

and energies we wish to enlist. People in the humbler ranks must be led to feel that the Holy Communion, for example, is not a service intended chiefly for the upper classes. Family prayer ought to be encouraged, even when the people concerned can and do attend daily services. It is a good thing to make an evening visit with a view of beginning this practice with a family. If time can be found for attending evening parties and places of amusement, then manifestly time ought to be found for visiting in the evening, when that is the most advantageous period of the day, in the case of those to be influenced. With the object of avoiding cases of neglect to individuals, such as were spoken of, letters recommendatory should always be sent with parishioners who go to live elsewhere. His Lordship spoke favourably of organization in bands or guilds or brotherhoods—the name mattered little. He emphasized the remark made in Mr. Hopburn's paper that "Where there is no work, there is no grace." He referred to the Rev. I. N. Kerr, missionary on the extended coast of Labrador, as a worthy example of "spending and being spent" in the Master's Service.

DISTRICT NEWS.

INVERNESS.

A Thanksgiving Service, or Harvest Festival, was held at St. Stephen's Church, in this Mission on Sunday, the 14th October, the 21st Sunday after Trinity. The Church was beautifully and tastefully decorated, by the young people of the Sunday School, and the Choir. The chancel was arranged with bands of cut flowers round the Holy Table, fruit and apples being conspicuously displayed, twined in wreaths of bright maple leaves, and pine cuttings; sheaves of wheat stood near the Chancel, and vegetables in great variety, some of giant growth, were placed in the vicinity of the chancel steps, the whole producing a charming "*coup d'œil*" on entering the Church. The service was rendered bright by the Choir singing appropriate harvest hymns. The sermon was preached by the Rev. John Kemp, B.D., in his address, he spoke of the duty of rendering to God, *at all times*, thanksgiving and praise; especially should we show forth His praise, on *these*

occasions appointed for public thanksgiving to God for His blessings vouchsafed to the people of the land.

BOURG LOUIS.

The month of October may be called a red letter month in the Mission of Bourg Louis. On Sunday, the 14th, the Rev. R. A. Parrock, Bishop's Chaplain, was here and preached interesting and instructive sermons. On Sunday, the 23th, a service of Thanksgiving for the Ingathering of the Harvest was held. The Church had been tastefully decorated with grain, fruit and flowers. It proved a fine day, and a large congregation was present.

The Rev. I. M. Thompson, Rural Dean, spent All Saints' Day in this Mission. Three services were held. In the morning one was held in the Church, with a Celebration of the Holy Communion, at which the Rev. J. B. Debbage, Incumbent, was Celebrant. In the afternoon, another service was held in the house of Mr. Robert McElrea, at Pointe-Basse. And in the evening, one was held in the Church. A good congregation was present. The Rev. I. M. Thompson preached instructive, interesting and earnest sermons to attentive and appreciating congregations.

SANDY BEACH.

The Rev. G. T. Harding writes:

We have met with many losses through death this year, and I am sorry to have to record three more within a short period, as follows:—

Died on the 25th October, Abraham Thompson, an aged resident of the Barachois district, noted and respected for his quiet, virtuous life, and for his persevering attendance at God's House, to which he walked, summer and winter, a distance of four or five miles, rarely missing.

On the 27th October, Wilfred Suddard, a young man of great promise in Church matters, who was lately assistant librarian of our Parish Library, and a worthy example to all our young men, for his consistent churchmanship and devout life.

Lastly, on the 11th November, Mrs. Nicholas Bailey, aged 79, whose husband (still living) was, for many years, clergyman's warden of this Church. She died quite suddenly, but had received the Sacrament, privately, only a few