

shall therefore take up the account of his Lordship's progress on his Confirmation tour, where your correspondent from the Island left it.

Upon the arrival of the Brule boat on Saturday, September 1st, his Lordship was met by the curate in charge of the Mission, who drove him to the village of River John, a distance of about eight miles. The afternoon was quickly spent in visiting the Church, and in walking to two or three points of view, from which the village, and the green fields surrounding it, presented a very pretty appearance.

On Sunday morning, some time before the hour for service, the people in large numbers began to assemble at the Church, which soon became full; and many desirous of witnessing the solemn rite of confirmation had to turn away. After morning prayers were said by the curate, his Lordship prefaced his solemn address to the confirmation candidates by congratulating the congregation upon the unmis-takeable evidences of earnestness and zeal manifested in the way in which they had given for their clergyman's support, and in the repairs and improvements in and about the Church. He also expressed his satisfaction at the heartiness with which the congregation joined in the services, and the marked improvement they had made, since his last visit, in their singing.

An adult was baptized at the proper place in the service; and thirty-six candidates presented themselves for confirmation; some of whom had walked a distance of nine miles. After the sermon by the Bishop the Holy Eucharist was celebrated, at which twenty-one of those newly confirmed joined; though some of them not for the first time.

In the evening there was service again in the Church; and although the weather in the afternoon was rainy, and continued so during the evening, there was nevertheless a large congregation, and three infants were received into the Church by the Sacrament of Baptism.

On Monday morning the Bishop was driven by the curate to Tatamagouche, where he inspected the new church which is in course of erection, and expressed himself much pleased with its style. After a comfortable dinner at Mr. John Irvin's, one of the Churchmen of the place, he proceeded with the curate on to Wallace, where the Rector of Pugwash had arranged for an afternoon service.

Very profitable and encouraging do we feel the Bishop's visit to have been to us; and when his Lordship next makes his biennial visit, we trust he may see the fruits of this one; and the Church, which is now but in its infancy, more matured

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OUR CHURCH MUSIC.

THE proposition to try some means of inducing the congregation to sing with the choir is generally met by the objection that as they cannot be got together for the sake of practice, there is no feasible method of making them acquainted with any tolerable variety of chant or of hymn-tune. But it is a fact that in England there are many churches where the people unite with the choir in such a way as to compose, as it were, a portion of it. And how beautiful the sight of choirs composed of the *whole* congregation!

In certain churches in the mother country such members of the congregation as can sing, meet with the choir on one or two evenings in the week to practice for the following Sunday. But it in some parishes in this province such a scheme could not at present be carried out, why could not the choir be restricted to the use of a certain number of good sound chants and hymn tunes for a certain length of time?—until the congregation became familiarised with them. Then a new selection could be made, and so, after a while, the list would become a very large one.