Churchward drove him over from Mahone Bay, and where Rev. G. H. Butler, deacon, in charge of Chester, met them, and after the meeting, drove Mr. and Mrs. Wainwright over to Chester, a distance of about eleven miles. The next evening, Friday, Oct. 1st, a meeting was held in St. Stephen's Church, Chester, and on Saturday afternoon, another one at Indian Point School-house, a station about half-way between Chester and Blandford. Mr. Wainwright stayed over Sunday with us, and preached two very able sermons, and also administered the Sacrament of Holy Communion at the Morning Service, visited the Sunday School in the afternoon, and formed a company of Royal Reserves, and after Evening Service, administered Holy Communion to an old lady who was too unwell to attend public Service. On Monday morning, Mr. Wainwright and Mr. Butler, drove down again to Indian Point, where Mr. W. held a celebration of Holy Communion, as it was some time since they had an opportunity there of partaking. They then drove out together as far as the Post-road, where Mr. W. got out, and waited to catch the coach, on its way to Halifax. The parish having been without a clergyman for some six months, from the time of Mr. Merkel's leaving in January, till Mr. Butler's appointment in July, had become rather discouraged, and has also fallen into arrears as regards money matters, but the ladies have now put their hands to the work, and intend holding a tea meeting on the 10th of November, with the object of liquidating some part of the debt. The sewing circle has been re-organized, but having been such a short time at work will not be able to have much ready in the way of fancy work this time, but we hope to be prepared for a good bazaar next summer, the proceeds of which, if we can get clear of debt before then, will be expended on a new coat of paint on the Church, which is badly needed. The people on the Western Shore are making vigorous efforts to build themselves a Church, which is much needed there, as the school houses in which Services are held at present are much too small for the congregation, as well as being ill-adapted for holding Services in, numbers are obliged to stay outside at the Martin's Point school houses for want of room, but though there is a large population of Church people, almost all from Gold River to Martin's River, a distance of six miles, being Church people, they are most of them poor, so that it is uphill work with them to get on with their building. The carpenters, however, are at work, and expect to get the outside of it finished by the end of next month; then, I fear, we shall be at a stand still for want of funds. It has been the laudable ambition of the building committee to keep clear of debt, and pay as they go; and with this object in view, they got up a tea-meeting last month, hoping to raise enough to pay the men now at work, but it did not realize as much as they hoped, so that they will have to borrow about \$100 to pay this contract. If the double floor could be laid and a chimney built, we might use the building for the present, by putting in temporary seats, but this with the necessary stoves, etc., to warm, it will cost more than they are able to raise just now, so that it seems likely we shall still have to use the school houses for this winter. The building, as far as it is finished, makes a very good appearance, being built on a rising ground at the head of a cove, whence a good view of the sea is obtained. Chester being plainly visible across the bay at a distance of less than five miles by water, though by land it is about ten, and it seems a pity that it could not be finished at once, sufficiently to use, but as I said before, the people are poor, and for the most part, have large families to provide for, which many of them find it hard work enough to do.

Pictou.—The Chapter of the Rural Deanery of Amherst, met here on October 28th, (St. Simon and St. Jude.) There were present, Revd. Canon Townsend, Mr. A. Rural Dean; Revd. D. C. Moore (the Revd. J. A. Kaulbach); the Revd. J. L. Downing, and the Rector of

the Parish, the Rev. J. Edgcombe. It was greatly regretted that all the other members of the Deanery were (from one cause or other) absent, as great interest had been excited in the town with regard to the meeting and generous hospitality, was prepared for every member: this was most gratefully acknowledged on behalf of the Chapter by the Rural Dean in his concluding remarks at the last service. Amongst those who had provided for the clergy besides the Rector himself, were Mrs. W. H. Davies, Cornelius Dwyer, Esq., Mrs. G. M. Johnstone, Frederick Fraser, Esq., R. Tanner, Esq., Robert Hocking, Esq., Dr. Kirkwood, T. Jennings, Esq., Mrs. H. H. McLean, (the Waverly), Mr. Morrison, (the St. Lawrence). At the business meeting of the Chapter it was remarked that the Synod having decided that each Rural Deanery Chapter shall meet at least once in six months, it should be very serious hindrance indeed that kept any member of the Chapter away; and that it would be well for every Rural Dean to report to the Synod the number of times his Chapter had met with the names of those who attended each meeting.

All the Clergy present officiated at one or other of the services. The Sermon at the Preliminary Service in the evening of the 27th was by the Rev. Secretary of the Deanery (Mr. Kaulbach), and was a plain and earnest setting forth of the privileges of Christians in being allowed to work for and with the Redeemer—from the words "And I if I be lifted up will draw all men unto me." Both sermons on the day itself were by the Rural Dean, that in the morning a written discourse from "I speak concerning Christ and the Church" in which he ably set forth the great work done by the English branch of the Church Catholic in the last 30 or 40 years. In the evening Canon Townsend preached extempore from the Sanctuary, the address was, he said more than once, "an endeavour, in the interests of peace, and love and good will to show that though different schools of thought do and must exist in the Church, yet that the differences were not so wide as some would desire to make them appear, and that it oftentimes arose more from a difference in the application of words than from any unsoundness of doctrine on either hand," instancing particularly the two words "Conversion and Regeneration." It was a great satisfaction to hear the Revd. Canon as vigorous as ever after his many years of arduous labours, and to feel that there was good work in him yet. May he long be spared to "speak concerning Christ and His Church!" The congregations were remarkable for week day services, and damp unpleasant weather. The principal services at which the Rural Dean celebrated with the Reverend the Secretary as server was the best attended, allowing for the hour of the day. Twenty seven of the laity (several of them business men), joined with the Clergy in the reception of the Blessed Sacrament. One cannot close without congratulating the Parish in the near approach of the time when they will worship in a more "beautiful house." In two months or so the new St. James' will be ready, and—not to say that it is beyond criticism—we must confess that it is a credit to those who have so energetically worked for its erection, and a really handsome fabric. The wall on which the Church rests is as fine a piece of masonry as can be found elsewhere, and when the interior is complete it will be most highly satisfactory—the graceful lines of the spire must strike every visitor to the town, and Mr. Edgcombe may be excused if he is proud of the congregation who have built such a Church, and of the Church itself.

SYDNEY MINES.—The Ladies of this part of the parish, knowing that the parish Church, needed some repairs and improvements, commenced in January last a Sewing Circle to raise money for this purpose. Their funds were much increased by a most generous contribution of (\$25) twenty-five dollars from Mr. Swann, Secretary of the General Mining Association, before he returned to England. But the Church upon examination requiring very many repairs and improvements, the congregation decided to make a still greater effort to raise money, and held Tea-meetings on Tuesday and Wednesday Evenings October 19th and 20th, which were very largely patronized, realizing the net amount of (\$233) two hundred and thirty-three dollars.

HALIFAX—St. Paul's.—The following

letter having reached us too late to be inserted under "Correspondence," at the request of the writer, we give it a place here. As has been remarked by a correspondent elsewhere, "Everybody fancies he can manage a paper better than the editor"; so we must not find fault with Mr. Troop's criticism:

(To the Editors of the Church Guardian.)

SIR,—I think that every well-wisher of the GUARDIAN must sometimes be pained by the tone of a certain part of its correspondence. It is for you, gentlemen, to judge of the wisdom of publishing at all the uncharitable emanations of personal feeling; but surely all earnest Churchmen ought to agree that the dignity of a Church journal is sadly compromised by the admission into its columns of anonymous correspondence of a personal nature. A writer upon topics of general interest has, of course, a right to suppress his name, of which he may often avail himself from motives of modesty; but one who makes an assault upon another should never write under cover of a *nom de plume*. That man is acting the part neither of a gentleman nor a Christian, who stabs his adversary in the dark. One of the first principles of the Church of England is that its members should be faithful soldiers of Christ. I appeal to all your readers, if the anonymous personal correspondent is at least a *brave* follower of the great Captain of our Salvation!

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DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

SACKVILLE.—Church matters are progressing favorable with us at present, Mr. Wiggins giving very general satisfaction. Our new Rectory is being pushed vigorously along, and will be a very pretty one when finished. Of course it will not be ready for occupation until next spring. I hope we are now settled down to steady work, and that the Church will prosper among us.

ROTHESAY.—*Thanksgiving Service.*—A sojourner at this pleasant retreat sends us the following: It was my privilege as well as pleasure on Sunday evening last to attend what was designated as a "Thanksgiving Service" in the Parish Church at Rothesay. The interior of the church, by no means an imposing or handsome structure, was made, through the efforts of the ladies of the Parish, to "blossom like a rose." On the altar table was a representation of sheaves of grain in miniature and around and about it were trimmings of flowers, smilax and autumn leaves very tastefully arranged. The prayer desk and lectern were also handsomely trimmed, and the font was filled with a brilliant display of fall flowers. Potted plants embellished the platform, a fine calla lily in blossom being particularly noticeable. The specimens of fruits were seen here and there, and a floral sickle fastened upon the wall appropriately crowned the display. The *tout ensemble* in addition to its beauty and effectiveness reflected great credit on the fair decorators.

The excellent singing was of a nature suited to this joyous harvest season, and was most heartily joined in by the large congregation.

The sermon from the text, "But my kindness shall not depart from thee," was most appropriate, and was replete with references to the great debt we owe to the Giver of all for His many loving kindnesses. The Rev. Mr. Partridge thanked his congregation for their hearty co-operation with him in all good works, and closed his eloquent sermon by an appeal to all present to aid him in raising funds for the building of a school for church purposes, so much needed in the Parish. The collection taken up was appropriated as a nucleus to the school house fund. Mr. P. a most earnest and ardent worker, is much beloved by his parish, and commands the respect and esteem of all with whom he is brought in contact. It is to be hoped his efforts to secure this school may be speedily successful.—*Telegraph.*

CANTERBURY.—In the report of work done in this Mission, as printed in the Report of the Diocesan Church Society, it was by no means the intention of the writer to depreciate in any way the labors of the "lay missionaries," the Rev. Thomas Hartin. It is certainly a well known fact that the two churches in the said mission were built mainly through his exertions, attended, too, by much financial loss, as a large part of the expence

came directly from his own private resources. He labored amid much discouragement in this parish for upwards of thirty years, and certainly laid a good foundation for his successor to build upon.—Rev. F. TOWERS, in St. John's Telegraph.

We tender the congratulations of the CHURCH GUARDIAN to the Rector of Burton, and also to the Rector of Canterbury, whose marriage we recorded last week. The ranks of the clerical bachelors have been sadly thinned this fall. Three have joined the ranks of the Benedicts, and no doubt those who are left will soon imitate the example set them at Sackville, Burton and Canterbury.

POINT DU CHENE.—The Rev. O. S. Newnham, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Shediac, was presented with \$51 and an address by the people at Point du Chene, where he holds an afternoon service on Sundays. A supper was served in the School House, which was nicely decorated, and the address was read by N. Shaffer, Esq. Roman Catholics and others joined in this testimony of good will to the labours of Mr. Newnham, whose work and genial disposition are much appreciated in the Parish.

ALBERT CO.—It is reported that the Rev. W. J. Wilkinson, Curate at Petecodiac, will be appointed Missionary in Albert Co., in place of Rev. Mr. Love.

It is proposed to hold the first service for the united choirs of the Deanery of Shediac in Trinity Church, Dorchester, on Wednesday evening, Dec 29th. Rev. Canon Partridge has been invited to deliver an address on "Church Music." The choirs taking part will be those of Sackville, Dorchester, Shediac and Monton, numbering fifty voices.

DEANERY OF SHEDIAC.—The Deanery met for the first time since its organization in the Parish of Sackville on Oct. 27th and 28th. Present—Rev. Rural Dean Simonds, Rev. Dr. Jarvis, Rev. Edwyn S. W. Pentreath, Rev. O. S. Newnham, and Rev. Cecil F. Wiggins, Rector; Rev. D. M. Bliss was also present part of the session. Evening Prayer was said on Wednesday evening. Preacher, Rev. Mr. Pentreath. The chapter met in the afternoon, and after reading St. Luke viii. 26 to end, in the original, a resolution, extending a cordial welcome from the members of the Deanery to the Rev. C. F. Wiggins, was unanimously passed. Arrangements were made to have the meeting of the choirs in the Deanery for a united service shortly after Christmas. Rev. O. S. Newnham was appointed to submit a plan at the next session for the formation of a S. S. Teachers Association in connection with the Deanery. The next meeting will be held in the Parish of St. Andrew's, Shediac, in January. On Thursday morning service was said, the preacher being Rev. O. S. Newnham. The Rural Dean celebrated the Holy Communion.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

EPISCOPAL CIRCULAR.—Rev. and Dear Sir, I have been requested by the members of the Central Board of the Church Society to draw your attention to the state of the Society's General Fund.

From this fund, after the defraying of the ordinary working expenses of the Society, must be drawn all the aid given for Endowments, for the building of Churches and Parsonages, and for the encouragement of Church Education in country schools.

During the present year \$300 have been expended in aiding four newly formed Endowments, and \$300 for the education of clergymen's children.

This has drawn so largely upon the General Fund that there is an estimated deficiency of \$500.

It is also to be noted that there will be a serious loss in the Society's income from Invested Funds in consequence of the diminished rate of interest. It is hoped, therefore, that in every mission and parish, increased efforts will be promptly made to put the General Fund of the Church Society in a condition to meet the deficit and to continue the help hitherto given to country missions. I should wish you to read this letter to your congregation.

J. W. QUEBEC.
—Quebec Diocesan Record.