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NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

AMHERST.—This parish was favored last week with a short visit from Rev. J. R. S. Parkinson, of Londonderry Mines. At Evensong on Friday he said prayers, (the Vicar taking the lessons), and delivered a most admirable address from the words: "The Lord doth put a difference between the Egyptians and Israel," Ex. 11: 7. On Wednesday evening the first social of the season was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Dickey. Their spacious parlours were comfortably filled, a good programme well sustained, and upwards of fifteen dollars realized to help swell the Church Fund.

THE BISHOP of Nova Scotia has recommended the clergy of his diocese to observe **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1st**, being the first Wednesday in advent as the day of *Intercession for Mission*.

SHELBOURNE.—Rev. H. Hord was recently the recipient of a kind note stating that the jurisdiction of Sandy Point were forwarding his winter's supply of potatoes. It is but just to his thoughtful people to say that only one and a half bushels of vegetables have been bought since August 1st. The energetic wardens are having a well dug. All former curates will remember how inconvenient its absence was. This parish recently had the benefit of a visit from Rev. S. Gibbons, his services were greatly appreciated.

FALMOUTH.—*Windsor Forks.*—A basket sociable was held here under the auspices of the Guild of St. Michael at the residence of Mr. William Redden on Thursday last. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather a large gathering assembled, and did justice to the good things provided. Proceeds amounted to upwards of \$30. The Guild both at Falmouth and Windsor Forks is doing good work. In the former there is a total membership of twenty and in the latter we number fifteen. We thus have thirty-five persons, old and young, who have banded themselves together to work for God and His Holy Church. Candidates for membership promise (1) to diligently attend the services of the Church and to do all in their power to bring others also; (2) that they will attend the meetings of the Guild, and (3) that they will do to the best of their ability whatever Church work may be assigned to them by the Guild. From the increasing interest manifested in Guilds in this and other country parishes, where they have been introduced, it is evident that they are powerful agencies for directing the talents of our young into divers channels of usefulness, and may be worked with great advantage to the Church in the *country* as well as in the *town*.

SACKVILLE.—The Tangiers Rural Deanery met in the parish of Sackville, of which the Rural Dean, Rev. W. Ellis, is Rector, on Wednesday, Nov. 10th.

On the eve of the day Divine worship was conducted in the parish church at Sackville at 7 o'clock, when the Rev. J. Partridge, of Ship Harbour, addressed the congregation on the subject of giving less for luxuries and more for missions.

On the morning of the 10th the clergy drove to Beaver Bank and conducted the third service in the church so recently opened there. After Processional Hymn the Rev. N. R. Raven took first part of matins, Rev. E. H. Ball and Rev. J. Partridge read the lessons, and Rev. G. F. Maynard concluded matins. In the absence of

the preacher ad clerum and substitute, the Rev. E. H. Ball preached from Heb. xiii. 12, 13: "Wherefore Jesus also that he might sanctify the people with his own blood suffered without the gate," &c; and the Rural Dean celebrated, assisted by the preacher. The chapter congratulated their Dean on the opening of their church, and expressed their hearty enjoyment of the service as there conducted; whilst on the part of the Dean and his congregation the pleasure of worshipping with the clergy of the Deanery in a hearty service in a pretty little church, after waiting and working for fourteen years for such a blessing, was quite mutual. To worship God in a private house is a blessing, truly; but a church, by its proper construction and arrangement, is found to breathe forth, even through things material, the spiritual reverence which helps to realize the Divine presence, the basis of all worship.

Capitular meeting was held in the afternoon at the Rectory, and the next meeting was arranged to be held in Dartmouth, on invitation of the Rector, Rev. N. R. Raven, on May 25th.

The clergy were hospitably entertained by Mr. Ellis at the Rectory, and by Mrs. Chasler Fenerty.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

HALIFAX.—Rev. F. M. Murray, of St. Luke's Cathedral, Halifax, conducted Divine Service in St. Peter's Church, Charlottetown, last Lord's day and preached two powerful and earnest discourses.

Rev. C. E. McKenzie, who has been appointed to the congregation of Alberton, arrived with his family last week and entered on his duties. We much regret to learn that Mr. McKenzie's furniture and books have been nearly destroyed, on account of the vessel conveying them having struck a rock on the N. S. coast and sprung a leak.

The Rev. T. W. Johnstone, Rector of Crapaud, visited, last week, that section of his parish situated in Lot 65, and held the following services:—On Friday evening, in the School House, Long Creek, evening prayer and sermon, followed by an address on Holy Communion; on Saturday evening, catechized the children attending the Sunday-school taught by Miss Stretch. On Sunday morning, service being held in the Orange Hall, a girl aged 11 years was baptized, and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper administered. Evening prayer was again held in the Hall at 2.30 p.m.

On Wednesday last, Mr. Johnstone's congregation, Crapaud, with their characteristic kindness, cleared, stumped and ploughed four acres of new land, besides ploughing such other part of the Glebe farm as will be required for planting and seeding next spring.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

The Lord Bishop of New Westminster, and Mrs. Sillitoe spent a few days in Quebec as guests of the Bishop of the Diocese previous to their departure to England per SS. Parisian on Thursday 18th.

A special service was held at St. Matthew's Church on Thursday morning at half-past seven o'clock, Bishop Sillitoe being the celebrant.

The Lord Bishop of the Diocese has licensed Mr. Rowland J. Fothergill as lay reader and catechist to St. Peter's parish, Quebec. Mr. Fothergill has only recently completed his course at St. Augustine's College, Canterbury, England, and will ere long be admitted to the Diaconate.

The Rev. F. J. B. Allnatt, D.D., preached the annual sermon before the St. Peter's Branch of the Church of England Temperance Association on Sunday, the 14th. The congregation was large including a full attend-

ance of members of the society. The sermon was an admirable one, thoroughly practical and well calculated to further the good work of temperance.

Special services of thanksgiving were held in St. Peter's Church and that of St. Paul's on Sunday, the 21st instant.

It is much to be regretted that in your recent notice of the ordination of the Rev. L. W. Williams at St. Matthew's Church the sermon by the Rev. H. Roe, D.D., of Bishop's College, was not more fully dwelt upon. It was a sermon of much value, beautiful in all its parts, and worthy of preservation. Very many of the faithful are anxious that it should be printed and circulated in the parish.

The Rev. W. C. Bernard has resigned the parish of Bury and taken charge of the mission of St. John's, Melbourne. We wish him all success in his new field of labor.

THANKSGIVING DAY IN QUEBEC.

UNITED SERVICES IN THE CATHEDRAL AND IN ST. MATTHEW'S—SERMON BY THE LORD BISHOP.

United services were held in this city on Thanksgiving Day, at the Cathedral in the morning, and at St. Matthew's Church in the evening.

In the Cathedral the decorations, though on not quite so extensive a scale as in former years, were very choice and effective. Behind the altar was the inscription "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof," and a handsome collection of fruit. The front of the stalls, the lectern and the front were decorated with grain, fruit and flowers, and the pulpit was handsomely covered in latticework of a green ground, enlivened by small fruits and berries. The effect was exceedingly chaste and pretty.

The choir, under the direction of Mr. Bishop, Cathedral organist and choirmaster, rendered one musical part of the service well. The *Te Deum*, by Williams, was very much admired. The new anthem "The Lord hath done great things," by Smart, was sung by the choir with fine effect, Mrs. Henry Russell's rich voice, quite filling the sacred edifice, especially in her lower notes.

Morning prayer was read by the Rev. M. M. Fothergill, Rev. Dr. Allnatt read the first lesson and Rev. T. Richardson the second. The Epistoler was Rev. Lennox Williams, and the Gospeler, Rev. Dr. Allnatt. The Lord Bishop celebrated Holy Communion, assisted by Rev. Messrs. Housman, Petry, Fothergill and Allnatt.

THE SERMON

was preached by the Lord Bishop of the diocese, who took for his text:—Ephesians v, 20:—"Giving thanks always for all things to God, and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."

St. Matthew's Church.—The service in St. Matthew's Church was held at 8 p.m., and the sacred edifice was crowded to overflowing, every seat being occupied. There was a large and efficient choir and several members of the clergy was in attendance, and the Bishop, Rev. E. C. Parkin intoned evening prayer, the lessons were read by Rev. Messrs. Fothergill and Richardson, and the Rev. H. G. Petry preached the sermon. The musical portion of the service was well rendered and reflects great credit upon Mr. Dorney, the organist and choirmaster. The anthem "Fear not, O land," by Sir John Goss, was particularly good, the solos being admirably given by Mr. W. Noble Campbell. The voices of the choir were augmented in the anthem by those of an auxiliary choir of ladies, in the nave. The sermon was from the text Jeremiah VIII, 20—"The harvest is past," The preacher dwelt upon the lessons taught by the changing seasons of the year.