

S. S. was held last Friday. The pupils, together with a number of the parishioners were taken by train about twelve miles from town, where they spent a most enjoyable day, returning at six o'clock perfectly delighted with their outing.

Rev. H. H. Pitman, has entered upon his duties as Curate in charge of the adjacent *Missions of Macan and River Phillip*. The Fancy sale and tea held by the ladies of "Christ Church" congregation, in August, in aid of the Church fund, passed off quite satisfactorily. Rev. H. H. Pitman will take the duties of the Parish during the absence of the Vicar at the Provincial Synod.

The next meeting of the Amherst Chapter of this Deanery will be held Wednesday, Oct. 9th, at River John. First service on Tuesday evening. Important business in connection with B.H.M. will be brought forward.

New Ross.—The tenth annual picnic was held in the Rectory grounds at New Ross, on Thursday, Sept. 5th. The weather was everything that could be desired, and must have cheered the faithful men and women, who for some time past had been making extensive preparations.

Early on Thursday, parties from a distance began to arrive, and this continued until quite a goodly number were present. At two o'clock Evensong was sung in the Church, after which the Rector, the Rev. E. T. Woollard, gave a brief address on the duty of doing all to the glory of God. After the Evensong a procession was formed, and the Sunday School children to the number of nearly 100, decorated with their badges and banners flying, marched to the Rectory grounds, Miss Groser supplying the music. The children were then entertained at a well-stocked table with eatables and drinkables, after which they indulged in various games until dusk. It will be remembered that in April last, this parish was deprived of a very godly Priest, in the person of the Rev. W. H. Groser. It was his wish to hand the Parish over to his successors free of debt, with a Church in good condition and beautifully painted. The wish respecting the Church was realized, but a slight debt remained. He having completed his earthly mission was called to his rest, and sincerely do we say rest in peace, the debt, however, is now removed and the parish is absolutely free from encumbrance. This is due principally to the noble efforts of the women who worked very hard. The amount clear of all expenses was \$182.00, a grand result from a grand effort. Two small churches are now needed in the Parish, and as we are all too poor, the Rector would be grateful for any outside help.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

The Lord Bishop has lately made his primary visitation of this Island. The first parish visited by his Lordship was Kensington, where he was accompanied by Ven. Archdeacon Jones, who read the lessons, the Rector, Rev. T. B. Reagh, saying Evensong. The Bishop preached, and after the service inspected the church fabric, with which he expressed himself pleased. An infant daughter of the incumbent was baptized by the Bishop.

St. Eleanor's was visited the following day, when the Bishop celebrated Holy Communion and preached. His Lordship attended Evensong in Summerside that evening, and visited Alberton next day, where he preached at Evensong. At Port Hill, on the following day, the Bishop read the Lessons at Matins, said the Litany and preached during the celebration of Holy Communion.

At Crapaud the Bishop was again joined by the Archdeacon, and found the affairs of the parish in quite as good a condition as he had done those of the others visited during the preceding days.

The Rector of Georgetown Rev. Fred. E. J. Lloyd, who resides at Charlottetown, accompanied the Bishop in his visitation of that parish, where his Lordship found matters, material and financial, very satisfactory. Driving thence to Cherry Valley, the Bishop preached at Evensong and afterwards held his visitation.

Milton was next visited, and finally St. Paul's and St. Peter's, Charlottetown. At the former church the vestry was congratulated upon having provided the new rectory for the Rector and a hope was expressed that a new church would soon follow. At St. Peter's the Bishop inspected the Hodgson Memorial Chapel and drove to the graveyard, a mile distant from the city. The schoolrooms and the new class room were also visited, and the registers, account books, vessels, ornaments and vestments examined. The Bishop ended the entry regarding his visitation written in the register with the following words: "On every hand I see evidence that the people value and love their Church, the House of God and the offices thereof—may God remember them for this."

During his stay in Charlottetown the Bishop was the guest of Archdeacon Jones, who was installed as Archdeacon in St. Peter's Cathedral Church on 23rd August. The Bishop preached twice in each church. A meeting of all the clergy was held at the close of the Bishop's visitation for the purpose of discussing matters tending towards improving the condition of the various affairs of this part of the Diocese.

The Rev. W. A. Crawford Frost, formerly assistant at St. Paul's, Charlottetown, now Rector of New Glasgow, married at the former church, on the 28th August, Constance, daughter of John Ings, Esq., of that parish.

Rev. James Dixon, Secretary General of the C.R.S., visited Charlottetown, during the first week of September, where he was the guest of Edward Hodgson, Esq. Mr. Dixon held a meeting of members of and those interested in the Society, in St. Peter's Schoolroom, on Friday, 6th inst., where he gave a most interesting address explanatory of the working of the Society.

We regret to report the illness of the Venerable Archdeacon, which, however, we trust will be of short duration.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

The regular quarterly meeting of the Deanery of Woodstock was held at the little village of Edmundston, on the 3rd and 4th inst. This is the first time that the Deanery has met here, and both clergy and people will look forward with delight to the time when it will meet here again. That the people appreciate the church was evidenced by the large congregations, especially that on Wednesday morning at the eight o'clock celebration, when twenty four joined in the Holy Communion. Roman influence predominates, but none of the "Protestant" sects have any foothold and Edmundston having any indication of growth and advancement, the future outlook of the Church is encouraging.

At the Missionary meeting held Wednesday evening, appropriate addresses were given by the Rev. Canon Neales, R. D., Leo. A. Hoyt, and G. E. Flewelling. The Deanery had the pleasure of welcoming for the first time the Rev. Mr. Hopkins, the new Missionary at London. The next meeting will be held in his parish on Dec. 3rd and 4th.

BATHURST.—The Coadjutor Bishop of Fredericton visited this parish on the 3rd and 4th inst., and administered the Rite of Confirmation to sixty-six candidates. Canon Forsyth, of Chatham, was also present. The Rector of the parish is indebted to the ladies who so kindly assisted him in the entertainment of his visitors during their stay at the Clergy house. The church was neatly decorated, the altar showing especial care. The addresses delivered by his Lordship were thorough and convincing arguments upon sacramental ordinance of Confirm-

ation, and were of much edification to all. Would that we could oftener listen to such learned and eloquent instructions! After the benediction, the *Te Deum* was sung as an act of Thanksgiving, the Bishops, and his Acolytes—the latter in scarlet cassocks and albs—standing in the centre, with the clergy on either hand, and choir facing eastward. After this, John E. O'Brien, Esq., advanced to the chancel steps, and read and presented, on behalf of the corporation and congregation, an address tendering a hearty and respectful welcome to His Lordship on this his first official visit to the parish, well knowing as they did the learning, zeal for the Church, self-denial and kindness of heart which had made his Lordship to be deeply respected and beloved by the clergy and Laity of the Diocese; and assuring him of a welcome in the same glad spirit of homage and affection with which they had always greeted their beloved Diocesan the Metropolitan of Canada. They testified their allegiance and loyalty to the faith of their Fathers, the Faith of the Church of England, and their determination to uphold Her doctrine and discipline, and carry out, in every way, the Sacred Mission she puts into their hands to propagate for the good of souls.

The address was signed by Richard Hinton, and William Good, on behalf of the congregation.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

The following letter appears in a late number of the *English Churchman and St. James' Chronicle*. We wonder if the Bishop of the Diocese endorses appeals for aid on the grounds set forth:—

Trinity.—Sir,—Would you kindly allow me to make known through your columns the cause of Trinity Church, in the city of Quebec, Canada.

Your readers may not all be aware of the extent of the power and prestige of the Church of Rome in that city. The population of the Province of Quebec is overwhelmingly Roman Catholic, and in the city not one-tenth of the people are Protestant. The Provincial Parliament at Quebec is ruled by the Cardinal there, and seems only nominally subject to the Queen. The Church of Rome is the State Church of the Province. Her priests levy taxes at will, and can enforce their claims by the law of the land. Consequently, that Church is enormously wealthy and the people proportionately impoverished. As proof of the control exercised over the law-makers of Canada by Rome, the passage of the iniquitous Jesuits' Estates Act may be mentioned. By this measure £80,000 has been placed at the disposal of the Pope as so called compensation for the possession by the Government of lands formerly belonging to the Jesuits. This sum is to be paid "out of any public money" in the hands of the Government.

In the city of Quebec the handful of true Protestants are struggling hard against terrible odds. There are six congregations in connection with the Church of England, but all, with the exception of one, are more or less Ritualistic.

Trinity Church is pledged to the Reformation Settlement, and sturdily maintains that position. Isolated from sympathising friends, opposed by both Romanism and Ritualism, our position is most difficult. We are fighting single-handed the battle of Protestantism in the chief stronghold of the enemy.

But our main difficulty is a debt resting on the church building, and which is pressing us for payment. The congregation has raised more than half of the purchase price of the building, and now looks to Evangelical friends in England for assistance. We need £1,000 to clear us.

As Rector of Trinity Church, I have come to England for the purpose of making