

day last week, from which point they marched in procession through the principal streets, after which they went to St. George's Church where divine service was held by the Rev. Dr. Partridge, the President of the Society. After the preaching of a powerful and eloquent sermon by the Rector, His Lordship the Bishop of Nova Scotia delivered an address. He dwelt at length upon the aims of the organization. His Lordship urged upon the members to give the scheme their hearty support, and in a little while the results of their labors would be made manifest. The procession, headed by the Halifax Garrison Artillery band, was in every way a first-class turnout. The men looked very fine, all of them being dressed in black with blue regalia and white gloves. The marshals were mounted upon handsome grey horses. In the evening the members with their lady friends gathered at the hall, where a supper had been prepared for them by a committee appointed for the purpose. The tables were decorated with flowers and ferns, and were abundantly supplied with eatables of every kind; about 300 persons partook of the supper.

St Mark's.—This progressive little Church situated in a rapidly growing section of the town and carefully husbanded by the Naval element of Halifax, is being enlarged and renovated at a heavy cost. The Church will present a pretty appearance when finished.

B. H. M. REPORT.—We have just received the report of the B. H. M., and gather a great deal of carefully edited information reflecting credit upon the Secretary. The statistical tables would be of permanent value if full returns had been sent in from every parish. The list being incomplete it is impossible to give a fair synopsis. The actual subscriptions to the B. H. M., shew still a large deficit, and small amounts in many instances are made to look large and misleading by the additions of such items as the Clergyman's premium to the Widow and Orphan's Fund. The list of subscribers from some parishes is miserably small, while in others nearly every member of the family has been enlisted as a subscriber. The Baptismal statistics shew the following six parishes to head the list in this particular:—St. George's, Halifax, 92; Granville, 67; Dartmouth, 60; Liverpool, 55; Tangier, 44; and Springhill, 43. On the list of visits we find the first six parishes stand in the following order: Springhill, 2,909; Londonderry, 2,010; St. Luke's, Halifax, 1,509; Amherst, 1,500; River John, 1,396; St. George's, 1,317. It will be observed that all the country parishes in the foregoing list are in the Amherst Deanery, which has, on the whole, a very solid statement of statistics. In number of celebrations of the Holy Communion the following are the first six:—St. Luke's, 305; St. Peter's, Charlottetown, 162; Louisbourg, 131; Cow Bay, 97; St. George's, Halifax, 97; Amherst 84. The parishes that contribute most largely to clerical stipend (from all sources) are:—St. Luke's, \$2,428.13; St. Paul's, Charlottetown, \$2,000; Parrsboro \$1,300; St. George's, Halifax \$1,200; Yarmouth, \$1,200; and Amherst. Annapolis, and St. Peter's each gave \$1,000. Aspirants for pecuniary honours will make a note of these parishes. The list of parishes contributing the *smallest* amounts we forbear to publish, there was so much pathos between the lines.

PERSONAL.—Rural Dean Gibbons takes up his residence at the Rectory, Parrsboro, next week, entering there on his new field of labour.

Rev. Mr. Watkins has been appointed curate of Parrsboro.

Rev. T. W. Johnson, who has resigned the Rectorship of Crapaud, P. E. Island, has been the recipient of several addresses from the parishioners. It is said that the Rev. gentleman is to take charge of the vacant Rectory of Lockeport.

Rev. T. C. Mellor was last week inducted into the Rectory of Dartmouth, by the Rev. Dr. Partridge, who preached upon the occasion.

BRIDGETOWN.—The very attractive Harvest Festivals have lately been held in this parish. The first was appointed at the District Chapel, Belle Isle, on 23rd Sept., the day proved wet and unfavorable, but notwithstanding this the Church was well filled with an attentive congregation, which would have been much larger had the day been fine, as many who live at a distance had intended being present. The Church in this place, which was enlarged and much improved a short time ago by the addition of a neat chancel was nicely decorated for the service with fruit and flowers. A plain, practical sermon was preached by the Rector of the parish on the duty of thankfulness, and it is hoped that those who listened to it will have carried away some of its useful suggestions and make practical use of them in their every day lives. The Bridgetown choir was in attendance and gave valuable assistance in the musical parts of the service. At Bridgetown, where there is a really beautiful little Church, the Harvest Festival service was held on the following Sunday, 30th Sept. The congregations here at both services were very large, in fact many had to go away from the church in the evening, not being able to find room. The decorations here were pronounced by all who saw them to be in admirable taste. On each side of the chancel steps was a pyramid, one composed entirely of flowers, the other of fruit, both very striking. Inside the chancel was a profusion of fruit, flowers and grain, most artistically arranged; the centre-point of attraction, however, as one entered the Church was the well elevated altar. The white reredos, in front of which was arranged a quantity of beautiful fruit and flowers, had a very fine effect. The beautiful harvest hymns were rendered with most excellent taste by the choir. The offertories, both at Belle Isle and Bridgetown, were for King's College, Windsor. Many from the denominations who attended these services expressed themselves as highly pleased with their beauty and appropriateness. Such bright and hearty services one would think can scarcely fail to elicit some degree of gratitude to Him who "gives and preserves to our use the kindly fruits of the earth."

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

CHARLOTTETOWN.—There are many signs of active work in the Church here. Both St. Paul's and St. Peter's, have curates. A new stone rectory is in course of construction at St. Paul's, and the congregation responds nobly to outside appeals; about \$40 being given to an outside object a few weeks ago. Rev. Weston-Jones is infusing his own energetic spirit into the parish and hopes soon to see a large stone Church upon the site of the present wooden one. At St. Peter's a stranger at once notices the many signs of rich progress in the remarkably fine stained-glass windows which have been added during the past few years. See too, a fine stone Memorial chapel is being erected to the memory of the first priest incumbent of the parish, the Rev. G. W. Hodgson. Mr. Simpson's labours are shewing manifest signs of progress and stability. At this Church outside objects are not appealed for in vain as testified by an offertory of about \$40 after an appeal on a recent Sunday evening.

PORT HILL.—The Quarterly meeting of the Clerical Association, of P. E. I., was held on Wednesday, the 12th of September, at Port Hill. The service in connection with this meeting commenced on Tuesday evening at Port Hill Church, when stirring and excellent addresses were delivered by the visiting clergy. The new Church at Port Hill is an extremely pretty one, its erection a few years ago together with

the heartiness of the responding and singing show clearly the enthusiasm that exists in Church matters in this parish. The Rector is to be congratulated upon having so zealous and Church loving a people at his back. During the summer since the Bishop's visit we notice that a new fence has been put round the old Church and burial ground, and the new Church has been painted, and a new and lofty flue has been built, and we are pleased to hear that there is every prospect that the old Cathedral at Bideford, will give place to a new structure to be erected either at this place or at Ellerslie. The following clergy were present at the Tuesday service: the Revs. H. Harper, (Rector), S. Weston-Jones, T. B. Reagh, C. E. Mackenzie, W. H. Sampson, and W. A. Frost. On Wednesday their number was increased by the arrival of the Rev. F. E. J. Lloyd. After a sumptuous repast which was spread at the Rectory, a very pleasant and profitable afternoon was spent in discussing the advisability of requesting the Bishop to appoint a Rural Dean for the Island, and other matters of interest to the Church. In the morning at 8 o'clock, the Holy Communion was celebrated which was attended by a few of the parishioners as well as the clergy; and Rev. Weston-Jones assisted by Rev. T. B. Reagh, officiating.

At 7.30 p. m. a service was held in the little Church at Bideford, when again a large congregation was present, and listened with rapt attention to addresses by the clergy. The speeches were all of the best order and were brief and to the point. Mr. Lloyd spoke upon Foreign Missions, Mr. Frost upon Temperance, Mr. Reagh upon the Holy Communion, Mr. Jones upon Systematic and Proportional Giving, and Mr. Mackenzie upon the Book of Common Prayer. On Thursday, all the visiting clergy with the exception of Messrs. Mackenzie and Jones, were obliged to return to their respective Parishes, so the meeting in Lot 11 Church on that evening, therefore, was addressed by these two gentlemen only. Great encouragement was given the Rector and his people by these meetings, if we may judge by the many expressions of satisfaction that were heard from one and another. The collections at the three places amounted to \$20, on behalf of the Algoma Diocese. There is very little doubt that these Clerical Association meetings with their accompanying public services will do an incalculable amount of good to both clergy and laity. Many will doubtless go away with a better and nobler appreciation of the Church, to which they have belonged perhaps for many years without being able to give a better reason for their being churchmen than that their fathers were before them. They will discover that there is life and vigorous activity in the great Church which was not only the originator of the English Reformation, but is the back-bone of Protestantism throughout the Christian world. They will soon take a proper pride in being connected with, and by careful study of her past history put themselves in a position to defend from assault, that Branch of the Christian Church which has uninterruptedly existed in the land of their fathers ever since Christian Missionaries first trod the shores of Britian. If Churchmen of the Province will but emulate the religious and missionary zeal, activity, generosity and self-denial of the Mother Church, there will soon be seen a different state of affairs in the Church here. We trust there are none who will not bid "God speed" to the young and enthusiastic clergymen whose ambition is to succeed in this praiseworthy object.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

FREDERICTON.—During the absence of the Metropolitan and his Coadjutor at the Lambeth Conference the Synod of the Diocese of Fredericton was held, and a committee was appointed to prepare and present on their return an address of welcome and congratulation to each of