

tion here had dwindled down to a very small band of Churchmen, who were almost disheartened, so few necessarily had been the services and visits of their clergyman. But now began a new era in their lives. A resident minister, more frequent and regular services, constant intercourse with a spiritual adviser, all began to be felt in the community, so that now we have a good attendance at the ordinary services, and what speaks volumes a steadily increasing list of communicants.

The church has lately been improved by the addition of a tower (for which a bell is being purchased) and spire, surmounted by a beautiful Latin cross, and the whole church painted in shades of stone. The chancel has been carpeted, and the altar has received a very pretty cloth, the work of lady friends in Parrsboro village. The church yard has been properly laid out and fenced.

The whole cost of these various improvements amount to about \$500. The congregation now contribute \$300 per annum towards the curates salary. These figures go to show as much as anything else the awakening interest of this people in Church matters, since before the curate came to live amongst them \$25 per annum would be the average sum contributed for Church purposes.

The curate and his charge had their hearts gladdened and hands strengthened on Thursday evening, 23rd inst., by a visit from a number of the clergy of Amherst Deanery, which was holding a Chapter meeting at the Parish Church, Parrsboro, of which you have a notice.

PARRSBORO.—Amherst Deanery Meeting.—

The Chapter meet on the Feast of St. Matthew. The following members were present:—Rural Dean Rev. D. C. Moore; the Secretary, Rev. J. A. Kaulbach; and the Revs. Dr. Bowman, J. R. I. Parkinson, V. E. Harris, M. C. Wade, W. C. Wilson, C. E. McKenzie, J. C. Cox; and the travelling missionary, R. T. Hudgell. The Chapter sympathized with Rev. J. L. Downing, who was detained by filial duty at the bedside of his dying mother. On Tuesday evening Evensong was said, in which the Revs. Harris, Hudgell, Kaulbach and Wilson took part, and the sermon was preached by Rural Dean Moore from the text, "Go and do thou likewise." The first part of the sermon was a severely practical exposition, and the latter part a masterly patriotic exegesis of the complete parable, in fact a first rate model for the younger members of the Chapter. On Wednesday morning Matins was said and Holy Communion celebrated by the Rural Dean. The sermon was preached by Rev. J. A. Kaulbach on "Christ our High Priest." The sermon was listened to with deep interest. It was severely theological and lovingly and practically Gospel tidings to all who would be saved to the uttermost. The chaste polished diction of the preacher befitted the dignity of the subject. The offertory was for Algoma. On Wednesday evening shortened Evensong was said by Dr. Bowman and Mr. Wade, and was followed by a highly successful Missionary meeting, which continued with increasing interest until ten o'clock. Revs. Wilson and McKenzie spoke on Foreign Missions; Revs. Harris and Parkinson on Domestic Missions; Revs. Kaulbach and Cox on Home Missions; and the travelling missionary and the Rural Dean on the missionary work in the deanery. The addresses were particularly stirring and appropriate, and the attention of the large number present was held to the end. The offertory was for the travelling missionary.

On Wednesday afternoon the Chapter met at the Rectory, and after the singing of the Veni Creator and Prayers a hearty welcome was extended by the chapter to the new members. Revs. W. C. Wilson and R. T. Hudgell. It was with evident pleasure that the chapter saw Rev. Mr. McKenzie present, who had come to pay his parting respects and receive his demission. The rev. gentleman is soon to take charge of

the important parish at Alberton, P.E.I., and his genial presence and affectionate bearing will be greatly missed from this deanery. The travelling Missionary then presented the report of his work during the past quarter, and all rejoiced that our dear old Church service was being carried to camp and wigwam, hut and cabin. Mr. Hudgell's work is an immense power to the Church in this section of Nova Scotia, and the more it is known and understood by the parishes of the Deanery, in fact by the whole Diocese, the more its necessity will draw forth liberal and prompt offerings for its furtherance. The office for the baptism of adults was then discussed, and also other questions concerning the coming centenary in Halifax and the movement for unity. The members of the Chapter felt grateful to the Rural Dean for his kindly forethought in bringing down from the Provincial Synod returns and pamphlets of interest and distributing them. On Thursday morning shortened Matins was said by Revs. J. A. Kaulbach and Dr. Bowman, and another masterly sermon was preached by the Rural Dean from the words: "Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." The offertory was for the Superannuation Fund. The Church at these various services was beautifully decorated with potted plants and cut flowers, the work of the young ladies of the congregation. In the evening the members separated, some to carry on a Missionary meeting at Port Greville, and some to take part in the Special services which were started at Springhill, accounts of which will appear in the CHURCH GUARDIAN. The description would be incomplete if the members failed to acknowledge the kind full-hearted hospitality of Parrsboro' people—a pleasure no less great than that of meeting the brethren.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

CHARLOTTETOWN.—St. Peter's.—The Rev. S. C. Smyth, who has been in charge of this Church for nearly a year, left for his home in Jamaica, via Montreal and New York, on Monday, 6th ult. During his ministrations Mr. Smyth did good service to the Church; the number of members has increased, and forty-one candidates were presented at the last Confirmation. Rev. Richard Harrison, of St. Matthias', Toronto, succeeds Mr. Smyth as priest in charge.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

MONCTON.—The priest in charge of this parish, the Rev. Alfred J. Reid, preached his farewell sermon in St. George's Church on the evening of Sunday, the 26th ult., to a large congregation.

He now goes to St. John to take duty for Canon DeVeber at St. Paul's (valley) church for a month's time. Mr. Reid's departure is greatly regretted by many of the warm friends whom he had made during his residence of eighteen months—and the choir-boys showed their appreciation of his interest in them by presenting to him a handsome dressing case, suitable for travelling with, on the evening of the 30th inst., when they had assembled to bid him farewell in the school-house.

The chorister choir of this church had its ranks broken for the first time by death during this week, when Alonzo Milliken, aged twelve years, passed away, to join "the choir immortal." As one of the earliest members of the choir at its formation he will be greatly missed from it, as he was faithful and obedient, a pattern by his quiet demeanour in the services, and one who served with a voice sweet and tuneful.

The choir, twenty-eight in number, was present at the services in the church on Wednesday, the 29th inst., and sang the hymns "Thy Will be Done" and "Jesus Lives!" hymns A. and M. At the grace they sang "Brief Life is Here our Portion," and "The Strife is o'er." The service was deeply impressive, and the choir-boys were greatly affected.

HILLSBORO.—The church people here have decided to erect here a church—the nave of which will be 30x25 feet. All success to their efforts.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

DANVILLE.—A very successful Harvest Festival was held in St. Augustine's Church, Danville, on Tuesday, the 21st. The Church was tastefully decorated with grain, vegetables, fruit, flowers, &c., and presented to the eye of the worshippers a view of God's good gifts, well calculated to inspire thankfulness in the heart. A large congregation assembled and joined heartily in a well rendered service. The singing was especially good. The choir, under the leadership of Miss Thompson and Miss Devoy, organist, did their part nobly.

A very striking and appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Fyles, of Lewis, which without doubt will long be remembered. After the service, the congregation adjourned to the Town hall to spend the rest of the afternoon in social intercourse, and enjoy a well prepared tea given by the ladies of the congregation.

In the evening a concert was held, during which the audience was entertained with choruses, readings, pianoforte, solos and addresses. It would be hard to select the names of any of the performers as being especially worthy of mention, for all performed their part in a highly creditable manner. So that our first Harvest Festival in Danville was a success and will we know do good.

QUEBEC.—The Rev. Charles Trotman, who has held the appointment of assistant priest at the Cathedral, Quebec, during the past eight months, has signified his intention to resign at an early date. We have not heard who is likely to succeed the reverend gentleman in this important position.

GASPE.—The Rev. J. Eames, whose marriage was announced in a recent issue of the CHURCH GUARDIAN, has returned with his bride to his Mission in the Rural Deanery of Gaspé.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

ELMVALE.—The Lord Bishop of the Diocese visited this mission on Friday, September 24th, to administer the right of confirmation. Thirty-five candidates were presented, thirteen male and twenty-two female. The service was held both at Wycliffe Church, Elmvalle, and at St. John's, Waverley; those from Allenwood and Wyevalle coming to one or other of these places. Crowded congregations greeted the Bishop at both churches, and his earnest, faithful words made a deep impression. Evidence was given this day both of the growth of true religion and of the progress that the Church of England is making in the country districts. It was a day that will prove a lasting blessing to the whole mission.—Orillia Packet.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

MONTREAL.—During the past week the working missions in connection specially with the Zenanas of India has received assistance through the increased interest accruing from the addresses of Mrs. Greaves—the widow of a Missionary—who herself has taken part in the work for many years. Mrs. Greaves addressed meetings in Trinity, St. George's, The Cathedral and St. James' parishes. She tells her story in a simple and most interesting manner, and brings vividly before her hearers the unfortunate condition of the women of India, and explains the noble work being done by the Society in its several departments:—(a) among the women; (b) in the teaching of the children, &c.; (c) in the medical mission. The work as explained most touchingly by Mrs. Greaves, is one which ought to secure for itself the friendly support of Church women everywhere.