

Parish News.

NORTH SYDNEY

The induction of the Rev. C. W. Vernon into the rectorship of this parish took place on the evening of August 4th at half past seven. Nearly all the clergy of the diocese were present and there was a large congregation. The clergy entered the church singing as a procession, "Onward, Christian Soldiers." The new rector then knelt before the Archdeacon, who read the Bishop's letters of institution, appointing him to the cure of souls, blessed him, and then presented him with the bible and book of common prayer. At the request of the Archdeacon, the Rev. T. F. Draper, B. D., then read the Bishop's Mandate of Induction, which was addressed to the Archdeacon, the Rev. W. J. Lockyer, rural dean, the Rev. T. F. Draper, and Messrs. W. M. Vought and D. A. Smith, church wardens, after which the induction into the temporalities took place. Mr. Smith delivering to the new incumbent the keys of the church. Evening prayer was then said, the Rev. A. E. Andrew taking the first part of the service, the Rev. R. W. Norwood the second. The first lesson was read by the rector, the second by the Rev. A. Gale. The sermon was preached by the Rev. T. F. Draper, from 1 Cor. iv, B92. "Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover, it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful." The sermon was a powerful exposition of the doctrine of the Christian ministry, as derived from God and not from man, and contained much useful advice for the congregation and rector. The special concluding prayers having been said by the newly inducted rector, the Archdeacon gave the blessing. The concluding processional hymn was "Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow." On the morning of the same day there was a celebration of the Holy Communion at ten o'clock, before which the new altar and new Communion vessels were blessed and dedicated by Archdeacon Smith. The new altar is of oak and walnut, and was made by Mr. McMillan of this town, after the same plan from which the altar in the Hensley Memorial Chapel at King's College, Windsor, was made. It was given by the congregation in memory of the late rector, the Rev. C. G. Abbott, M. A. The Communion vessels were presented to the church by Mrs. Abbott, in memory of her husband, and are extremely handsome and massive in appearance. The ves-

els are of solid silver, the paten and a lining of the chalice being of silver gilt. The chalice bears a suitable inscription on the base. At the Holy Communion the Archdeacon was celebrant, the Rev. T. F. Draper, epistoler, and the Rev. A. Gale, gospeller. The church was tastefully decorated for the occasion by the ladies of the congregation. A beautiful floral cross and vases of flowers stood upon the table. The amount contributed by this congregation in response to the special appeal made on behalf of the Board of Home Missions was thirty dollars and fifty one cents. The Social and Temperance Society is in a flourishing condition. A short paper is now read at every meeting, the rest of the programme being filled up with songs, music, recitations, and sometimes a short farce. Recent papers and addresses have been given one by the rector on "the early days of the Church at Annapolis," and one by Mrs. McLean on Temperance. Mrs. John Vought has presented the Society with an excellent enlarged portrait of the late rector, handsomely framed. Owing to the exertions of the ladies of the congregation the tea and entertainment held at the latter part of July was a great success. One hundred and twenty-four dollars were cleared. This amount has been devoted to paying the cost of painting the church. Rev. W. J. Cox, curate of St. Peter's, Charlottetown, is spending a few weeks here. He has many warm friends in this and adjoining parishes. Rev. R. W. Norwood of Neils Harbor, C. B., who attended the induction service, on the 4th inst., preached at both services the following Sunday. He will be welcomed, if on a future occasion he should again be able to address this congregation. Several new families have located here this year, principally from Newfoundland. Mrs. Vernon, of Tutu, mother of the Rector, who has been visiting here some weeks has returned home.

THE CHURCH IN KOOTENAY.

Archdeacon Pentreath's Missionary tour to the Kootenays has been a very successful one. At Nelson he made an appeal for Diocesan Missions, resulting in pledges for \$175.00, the second largest amount so far in the Diocese. A stone Church has been begun in this Parish, to seat 300, and will be opened in October. At Rossland the Parish finances have been placed in a very satisfactory position, largely through the efforts of the Hon. T. Daly, and \$100.00 a month will in future,

be paid to the rector. From Nelson the Archdeacon went 100 miles by rail, and 60 miles by stage and team to Greenwood. Greenwood is a town of 100 people, and the C. P. R. line from Robson to Penticton will pass through it next year. A Mission was organized by the name of St. Jude, and \$50.00 a month promised for the support of a Clergyman. The Mayor, Mr. Robert Wood, not only gave a lot in the town, but also an acre, 300 feet frontage, half a mile up the valley, where the best residences will be. The value of this contribution is at least \$1300.00. At Midway nine miles away St. Columba's Mission was organized, and \$25.00 a month promised. These two places can be taken together at present, and this district becomes at once self-supporting. At Grand Forks 20 miles over the Greenwood Divide, Trinity Mission was organized. With some help from Cascade City, and a grant of \$150.00 which the Archdeacon promised to recommend, this place can support a Clergyman at once. The Rev. H. Irwin accompanied the Archdeacon to the Boundary District, and was of very great assistance. Lots were secured at Midway and Grand Forks. Fully \$2000.00 worth of sites were given in this District. The Archdeacon next visited the Slocan Mission and held Services and Meetings at Slocan City, New Denver, Silverton (with Baptisms) and Sandon. Through Mr. Fletcher, of Nelson, a lot valued at \$100.00 was given at Slocan City, and a lot and small building at Nakusp, valued at \$300.00. Services and Meetings were held at Kaslo and Golden, from which place the Archdeacon left for Fort Steele.—Church Record. Only in the sacredness of inward silence does the soul truly meet the secret hiding God. The strength of resolve which afterwards shapes life and mixes itself with action is the fruit of the sacred, solitary moments when we meet God alone.—E. W. Robertson.

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