

A Prayer, appointed by the House of Bishops, to be used in all Churches in the several Dioceses of this Province, on two or more Sundays previous to the Meeting of the PROVINCIAL SYNOD, and also during the Session.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting GOD, who, by Thy Holy Spirit, didst preside in the Councils of the blessed Apostles, and hast promised, through Thy Son Jesus Christ, to be with Thy Church to the end of the world: we beseech Thee to be present with the Synod of this Province, (*now about to be*) assembled in Thy Name. Save (*them*) from all ignorance, error, pride, and prejudice; and of Thy great mercy, vouchsafe so to direct, govern, and sanctify (*them*) in (*their*) important work, by Thy Holy Spirit, that, through Thy blessing on (*their*) deliberation, the Gospel of Christ may be faithfully preached and obeyed, and the order and discipline of Thy Church maintained amongst us, to the overthrow of Satan's power, and the final establishment of Thy heavenly kingdom; through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. AMEN.

News from the Home Field.

Gathered specially for this paper by Our Own Correspondents.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

THE Clerical Secretary is absent from the Diocese, attending the Provincial Synod at Montreal.

NOTICE.—The members of Avon Deanery are requested to meet at Rawdon on Wednesday, Sept. 19th. Mattins and Holy Communion, at 11 a. m., Preacher, Rev. Canon Maynard, R. D., Business meeting at 2 p. m. At 7 p. m., after Even Song, addresses by clergy. By order of Rural Dean.

H. How, *Sec.*

SHELburne.—*Rev. and Dear Sir*,—I am requested by the Rural Dean to notify you that the next meeting of the clergy of this Deanery will be held at Shelburne, N. S., on Wednesday, Sept. 12th, and Lockeport, Sept. 13th. A sermon will be preached. The Lesson appointed to be read is Acts I. A paper will be read. I am, *Rev. and Dear Sir*, your obedient servant,

JOHN R. S. PARKINSON, *Sec.*

HALIFAX.—The Sunday Scholars of St. Luke's, with their friends, spent a very pleasant day at McNab's Island on the 28th ult. The Rector and S. S. Teachers were most assiduous in their endeavours to make the treat a great success.

NORTH-WEST ARM MISSION.—We are sorry to record that Selwyn H. Shreve has been compelled, on account of pressing business duties, to resign the important work he has so long carried on here. Mr. W. C. Wilson now continues the regular Services at this growing mission. The good Church people are working with energy to establish a firm Church foundation in the district.

HALIFAX.—*Church Institute*,—A very successful picnic to Lawlor's Island, was enjoyed by the members of the Institute, Aug. 4th. Over eight hundred persons were in attendance and did ample justice to the many good things provided for them. Quite a handsome amount has been realized for the benefit of the Institution.

PERSONAL.—The Rev. F. J. H. Axford, Rector of Cornwallis, has received a patent on his new style of carriage, and will exhibit it at the Dominion Exhibition at St. John, in October.

The Rev. J. B. Richardson, Rector of Cronyn Memorial Church, London, Ont., has been spending a few weeks of well-earned vacation, in his native Province, Nova Scotia.

AMHERST.—Miss Townsend has left Amherst

for England, and Canon Townsend for Montreal. In October the Canon expects to go to England. Before leaving Amherst, Miss Townsend was presented by the parishioners with a jewel box and brooch, as a slight token of their appreciation of her services as organist of Christ Church.

LONDONDERRY MINES.—The Girl's Friendly Society had an enjoyable drive and picnic on Friday the 31st ult.

At a service held in St. Paul's Church in the evening of the same day, eight adults were baptized by the Rector, the Rev. V. E. Harris.

MAINADIEU.—We were all very glad indeed to have another visit from our venerable and dearly loved Bishop, who arrived here on Tuesday, August 7th. Every person seemed fully alive to the great privileges which are always extended to them on such an occasion; and long before the time for Evensong, the little Church was crowded to its utmost capacity. This was owing, in a great measure to the usual care and forethought of our very kind Pastor, Rev. T. F. Draper, who arranged the service so that those who seldom return from fishing till late in the day were enabled to be present. The prayers were read by Rev. T. F. Draper, and the lessons by the Chaplain, Rev. W. J. Lockyer of Cow Bay. At the usual time his Lordship delivered his address to the congregation, and strongly urged upon them the necessity for enlarging the old Church, and expressed his regret at their not being able to secure the services of a competent person to undertake the work, although the material and money were both ready. The address to the candidates was as usual very impressive, and not likely to be forgotten by many who heard it. Twenty-one candidates were presented by the Incumbent and received the apostolic rite of "Laying on of hands." The Bishop then delivered a very able sermon to an attentive and earnest congregation. The offertory which amounted to \$14.00 was in aid of the building fund. The singing on the occasion was very hearty and reflected great credit upon the little band of choristers, as well their earnest and indefatigable organist, Mr. Anthony Martel. The Bishop left on the next morning for Louisburg.

GUYSBORO.—The visit of the Bishop of the Diocese to the Eastern shore brought his Lordship to Guysboro, where, on Saturday, the 29th July, the new Church was consecrated with the impressive service appointed for the purpose. His Lordship was assisted in the service by the Rev. H. H. Hamilton, of Manchester, who acted as Bishop's Chaplain, and who read the Petition for consecration. The Churchwardens followed by Mr. Hamilton and the Bishop, saying responsively the 24th Psalm, proceeded from the west door to the chancel where the service was proceeded with in due form, Mr. Hamilton saying the prayers. Afterwards the Bishop delivered a clear and forcible address, explaining the meaning of the service, and afterwards preached. The congregation was very large and deeply interested in the whole proceedings. On the following day service was largely attended. Mr. Hamilton was again present, and Mr. Arnold of Half-way Cove. In the course of his remarks the Bishop alluded to the protracted vacancy of the Incumbency, and hoped strong efforts would be put forth by the people so as to secure a clergyman without further serious delay. The Church is quite a neat one, capable of seating over 150 people, and, no doubt, with a resident Pastor would be well-filled. On August 19th and 26th the Church was crowded when the Rev. J. B. Richardson, Rector of the Memorial Church, London, Ont., who was here visiting some friends, took the services and preached. The people were one and all greatly pleased with Mr. Richardson's kind willingness to work when he came to rest, and were also much impressed with his able discourses, which cannot fail to do good.

CORNWALLIS.—On Aug. 15, several members of the Avon Deanery assembled at St. John's Church. Morning Prayers were said by the Rev.

F. F. Sherman. The first lesson was read by the Rev. H. How, and the second lesson by the Rev. W. J. Ancient, who also preached from the text, Matt. ix., 29. The Rev. Canon Maynard, R. D., was celebrant, assisted by the Rector. Number of Communicants from parish, 20; offertories for W. & O. Fund \$5.60. The altar was adorned with a very elegant floral cross, and the font filled with flowers. After an excellent dinner at the Rectory, the usual business meeting in the afternoon took place, during which there was very profitable interchange of suggestions concerning a variety of matters. The members pledging themselves to intercede for one another and the whole Deanery during each subsequent celebration. At 7 p. m. Evensong (to 3rd collect), said by Rev. W. J. Ancient, the Litany by Rev. H. How, after which the Dean delivered an address sketching the work of the Evangelical revival, and then of the Tractarian movement, and finished by a fervid and searching address; the substance of which was, "how far have I been profited by it?" After a hymn, the Rev. W. J. Ancient gave, as in the morning, a very practical and lucid address on the need of growth in grace, and the means offered for such increase, and besought his hearers to use all the Divine means more faithfully. After another hymn the Rev. W. How delivered an address on the manifest fruits of a living faith, that grace from God necessitates work for God and for the Church through which it comes. The Rector mentioned how appropriately the addresses developed the ideas of last Sunday's sermon, and named a local fund into which he invited their newly awakened interest to be centered. We hope to learn that the congregation was benefited by this visit of the Deanery, and that the suggestions of the Rector are by this time carried out. The Rev. the Dean pronounced the benediction.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

BATHURST.—The new Church at Bathurst will be dedicated by the Metropolitan on the 27th instant.

PORTLAND.—St. Luke's Church held a picnic, September 6th, at Westfield, on behalf of their organ fund. The weather was beautiful and drew out a large number of people. We are glad that the affair was so successful.

DERBY.—A tea soiree was held here on Wednesday, 29th ult., for the purpose of obtaining funds to pay off the debt on the new organ lately purchased for the Church. The proceeds amounted to \$75.00.

HAMPTON.—The parish of Hampton, is vacant since the resignation of its late Incumbent, the Rev. Canon Walker. A meeting of Parishioners held on the 30th ult., for the nomination of a rector was adjourned until the 24th inst. This parish is self-supporting, and offers the inducements of an annual stipend of about \$800—with a comfortable and commodious Rectory and out-buildings to a person competent to take charge of its spiritual interests. It is to be hoped the vestry will select an able and worthy man who will place the parish in the forefront in all good works. The site of the Church is against the growth of the congregation. The building ought to be in a central position among the population of this village.

FREDERICTON.—Rev. Mr. Alexander, Sub-dean of the Cathedral, whose illness has caused so much regret among his congregation, has found it necessary to get leave of absence from his duties for three months. He will remain at Grand Manan for some time, in the hope that the quiet and the sea will do him good. The Rev. gentleman was presented with a purse of three hundred dollars just before he left.

KINGSTON.—Rev. H. S. Wainwright has gone