

Parish News

AMHERST.

The ladies were very successful in realizing about \$66 in aid of the Sunday school at their tea and entertainment, on the 9th.

Rev. S. Woodroffe, rector of "St. George," New Glasgow, lectured in the Parish Hall, on Wednesday evening 23rd, subject "The Reformation and following years of the 17th century." There was but a slim attendance owing no doubt to counter attractions.

The "Church" was prettily decorated for "Thanksgiving Day" with flowers, fruit, and vegetables, which were sent to the poor and sick of the parish on the following day. The service was hearty and attended by a good congregation. The sermon was eloquent and impressive, and appropriate for the day, and was delivered by Rev. Cecil Wiggins, rector of St. Paul's, Sackville N. B., from Psalm 23, reviewing many of the leading events of the past year, tracing the downfall of a once great and powerful nation, the restoration of peace and goodwill between the Mother Country and the neighbouring republic and showing guidance of God's Hand, that out of wars, and tumults chaos and darkness, goodwill come to those who put their trust in Him, "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the House of the Lord forever."

M. E. B.

SPRINGHILL.

Thanksgiving Day was the annual Donation Day at the Hospital. Many friends of the Institution visited the building on that day and brought helpful presents of poultry, fruit, vegetables, and groceries. At present there are three male and four female patients in the Hospital and the nurses are kept busy in doing much district nursing work.

NORTH SYDNEY.

The annual Harvest Festival service was held in this parish on Tuesday evening, Oct. 4th. The Church was appropriately decorated for the occasion with fruit, flowers, grain and vegetables. The sermon was preached by the rector from the text, Jeremiah, viii, 20, "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved."

The Feast of All Saints was duly observed by Morning Prayer and Holy Communion at 10 a. m., and evensong at 7 p. m. The Rev. A. Gale preached in the evening on

the state of the faithful departed. On Sunday, Nov. 13th, the Rev. W. Chas. Wilson, of Springhill, preached in the evening on behalf of the Board of Home Missions, and the annual collection was taken up. It amounted to 68.14, with the possibility of more yet to come in. This together with \$33.00, raised in response to the Special Appeal, nearly doubles the contribution given last year to the funds of the Board.

This parish has received several visits this summer from the Rev. R. W. Norwood, B. A., of Neil's Harbor. Much interest is felt here in Mr. Norwood's work in his mission, and on the occasion of his last visit he was given a collection of a little over \$20.00.

The Holy Communion is now celebrated in this parish every Sunday and Holy Day. The attendance at the Saint's Day celebrations has been most encouraging.

As a result of a concert, got up by Mrs. John Voight and family, the platform of the Sunday school has been completed, and curtains placed over the windows, adding much to the comfort and the appearance of the school.

The Sunday School, under the able superintendence of Mr. W. E. Earle is in a most flourishing condition. There are now over 70 scholars on the rolls.

The Social and Temperance Society is also in a satisfactory condition. A special temperance meeting is to be held on Nov. 17, at which five-minute papers or addresses will be given by the Rev. C. W. Vernon, Rev. A. Gale, Mr. W. E. Earle, and Miss Hattie Robinson.

HALIFAX.

At the Sunday school teachers meeting which was held in the Church of England Institute last week. Miss Hamilton gave a most excellent paper on the child's mind, or Psychology of the child's mind. The paper was most interesting and as the Rev. E. P. Crawford said, quite a revelation to many.

The Rev. Foster Almon has been visiting the mission in Liscombe. Mr. J. A. Winfield has supplied the pulpit of Trinity Church in his absence.

A course of special sermons is being preached in St. Paul's by the Rev. W. J. Armitage.

A very brilliant organ recital was rendered in St. Luke's Cathedral last week by Mr. Athoe the organist. Rev. E. P. Crawford being the soloist.

Mr. J. A. Winfield gave a most interesting lecture in St. Paul's Hall on the 17th. His subject being, "Nansen's farthest North." It was much enjoyed.

The Mission Hall is crowded to the doors at all the services.

St. Matthias' Church, Windsor St., is making great progress under the ministrations of the Rev. Percy Soanes.

BADDECK.

Mr. B. A. Bowman, B. A. of King's College, is now stationed here as layreader. The Rev. W. C. Vernon, of North Sydney, came over several times during the summer to administer the Holy Communion.

NEIL'S HARBOR.

The Churchman on a tour through Cape Breton cannot help but be struck at the paucity of Anglican communities, especially in the Northern and Western parts of the Island. It was with feelings of interest and pleasure when on my arrival at Englishtown I heard that "a few miles to the Nor'ard" was a Church of England that is at Neils Harbor. Closer investigation proved the few miles to be about fifty. A weary tramp through the North Shore over Smoky Mountain, past the Ingosh's then a tramp of 12 miles through woods, swamps, and bushes and Neils Harbor opens to view a typical Atlantic fishing settlement. Rocks, dwarf bushes, and that sickly odor peculiar to all fishing hamlets being the chief characteristic. "Nales" Harbor as the natives love to call it was settled chiefly by Newfoundlanders who brought with them that rich western countries dialect made funous by Kingsley and a love for the dear old mother Church. A quarter of a century ago the first settlers came to Neil's Harbor they were speedily followed by others and shortly after the first clergyman (the late Rev. Mr. Gibbons) came to minister to their spiritual needs. Through his instrumentality a Church and Mission House were built, which still serve well not the requirements of the Parish. Many other clergymen have labored here and their work has been eminently successful. Will the churchmen and women who read this please bear in mind Neils Harbor is a poor parish, many things are wanted to keep along Church work. The writer has seen poor parishes but none so poor as this.

The parishioners do all they can but when so much is to be done their all is trifling. The church wants cleaning or painting, new seating, new furniture, and one enthusiastic daughter of the church "does hope they will have a tower and a bell before long." (The summons to worship is accomplished by a flag in the day time and by the lighted church at night,) these matters can be allowed to wait, for when fish is scarce in many cases homes and little children must go

short of necessities. The Rev. R. W. Norwood B. A. is now in charge of the parish and has started manfully to work. A new vestry has been built through his perseverance, at a cost of \$45.00. During his incumbency a sewing circle has been organized which will do good work for the place. Calico, cloth, and other fabrics for this Society can be sent to the Secretary Mrs. Rueben Payne, who with her condutors will make it up into eatable articles for a proposed bazaar. The writer only met one of the churchwardens (Mr. T. Williams) and was impressed with his usefulness. It is regrettable some ready writer cannot lay before your readers the needs of the church. I can neither describe the people or speak of all their needs. This I know, St. Andrew's Church, Neils Harbor, stands a refreshing oasis in the wilderness of dissent in Northern Cape Breton, and if on no higher grounds should be helped by the wealthier church people of the Diocese.

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