

larly touching. Matins was said by Rev. J. A. Kaulbach, and Evensong by the Rural Dean, after which he spoke on behalf of the Board of Home Missions, stating the dire need there is of enlarging the funds, having just come from the monthly meeting of the Board; he was aware that \$1,100 was the amount of arrears, and urged the parish to become self-supporting as soon as possible; stating his conviction that if the true system of "tithe of income" were adopted by every Christian, begging would be needless, and in this Diocese all would be done that is wanted; yes, even the Cathedral built without outside aid. He asked them to remember God's answer to the question, "Wherein have we robbed Thee," "In tithe and offering."

Rev. J. R. S. Parkinson then went into the history, meaning and uses of the Book of Common Prayer. Reading has made him "a full man," and nature has made him enthusiastic, so that your readers may be sure his address was a treat. It spread from the Liturgy of St. John to the Lambeth Conference of 1888. Rev. J. A. Kaulbach concluded in a winning address, which was complement of the two preceding—one startling assertion of the Rural Dean be supplied—that besides the \$1,100 arrears \$1,000 more is wanted for this three months.

The offertory, as usual, was for Algoma. The Church is in nice order and does credit to all concerned. The responses were grandly given by all, and the singing was excellent, Mr. Brown taking the organ. The business meeting was held in the afternoon at the Rectory.

An address of "Welcome Home from Lambeth" was voted and prepared for presentation to the Bishop the next day; but alas the Bishop came not; his arrangements had to be altered, and so his Confirmations in Maitland parish came off on Sunday; all the better for the Maitland people, but depriving the Chapter of his presence and paternal advice. A good deal of business was done, some with regard to our Deanery Depository at Truro for S.P.C.K.: some with regard to the colors used at different seasons of the Christian year; it being decided to recommend in the Deanery the Sarum use rather than the Western; but the most important was the taking up the report to Diocesan Synod on Sunday-schools, and recommending earnestly for use the Bishop Doane series of four books, graded; together the Broken Catechism of S.P.C.K., and "Church Teaching for Little Ones,"—a small two-cent publication from Milwaukee. It is thought that with careful grading, and a Teacher's class each week—Sunday-schools by means of these publications will become what they ought to be, more useful in training the young for their duties as members of the Body of Christ.

The hospitality of the meeting, Mr. Church warden Murphy, Mrs. Stewart, Mr. Drillis and the family of our lamented friend, Hon. A. M. Cochran, is most gratefully acknowledged by all who enjoyed it, and we regret that the number was not larger. The next meeting, with approval of the Rector, will be at Pictou on January 24th.

PETITE RIVIERE.—The annual Harvest Thanksgiving service was held in the parish church, St. Michael's, on St. Luke's Day. In spite of the inclemency of the weather there was a good congregation. The church was neatly decorated with choice flowers, fruits and grain. Across the chancel arch two suitable texts were stretched. The uppermost one bore the words, "He giveth food to all flesh." The lower one bore the words, "Offer unto God Thanksgiving." The singing by the choir was excellent, which consisted of suitable hymns and an anthem, "Fear not O land."

The church is as yet without proper pews; but the first week of the coming year is to be spent in pewing the church, for which provision is already made. A neat new fence is to be put up next week in the front of the sacred building, running from the main road in cres-

cent shape till it meets the church, thus leaving the front and main entrance open to the street. The space in front will be gravelled, and ornamental trees are to be planted there in the spring. This will add much to the appearance of both church and graveyard, both of which are in perfect repair. The Sunday-school, with those in four of the out-stations, have been well attended during the past summer. The little church on LaHave Islands is having a fence erected around it. The new church at New Italy is completed outside, and the church people there are now providing material for the interior. St. Alban's, Volger's Cove is to have a new organ shortly, for which a subscription list is out, doing good work. The work and interest in the Church is going upwards, together we may hope, with the hearts and desires of the church people, who show no backward tendency in those things which tend to their spiritual growth and life.

PARSBORO—Upon the first Sunday of his rectorship, Rev. S. Gibbons, on behalf of a lady who desires to remain unknown, presented upon the altar, with the oblations and other offertory, three beautiful hangings; one for prayer-desk, one for lectern, and one for pulpit.

At a late meeting of the Halifax branch of the Church of England Sunday School Institute, "the president alluded in no measured terms to the system of "bribery and corruption" so prevalent in Sunday schools, whereby by means of offering expensive prizes, etc., some schools tried to draw away scholars from other schools less able financially to compete in this respect, and also of the great annoyance experienced by parents from those who continually and persistently endeavored to draw children away from the Sunday schools of their own Church to attend the schools in connection with other bodies of Christians. This he rightly characterized as "an attempt at open robbery." The officers of this branch of the Institute for the ensuing year are:—President, Canon Partridge; secretary, Rev. C. W. McCully; treasurer, W. H. Wiswell; lay vice-presidents, D. H. Whiston, Thomas Brown.

YARMOUTH—On the 17th inst the Rev. H. L. A. Almon, Rector of Trinity Church, was married to Miss Eliza M. Gray. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Foster Almon, of Halifax, father of the groom, assisted by Rev. J. Harrison, of Tusket and Milton. The church was prettily decorated with flowers and plants, an arch of which spanned the entrance to the chancel. The bridesmaids were Miss Mary Gray, sister of the bride; and Miss Florence M. Baker, daughter of Hon. L. E. Baker. The ushers were Messrs Wm. D. Ross and Stephen D. Moses. The bride, was elegantly dressed in white, her assistants also wearing white. The service, which was largely choral, was admirably rendered by the choir of the church, assisted by a number of prominent members of other choirs. The wedding chorus from Gaul's cantata to Ruth was finely executed at the conclusion of the service. R. P. Strand, the accomplished organist, also played several charming selections suitable for such an occasion. The happy couple and guests repaired to the residence of the bride's mother, where they were entertained at breakfast. They were the recipients of many appropriate and valuable gifts, among them a purse of gold from the ladies and gentlemen of Trinity church.

BISHOP COURTNEY went down the coal mine at the Reserve and enjoyed the experience of cutting some of the fuel himself. He was presented with a handsome little pick, made by the company's blacksmith at the mines, as a memento of the occasion. It was not stated whether his Lordship's boots were chalked on his subterranean expedition or not—*Sydney Island Reporter*.

HANTSPOOT—On Wednesday the 24th inst. the Lord Bishop laid the corner stone of the new church here. A tea meeting and fancy sale was held during the day.

CAPE BRETON.

Bishop Courtney's visitation to Cape Breton (continued):—

On Sunday morning Oct. 7th His Lordship held a Confirmation service in St. George's Church when, twenty-one persons were confirmed and afterwards administered the Holy Communion. His address to the candidates for confirmation was a very earnest one and most impressive.

After holding divine service in the afternoon at Coxheath, where he preached to a well filled church, the Bishop preached in the evening at St. George's Church. Never had been the church so filled on such an occasion and seldom, if ever, had a Sydney congregation listened to a more eloquent and powerful sermon. The text taken was from St. Mark iv. v. 26 28. The sermon dealt with the "indifference of God to the Church of God."—an indifference only apparent and not real as was the indifference of a farmer to his field, after he had ploughed, harrowed and sown it and left it to take care of itself until the corn was ripe for the sickle.

On Monday morning, Oct. 8th under very unfavorable auspices as regards weather, his Lordship consecrated that portion of the Hardwood Hill cemetery which had been set apart for a Church of England burying ground. In the afternoon there was confirmation at the North West Arm of candidates from that district and from Coxheath, and in the evening the Rev. D. Smith gave clergymen and others an opportunity of making the Bishop's closer acquaintance by holding a reception at the Rectory.

On Tuesday his Lordship went down to North Sydney where a reception was accorded him in the Mason's Hall, after which he proceeded to Sydney Mines where a confirmation was held the same evening. Yesterday (Wednesday) evening his Lordship held a confirmation service at North Sydney. The "May Queen" made a special trip at 6.30 and a large party from here took advantage of this to go down and again listen to him.

On Thursday his Lordship proceeded to Little Glace Bay visiting the Reserve Mines en route for the purpose of comparing a Cape Breton mine with those he has visited in the old country. Confirmation services will be held at Glace Bay this evening, at South Head Friday morning, and Cow Bay Friday evening. On Sunday his Lordship will be in Louisburg.

The *Advocate* says:—"We sincerely re-echo the wish expressed in the address from the Rural Deanery that nothing will "hinder us from receiving much more frequently than heretofore the pleasure and the profit of an Episcopal visitation," and to this we feel convinced a large majority of the inhabitants of Sydney, with last Sunday's sermon still ringing in their ears will emphatically say "Amen."

COW BAY—St. Paul's.—On the evening of 11th inst, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, accompanied by Rev. Rural Dean Smith and B. D. Bambrick, paid his first visit to this Parish for the purpose of confirmation. At 7.30 shortened evensong was said by the Rector Rev. W. J. Lockyer, at St. Mary's, Little Glace Bay after which eleven candidates, seven males and four females, were presented for the sacrament.

As six of the candidates were men the Bishop in his most impressive manner, spoke to them particularly about the temptations to doubt the person and revelation of God, and pleaded with them to be careful and prayerful Bible readers. Although the addresses in all the churches were specially intended for the new