

The Chapter determined to hold their next meeting in February next, and probably on the 2nd or 3rd of that month; and at Picou, should that parish, which is now vacant, be then supplied with a clergyman.

J. A. KAULBACH, *Secretary.*

RURAL DEANERY OF ST. GEORGE.

The fifth meeting of the Chapter of the above Rural Deanery was held at Bayfield, in the Parish of Holy Trinity, Antigonishe, on Wednesday, Oct. 21st; present, the Revd. H. H. Hamilton, R. D., the Revd. W. E. Gelling, the Revd. J. P. Sargent, the Revd. E. H. Ball, the Revd. C. Burns.

There was Evening Prayer, with sermon, by the Revd. E. H. Ball, in Christ Church, Tracadie, on Tuesday, 20th. Morning prayer, with sermon and celebration of Holy Communion in St. Mary's, Bayfield, on Wednesday 21st, and Thursday 22nd; also Evening Service on Wednesday in St. Mary's. The Revd. W. E. Gelling was select preacher.

All the services were well attended; the number of communicants, 24. The laity took a lively interest in this, the first meeting of the Rural Deanery in Bayfield, and extended to the clergy an unbounded hospitality.

The clergy, in the special meeting of the Chapter, found much benefit from having definite subjects (Scriptural and otherwise) appointed for their consideration.

The next meeting will be in Guysboro', on Jan'y 19th 1869. Scripture subject—Heb. vi. 4-6. Practical question—What are the best means for gathering and preparing candidates for Confirmation in our scattered missions?

There will be a Missionary Meeting, in connection with the D. C. S., on Tuesday evening, Jan'y. 18th, 1869, in the Town Hall, Guysboro'. The clergy are requested to attend, without further notice.

JOS. SARGENT, *Secretary.*

LUNENBURG RURAL DEANERY.

A meeting of the above Deanery was held at Lunenburg on 31st October. On Tuesday evening, service was held in St. John's Church, when the Rev. H. Spike presided, from 1 Cor. ix. 11. on the reciprocal duties of pastors and people.

The following day, after Morning Prayer and Litany, the Holy Communion was celebrated by the Rural Dean. The sermon, by the Rev. D. C. Moore, from 1 Cor. ii. 20, pointed out that not a selfish hope of reward nor craven fear of punishment, either in this world or the next, is the true motive to holiness of life; but that we must ever bear in mind our redemption through the Precious Blood of Christ, and make that the ground of our hope and the spring of our exertions.

In the afternoon, the Chapter met at the Rectory. Papers on the authority conveyed to Ministers at their ordination by the words, "Whose sins thou dost forgive, they are forgiven, and whose sins thou dost retain, they are retained."—A long and interesting discussion followed, in which the subject was freely considered.

In the evening, service was again held, and the Rev. H. Stamer preached, from Genesis i. 27. The state in which God had first placed man, and the means appointed for his recovery from the state in which he had placed himself, were plainly and forcibly pointed out.