

Churches Fund. Subscriptions, in England, are collected by this lady, and the Rev. George Ditcham, Sapperton, will be glad of local help.

ALDERGROVE.—Aldergrove enjoyed its first Harvest Festival on Sunday, Sept. 23rd. There were seven communicants at the 9.30 a.m. service and two non-communicants. This was followed by Matins and sermon at which there was a good congregation, the harvest hymns with Old hundredth, being well sung, without any instrumental accompaniment. A small organ would be a very acceptable present to this congregation. Prayer-books and Hymn-books are also required. One book of either kind is asked for from anybody who may have one to spare, to be sent by post to Rev. George Ditcham, New Westminster. Aldergrove is a difficult place to get at without a horse, and the expense of horse hire would run away with more than the collections. Twenty-three miles over the Yale wagon road, in six hours, comes rather fatiguing after services, even in dry weather, but in winter time when the road is bad, the walk is killing.

MAPLE RIDGE.—The people turned out well on Friday evening, Sept. 21st, to hear a lecture by the Rev. Geo. Ditcham, on the Sandwich Islands. All were pleased with the lecture.

HOT SPRINGS.—A lot in the new town-site, at Harrison River, Hot Springs, has been generously given by the Company for the erection of a Church for the residents and frequenters of that health restoring place. As a great many of the visitors hitherto were Church people, subscriptions to this end should be general throughout the diocese and Victoria. An appeal will shortly be made for money, as soon as the Bishop comes back. A scheme, needing His Lordship's sanction, has been sketched out, by which it is hoped that any of the clergy needing rest can take duty at the Springs.

AGASSIZ.—Agassiz is moving in the direction of a Church, to be built adjoining the Canadian Experimental Farm and money is coming in.

CHILLIWACK.—The parish of St. Thomas' held their Harvest festival on Sept. 23rd. The Rev. C. Scholefield, of Holy Trinity, preached the Harvest thanksgiving service.

NEW WESTMINSTER.—*Holy Trinity*—The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity, Oct. 14th, was appointed for the Harvest Thanksgiving service in this Church. The Rev. Philip Woods, son of the rector, has arrived home from England, on a visit, and will remain in B.C. during the coming winter. We learn that the ladies of this congregation have decided to hold a bazaar and concert in aid of the Bell Tower fund, during the second week in November.

CAPE BRETON.

BADDECK.—His Lordship Bishop Courtney arrived here by the S. S. "Marion" on Saturday night, September 29th. He was met at the wharf by the Rev. S. Davies, Judge Iremaine, and Mr. Freeman.

On Sunday morning there was an early celebration of the Holy Communion at 8 a.m., in St. Peter's Church. The altar was adorned by a white frontal with a deep crimson super frontal. The re-table also was covered with white, while on it was placed four vases filled with white and scarlet flowers, a cross standing in the centre adorned with the same coloured flowers but white; at the north and south end of the altar were a number of flowers in pots. The Bishop acted as celebrant, and the Missionary acted as Deacon.

At 11 a.m., Confirmation was held during which time the Church was truly crowded.

Rev. S. Davies read the morning service, and the Bishop read the lessons of the day. Matins over His Lordship advanced to the chancel steps and invited the congregation to join with him a few moments in silent prayer for the candidates about to be confirmed. There were five candidates presented in the usual manner. The service was hearty and the address to the candidates which was clear and to the point, was listened to by the large congregation with keen attention. Evening prayer was said in St. Peter's at 7 p.m., when again the Church was crowded. The prayers were read by Rev. S. Davies, and the Bishop read the lessons and preached an eloquent and powerful sermon, which was listened to with deep interest.

On Monday morning early His Lordship and the Missionary started on a long journey of 74 miles for Neils Harbor; the roads being rough making it with the rain which for the most part of the day poured down in cold and drenching showers driven by the strong wind which was then blowing an unpleasant trip. By the time Smoky was reached the day was far spent, the wind also was blowing hard; it was therefore determined to put up on the western side of the mountain at Mr. Neil McLeod's for the night. Next morning another start was made and after a struggle with bad roads, broken bridges, and treacherous logs Neils Harbour was reached, doubtless with a feeling of relief and thankfulness. After hurriedly partaking of some refreshment the Bishop and Missionary walked to St. Andrews' for evensong at 7 p.m. Here again the Church was full to overflowing and nicely decorated with flowers. In all there were twenty-one candidates presented severally to the Bishop for the Apostolic rite of Confirmation. The service here was heartily entered into, the responses were especially good, and the affectionate address was listened to with much attention.

Immediately after the service Mr. David Maloney and Miss Carrie Young was married by the Rev. S. Davies, so that it was about 10 p.m., when the Bishop got back to the Mission House.

Wednesday morning, again an early start was made, the same roads had to be traversed, the same miseries to be endured as on Tuesday with one exception, that in the afternoon they were enhanced by the rain which poured down heavily until about 9 o'clock that night; which with the high winds and thick darkness made the position, when Englishtown ferry was reached, anything but enviable.

After the wind lowered the ferry was crossed; the Bishop and the Missionary proceeded to the residence of Mr. Bingham, who with Mrs. Bingham, kindly welcomed the benighted travellers.

Thursday, being fine, was thankfully hailed. On this day an early start was not made, so that Baddeck was not reached until the afternoon. At 5 p.m., His Lordship baptized Elizabeth Jane, the Missionary's little daughter. His Lordship left Baddeck that night by the S. S. "Marion," taking with him a strong impression of the work in this rough and isolated Mission.

It is to be hoped that this Mission will soon be divided. Bishop Courtney during his stay at Baddeck was the guest of Judge Tremaine.

DIOCESE OF NEWFOUNDLAND.

BAY ROBERTS.—A meeting of the Clerical Association of Conception Bay was held at Bay Roberts on September 18th. The following clergy assembled at the Parsonage at 5 o'clock (viz., Rev. J. C. Harvey Rural Dean, Revs. J. M. Noel, A. C. J. Warren, T. G. Netten, W. How, T. W. Clift, J. H. Bull, L. Amor, and W. R. Smith), where they were warmly welcomed by Rev. W. C. Shears and his estimable wife.

Evensong was said in St. Matthew's Church at 7.30. The Prayers were said by Rev. T. W. Clift, and W. R. Smith; the Lessons being read

by Revs. J. H. Bull, and L. Amor. A sermon on Spiritual obedience as the imperative duty of both Clergy and people, was preached by Rev. J. M. Noel from Hebrews xiii. 17.

On Wednesday there was an administration of the Holy Communion to about 40 communicants. The Rural Dean was celebrant, assisted by Rev. A. C. J. Warren.

At 10 o'clock the Association met for business, the session being opened with the usual Office. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and Signed, two new members were duly elected. After the completion of some unfinished business, a paper was read by Mr. Noel on "The need and usefulness of disseminating sound religious literature," which was afterwards discussed at some length, and resulted in action being at once taken on this all-important subject. Several other matters of moment were disposed of at the afternoon session, and the scheme for deputations at the Annual Missionary meetings was finally agreed upon.

It was also agreed that the next meeting should be held at Carbonear on or about the 10th of January next. A paper was promised to be prepared by Rev. W. How.

CONTEMPORARY CHURCH OPINION.

The *Iowa Churchman* says, under the heading Christian giving:

We have read with great pleasure, two editorials in the last number of *The Compass*, bearing on this subject.

From one of these, we gather that the zealous Rector of Trinity Church, Davenport, and his good people are seriously thinking of giving up all reliance on fairs or entertainments of any kind, as means for raising money for religious purposes. If, as we trust will be the case, they follow the example of the many churches who raise what is needed for carrying on the work of God by the willing gifts of loving hearts, without resort to any indirect means, it will, we are sure, need no long trial to convince any one of the advantage resulting from the change. For, to say nothing else, such expedients as we have mentioned are usually wasteful of money, and labor, and time—and often throw upon the shoulders of a few a burden most grievous to be borne—while free giving develops the love of giving.

The other editorial refers to a method of raising money, which it well designates as "questionable" and of "doubtful propriety"—the "ten-cent arithmetical progression system." "Letters are sent all over the country, petitioning the recipient to write out two or more long letters, and send to friends, while the first letter is to be returned, with ten cents or a quarter." Some of the objects for which aid is thus asked may be most worthy ones, but among the many serious objections to this scheme, it is easy to see that it gives abundant opportunity for fraud, for misrepresentation, for dishonesty—the very smallness of the amount asked leading those who give to do it without inquiry as to the merits of the case. As God's stewards, we are called on to give not only freely, but, so far as we may, wisely, and we conceive that any one who gives, according to his ability, to religious and charitable objects properly brought to his notice, and of which he can be sure that they are worthy objects, is more than justified in paying no attention to such appeals as are referred to. The cause of Christ is not to be advanced by the indiscriminate appeals which would beset a *Church mendicant* rather than the Church militant.

The *New York Churchman* says in regard to Mission Chapels:

It is a common thing for wealthy congregations to establish "Mission Chapels" for the poor, and when nothing better can be done, it is an excellent thing to do. Indeed we count