

last week. He was the guest of the Rev. Thos. Neales.

DALHOUSIE.—Received, with very many thanks, towards the completion of the Dalhousie Parsonage, the sums of \$1.00 from "E. McE., N. S., and "A Friend," Dio. Quebec.

CARLETON.—"The best way to help the poor."—"How Best to Help the Poor of this City" was the subject of the Rev. F. H. Almon's lecture in St. George's Church School Room, Carleton, on Thursday evening, October 2nd. The Rev. T. E. Dowling presided. After touching upon the causes of poverty, which the speaker put down to six sources, want of work, unwillingness to work, improvidence, intemperance, old age and sickness, the rev. gentleman summarized the work done by the different charitable bodies in this city during the past year. The ground work of the speaker's plan rested on relief thorough work or employment, the best and truest form of charity, and while being rather elaborate in some points was on the whole soundly practical. Starting on the platform of aid through work, he branched off into side plans for work, advocating, in this respect, emigration to Free Grants land and colonization, with the aid of the Government, and societies among the people, to help to give the settler a good start. He showed what good had been done by industrial aid societies in New York, Boston, Montreal, Halifax, Fredericton, in our own city, for a time, and in Germany and England. He decried the evils of indiscriminate charity, and advocated a society—with district visitors, as employed in other cities—composed of the different religious denominations, to look after the cases of general poverty; saying, if the churches were relieved of this general burden, the respective congregations could look after their own immediate poor, aged and sickly who should be confined to members or communicants of each church. He was strongly in favor of the establishment of such a society, which should also give work for women and men, and have district visitors to prevent indiscriminate charity. He quoted at length from the reports of the various societies, showing how successful they had been, in support of what he had put forth, and said an effort should be made in this city to establish a society that would give aid to the indigent by furnishing them with employment. Want of funds was the only great obstacle; there were plenty, he felt sure, who would willingly engage in the work. Could not the Relief and Aid Society contribute from its thousands a sum—say \$500—for a start, by which much good might be accomplished? He also advocated Penny Savings Banks, showing what good had been done by them, and stating that it was his wish that the Dominion Savings Bank in this city might be kept open on Saturday evenings, so that many a workman's wages might be saved from the allurements to spend at bars.

In concluding, the reverend gentleman brought all his points and facts to bear upon the one idea that aid should be given the poor by furnishing them with employment.

The Reverend D. B. Parnter, rector of St. Jude's Church, Carleton, next addressed the meeting, and his remarks were much appreciated by a well-filled room. It is proposed to hold a second meeting Thursday evening, when Mr. Almon's suggestions will be considered in detail.

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HALIFAX.—His Excellency the Admiral, whose charming picture at the late Industrial Exhibition attracted so much attention and admiration, has generously donated the Prize of \$8.00, to which he became entitled, to the funds of the Reading Room in connection with St. Andrew's Waterside Church Mission.

ST. MARGARET'S BAY.—A curate will

soon be required for this extensive Parish, the Rev. W. H. Groser having been appointed to the vacant Mission of New Ross.

GRANVILLE.—The annual service of Thanksgiving for the blessings of Harvest was held in the Church of the Holy Trinity, Granville Ferry, on Sunday evening of last week. The Church was decorated with fruit, flowers, and grain, the Holy Table being, of course, most honoured. It was invested with a white silk frontal embroidered with gold colour, whilst at the back hung a new Festival Dorsal, which was then used for the first time. It is composed also of white silk, with blue silk border, and embroidered with the word "Alleluia" in gold. Upon the re-table stood a cross composed of wheat and grapes, and four brass vases filled with choice flowers. The usual harvest hymns were sung, commencing with: "Come ye thankful people come." During the offertory the choir sang, "O where are the reapers," from Moody and Sankey's second book, which is very suitable for Harvest Festivals. The offertory was for the S. P. G.

ROSETTE.—Mr. Shaw reminds us that we have overlooked referring to the valuable assistance rendered him in Annapolis County by the Rev. Walter Gray, to whom he says he was indebted for much of his success. Mr. Shaw not only speaks in warm praise of Mr. Gray's help but also of his Mission, which seems to be in excellent condition; and, a most pleasing feature, pastor and people work harmoniously together. We beg heartily to thank both Mr. Gray and his people for their ready and liberal support.

LOUISBURG.—The Rev. R. Wainwright, Clerical Secretary, visited this mission Sept. 13-15 inclusive. On Saturday evening, 13th, a meeting was held at Main-a-Dieu, on Monday, 15th, at Louisburg. These meetings were largely attended, and the collection (considering the circumstances of the people) proportionately large as any in this Island. On Sunday, 14th, the Rev. gentleman preached at Main-a-Dieu, and celebrated the Holy Eucharist. Twenty-four communicants partook of the Sacred Feast. Classes for instruction as to the nature of the Holy Feast, the sacramental blessings therein imparted, and the doctrines of the Church as to the Eucharist, are regularly held by the Deacon in charge, C. W. McCully, and that the blessing of God has rested upon his labors is proved by the fact that on the occasion alluded to nine (9) persons made a first communion. During the past seven months the number of communicants in the whole mission has been nearly doubled, as the result of the teaching imparted in the communicants classes. On Sunday evening the Rev. Secretary preached in the Church of St. Bartholemew, Louisburg. The Church was crowded to excess, and the eloquence of the preacher held the audience spell-bound during a sermon of 40 minutes duration.

On Tuesday Mr. Wainwright left for Sydney, having infused into this mission new zeal and fervor for the cause of Christ and His Church, which will doubtless be evident in the support which the mission will give in the future to the cause of Home and Foreign Missions.

A very handsome service of Communion Vessels, (chalice, paten and cruets), has just been purchased for the Church of St. Bartholemew with funds donated by Messrs. Walters, Deverell and Walters, Solicitors of Lincoln's Inn, London, on behalf of the friends of Ensign Walter Evelyn, of the 41st Regiment of Foot, who perished off Cape Breton, 22nd October, 1805, and was buried in Louisburg.

As the Church of St. Bartholemew is only temporarily seated, the Rev. Mr. Wainwright has kindly donated four dozen chairs, thereby increasing the seating capacity of the Church, which has always hitherto been too limited, especially at the evening services.

PARRSBORO.—The chapter of the Amherst R. D. met here on the 17th inst. Besides Dr. Bowman, the Rector, there were present the Rural Dean, Canon Townshend; Revs. D. C. Moore, J. A. Kaulback, E. H. Ball, and V. E. Harris. On the previous evening service was held in the church, Mr. Kaulback said Evensong; Mr. Ball read the Lessons; and Mr. Moore preached on "The Light of the World." The offertory collections on both evenings were appropriated towards defraying the expenses lately incurred by enlarging and improving the Church. The heartiness of the singing at all the Services was highly to be praised.

On Wednesday, Mattins was said by Mr. Moore; the Litany by Mr. Ball; and Mr. Harris read the Lessons. The Rural Dean celebrated the blessed Sacrament served by the Rector, who read the Epistle, while Mr. Moore was Gospeller. Mr. Kaulback preached upon the teachings of our Lord to Emmaus. The offertory was for "Foreign Missions." After shortened Evensong, which was said by the Rector, the Lesson being read by Mr. Moore, each one of the clergy gave a short address:—Rev. Dr. Bowman, "Introductory;" Rev. Mr. Moore, "The Church a Missionary Body;" Rev. Mr. Ball, "Foreign Missions;" Rev. Mr. Harris, "Home Missions;" Rev. Mr. Kaulback, "The Deanery Mission" (proposed); Rev. The Rural Dean, "The improved state of the Church and Parish of Parrsboro'." The Rector added a few words to prevent misunderstanding, lest the hearers should imagine the \$1100 and more, lately spent in lengthening the Church, &c., was to be provided out of funds in the hands of the Corporation of the Parish. Not so; on the contrary, the money must be raised by the people, independent of the Corporation. The Rural Dean then gave the Benediction.

The afternoon meeting was most pleasant and profitable; the absence of several of the brethren was much regretted. The study of the Prayer Book was continued to the Consecration Prayer in the office for Public Baptism of Infants. The next meeting is to be held (D.V.) May 12th. Place to be announced after consultation with some not present.

Between the meeting and evensong all dined together at the Rectory, and after the evening service Mrs Bowman further provided a most pleasant re-union, to which a goodly number of the Parishioners also gathered. In brief, the two days were most happily spent, and would have been perfect but for the drenching rain, which marred the journey to those who drove in open carriages. Wednesday, however, was all that could be wished in every way.

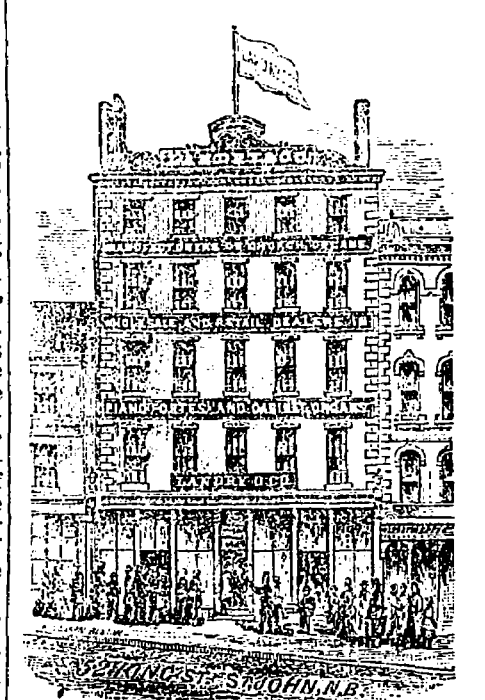
The Church has been greatly improved, 10 feet added to the nave, and 8 to the chancel, together with an organ chamber, which, from the small width of the chancel, was greatly needed. The effect both inside and out is capital, while between 50 and 60 more worshippers are accommodated. Moreover, a furnace is provided, thus forever banishing the unsightly "stove-pipe"; and, to crown all, the symbol of our salvation surmounts the spire, claiming Parrsboro' as a christian village before the eyes of those who approach.

It would be improper to omit to record the warm hospitality of Rector and people, notably of the laity, Dr. Townshend, Capt. Townshend, Mr. Churchwarden Beaty, Mr. Stickney, and Mr. Pettis.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

With a friend, I started, on Saturday, Sept. 27th, for Crapaud. We enjoyed a lovely drive of upwards of twenty miles through beautiful scenery. The glistening West River, with the surrounding hills covered with the changing leaf, made us think of Heber's hymn, "Every object pleases." We arrived, a little chilled, in the evening, at the residence of Mr. John Hall, where his good wife spread a right royal tea, and bade us welcome. We made ourselves at home for that was the only mode by which we could give immediate pleasure to our timid hostess. On Sunday, the 28th, we were accommodated with the best carriage, and started by a Circuitous route for the Church. This pretty little Church reminds one so forcible of home, the lack of anything modern in the building, the surrounding "God's acre," the parsonage in close proximity, the people scattered among the tombs and headstones waiting for the Minister. The Rector—The Rev. T. W. Johnstone was quite ill, and Mr. Osborne took the Service. The congregation was attentive, the singing good, but a little slow. The interior of the Church was in harmony with a Churchman's idea of a House of God. Simple, plain, good. No theatricals to denote "very high," no lack of churchly task to denote "very low." It was clean, orderly, inviting. Mr. Osborne officiated

again in the evening. The Church prospectors, we hear, under the Rev. Mr. Johnston, and we might say, under the care of Mrs. Johnston also. She is loved by all. After enjoying Mrs. Hall's abundant kindness for several days, my friend being obliged to return on Monday, I hurried homeward, being told to be sure and come again. Altogether the visit was one that will make a red letter day when I compile my Calendar.



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