

RICHMOND.—The Rt. Rev. Bishop Neely, Maine, recently confirmed three persons at the request of the Metropolitan. They had been Presbyterians. This in addition to the very large number confirmed a short time ago in this parish. Bishop Neely came over from Houlton, Maine. His ministrations are very acceptable on this side of the border.

SHEDDIAK.—Rev. George M. Armstrong preached in St. Andrew's Church on the 14th. During the night a fire broke out, which laid in ruins the whole business part of the town. The loss is about \$2,000, and there was little insurance. Fortunately the church being at the other end of the village escaped, and the house occupied by Rev. O. S. Newnam, though in great danger, escaped also. Mr. Newnam was in St. John taking the party of the Rev. G. M. Armstrong. Our sympathy is extended to the sufferers, many of whom are Church people.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

AMHERST.—Rev. Canon Townsend, our rector, feeling, as we all do, that our country has been blest with an abundant harvest, celebrated a Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday of last week. Although the day was not fine our congregation was large, and our beautiful church decked out in her white festal vestments, with a profusion of flowers and fruits of the field, delighted the eyes of our people, and, it is to be hoped, deepened their gratitude. The banks of flowers and fruits on either side of the entrance into the choir was a very pleasing and novel mode of decoration, and has been done in our Church for the last year or two with great taste by a young lady, niece of the rector, whose performance on the organ also charmed all who were present. Our staff of clergy too, three in number, added not a little to the effectiveness of the service. The Rector preached from the text: "What hast thou that thou didst not receive," pressing it warmly home to the hearts of his hearers in his usual eloquent style. The offertory, which was liberal, is to be sent to the Bishop of Algoma according to notice.—Com.

YARMOUTH.—The indefatigable canvasser for our paper, Mr. Shaw, ran up our list of names in this county to about one hundred during his recent visit, the principal part of which was obtained in its thoroughly alive and progressive shire town. From the venerable and revered Rector, the Rev. J. T. T. Moody, and from his new but already popular Curate, the Rev. R. Shreve, as well as from the people generally, Mr. Shaw received marked civilities which he has directed us to speak of and publicly acknowledge. With the large and thoroughly equipped church, and the two well adapted Sunday School buildings, as well as with the appearance of the parish generally, Mr. Shaw was much struck and well pleased.

Now that the Railroad has brought Yarmouth so near Halifax, we hope to see the place for ourselves some day, and shall look forward with pleasing anticipation to the time when we shall be able to do so.

TUSKET.—On Tuesday, Oct. 14th, a procession might have been seen coming from the chapel, led by a banner of white silk and gold, to the hymn, "Onward, Christian soldiers." It was St. Stephen's Sunday School which had assembled at 2 o'clock in the little chapel all decorated with ferns and flowers, and had engaged in a short Choral Service, after which they proceeded to a beautiful and sheltered spot on the west side of the river, where different amusements were arranged for the children. After sunset their voices were heard again by a few who had remained behind to prepare them a comfortable tea indoors. Much praise is due to the ladies of the church who loaded the table with such a variety of good things, and to all concerned, who, we

trust, are working for the glory of God in caring for the lambs of His flock.

SACKVILLE.—The Rector of this parish has lately visited Windsor for the purpose of collecting funds for the completion of the new Parsonage. His appeal was very successful, and resulted in a subscription of forty dollars. In addition to this a subscription list was handed Mr. Ellis by Mr. Crisp, the senior student of King's College, on behalf of himself and his fellow students, for twenty one dollars. This latter graceful and considerate act speaks volumes for the Institution, and shows what kind of spirit our future clergymen and laymen possess.

DIGBY.—The Rev. John Ambrose, A. M., of this parish, was in Halifax last week. Mr. Ambrose, speaks encouragingly of his work, and while not yet provided with sufficient funds to complete his Church, he hopes with the kind assistance of friends in Halifax, and elsewhere, to make up the amount required before many months.

We have before mentioned that this Church will be one of the handsomest and best in the Province.

SEAFORTH.—The Rev. J. W. Norwood has been elected Rector of this Parish.

A TEA-MEETING recently held for the purpose of raising funds for St. George's Church at Chezzetcook Head, netted \$110, which amount will nearly complete the building.

HALIFAX.—The sailors of H. M. S. *Bellerophon*, with that warm-hearted generosity which ever characterizes the British far, wishing to contribute to the funds of some benevolent Institution, before leaving this station, which they are soon to do, have volunteered to give an Entertainment on Tuesday evening next, at the Academy of Music, on behalf of St. Andrew's Waterside Church Mission.

To show how well the Coffee Room of the Church of England Temperance Society is appreciated by those for whom it is intended, we learn that on Saturday last 150 persons got their meals there, consuming 12 gallons soup, 1½ bushel Potatoes, 25 loaves Bread, etc. The majority of these people would but for this place, either have done without anything but a cake or an apple to eat, or have found themselves in some place surrounded and tempted with intoxicants.

LOUISBURG, C. B.—A tea-meeting in aid of St. Bartholemew's Church, Louisburg, took place on Wednesday, 15th inst., when \$100 was realized.

HALIFAX.—The first public debate of the season of the Church of England Institute came off on Monday night last. The room was crowded. The subject, "In the history of nations, during the past century, has Peace or War been the greater promoter of National Greatness?" was ably discussed, and resulted largely in favor of War.

BAYFIELD.—*Holy Trinity Parish.*—The Clerical Secretary paid us a visit according to his announcement, being in this parish from the 3rd to 6th October inclusive. His whole time, while here, was profitably and fully occupied, having delivered three addresses, preached two sermons, and travelled about forty miles. His addresses on behalf of the B. H. M. were practical and able, and will doubtless produce good fruits, evidence of this having been afforded through the increased offertories on the occasion of his visit. The substance of his appeals may be summed up thus: When Christian churchmen are properly instructed in their duty of giving to God instead of to man, or even to the Church, (this being especially dwelt upon and made prominent), and when this giving is joined with the scriptural mode of giving, then will the

treasury of the Lord become full; then will our blessings, both spiritual and temporal, abound, because a gracious God has so promised it. "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse . . . and prove me now herewith . . . if I will not open the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." This was the impassioned appeal of the prophet of God to the Jews, at a period when they had robbed Him of His offerings; and in these words was the promise to them of all blessings when they should return to their allegiance and duty.—Christians may rest well assured that similarly only, on a return to first principles, of giving a proper proportion of their substance to God according to His own established law, we shall receive abundantly from Him of His blessings. If the Jew received the divine command to give tithes of all he possessed, so God plainly established the Christian principle of "laying up in store on the first day of the week," the means for the support of His Church, and as the latter is a free-will offering it must necessarily greatly exceed the Jewish tenth. Again, eminently practical and appropriate were the remarks of the Secretary with reference to the "hard times," and the lessons they were intended to convey. Why did God withdraw His temporal blessings from the Jews? Because of their apostasy and want of faithfulness. May not this be also true of our own times and of our own Church? A lesson was here drawn from the Secretary's own experience. The failure of the fisheries some years ago in the Isle of Man, caused great misery and distress. What did the people do? They implored God to turn away His displeasure, and, moreover, they brought the first fruits of their now returning industry as an offering to God, and the consequence was that He fully restored to them their former blessings. Is not the cry of hard times heard all round to-day? To what are these hard times attributable, and how are they to be turned away? Doubtless by our returning to faithfulness in duty to God and His Church. The lecturer repudiated his appearance as a beggar, and he vindicated God's ministers from the imputation of occupying such a position. His only desire was to lay before God's people, upon whom He had conferred, through Christ, *all things*, a plain duty, and now they must remember that whether they should hear or whether they should forbear, God's ambassador had spoken to them. There were many wolves in the world to destroy Christ's flock. There was infidelity, rationalism, atheism, materialism, all wolves, but the most destructive was the wolf of "Nothingarianism." In short, the claims of the B. H. M. were faithfully set forth, at the same time a high tribute of praise being paid the venerable S. P. G., because of its manifold gifts, in establishing missions co-extensive with the British possessions upon which the sun never sets, and for continuing yet to be the faithful mother of her own child in this Diocese, the B. H. M., formerly the D. C. S. Such were the truths, such the Scriptural arguments employed by the Rev. Secretary in this parish. He expressed his gratitude and thankfulness for being permitted to witness the efforts made in the parish for the furthering of the Church's work, and gladly gave us credit for our heartiness in the services of the sanctuary. Speaking of our contributions to the Society, the Secretary said that as the list for last year was received too late for insertion in the last Report, we should have a double list for next year. His promise to supply much needed Altar and Desk-Books for Antigonish has much cheered the little band of Churchmen there. "And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever," Daniel xii. 3.

NEWPORT.—*Cogmegun.*—When returning from a five days' missionary tour

to Walton the Rev. Mr. How was presented with a "donation," (i. e., a voluntary offering over and above the amount subscribed towards salary, from the parishioners at Cogmegun. The amount raised was \$8.33 in cash, and some \$7.50 worth of farm produce, oats, potatoes, etc., etc.

DIOCESE OF NEWFOUNDLAND.

His Excellency the Governor in Council has been pleased to appoint Rev. F. R. Murray, to be a member of the Church of England Board of Education for Trinity Bay West, in room of Rev. G. Gardner, left the country.

CLERICAL MEETING AT PORT-DE-GREVE.

The Quarterly Meeting of the clergy of the Rural Deanery of Conception Bay and the neighbouring missions was held at Port-de-Greve on the third Tuesday and Wednesday of Oct. The Evening Session was opened with prayer from the Office appointed for such occasions. The following clergy were recorded as present: Revs. J. Godden, R. H. Taylor, J. M. Noel, A. C. J. Warren, C. Ellingham, A. C. Waghorne, C. Baker, D. V. Gwilym, and the Rev. J. C. Harvey, Rural Dean.

There were several matters of importance amongst the unfinished business of last session on which discussion took place, and the scheme for Missionary meetings and deputations in the Fall of the year was finally adopted.

On Wednesday morning at 9.15, a "quiet hour" was spent by the clergy in devotional reading and comment on 1 Timothy iii. 1—13, in comparison with the Greek, as a prelude to the Morning Service and as a reminder of the duties and dignity of that office and work to which they as God's Ministers have devoted themselves.

At 10.30, one of those interesting and hearty services was held in the Church, which never fail to make a deep impression on the memory and stir the heart of every loyal churchman. Nothing could be more pleasing than to witness the very large and devout congregation assembled in the spacious Church. It is a recurring testimony that, week-day or Sunday, the religious feelings of our people readily respond to the call for prayer. Many, of course, were away at their arduous duties on the coast of Labrador, but the numerous sprinkling of men throughout the congregation was quite noticeable. The clergy having robed in the vestry and formed in procession, entered the Church at the west end and sang the 418th hymn, "Onward, Christian Soldiers," as they passed up the centre of the building, both choir and congregation taking up the strain with good spirit. Prayers were said by Mr. Taylor, the Litany by Mr. Warren, and the Lessons were read by the Deacons. Mr. Godden took the Communion Office; Mr. Waghorne being the Epistoler and Mr. Noel the Gospeller. Mr. Ellingham who had been appointed the preacher delivered a sound and practical sermon from St. John vii. 37, 38. The administration of the Holy Sacrament was then proceeded with, the Rural Dean being the celebrant, when about 130 remained to partake of the Bread of Life.

Many and hearty have been the expressions of pleasure and satisfaction of those who were present. It was felt to be one of those impressive and orderly services which are such a comfort and strength to those who value them, and which are reckoned as the stability and glory of the Church of England.—*Communicated.*

PERSONALS.—The address of the Rev. E. H. M. Baker is *Mill Point, Ont.*, not *Tyendinaga*.

REV. R. Richardson has returned to the Rectory, Chambly Canton, Quebec. For the past fortnight he has been in the Upper Ottawa District with Rev. John Rollet, Greenville, Quebec, as Deputation, appointed by Bishop Bond, of the Diocese of Montreal.