

recommending a number of amendments, which was adopted, and several amendments to the Constitution, agreed to at the last Provincial Synod, were confirmed.

The report of the committee on the Metropolitan See was taken up and adopted; an amendment that when a vacancy occurs in the office of Metropolitan the House of Bishops shall, after the See of Rupert's Land is filled, elect one of their number as Metropolitan, having failed of acceptance.

NEW DIOCESE.

The following resolution, moved by the Bishop of Athabasca, and seconded by the Bishop of Saskatchewan and Qu'Appelle, was sent down from the House of Bishops:

"Whereas, the present size of the Diocese of Mackenzie River and especially the barrier which the Rocky Mountains interpose between the eastern portion in the Mackenzie river basin and the western portion of the Yukon and its tributaries render any effective supervision of the whole diocese not only difficult but almost impracticable; and whereas, the work of the western portion is growing both in area and importance; and whereas, the Bishop of Mackenzie River has been for some time past anxious for a division of his present diocese in accordance with this resolution; and whereas, the Church Missionary Society is willing to make a similar arrangement for the support of the Bishops of the two dioceses as for the Bishop of the present diocese of Mackenzie River, a diocese to be called the Diocese of Selkirk be formed out of the present diocese of Mackenzie River, to consist of that portion of British Territory to the west of the Rocky Mountains, bounded on the north by the Arctic Ocean, on the east by the Rocky Mountains, on the south by the 60th parallel of latitude, and on the west by the 141st meridian of west longitude, containing an estimated area of 200,000 square miles."

The Lower House voted concurrence, adding after the word 'Selkirk,' 'or Yukon.'

On motion of Rev. E. S. W. Pentreath, seconded by Canon Matheson, it was resolved, that the House of Bishops be respectfully requested to compile and authorize for use a form of service to be used on one or more of the Rogation days or the previous Sunday, with special prayers for a fruitful harvest and for a blessing on the work in our parishes and missions; also on motion by Mr. Pentreath, seconded by Rev. Mr. Dawson, that the House of Bishops be respectfully requested to compile and authorize with a view to use, a form of service for the burial of a child.

A message was brought down from the House of Bishops announcing that their Lordships had appointed the Most Rev. the Metropolitan, the Right Rev. the Bishops of Qu'Appelle, Athabasca, and Saskatchewan and Calgary to represent the Provincial Synod at the meeting on Friday to consider a scheme for the union of the Church in British North America. The Lower House was requested to appoint a committee to act with them.

The Synod then adjourned to meet at 9 a.m. on the 14th August.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

DARTMOUTH.—On Sunday, August 10th, 1890, there passed to her rest, Louise, daughter of the late Dr. DeBrisay, of Dartmouth. Many years ago, when the Sunday school in the village was broken up, Miss DeBrisay, by her activity and knowledge of the residents, was enabled to give both information and assistance to the Christian workers, who then moved to Dartmouth. The children were visited, the parents interested, and a Sunday school soon was formed. The able assistance of Mr. Thorne, as superintendent, helped greatly to establish this good work. 'She hath done what she could' is the last tribute of respect we can pay to her memory. The superintendent died some years

ago, but a flourishing church is now in healthy activity in the town.

TANGIER.—The Bishop of the Diocese held his first Visitation in this parish on July 30th. We, that is the church corporation, were both curious as well as anxious about this visitation, never having yet had experience of the sort; but when the congregation crowded the parish church at God's call through the summons of our chief pastor, and after we had listened to his powerful sermon, and the congregation had left to go and live, we hope, the Bishop's teaching, we found he had his usual genial manner whilst examining into our state as a parish. His notes in our favour we hope will help us to take to heart his notes in our disfavour, and whilst the Bishop is pleased to oversee us and have such personal regard for us, we are sure much good must result from his devotion to work.

MOOSELAND.—August the 14th was a high day at Mooseland when Christ Church, the first ever built there, was opened for Divine worship. 'Twas a holiday at the mines, and all Mooseland was present at the two o'clock services. We were glad too that some few of our Tangier and Spry Bay fellow-churchmen were present to worship with us and to rejoice with us in our pretty church. Before the sermon the Rector read a prepared statement of the building fund, thus making a grateful remembrance of all contributors and their contributions. The church has cost \$1,200. A sermon, earnest throughout and eloquent at times, was preached by the Rev. Richmond Smith, of Salmon River, on "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together," and Miss Mary Leslie ably accompanied the hymns on a reed organ kindly lent by Warden Archibald Prest for the occasion.

The nave of the church is 38 x 18 feet, the chancel 19 x 14 and the tower 9 feet square, finished above its four gables by a sharp four-lobed cap, surmounted by a cross. The vestry is 10 feet x 7. The interior of the building is well finished, all the large timbers such as arches, principles, journals, &c., being stained dark walnut, and the walls and roof of narrow beaded boards coated with hard oil finish.

We can strongly commend Mr. Alfred McCabe, of Musquodoboit, as a church builder whom Wardens or committees may be glad to secure.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

CHARLOTTETOWN.—St. Peter's Cathedral.—Mr. Edward J. Hodgson has presented to St. Peter's Church, for use in All Souls' Chapel [Hodgson Memorial] a beautiful gold chalice, encrusted with precious stones, as a memorial to the late Mrs. Hodgson, his wife. This exquisite work of art, from the studios of Messrs. Karkertin and Krall, of London, goldsmiths to the Ecclesiological Society of that city, is made from the jewellery of the late lady, and is in every way an elegant and a fitting offering to the service of the sanctuary. Upon the face of the chalice is engraved the following inscription: "Ad maiorem Dei Gloriam in Sacrosancto albaris Sacramento et in Memoriam M. M. Joannae Hodgson, Pie Jesu Domine donec ei requiem."

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

ST JOHN.—The Children's Festival and Flower Service at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Fairville, on Sunday afternoon, August 14th, was very impressive. There was a choral celebration with orchestral accompaniment at 11 o'clock, and at three o'clock in the afternoon the flower service was held. The service was one arranged specially for the occasion by the rector, Rev. J. C. Titcombe. The floral offerings of the children were given to the acolytes, who carried them to the altar, where they were arranged by Rev. Mr. Titcombe. An excellent

sermon, full of wisdom and good advice to young children, was preached by Rev. J. de Soyres, and at the close all the children joined in singing a carol. At 7 o'clock there was a carol evensong and Rev. Mr. Titcombe preached. There were large congregations at all the services.—Globe.

Trinity Church.—On Sunday morning, Aug. 24th, Rev. Mr. Lariviere preached in Trinity Church on behalf of the French missions in Quebec.

The brigade of Artillery attended divine service on Sunday morning, 24th ult., at the Stone Church and listened to a very interesting sermon by the rector, Rev. J. de Soyres.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

LACHINE.—No doubt it is known to many readers of the *Church Guardian* that the parish of Lachine was for some months without a Rector. That Lachine was no exception to the general rule in such instances goes without saying. Although a band of willing workers held together and kept the machinery moving, yet the need of a recognized resident head was felt all along the line. It was difficult therefore to keep alive the interest in the various branches of the work.

When the Rector was installed, however, he found himself surrounded by ready helpers. It may not then be altogether uninteresting to the readers of the *Church Guardian* if a brief account of the work carried on in the parish of Lachine during the summer now so fast drawing to a close be put before them.

First among the means for carrying out the Lord's commands may be mentioned a weekly celebration of the Holy Communion in the Parish Church, Lower Lachine, on every second Sunday after the 11 o'clock Morning prayer, and on the alternate Sundays at 8 a.m. The Festivals of the Church are also marked by an early celebration at 7:45 a.m. Thus ample opportunities are offered to all classes of the people to partake regularly of the most comfortable sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ our Saviour. The efforts put forth in this respect are being repaid by an increasing number of communicants.

St. Stephen's Church has undergone repairs. The interior had become shabby and an air of neglect began to assume most undesirable proportions. By a resolution passed at a special vestry meeting it was decided to make extensive repairs, and the bright, beautiful and church like result is quite beyond the most sanguine expectations. Seats are free and the services are hearty, cheerful and well attended.

St. Paul's Church, Upper Lachine, was opened for the summer season on the first Sunday in June. Contrary to the usual custom services are held morning and evening on Sundays, and the Holy Communion is celebrated fortnightly after morning prayers. The free seat system has been put on trial here for this season, and all those connected with the scheme have reason to take courage.

The Sunday School in this parish shows evidence of increasing growth and activity. There is a band of zealous teachers who cooperate most heartily with the Rector's efforts to make the Sunday school a source of strength to the Church. Perhaps no branch of the work suffered more from the absence of a Rector than the Sunday school. However, an effort was made to fan the dying embers into a flame and the results are eminently satisfactory. During the excessive heat of summer the classes were very well attended, both teachers and scholars showing a marked interest in the work. The Rector is preparing a class for confirmation and hopes to present them to the Lord Bishop in October.

Two children's services were held on Sunday afternoons, which were largely attended. The offertories at these services are devoted to Mis-