

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

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DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

LUNENBURG RURAL DEANERY.—The Forty-second Chapter was convened in Lunenburg, Rev. R. C. Caswall, Rector, on the 8th and 9th of last July, beginning with Evensong in St. John's Parish Church on the 8th, Rev. W. H. Groser preacher. Next morning at Matins and Celebration (Rev. P. H. Brown being the preacher, and Rev. Dean Snyder celebrant) there were 23 communicants present. The Chapter assembled in the Rectory at 2.30 p.m. After usual routine business, St. John's Gospel, i. 11-19, was read in the original and discussed. Resolution adopted and forwarded to our esteemed brother Rev. A. Jordan, expressing kind and respectful sympathy with him in view of the growing infirmities of age, and of regret that he could no longer, as heretofore, come and join us in our work. After some informal discussion, the Chapter adjourned, to meet (D.V.) Sept. 23rd and 24th, in the parish of St. Margaret, on the east shore of St. Margaret's Bay.

At the Missionary service, Evensong having been said, addresses on "Our Unhappy Divisions" were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Butler, Gelling, Stainer, Dean Snyder, G. D. Harris, Brown, Groser and Caswall, all which were listened to most attentively.

Nobody was appointed to report the above, or it would have appeared long ago; but better late than never.

The Forty-third Chapter met, pursuant to adjournment, at French Village, St. Margaret's Bay, Sept. 23rd and 24th, there being present eight clergy, including Rev. P. H. Brown, Rector. At 7 o'clock p.m. on Wednesday, 23rd, after Evensong was said in St. Paul's Parish Church, Rev. R. C. Caswall, Lunenburg, preached from St. Matthew xvi. 18. On Thursday, 24th, at 10.30 a.m., Matins and Celebration, mainly choral; Rev. Dean Snyder celebrant, and Rev. Mr. Gelling preacher, from St. Luke i. 77-8; 18 communicants present. Chapter met in St. Margaret's Rectory at 2.30 p.m. St. John's Gospel, chap. i., was continued from v. 20 to v. 28 in the original, followed by discussion thereupon. A letter from Rev. A. Jordan was read, thanking the Chapter for their resolution of July 9th last. Then followed, read by himself, a valuable and interesting paper, full of good practical suggestions, on the subject of "Parochial Missions," by Rev. R. C. Caswall. Chapter adjourned, to meet (D.V.) at Hubbard's Cove next January or February.

At 6.30 p.m., after short Evensong, addresses on "The Church" were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Gelling, Stainer, Dean Snyder, Spencer, G. D. Harris, Groser and Caswall, to which a large, devout congregation paid careful, unflagging attention for over two hours. The lady organist, Miss V. Brine, rendered the instrumental part of the music at the services with her usual grace and ease, and the singing was very creditably done by her choir of young girls, who distinguished themselves by such attention to their Prayer Books, reverence and devout behaviour as are seldom seen in either country or city churches.

Offertory collections as follows:—Thursday morning, \$2.04; evening, \$3.43, for King's College.

It is to be regretted that we had no time to visit Peggy's Cove, 13 miles south, and see the lovely church lately built there by the Rev. Mr. Brown, which must be, both for chaste, correct style and the harmony amongst its promoters, a real, decided gain to the whole Diocese at large.

ALBION MINES.—The name of our respected friend who gave us his services as Lay Reader

on Sept. 20th is Selwyn Shreve, not Shieve as printed by mistake.

JORDAN FALLS, Shelburne County, N.S.—On October 2nd, the corner stone of a new church, to take the place of the old Trinity Church in this place, was laid, with appropriate ceremonies, by Mrs. Gibbons, wife of the Missionary in charge. The day was fine. A goodly number of people had gathered for the ceremony. The bottle placed in the corner stone contained a number of *Church Work*, with an account of the sale of work and tea meeting held on Nov. 16, 1881, under Rev. Chas. E. Churchward, now entered into the rest of Paradise, for the purpose of repairing the old church, now condemned by experienced carpenters; *Church Bells*, *English Guardian*, *Church Times*, *Church Work* for October, 1885 (being the parish magazine,) the *Yarmouth Times*, and the *CHURCH GUARDIAN*; the names of the Rev. Dr. White, who was incapacitated from laying the corner stone, as so many hoped to have seen him do, and the three resident clergy of Lockport—Revs. C. E. Churchward, C. Croucher and S. Gibbons; the names of the present Wardens—Chas. A. Holden and Geo. Collupuy. The stone was laid under good auspices. Let us hope and pray it may be the good foundation of increased love for Mother Church.

A set of altar cloths and pedomats have been given by some of the Missionary's English friends for the new church, which we hope 1886 will see completed.

CHARITABLE BEQUESTS.—The will of Catherine Binney, widow of the late Edward Binney, was fyled in the Surrogate's Court last week. Amongst a number of other charitable bequests are the following to Church organizations:—Diocesan Church Society, \$1,500; Colonial and Continental Church Society, \$1,500.

HALIFAX.—*St. Mark's.*—At an informal meeting of the parishioners last week, a letter was read from the Rector, the Rev. H. J. Winterbourne, informing the meeting of his decision to remain at St. Mark's, and of his refusal of the proffered Rectorship of Dartmouth. The Rector's decision was hailed with satisfaction by his friends at St. Mark's, and with no less disappointment by those who worked so hard to secure his election to Dartmouth.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

ST. DAVID.—A very interesting ceremony took place at Oak Bay Road on the Festival of St. Michael and All Angels—the laying of the foundation stone for a new church. At 3 p.m., the clergy having robed in Mr. Hutchinson's house near by, walked in procession to the site. There were present the Rev. R. E. Smith, Rector of St. George and Rural Dean, Rev. Finlow Alexander, Sub-Dean of the Cathedral, Fredericton, Rev. T. E. Dowling, Rector of Christ Church, St. Stephen, Rev. H. H. Neales, Rector of Campobello, and Rev. J. W. Millidge, Rector of the parish. Mr. Dowling commenced the office directed to be used by the Provincial Synod, the large congregation heartily responding. The Rector then read a short historical sketch of the parish, from its establishment, April 19th (Easter Monday,) 1824, till the present time. This paper, together with copies of the *St. Croix Courier*, *CHURCH GUARDIAN*, the office used, and current coins of the Dominion and the United States, were placed in a zinc box, which was laid in a recess in the stone, immediately below the foundation stone.

The Rural Dean then placed the stone in position, saying, "In the faith of Jesus Christ, we lay this foundation stone, in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost. Amen."

The officiating minister then said: "Here let true faith, the fear of God and brotherly love ever remain. This place is dedicated to

prayer, and to the praise of our most holy Saviour Jesus Christ, who ever liveth and reigneth with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen." Hymn 215, A. & M., "The Church's one foundation," was then sung.

The remainder of the prayers having been said, very excellent addresses were delivered by the Revs. Smith, Dowling and Neales.

In conclusion, Hymn 242, A. & M., "We love the place, O God," was sung, followed by the Benediction.

The clergy then repaired to Mr. Hutchinson's, where they and nearly all who were present sat down to a bountiful tea.

The day was lovely, the attendance large, and the beautiful service was rendered much more impressive by the deep interest manifested by those who attended.

The people who have undertaken this important work are not rich in this world's goods, and in addition to the difficulty always experienced in building a church in the country, where money is usually scarce, they have to encounter the opposition of a large portion of the parish, headed by some who possess what little wealth there is in the parish. But as Nehemiah, in his effort to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem, was not deterred by the sneers and opposition of Sanballat and Tobiah and Geshem, so will these earnest men and women be stimulated and even encouraged by opposition to persevere in their good work, until a neat little church is erected in their midst for the worship and to the glory of God.

ST. STEPHEN.—*Christ Church.*—The twenty-first anniversary of the consecration of this beautiful church (originated by the Rev. Canon Medley, of Inverness Cathedral, Scotland, a former curate and rector of the parish) was commemorated on the festival of St. Michael and All Angels. On Michaelmas Day, 1864, fifteen clergy were present. Of this number, five have "fallen asleep" and seven have removed from the Diocese and neighboring State of Maine. Only two—the Revs. R. E. Smith, of St. George, and Theodore E. Dowling, the present rector—of those present at the consecration and ordination of 1864 officiated this year. On the eve of the festival the Rev. H. H. Neales preached on the Revelation v. 11. There was an early celebration of the Holy Communion on the festival, and at the ten o'clock service the sub-Dean of the Cathedral preached on St. John ii. 17. Two excellent addresses were given at Evensong—the first by the Rural Dean on the privileges enjoyed in this parish, and the second by the Rector of Campobello on the responsibilities of the parishioners. The chancel was chastely decorated with flowers, many of them being kindly sent by members of other congregations, and the bright, hearty services were greatly appreciated, and will long be remembered with loving thankfulness. The offerings during the festival services were devoted to the Bishop Medley Scholarship Fund.

STANLEY.—This parish was visited on Sunday, 27th Sept., by His Lordship the Bishop-Coadjutor, for the purpose of administering the rite of Confirmation. About fifteen minutes before the hour of morning service at the Parish Church, the Rector, Rev. Henry T. Parlee, administered the rite of Baptism to one adult candidate. The order of services was: Matins to end of 3rd Collect, Confirmation service and Communion service. After the preface in the Confirmation service, his Lordship delivered a most instructive address from Eph. iv. 30. Twenty-five candidates were presented and confirmed, after which his Lordship addressed himself particularly to the newly confirmed, giving them, in his usual impressive manner, much practical advice. Fifty-six persons remained to partake of the Holy Communion.

After dinner his Lordship drove to St. James'