

Whilst we in this Deanery share deeply the universal regret that is felt throughout the Diocese at the demise of the late Canon Medley, who was far more than simply the Editor and Manager of THE DEANERY MAGAZINE; we are gratified to know that so valuable a property to the Diocese as THE DEANERY MAGAZINE is not to be lost to the Diocese. It would be doubly hard to lose both in one day; and we believe that all who loved the founder of the Magazine will rally round it and support it, if for no other feeling than that of respect for the founder's memory.

Deanery of Woodstock.

Rural Dean: REV. CANON NEALES, M.A.

Andover. I do not know that I can think of any item of news more interesting to the Church people of the Diocese, at least from this Mission, than the establishment of the Mission of Gordon, and where is Gordon? you ask. The Mission of Gordon comprises the two Parishes of Gordon and Lorne—two Parishes upon the upper waters of the Tobique River. Hitherto they have been included within the district, known by a sort of ecclesiastical fiction as the Mission of Andover. But since the New Brunswick Railway has brought this county into contact with the outer world, it has received many and important accessions to its population. Among those accessions is one gentleman possessed of sufficient means and loyalty to his church to give \$150 per year; another to secure \$50; a grant from the Women's Aid Society of Fredericton, and a gift from the generosity of the Bishop-Coadjutor, added to the local efforts, provided a sum which was considered sufficient to warrant an attempt to found a New Mission. As no Canadian could be found to offer himself for the work, the Commissary in England, the Reverend Dr. Hicks, Dean of Sidney Sussex College, kindly interested himself and recommended Mr. J. R. Hopkins, the son of a Rector of a Parish in Wales. Mr. Hopkins was, upon his arrival in the Diocese, ordered as a Deacon and entered upon his work. He has thus far proved an earnest, energetic, effective worker. And now a word as to the work. The Missionary at present lives at Birch Ridge, near the extreme Southern limit of his mission, but for many reasons the most desirable location for his headquarters. Here Sunday services are held fortnightly, and singing classes weekly. These classes number from forty to fifty every week. Sunday School and Bible Classes are largely attended, being conducted on the alternate Sundays of Mr. Hopkins's absence by Mr. Crawford, Miss Carman and others. At this Station a new Church approaches completion, and these new settlers deserve great credit for their zeal and devotion in considering among their first needs a house for the worship of Almighty God. Six miles from this Station is Arthurette, known for many years as "the Settlement," as it is the oldest settlement on the Tobique. In olden times it was considered a Baptist stronghold, but now contributes between \$50 and \$60 to the support of this Mission. Service is held at this Station upon the same Sundays as those held at Birch Ridge. In connection with these services one is held at Three Brooks, a station five miles distant, the site of a water mill which saws lumber and grinds land plaster. This place bids fair to be one of the

important places on the Tobique. On the alternate Sundays services are held at Riley Brook, a village created by a saw mill, and situated fifty miles from his residence and near the head of the Tobique River. This service supplies the need for the Church from this point to the last house on the Tobique, and Mr. Miller, of Nictau, the Indian name for "The Fork," though six miles distant, is one of the most constant attendants. Upon these Sundays are visited alternately Foster Cove and Long Island, and in connection with these services is held one at Sisson Ridge and Everett. At all these places the services are largely attended and in most places the congregations are enthusiastic. I hope I have not taken too much space, but I have been anxious to show that the establishment of the Mission of Gordon is an event worth recording.

Wicklow.—The Rector is working as usual, holding three services each Sunday and making Parochial visits. A very handsome fence has been erected in front of S. James's Churchyard at Centreville, which is nearly paid for. The Sunday School is in a flourishing condition. A. J. Lee, the Superintendent, is always at his post, and the teachers under him are regular in attendance. Bishop Doane's series are used and have given good satisfaction. We hope soon to have a library for this school. A special service for the children is to be held (D.V.) on Sunday, 20th inst., when a sermon will be delivered by the Rector. Such services are frequently held during the year.

Thanks to the Rectors of Houlton, Andover and Fredericton, special services have been held monthly, when interesting addresses have been given to small but attentive congregations.

S. Barnabas Church, Greenfield, is receiving very many improvements. A new roof has been put on, roof painted, and body of Church will soon be painted. Internal improvements will be made shortly. Efforts are being made to raise money enough to buy a new carpet for the chancel.

The Sunday School has been well attended this summer and good work done, thanks to willing helpers.

Richmond.—On Sunday, September 20th, His Lordship the Bishop Coadjutor was in this Parish for Confirmation. With an early start S. Paul's Church, ten and a half miles distant from the Rectory, was reached in ample time for the 10.30 a.m. service. At this service two were confirmed, both males. After dinner a return was made to Richmond Corner. At the 4 p.m. service at S. John's (Parish) Church, 16 were confirmed—7 males and 9 females. At each service His Lordship delivered two addresses, which were listened to with great attention by the congregations which filled the Churches.

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