

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

Gathered specially for this paper by Our Own Correspondents.

DIocese OF NOVA SCOTIA.

ST. JOHN'S TRURO.—A pleasant entertainment was given last week in the crypt of the Church by the children of the Sunday School assisted by some senior members of the congregation. There has been a marked improvement in the music of the Church during the past few months and there is an encouraging outlook for the future of this important Church.

HALIFAX.—PERSONAL.—Intelligence has been received of the death of the Rev. Charles E. Churchward, of Tynemouth, England. For some time previous to his Collegiate course, and his ordination by the Bishop of Nova Scotia in 1879, Mr. Churchward lived in Lunenburg county. After serving a few years as curate at Mahone Bay he took charge of the parish of Lockport but failing health compelled him to give up his work and seek rest.

The case of the Rev. W. E. Wilson, late Professor of Classics at King's College, against the Governors to gain compensation for dismissal or reinstatement in his former position has been before the court during the past week. At the time of writing, however no decision had been given.

We regret to learn that Mrs Murray who has been nursing the Rev. Mr. Sylvester has also been attacked by the same disease, diphtheria.

The Rev. A. J. Townsend, senior Garrison Chaplain met with a severe accident to his ankle while tobogganing last Saturday evening. Rev. W. H. Sampson took duty for the Rev. gentleman last Sunday and preached to the troops.

The Rev. W. C. Wilson was the fortunate recipient of a flattering address and purse of money from the congregation of St. Matthias's Mission, coupled with congratulations and welcome to Mrs. Wilson on their return last week.

ST. PAULS.—The Sunday School children of St. Paul's and of Trinity, had a special service in St. Paul's last week and an interesting address from the Rev. Dr. Hill.

ST. LUKE'S.—Two communications to the *Mail* will prove of interest to our readers one says:—

St. Luke's congregation are discussing the propriety of erecting a new \$55,000 church. The plans, prepared by an English architect, are now in the hands of the rector. Some years ago some Nova Scotians in London, understood to be members of the Bliss family, offered to contribute \$10,000 stg. towards the erection of a Cathedral in Halifax, providing an equal sum was raised in Halifax. This seems to be a grand opportunity for getting a \$100,000 Cathedral in Halifax.

On the other hand the next days paper contained the following in reference to the Bliss family:—

It should be thoroughly understood before a beginning is made, that money given for a Cathedral should be spent on a Cathedral, not on a mere name. What this Diocese requires is a Cathedral with a proper and resident chapter, not a parish church loaned as a Cathedral. When it is the latter both the Cathedral Body and the Parochial Body are often at variance, in fact they seldom work well together. It should be clear before work is begun that money given for a Cathedral should only be spent on a building completely clear from a dual control of Bishop and Parish, unless the Bishop be Rector of a Parish. If the Bliss money is to come there ought to be a public meeting of the Churchmen of the Diocese to discuss the statue of the new building.

TANGIER RURAL DEANERY.—The 18th meeting was held at Jeddore in the Parish of Ship Harbor, of which the Rev. E. Lowry is Incumbent, on Wednesday, January 28th. Evensong was conducted on the Tuesday evening previous at St.

John's Church, West Jeddore by the Rev. J. L. Currie who also addressed the large congregation on their duties to their Pastor. The address though short was extensive in its range and gave instance of how especially valuable Rural Deanery services may be as affording opportunity for the public consideration of subjects of the greatest importance but which can be handled with better grace by a strange Pastor than by the one in charge. The Rev. E. H. Ball then addressed the congregation on the Scriptural idea of Worship shewing that it is the inward realization of God's presence demonstrated outwardly by acts of bodily reverence. The Incumbent referred to the absence of the Rural Dean and Rev. R. Smith through sickness with feelings of great regret.

By God's blessing the recovery of the Rural Dean and his good speed in overtaking his duty enabled him to be present at the Morning Service in the neat little Church at East Jeddore on Wednesday. The Rural Dean preached a very instructive sermon on the difference between Conversion and Regeneration from the text "Lord what will thou have me to do?" Acts IX. 6. There were 33 communicants including the clergy, and the Rural Dean was celebrant.

The capitular meeting was held in the afternoon in the Incumbent's Study, and owing to pressure of work was adjourned till the following morning when it again met. One of the subjects considered at last meeting "The Service and Sermon of the Fishing" an ancient custom at Great Yarmouth, was again brought up and the Rev. E. H. Ball expressed his intention of introducing it at Tangier next Spring.

The Wednesday afternoon storm necessitated the postponement of a service arranged to be held at Ship Harbour. But on Thursday evening a large congregation gathered at St. Stephen's Church, and at the request of Rev. J. Lowry the addresses already referred to were repeated and Rural Dean Ellis spoke on holiness of life, taking as his central thought for leading us to holiness the fact that we are the children of a Holy and Loving Father. The Offertory collections at the three services were devoted to the C. W. and O. Fund.

In this Deanery though the Church population is so large there is but little clerical intercourse at least in this Eastern portion and the meetings are therefore specially valued: and where the Laity are so hospitable as they are proved to be at Jeddore and Ship Harbour, even the bachelor Incumbent finds no difficulty on that point, and the final leave-taking of the Chapter not till Friday afternoon, was proof of the hearty appreciation of the hearty hospitality of the Dr. and Mrs. and Miss Jamison.

E. H. Ball, Secretary.

ALBION MINES.—On Sunday the 25th ult., the Ember Prayers were offered for the Diocese of Niagara—both in Christ Church and St. George's.

On the 27th a meeting was held in Fidelity Hall to receive a report from a Committee comprised of all the Ministers of Religion on the feasibility of establishing a "Friendly Society." It is hoped that good may be done and thus promoting "thrift" amongst the miners and settlers.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

We learn the following from an advertisement in the local paper:—

A course of credential lectures, on "Belief and Unbelief," are being given on Sunday evenings, in St. Peter's Church, by Rev. G. W. Hodgson, they began on Sunday, 1st Feb. The first lesson was introductory, on "The Question at Issue and the Nature of the Evidence."

The lectures begin at 7 p.m. While this course continues the usual choral evening service will be held at 4 p.m.

These lectures are likely to be of great service and are evidently an outcome of the useful course which was delivered in St. Matthew's Mission, last Summer.

DIocese OF FREDERICTON.

During the year 1884, there were ten hundred and ninety-six candidates confirmed by the Most Rev. the Metropolitan and his assistant, the Bishop Coadjutor, four churches and one burial ground consecrated, two churches licensed, four vacant missions supplied, three branch depositories of the S. P. C. K. established. Six clergymen and one Divinity Student admitted from other Dioceses, and here work undertaken by some of the clergy with the view of opening up new missions. The Metropolitan has travelled within the Diocese two thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine miles, and the Bishop Coadjutor, four thousand four hundred and thirty-four miles. This concise report speaks for itself and shews that the Church is not lagging behind, and that work in the Diocese has never been carried on with greater earnestness and zeal on the part of Clergy and laity than at present.

FREDERICTON.—A new and useful work has been inaugurated in Fredericton under the auspices of the Parish Guild. A reading-room for young men has been established, and has been abundantly supplied with choice literature. It is open every night from 7 o'clock until 10, except Sundays. For several weeks past there has been an average of nearly forty, who have availed themselves of the excellent and healthy amusement it provides for them in the way of games and music. Already there is evidence of good results, and we hope it may prosper, that many of the young men, who now seek for amusement in dangerous and undesirable places may be rescued and find a better substitute for them in the reading-room.

The Rev. Wm. Armstrong, who has lately returned from England, has been visiting his friends here. His health is much improved. Mr. Armstrong was formerly rector of St. James' Church, St. John, where he is much esteemed by the parishioners for his long and efficient ministry among them.

The following letter, received by G. Herbert Lee, Esq., treasurer of the Board of Foreign and Domestic Missions, in this diocese, will no doubt be of much interest to many readers of the GUARDIAN:—

"Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, 19 Delahay Street, Westminster, S. W., Jan. 1st, 1885.

MY DEAR SIR,

"I beg leave to thank you very cordially for your handsome remittance. If you can let the contributors know how warmly their gifts are appreciated I shall be glad.

"Yours faithfully, "HENRY W. TUCKER. G. HERBERT LEE ESQ.

The remittance was £88 15s. a goodly sum considering the needs of Home Missions, that have been liberally supplied; and also the depressing state of business generally in the Diocese.

CANTERBURY.—A new bell has been placed in the Parish Church in this Mission. May it prove an efficient helper to the earnest Missionary in bringing many to God's House, especially those who sometimes need reminding that there is such a place and that they are invited there.

ST. JOHN.—The annual meeting of the Church Missionary Society of St. John was held in the Sunday School room of St. Mark's Church on the 22nd. Dr. Botsford occupied the chair. The Sec. Mr. T. W. Daniel submitted his report for the past year, shewing that the amount of contributions were \$400.69 and remitted as follows:—

To Shingwauk Home.....	\$ 75.00
To Church Missionary Society (London).....	108.72
To Society for Promoting Christianity among the Jews.....	195.47
Paid for Printing Report.....	17.50
Missionary Publications.....	4.00

\$400.69

Addresses were given by Revs. G. M. Armstrong; W. O. Raymond, G. O. Troop and Mr. Dobbs.