

lepers of all the neighbouring Sandwich group. For a long time thought cut off from the outward world, Father Damien continued in good health, though alone among the dead. But the stroke has fallen at last. In a letter written recently he says, "Impossible for me to go any more to Honolulu, on account of the leprosy breaking out on me. The microbes have finally settled themselves in my left leg and my ear, and one eyebrow begins to fall. I expect to have my face soon disfigured. Having no doubt myself of the true character of the disease, I feel calm, resigned and happier among my people. Almighty God knows what is best for my sanctification, and with that conviction I say daily *Fiat voluntas tua*. Where is the heroism which will vie with this?"

**NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.**

**DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.**

A meeting of the Annapolis Rural Deanery was held in the Parish of Weymouth on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 24th and 25th August. Members present: Rev. Messrs. Filleul (Dean), John Ambrose, Henry de Blois (Secretary), George Dodwell, L. M. Wilkins, Wm. Morris and R. A. Heath.

Evening service was held at St. Thomas' Church, Weymouth Bridge, at 7.30 p.m. The congregation was large, the services hearty and joyful, and the singing excellent. The desk was occupied by the Rev. Mr. Morris, and the lessons read by Rev. Messrs. Heath and Dodwell. The preacher, Rev. John Ambrose, took his text from 1 Peter v. 12, and delivered an admirable and unique discourse, combining as it did the scientific and spiritual, and was well listened to and gratefully appreciated.

On Wednesday morning full service, with celebration of the Holy Eucharist, was held in the Parish Church at 10.30 a.m., participated in as follows, viz., the desk by Rev. L. M. Wilkins; Litany, Rev. J. Ambrose; first lesson, Rev. H. D. de Blois; second lesson, Rev. W. Morris; celebrants, Revs. the Dean and G. Dodwell. The congregation, for a week-day, was unusually large, and the organ, presided over by Miss Campbell, rendered the music effectually and well. The Rev. G. W. Dodwell gave an affecting and instructive discourse, touching in its pathos and simplicity, from the beautiful and well remembered words, "I am the Good Shepherd; and know My sheep, and am known of Mine."

After dinner at the Rectory, the business meeting of the Deanery was opened by the Dean with prayer, at 2.30 p.m.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and approved, the chapter for discussion, viz., Acts vi., was read and critically commented on, provoking an earnest discussion, as might naturally be expected from the many topics of interest contained therein.

The Dean extended a cordial welcome to the new members of the Deanery, viz., the Rev. Mr. Morris, who has recently taken charge of the parish of Clements, and the Rev. Mr. Heath, lately appointed assistant minister to the parish of St. Luke's, Annapolis.

The Rev. J. Ambrose, Rector of Digby, was chosen to prepare a paper to be read at the next meeting of the Deanery, on the "Mode of Appointment to Parishes."

Several other matters of interest were also discussed.

In the evening a missionary meeting, largely attended, was held in the Parish Church. A shortened service was held at the opening, the Rev. H. D. de Blois, Secretary, occupying the desk, and the lesson read by Rev. Mr. Heath.

The Dean, in his usual happy and felicitous style, gave the opening and closing addresses, reviewing lovingly and in a feeling manner his long pastorate of nearly forty years over a faithful and devoted people.

The meeting was also addressed by Rev.

Messrs. de Blois, Dodwell and Wilkins, the two former taking the subject of "Home and Foreign Missions" and the latter the very appropriate theme, "Our Mother Church." The Rector of Digby, whose presence at such meetings is always eagerly looked forward to, was unfortunately called away, and his absence much regretted.

These missionary meetings are fast becoming one of the most interesting features of the Deanery, and are being more and more appreciated, wherever they are held, and this one was not among the least successful.

The parish of Weymouth, considering its circumstances, consisting of by no means a wealthy people, is deserving of great credit. During the ministry of the present Rector, three new churches have been built, one of them, viz., the Parish Church, being a model in every respect; large and increasing subscriptions continually given to Home and Foreign Missions, as well as to all other benevolent institutions of the Diocese, speaking volumes, not only for the untiring and devoted services of the pastor, but also the willing hands and loving hearts of those who have so ably assisted him in his arduous labors. It was aptly remarked by one of the speakers that so kind and attentive were the people of the parish to the members of the Deanery, so hearty and attractive were the services, so intimate the union subsisting between pastor and people, that whenever the Deanery meeting was held in this parish, it was the universal opinion, freely expressed, that having once gone to Weymouth, the clergymen composing it were anxious to go again.

The collections, amounting to \$18, were handed to the Secretary to be forwarded to the Board of Foreign Missions.

A service was also held at Barton on Thursday by some of the returning brethren; Rev. Mr. Heath occupying the desk, and the Rector of Clements being the preacher.

**ALBION MINES.**—Your correspondent is in arrears. Time has failed him to report that the announced picnic in Mount Rundell Park was a success—indeed, a remarkable success, considering the poor times at the Mines. Every one did their best, and \$400 was cleared for the good of the Church. The larger half of this was gained by the sewing machine so generously given by your citizens (once ours) the Messrs. Willis, of Notre-Dame-street, Montreal, agents for Baron Wanzer. It is hoped that with the aid of our Mite Society we shall have money enough to reseat the nave of the church and put in heating apparatus. We are losing some valuable members of our congregations by the changes brought about by the amalgamation of the coal companies, notably the Blenkinsop family, always to the fore in Church and Sunday-school, and Mr. Elliott, from St. George's.

It should have been also told how pleasant a picnic was given to the children of the New Glasgow Sunday-school a week or two since, chiefly through the labors of Mrs. Pritchard and Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Bent. We owe the use of the ground to our Roman Catholic friend, Mr. Connolly, to whom we tender thanks, as well as to all who helped.

**LOWER STEWIAKKE.**—Holy Trinity Church presents a much better appearance since receiving its new coat of paint. The colors are: The body of the church a rich cream, with a slight tinge of green; the window frames and trimmings a bright green; the roof has a lime wash suitably colored. The enclosure in front is of the same color as the church. The whole cost of painting was \$66, the amount being raised by the Rector, partly in the parish and in part by means of printed circulars sent to friends outside the parish. To the kindness of the latter we are much indebted, and they are found chiefly among the good people of Halifax, but not confined to them.

We cannot speak too highly of the benefit as well as pleasure we derived from the visit of our young brother in the sacred ministry, the Rev. R. W. Hingell, the very zealous and amiable missionary, who has happily been appointed to aid the Rectors in this Deanery in ministering to their people who reside in their numerous out-stations. May his earnest and self-denying efforts be abundantly blest.

The parish of Stewiacke is further indebted to the benevolence of Miss Barry, a lady of Sydenham, England, and a member of the T.M.S., for a rich and beautifully worked altar cloth. This is the fourth time that we have received contributions of various kinds from this very estimable English society. Its name or title in full is "The Twenty-Minute Society," the Secretary being Miss C. A. Gordon, Lansdowne Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**PERSONAL.**—The Rev. Canon Brook preached in Amherst last week, and offertories were taken up on behalf of King's College Restoration Fund.

R. W. Sampson, Curate of St. Paul's, Halifax, and Curate in charge of Trinity, was the fortunate recipient of a purse of over \$100 from the members of his congregation. For the past few months the strain of work has been severe. The reverend gentleman is now enjoying a long-needed rest in the Old Country.

We learn that the Rev. F. R. Murray is to hold a series of special services extending from Sept. 23rd to Sept. 27th, at All Saints' Church, Spring Hill. The reverend gentleman will be assisted by several brother clergymen, and as the Amherst Deanery Chapter closes that day at Parrsboro, many of the clergy will doubtless avail themselves of the opportunity of seeing and assisting in the work of a short Mission. Spring Hill is a promising field, and with such an earnest worker as the reverend Rector of St. Luke's, much blessing may be expected to follow.

**DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.**

**CAMPOBELLO.**—His Lordship the Metropolitan held a confirmation service in St. Ann's Church, Campobello, on August 15th. The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion, and was crowded to its utmost capacity. All were delighted with our dear Bishop's fatherly counsels and excellent sermons. There are at present about two hundred visitors on the island, including many wealthy and refined Church people from Boston, New York and Philadelphia.

**DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.**

**CAOONNA.**—Church of St. James the Apostle.—On Tuesday, August the 24th (the festival of St. Bartholomew), the new chancel of the church was consecrated by the Lord Bishop of Niagara, acting under the authority of the Lord Bishop of Quebec. The incumbent of the church (Rev. Dr. Adams), standing on the chancel steps with the churchwardens (Robert Hamilton, Esq., D.C.L., and Mr. Bell Irvine, Esq., C.B.), received the Bishop. The pastoral staff was carried by the Rev. W. Price, of Ascot, P.Q. The Bishop was accompanied by four other clergy, who took part in the proceedings.

Dr. Adams having read the petition, the Bishop read the service prescribed for the consecration of churches, and asked the Rev. Dr. Allnatt, of St. Matthew's, Quebec, to read the sentence of consecration.

Morning prayer was then read by Dr. Adams, the special lesson being read; the first lesson by the Rev. R. C. Tamba, of Riviere du Loup; the second by the Rev. Evans Davis, of London, Ont. In the Communion office, the Epistoller was the Rev. Dr. Allnatt, the Gospeller the Rev. Canon Mulock. The sermon was preached by the incumbent (Dr. Adams), on a