

SPRINGHILL.

The Ven. Archdeacon Kaulbach paid an official visit of inspection to the River Philip churches during the month, accompanied by the Rev. W. Desbrisay who holds Sunday services in the mission.

In consequence of the slackness of work and discharge of many miners the congregation has lost a large number of its members who went to the United States.

The Church Women's Missionary Society intend to have a sale during the month of October in aid of missions, and hope that the whole congregation will take an active interest in the matter.

During the past three months the hospital staff has been very busily engaged. There were ten patients in the hospital during the month of July. Six patients are now in the hospital, and one of the hospital nurses is engaged in one of the homes in town. A few endowed beds are very necessary.

The kindergarten and private school re-open Sept. 1st. Miss M. Ancient, Miss Humphrey and Miss L. Hayward are the teachers. The cooking and sewing schools will re-open Oct. 1.

A FEW FACTS ABOUT NEWPORT PARISH.

The parish dates from 1762. Before King's College was founded, and before Windsor and other now flourishing parishes were organized, the Gospel was preached and flourished in Newport.

After the expulsion of the French, and in consequence of the proclamation of Governor Lawrence, a large immigration from Boston, Rhode Island, etc., arrived in Nova Scotia, many of whom settled in Newport. Upon the request of Gov. R. J. B. the S. P. G.

sent Rev. Mr. Bennet to minister here and at Falmouth, Horton, etc., in 1762. In 1777 the Rev. Mr. Ellis reports "the congregation at Newport larger than at any other station." After the founding of King's College in 1790, for reasons supposed then to be justifiable, the presidents, Drs. Wm. Cochran and Charles Porter, took charge of Newport; and though the services of religion were regularly held, little or nothing was done in other branches of parochial work, and interest in the church declined. In 1790, a church on the summit of a hill was commenced, and finished and consecrated 36 years afterwards. It would seem as if Newport was in some measure neglected for many years. In 1835 the Rev. R. J. Uniacke was appointed, and under this pious and much loved clergyman, and the earnest clergymen that followed him [among whom were Rev. H. Spike, Rev. Professor Geo. W. Hill, (late of St. Paul's, Halifax) Rev. J. J. Hill, Rev. Dr. Blackman, Rev. H. Pryor Almon, Rev. H. Howe and Rev. K. C. Hind] an interest was kept up, and the spiritual interest of the people looked after.

In the meantime the village of Brooklyn had sprung up, and became the business centre of the parish. The Methodists and Presbyterians pulled down their old buildings and built in the village. They have now large congregations. Owing to the isolated position of St. James' Church and other causes, the interest in Church work had somewhat waned, and the congregation is small. Several efforts were made to remove the church or build in the village; but nothing was done. Over three years ago the present Rector was appointed. The parishioners being few, and generally poor, little

could be expected from them in the way of money; *but the ladies set to work, and for three years, by making articles and holding sales, etc., have succeeded in raising over \$1,100.* Our friends of other denominations have most generously shown their sympathy by most highly appreciated help.

To put us in a position to begin building we ought to raise this year \$1,000, and we confidently appeal to a generous Christian public to help us. Our people are awakening, and will do what they can. The few descendants of the first promoters of the church—the

