

Canon Maynard, that Rev. J. M. Withycombe be Secretary of the Deanery.—Also carried unanimously.

It was then moved by Rev. H. How and seconded by Rev. J. M. Withycombe, that the next meeting take place on the 18th and 19th Oct., at Bridgetown.—Carried. It was proposed and adopted that the Dean elect be requested to preach the *ad-lerum* sermon on that occasion. After an animated talk upon the mutual help in parish organization at present lying dormant in our Chapter, it was proposed by Rev. J. M. Withycombe and seconded by Rev. Canon Maynard, that Rev. H. How be asked to write a paper on the "Usefulness and Capability of Ruri-decanal Chapters."

Dr. Filleul was commissioned to convey, on behalf of the Deanery, words of condolence to the families of the late Rev. J. J. Ritchie and Rev. G. Dodwell; and congratulations to Dr. Ambrose on his recovering from injuries.

It was moved, seconded and carried, "That notices of meeting be sent to members of Deanery a fortnight previous to each meeting."

The usual missionary meeting was held in St. Thomas' Church, Weymouth Bridge, on the evening of Wednesday. The speakers were the Rural Dean on "Foreign Missions and the Jews," Rev. J. M. Withycombe on "Domestic Missions," Rev. H. Howe on "Home Missions," Rev. F. W. Vroom "King's College," and by universal assent the speech of the evening, Canon Maynard's subject "Retrospect." Offerteries, in all amounting to about \$10, were devoted to Domestic and Foreign Missions and Widow and Orphan Fund.

Persuant to notice, the Deanery met at Bridgetown on Oct. 18th and 19th. Present the Dean, Rev. H. How, Rev. J. M. Withycombe (Sec'y) and Rev. F. P. Greatoren, Rector of Bridgetown. Service was held in St. James' Church on Wednesday evening, when the Rev. H. H. Howe, Rector, of Annapolis, preached on behalf of King's College. The Rural Dean preached the following morning at eleven o'clock, and the Rev. J. Withycombe, Rector of Weymouth, at the evening service. The meeting of the clergy was held at the Rector's residence in the afternoon.

The Secretary read the Bishop's reply to his letter acquainting his Lordship of the election of Rev. H. D. de Blois, A. M., to the office of Dean. The Dean then presented his commission to be read to the Chapter. In an introductory speech by the Dean, the zealous words gave earnest of a new and improved order of things at our Deanery meetings. A letter was received from Rev. J. E. Warner, the new incumbent of Wilmot, regretting enforced absence and expressing an enthusiastic desire to avail himself of future privileges in connection with Chapter meetings. The Secretary read Dr. Filleul's report on resolutions of condolence. Rev. H. How read his paper on "Usefulness and Capability of Ruri-decanal Chapters." The paper was an eminently practical one and satisfied thoroughly the aim with which the Chapter set him the task at the last meeting. The paper gave rise to an animated discussion and we trust the many valuable suggestions contained in it will not be lost on the future working of the Deanery. There were at this point a collateral discussion on definite parish organizations. The claims of "The King's Daughters" were set forth with much fervor by Rev. F. P. Greatoren. An interchange of reports on organizations already existing in the several parishes suggested the need of uniformity in this respect.

The subject of next paper will therefore be "Uniformity of Parish Organizations," Lector to be subsequently appointed by the Rural Dean. The following was fixed as the order of proceedings for future meetings:—1. Opening with proper prayers; 2. Reading of minutes; 3. Any special business; 4. Reading of one or other, or part of either the form and manner for ordination of deacons, or priests; 5. Reading of paper;

6. Appointing of a lector; 7. Subject for lecture or paper; 8. General business; closing with prayer. Place of next meeting: Parish of Wilmot; time, full moon in February. Preacher, to be latest comer in the Deanery, or by option of the Dean. Offerteries \$8.30.

JOHN M. WITHYCOMBE,
Secretary.

SPRINGHILL MINES.

The Festival of St. Simon and St. Jude was indeed a red letter day in the Parish. His Lordship Bishop Courtney was in the Parish and confirmed fifty-three candidates. The Parish Hall (for 'as yet the Church is not completed and funds are needed to finish the interior) was overcrowded and many persons failed to obtain admission. The service was a very imposing and hearty one. The Bishop's address touched all hearts. It was severe in its spiritual simplicity and magnificent in its matchless perfectness of form and eloquence. The good Bishop is always welcomed at Springhill with much enthusiasm. On the Sunday succeeding the Confirmation, although the day was disagreeable, there were forty-one first Communions made in the Parish Hall. Many of the friends of this Mission will be glad to hear that the exterior of the Cottage Hospital is now fully completed and work on the interior is being rapidly pushed forward. An appeal is being made for the furniture of the building which will be necessary before it begins its work of ministering mercy. Dr. and Mrs. Byers extended very welcome hospitality to the Bishop during his visit.

Owing to pressure of matter this week other items from the diocese of Nova Scotia are held over till our next issue.

Diocese of Fredericton.

ST. JOHN, CORNWALLIS.

The need of a society or guild which would draw the young members of the above parish into closer union has long been felt, and talking it over the members of the Church decided to meet at Mr. L. Donaldson's to consult together with a view to forming one.

Sept. 28th 1892 a meeting having been called the following parishioners met at the above, about 8 p.m.: Rev. Mr. Axford, Mrs. J. Donaldson, Mr. L. Donaldson, Mrs. R. Chipman, Miss Chipman, Miss Rowe, Miss L. Rowe, Miss A. Zink, Mr. W. Zink, Mr. D. Sutton, Miss Smith, Miss Heales, Miss G. Heales, Mr. W. Cox, Miss Cox, Mr. W. Kidston, Mr. P. Kidston.

The meeting opened with prayer and it having been decided to form a society, the Rev. Mr. Axford proposed, seconded by Mr. Donaldson, that officers be appointed and a vote being taken the following officers were elected: Rev. Mr. Axford, president; Mr. Sutton, vice-president; Mr. Cox, secretary-treasurer; Miss Cox, parish reporter. Executive Committee: Miss Rowe, Mr. Donaldson, Miss Smith. Committee to draw up rules and by-laws: Mrs. Chipman, Mr. Donaldson, Miss Zink. The meeting was then closed by singing the National Anthem.

Oct. 12th 1892—As proposed at the previous meeting the members of the society met about 7.30 p.m. After the usual opening it was proposed, seconded and passed that the name of the society shall be The Guild of the Church of St. John. This society has been formed with the following objects in view: First, for uniting in the bonds of Christian fellowship all the younger members of the Church; secondly, to assist the Rector in all the various branches of Church

work; thirdly, for the social enjoyment and literary improvement of the members of the Society. After a discussion it was decided that meetings of the Guild shall be held once every fortnight, at Mr. Donaldson's, for the present. The meeting closed about 10 o'clock with the singing of the National Anthem.

S. E. C., Parish Reporter.

Diocese of Quebec.

It has been decided to form a Bishop Williams' Memorial Mission Fund in memory of the late Bishop, which will amount, it is hoped, to at least \$25,000. Of this sum \$13,000 has already been promised: Among the largest subscribers being Messrs. Robert Hamilton and E. J. Price, each \$5,000. The generosity of the former is well-known; he is seldom applied to without success and in many an unknown way the Church benefits by his liberality. He has ever been an ardent friend of Bishops' College, Lennoxville, which Institution has received from time to time substantial assistance from him.

QUEBEC.

ST. MATTHEWS.—All Saints' Day, 1892, will long be remembered by the congregation of St. Matthew's Church, Quebec, and will always be a marked day in the annals of the Church. On it the Church, was free from any legal incumbent was solemnly consecrated forever for the worship of God, according to the rites and discipline of the Church of England in Canada, by Andrew Hunter, Lord Bishop of Quebec.

Matines was said at 7 a. m., and there was an early celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 7.30 a. m.

The consecration service began at 10.30 o'clock, the Church being then crowded to its utmost capacity. The service began with a procession from the vestry, of the Choir, Church Wardens, Clergy and the Bishop preceded by his Chaplains round the outside of the Church singing "The Church's One Foundation."

As the procession entered the western door, the Bishop was received at the entrance by the Clergy and Churchwardens. Then John Hamilton, Esq., B. A., the Rector's Churchwarden, read a petition signed by the Rector, Churchwardens and others, praying the Bishop to consecrate the Church.

The Bishop having accepted the petition the procession formed again and moved towards the Chancel, singing antiphonally to a Gregorian Chant the xxivth Psalm—the Bishop taking one verse and the Choir and Congregation the other.

On reaching the Chancel the Bishop took his seat in a chair placed in the middle of the Chancel and immediately above the Chancel steps—the Chaplains standing by. The Title Deed was then presented by Edwin Pope, Esq., people's church warden, and the Bishop conducted by his Chaplains, the Venerable Archdeacon Roe and the Very Revd. Dean Norman proceeded to the Altar and kneeling there, invoked the Divine Blessing in special prayers and Intercessions appointed.

The Bishop now seated himself in his chair in the Chancel, and E. G. Meredith, Esq., Registrar of the Diocese, then publicly read the sentence of consecration, which the Bishop signed