

News from the Home Field.

DIocese OF NOVA SCOTIA.

HALIFAX.—On Thanksgiving Day, Services were held in all the City Churches, and collections taken up for various Diocesan Church objects. At St. Paul's it was in aid of the Clergy Superannuation Fund, and the very creditable sum of \$78.05 was given. (This Parish, a few weeks ago, contributed over \$110 for the Clergy Widows' and Orphans' Fund). St. Luke's, (now without a Rector) did not do so well as usual, the collection amounting to about \$32 for the W. and O. Fund. (It is proper to remark that St. Luke's, also a few weeks ago, had a collection for the same Fund, which amounted to over \$121). The collection at the Bishop's Chapel was for the W. and O. Fund, and amounted to \$32.36. At St. John's (Village) Church, the collection was in aid of the Board of Home Missions, and the amount contributed (\$16.00) was more than double that of any previous year. We have not learned for what purposes the collections in the other City Churches were made.

St. George's.—We are glad to know that Mr. Hancock, whose ordination to the Diaconate we noticed a few weeks ago, and who was placed by the Bishop in temporary charge of this old and important Parish, is winning golden opinions by his indefatigable labours. We understand that the applications for the vacant Rectory may be counted by the score.

Bishop's Chapel.—A series of Bible Readings will be commenced in this Chapel on Friday next. The portion of Scripture selected is the "Acts of the Apostles." The Readings will be conducted by the Rev. J. Padfield, the Bishop's Chaplain; they are a continuation of the classes for instruction hitherto held by the Bishop. These Readings are open not only to members of the congregation worshipping in the Chapel, but to every one. It is hoped many will attend them.

Cow Bay.—*Rural Deanery Meeting.*—A meeting of the Sydney Rural Deanery was held at Cow Bay on St. Luke's Day, October 18th. On the previous evening service was held in St. Luke's Church, Big Glace Bay, when a sermon was preached by the Rev. G. Metzler on St. Luke xiii. 32. On the morning of St. Luke's Day Holy Communion was celebrated in Christ Church, at the head of Cow Bay, the Rev. C. Croucher being celebrant, assisted by the Revs. G. Metzler and C. W. McCully. The Rev. D. Smith preached from 2 Timothy iv. 10, 11. In the afternoon the clergy met in Chapter. A letter from the Board of Home Missions respecting the appointment of delegates to visit the various Parishes and Missions in the Rural Deanery was read, but after mature consideration it was thought better that each Incumbent should make arrangements for meetings in his own Parish. A paper on the Revised New Testament was read, the discussion of which was adjourned to the next meeting, which was appointed to be held at Sydney Mines on or about the Feast of the Purification, 1882; and at which it was decided to begin a critical examination of St. John's Gospel. It was intended to have evening service in St. Paul's Church, Cow Bay, but a violent snow and rain storm prevented the carrying out of this intention.

D. SMITH,
Secretary Sydney Rural Deanery.

ROSETTE.—*Harvest Festival.*—On Wednesday last a Harvest Festival was held in St. Paul's Church, Rosette. The morning being everything that could be desired, a large congregation assembled in the House of God in humble thankfulness for the abundant harvest and the numberless blessings of the passing year. The church was beautifully decorated on this occasion, the fruit and flowers being tastefully arranged and placed in such manner as to be seen by the whole congregation, thus constantly reminding them of the day they were keeping, for the honour of God and the praise of His goodness. Rev. John Partridge, Curate in charge, took the lead and did a large part of the work of decoration, thus trying to make the temple of the Most High a place not only of worshipping Him Who sendeth the rain in season and the harvest, but also a place to be ornamented and adorned in token of praise to Him Who doeth all things well. The font was tastefully decorated with fruit and flowers. On the chancel steps were placed a row of flowers in full bloom, and on each side hung a bunch of luscious looking grapes. On the prayer-desk depended a sheaf of wheat, literally "the full corn in the year." On the holy table were placed dishes of fruit and a number of vases of flowers, interwoven with moss, and most tastefully arranged, reflecting great credit on the Curate and the ladies who assisted him. The sermon was preached by the Rector of Granville—Rev. F. P. Grotorex—and was a most able and eloquent address on the words, "Let both grow together until the harvest." In the Holy Communion service the Rector of Granville was the Celebrant, assisted by Mr. Partridge, when 30 partook of the Sacred Feast. At the evening service the Rev. Mr. Townend, Garrison Chaplain to H. M. Forces in Halifax, preached from Gen. xviii. 17—"This is none other than the House of God; this is the gate of Heaven." Mr. Townend will be a welcome visitor whenever he comes this way. A Harvest

Festival is a new thing amongst us, but I venture to say, as one of the congregation, that so far from being looked upon with a little suspicion, as every new thing generally is, especially in Church matters, everyone present thoroughly enjoyed the service. I trust the solemnity of the service made a deep impression on the hearts of all present, not soon to be forgotten. The offertory during the day amounted to \$4.00, which will be given to the Fund of the widows and orphans of the clergy.

ALBION MINES.—On August 20th the cornerstone of our Chancel was laid. On October 20th the Bishop consecrated the building. Sufficient praise can hardly be given to Mr. McQuarrie, the contractor, Mr. John Fraser, his foreman, and to all the willing hands who so quickly and so well have brought the work to completion. The Bishop arrived at the Rectory on the previous day, and paid some visits in the parish. The morning of Thanksgiving Day was enough to call forth thanks itself. After several days of consecutive gloom and rain, the sun shone out in his glory; the roads were helped by the frost of the night before, and all things conspired to draw out a goodly congregation. At 10.30 the Bishop entered the chancel, preceded by his pastoral staff. The Rector read the petition of the Corporation of the Parish, and His Lordship, having expressed his glad compliance with the prayer thereof, proceeded towards the altar, while the 24th Psalm was said responsively. In his address upon Consecration, the Bishop was pleased to express his entire approval of the work done, pointing out the lessons the Church now teaches under its altered arrangement. The font at the entrance, teaching that all must be admitted by Baptism into the Body—the Church; the well-elevated Chancel-steps, prepared for those who would receive the intermediate rite of Confirmation; while highest and chiefest was the Holy Table, at which the confirmed Christian could receive the "Blessed Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood." The organ-chamber and other arrangements were spoken of approvingly. The suggestion, however, was made that until a central passage was made from West to East of the nave (where now exists a block of pews), we should not have the full benefit of the church. The deed of consecration having been read and signed, and the 100th Psalm—"Before Jehovah's awful throne"—having been sung, the Rector read the preface to the Confirmation Office, and the Bishop, having addressed the candidates so touchingly that some were moved to tears, he laid his hands upon 18, varying from 68 to 15 years of age, and gathered from Albion Mines, New Glasgow, Westville, Vale Colliery, and Merigomish, one-third of the number being men and boys. The hymn, "Soldiers of Christ, arise," having been sung as an introit, the Holy Eucharist was celebrated, Mr. Moore acting as server and Epistoler. The hymn before the sermon was, "Giver of All." The Bishop's sermon, we must say, was able and eloquent, and was on the subject of Thanksgiving. 31 received the blessed Sacrament at the newly-consecrated sanctuary, including all the newly-confirmed, no pledge of such reception having been exacted, however. The services lasted three hours, and would have been better enjoyed if there had been a fire in the church, an oversight in the hurry of cleaning much regretted. The Bishop left in the 2.45 express for Halifax. The Rector held evening service in New Glasgow, when all the congregation of that chapelry assembled again, for they had gone in a body to Christ Church in the morning. The offertories at the two services amounted to \$40.00, and are for the respective building funds of the Church of Christ and St. George's Chapel. The frame of the latter will be put in place this week.

HORTON.—*Harvest Festivals.*—Wednesday and Thursday were observed in this Parish as days of thanksgiving to Almighty God for the blessings of the harvest. The services on Wednesday were in St. James' Chapel, Kentville, and were as follows: Early celebration of the Holy Communion at 7.30 a. m., and Evensong at 7.30 p. m. The choir of children and young people of the Guild of St. James, furnished the music for both services, and performed their part very reverently and heartily. The church was beautifully decorated. Across the Chancel was a graceful screen, of moss, richly trimmed with wheat, grapes, autumn leaves and bleached ferns, and surrounded by a large cross. On either side were heaps of fruit, vegetables and richly tinted leaves. A redos of moss, consisting of three arches, against a scarlet background, stood above the Retable. It was ornamented with wheat and barley, and white berries and grape bunches. The Retable held pots of geraniums in bloom, and the Altar Cross was twined grapes, wheat and berries. At either side of the Altar were masses of leaves and heaps of wheat stood against the east wall. The desks were also adorned with leaves and flowers. On Thursday the services at the Parish Church of St. John the Divine, Wolfville, were high celebration of the Eucharist, with sermon, at 11 o'clock, and Evensong at 7.30. The Rector, Rev. J. O. Ruggles, was the celebrant, and Rev. G. J. D. Peters Deacon and preacher. The responses were sung to Tallis' setting. The introit was the hymn "We plough the fields," the offertory hymn "Holy offerings." At the consecration, the hymn was "The Heavenly Word proceeding forth," with the "O Salutaris" after the blessing of the elements. The church was very neatly decorated, the handsome new Altar, with its white frontal and wings, presenting a very beautiful appearance.

FIVE ISLANDS.—The Church has lately been occupying new ground at the charmingly pretty settlement of Five Islands, where a few years ago the Rev. F. J. H. Axford gathered a congregation, and his successor at Londonderry, the Rev. V. E. Harris, continued the work. But lately the Rev. G. D. Harris, Curate of Parrsboro', has been charged with this work, and now a neat little church has been erected, and was opened for Divine worship on Wednesday, Oct. 12th. The day was beautifully fine, and the church, which has sittings for 100, was well filled. As the clergy proceeded up the nave a processional hymn was sung by the choir, led by Miss Harris at the reed organ, kindly lent for the occasion. The Rev. V. E. Harris, Rector of Londonderry, read prayers, the Rev. F. J. H. Axford, Rector of Cornwallis, the lessons, the Rev. E. H. Ball, Incumbent of Spring Hill, the Litany, and the Rev. C. Bowman, D. D., Rector of Parrsboro', preached and celebrated, assisted by Rev. F. J. H. Axford. The Rector, in a short address before his sermon, congratulated the congregation upon their neat little church which they had built almost at their own expense, and which had only a small debt of about \$60 still remaining. He then preached an able sermon on 2 Chron. ii. 5, 6—"The house which I build is great: for great is our God above all gods," &c. The Rev. F. J. H. Axford then made a short address to his old congregation, exhorting them to a constant feeding upon Christ in the Holy Sacrament then and there offered to them. The Rev. G. D. Harris regretted he had not prepared a list of kind donors to the building funds; but in a few appropriate words expressed the thanks of the congregation to the Rev. Dr. Bowman for the valuable present of a lot of Eucharistic vessels then exposed to view on the credence, and which were presently solemnly offered to God, together with the congregation's offertory in money, amounting to \$9. After the celebration the clergy were kindly entertained by hospitable members of the congregation. The Rev. G. D. Harris and his congregation received a hearty God-speed from each of the visiting clergy respecting the good work going on amongst them.

COLLECTIONS, SUBSCRIPTIONS, and DONATIONS received at the DIOCESAN ROOM, during months of August, September and October, and not previously acknowledged.

GENERAL PURPOSES, B. H. M.

Cornwallis, per Wm. Smith, Esq., \$4; Mrs. Howard, Amherst, \$1; Bridgewater, per Rev. W. E. Gelling, \$13.20; Miss A. M. Ruggles, Annapolis, \$4; Annapolis, \$1.68, and Rosette, \$5, per Rev. J. J. Ritchie; Tangier, per Rev. D. McLeod, \$10; Weymouth, Coll. Secretary's Visit, \$11.45; St. Luke's, Halifax, per W. H. Wiswell, Esq., \$40; Miss Mary Vroom, Clements, 25c.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

St. Paul's, Halifax, per Rev. Dr. Hill, \$110.60; Spring Hill, per Rev. E. H. Ball, \$1.25; Salmon River, per Rev. R. Smith, \$5.50; Bishop's Chapel, Halifax, per the Lord Bishop, \$32.36.

CLERGY SUPERANNUATION FUND.

Salmon River, per Rev. R. Smith, \$5; St. Paul's, Halifax, per Rev. Dr. Hill, \$78.04; Weymouth, per Rev. P. J. Filleul, \$9.41.

PARISH ENDOWMENT.

St. John's, Cornwallis, per Rev. F. J. H. Axford, \$200.
JOHN D. H. BROWNE, Clerical Secretary.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

DEANERY OF ST. ANDREWS.—An interesting meeting of this Deanery was held in Campobello on Wednesday and Thursday, October 12th and 13th. The clergy present were the Revs. Canon Ketchum, St. Andrews; W. S. Covert, Grand Manan; J. Rushton, St. Stephen; C. P. Wilson, Campobello; and J. W. Millidge, St. David. The visiting clergy arrived by boat on Wednesday afternoon. Evensong was said in the beautiful little church at 7.30 by Canon Ketchum; the Lessons were read by the Revs. J. W. Millidge and W. S. Covert, and, in the absence of the organist, the Rev. J. Rushton discharged his duties. After prayers, the Rev. C. P. Wilson, in a short address, spoke of his appointment as Rector, and requested the congregation to work heartily with him in building up the parish. Stirring addresses were then delivered by the Revs. Canon Ketchum, on the needs of the D. C. S.; W. S. Covert, on the systematic teaching of the Church in her formularies; and J. W. Millidge, on the experiences of a country Missionary. On Thursday, Holy Communion was celebrated at 7.30 a. m.—Canon Ketchum acting as Celebrant, and Rev. C. P. Wilson as Deacon. The Chapter met at 10 o'clock, when Hebrews ix., in the original, was read and discussed, followed by the solemn reading of the Exhortation and Questions in the Ordinal. In the evening, prayers were said in the church, and the Rev. C. P. Wilson was inducted Rector of the Parish, after which a sermon on the relative duties of priest and people was delivered by the Rev. J. Rushton. The clergy returned home next day, after having thoroughly enjoyed their visit and the kind hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson and the people of this charming watering place.

CARLETON.—A Mission will be held in St. George's Church, Carleton (according to the programme which we published), from November 5th to November 14th, conducted by Rev. Canon Partridge. This is the first Parochial Mission ever held in St. John, and anyone reading over the subjects must see that in the hands of a devout and

earnest man such a series of services with connected subjects must prove a great blessing in awakening the spiritual life, arousing the careless, and building up the faithful. The Bishop of Quebec, in our last issue, explained the nature of a Mission, and we trust this one in Carleton will be followed by others in St. John.

ST. JOHN.—United Services for teachers will be held on All Saints' Day in St. Paul's and St. John's Churches.

GRAND FALLS.—The Metropolitan and Bishop Kingdon have been visiting Grand Falls and New Denmark. At Grand Falls, they were the guests of Mr. T. S. Glassier.

SHEDIAC.—Miss Florence A. Smith, youngest daughter of Edward J. Smith, ex-M. P. for Westmoreland, was married on the 19th to Robert Jardine, Esq., of St. John. St. Andrew's Church, in which the bride had long sung as leader of the choir, was tastefully decorated, and the ceremony was performed by Rev. O. S. Newnam, Pastor of St. Mary's Church, St. John. The bride was accompanied by Miss Broad, of Port Hill, P. E. I., and Miss Mabel Smith, of Shediac, as bridesmaids. Mr. James Straton, of St. John, was groomsmen. Mr. and Mrs. Jardine left for Niagara and the United States, followed by the best wishes for their future happiness. The Church in Shediac will lose a valuable worker, and one who always took a deep interest in its welfare.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

(From our own Correspondent.)

LENNOXVILLE.—The Rev. Dr. Roe is now engaged, with his usual earnestness and energy, in raising an Endowment for a Divinity Chair in Bishop's College. The Doctor has circulated an appeal, in which he says:—"The original Endowment of Bishop's College arose from a gift to Bishop Mountain from Mr. Harrold, an old friend in England, of £6,000 stg., for the use of his Diocese, which the Bishop handed over to the College. This noble benefaction went into the general College funds as endowment, the only stipulation being that the salary of the Principal should be the first charge upon its revenue. The original intention was that the Principal should always hold the Divinity Chair, and be called (as Principal Nicolls was, so long as he held that chair) *Harrold Professor of Divinity*. This arrangement, however, was subsequently, with Bishop Mountain's consent, abandoned, and the change involved, inadvertently, the loss of the memorial of Mr. Harrold's benefaction. Accordingly, when it was decided last year to appeal to the friends of the College to endow a professorship, it was resolved that, in memory of Mr. Harrold and the original designation of his donation, the Divinity Chair should be selected for endowment and be named the Harrold Professorship of Divinity. I ought, perhaps, to add that the endowing of the chair will in no way affect the present occupant. This, then, is the object in favour of which an appeal is now made. There is a Special Trust Deed ensuring the Fund, so far as human foresight can do so, against danger of future loss. The deed also provides that as soon as the fund shall have reached the sum of \$5,000 four-fifths of the revenue shall be available for future use. As the existing College revenue suffices to pay two Professors (the Professor of Ecclesiastical History and Belles Lettres are unpaid), and also to provide temporary aid in discharging the duties of a third, it will be readily understood that when the \$15,000—which must be obtained before the close of 1882—is secured, the College will be in a position to appoint one additional Professor—the much needed Professor of Mathematics—and we hope that when the Fund is complete the finance will justify the addition of still another to our teaching staff."

[We are in a position to speak to quite a large number of the members of the Church in the Diocese of Quebec, and if anything we can say will assist the important undertaking in which Prof. Roe is now engaged, we will cheerfully and faithfully urge it. Other bodies of Christians are raising Endowments for educational purposes; shall the Church of England be the only body unwilling to sustain an important Institution such as Bishop's College, Lennoxville? We would impress upon our readers in the Diocese of Quebec their plain duty to respond liberally to Dr. Roe's Appeal.—Eds. C. G.]

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

(From our own Correspondent.)

LACHUTE.—On Tuesday, 11th, His Lordship, with some of his clergy, proceeded to this village, now within easy reach of Montreal by rail, to consecrate a new church erected under the direction of the Rev. H. J. Evans. This gentleman has not been many years in this Mission and yet has put up two churches, one in the village and the other at Arundel, thirty miles away. Lachute has obtained of late years a larger influx of Church people, and for whose benefit this House of Worship has been erected.

ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH.—This city church is organizing its associations and committees for charitable works within the parish in a systematic and business-like manner. St. George's congrega-