

## News from the Home Field.

## DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

SHELBURNE.—On the evening of Monday, 28th ult., a meeting of the Wardens and Vestry of this Parish was held at the Rectory, when the newly appointed Incumbent, Rev. F. J. J. Smith, was introduced to them by the Rev. Dr. White. The venerable Doctor, having opened the meeting with prayer, spoke very touchingly of his long care of the Parish, and expressed a hope that the consideration and aid at all times so gladly given him, might be extended to the incoming clergyman. Some time was spent in discussing the affairs of the Parish, especially the necessity of securing the services of an assistant clergyman. That no single clergyman can keep the Parish in its present efficient state was admitted by all, but no decision was arrived at, as to what steps should be taken to raise a sufficient stipend. It was felt and admitted that it would be unwise to trust *entirely* to the voluntary subscriptions of the people. Mr. Smith suggested that an effort be made to raise a small endowment. It being late, the meeting adjourned to meet again on the following Thursday, to consider the suggestion. On Thursday, the question of endowment was thoroughly considered, and the first steps taken. It was moved by Mr. Bower, and seconded by Mr. Bruce, that

*Whereas*, The Rev. T. H. White, D. D., who for forty-seven years past has laboured in this Parish, is compelled by increasing age and infirmity to retire from active charge,

*And Whereas*, the voluntary contributions of the people, which hitherto have been applied for the support of an assistant minister, must now be given to the support of the incoming Incumbent, owing to the fact that the aid from England, so long enjoyed, will cease with the life of the retired venerable Dr. White, and the Parish in its present state cannot raise a sufficient sum for the support of a second active minister, though the services of two are absolutely necessary, owing to its many stations and scattered population,

*Be it Therefore Resolved*, That to avoid the necessity of curtailing the work and possible closing of some out-station Church, steps be taken with a view to raising at least a partial endowment, and that the Rev. F. J. J. Smith be requested to act as a deputation to secure this subject.

Mr. Smith consented on condition that the sanction and approval of the Bishop are obtained.

NEW GLASGOW.—On Wednesday, Aug. 1st, Evening Prayer was said in St. George's Chapel, by the Rev. Chas. Elliott Mackenzie, of Spring Hill, named after the first Rector of Pictou, formerly in the Sunday class of the second Rector, a most useful layman while in New Glasgow, who took an active part in getting together subscriptions towards a chapel here. It was very gratifying to have him officiate amongst us, and we wish him GOD-speed in the Ministry of the Gospel of God, to which he has been so lately called.

TANGIER.—His Lordship the Bishop Confirmed 36 candidates at Holy Trinity Church, Tangier, in the afternoon of Friday, July 20th, and also 36 at All Saint's Church, Spry Bay, on the morning of the 22d. Of the 72 only 21 were males, it being much to be regretted that so many men are absent from the Parish at this season. On the Friday, the weather was somewhat rainy and very threatening, so that the congregation numbered but few—over 100—but at Spry Bay on the Sunday, perhaps 300 crowded into the Church, which has sittings for not more than 220. The energetic Warden, Mr. Charles Leslie, provided accommodation even for those who sat in the porch, and at the outside doors. His Lordship's addresses were of their usual voice, but at Spry Bay, it must be said, of more than usual voice, and the energy displayed seemed to tell of almost youthful vigour after an episcopate of 32 years. The Bishop congratulated the congregations upon the fact of the organization of the Parish, and the

purchase of a Rectory, which he is now convinced is more suitably located at Tangier than it would have been at Fern Hill, away from either Church, etc. One of Gates & Co's. organs has lately been purchased for Tangier Church, and the congregation are indebted to Mr. Joseph Townshend for having interested himself in collecting subscriptions for it and to Miss Eva Glawson who also worked for this purpose. With Mrs. Ball as organist, and a choir as large as the small chancel will accommodate, the services are now brighter, and the people of the Parish have so much reason to be pleased with the organ that it is more than likely that Messrs. Gates & Co., will receive an order from the Spry Bay congregation. The sub-bass, is a fine feature in this instrument and when judiciously used has a telling effect. Mr. Townshend has also supplied the church with china matting for the aisles and vestry. At Spry Bay Church which is comparatively new, a pulpit has been given by Mr. Theodore Conrod, carpet for sanctuary, chancel, alleys, and vestry by Mrs. G. A. Leslie and Mr. Dixon, whilst through Mrs. Henry Leslie's exertions funds have been collected from the congregation for a new altar, altar frontal, credence bracket, wine flagon, hangings for the east walls, and some paint for the outside walls and roof. Respecting these proofs of love for God's house the Bishop spoke commending and cheering words. After partaking of the hospitality of Mr. Henry Leslie, his Lordship was taken on to Sheet Harbour for Salmon River, but the good effects of his visit we trust will long remain.

PORT MULGRAVE.—Subscriptions or fancy articles toward bazaar and monster pic-nic, to be held at Mulgrave, on Aug. 16th, will be thankfully received by Rev. A. G. McAulay and Miss Wylde, Mulgrave; Mr. S. T. Hall, or Miss Grace McDonald, Antigonish; and Mrs. Laurie, New Glasgow.

MARIE JOSEPH.—Monday, 23d July was a *red letter* day for the good folks of this and the adjacent Settlements, as we were expecting a triennial visit from our venerable Diocese, who is making a confirmation tour on the Eastern Shore, and in anticipation of his Lordship's visit, the ladies of the Church, under the supervision of Mrs. Annie P. Rudolph and Mrs. Charles Smith, had the place very tastefully decorated, with the appropriate motto "God Bless our Bishop." in large letters over the reading desk. The morning was very wet and discouraging, and as his Lordship had to travel from Salmon River, a distance of upwards of twenty miles, where he held a Confirmation Service on the previous day, we had almost given up the thought of his Lordship's arrival, but exactly at the appointed hour he made his appearance, accompanied by the indefatigable Rector of the Parish (Beaver Harbour) Rev. Richmond Smith; and after the opening Service, his Lordship addressed the candidates in a most solemn manner on the seriousness of the engagements they were about to enter into, and after the ceremony of "Laying On of Hands" his Lordship ascended the pulpit, and delivered a most eloquent and appropriate discourse, suited to the solemn occasion. After the Service was over, the Rector drove his Lordship to Clay-Head Ferry, where he was met by Rev. Mr. Johnson, who brought him to Liscomb, where another class of candidates was Confirmed. About 85 were Confirmed in the two Churches.

## PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

SUMMERSIDE.—During last week a conference of clergy was held in this town by the Ven. Archdeacon Read, D. D. On Tuesday morning service with the Holy Communion was solemnized in St. Mary's Church at the usual hour of 11 a. m.; Rev. K. Richardson, A. M., T. C. D., Rector. The other Ministrants were the Ven. Archdeacon, and Rev. Dr. Fitzgerald, Charlottetown. We understand the Archdeacon was much pleased with the services. In the afternoon the clergy under the presidency of the Archdeacon met in the church. The Revs. Messrs. Johnson, Reagh and

Harper were in attendance, and two hours were most profitably spent in mutual conference and counsel. The wish of all present was clearly expressed in favor of these meetings being more frequent, and it is hoped that the Archdeacon can arrange that they be so. At half-past seven o'clock of the same evening there was service again in the Church. The prayers were read by Rev. K. Richardson and the lessons by Rev. W. Harper. The Ven. Archdeacon and Rev. W. Fitzgerald afterwards addressed the congregation. They were listened to with the utmost attention. The congregation in the evening was very large, and the choir with their usual excellence performed their part in the Divine Worship. A very good collection was the result of the spirit stirring addresses. All freely conceded that the conference and the services were a great success.

## DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

WESTFIELD.—We regret to learn that the Rector of this Parish, the Rev. A. V. Wiggins, has been obliged to ask for "leave of absence," his health having completely broken down from overwork. The Bishop has granted him a year's rest, and has placed the Rev. H. T. Parlee in charge of the Parish during the Rector's absence. Mr. Wiggins has been unremitting in his labours since he has been in the Parish, and has seen abundant evidence of the success of his work. We hope in time to hear that Mr. Wiggins has recovered his health, and returns to us in renewed strength to carry on the Lord's work in our midst.

In the press, A "Charge" delivered to the Clergy in the Cathedral, by the Lord Bishop of Fredericton, on 4th July, 1883, and printed at their request. Copies can be had on application to Reverend Theodore E. Dowling, Carleton, Saint John, N. B. Price, Ten Cents each copy, postage included.

HOPWELL HILL.—We publish the following interesting item to the ladies more for the purpose of expressing the hope, now that some additions have recently been made to the Church population of Albert Co., that a missionary may soon be appointed: "An interesting event which caused no little excitement in social circles, took place in St. John's Church, Hopewell Hill, Thursday afternoon, 26th July, when the Rev. J. Roy Campbell, Rector of Dorchester, united in marriage Mr. Geo. J. Wright, of Charlottetown, P. E. Island, and Miss Lucinda Smith, one of the fair daughters of Harvey, Albert Co. The bridegroom was accompanied by Mr. L. Gough, who acted as best man, and the bride was led to the altar by her brother. (Mr. James Smith,) who gave her away. She looked the picture of loveliness, being richly attired in white satin and hat to match. The ornaments worn were diamonds, the gift of the groom. She was attended by her sister, Miss Janie Smith, who wore cream nun's veiling; Miss Coonan, who was dressed in white with pink satin trimmings, and little Ethel Turner, of Westmorland, niece of the bride, who wore a pale blue satin, carrying a small basket of pretty flowers. The Church was handsomely decorated with evergreens and flowers, and completely filled by the friends of the bride. Music was rendered by Mr. Chandler and family and was greatly appreciated by all. At the conclusion of the ceremony, which was very impressive, the congregation giving unbroken attention throughout, the happy couple left en route for an extended tour through Canada and the United States, followed by the best wishes of their friends."

## DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

HAMILTON.—The Lord Bishop of Niagara has appointed the Rev. W. B. Curran, M. A., rector of St. Thomas' Church, Hamilton, a canon of the Diocese of Niagara, in the place of Rev. Canon Dixon, who has been created Archdeacon of Guelph.