

Rev. A. J. Cresswell, Missionary in Albert Co., has been unanimously elected Rector of Springfield, Kings County, as successor to Rev. J. H. Talbot.

Rev. C. F. Wiggins, Rector of Sackville, has been spending a short vacation in Prince Edward Island.

Rev. F. W. Vroom, Rector of Shediac, has so far recovered from his recent serious illness that he was able to commence work again on Sunday, Sept. 19, with three full services.

Rev. G. J. D. Peters, Rector of Bathurst, is indisposed, and is obliged to seek rest for a time from his arduous work. The good people of Bathurst are responding to his efforts for their good, and have lately raised over \$500 by a sale of work.

Rev. Canon Walker is now on a visit to his sons in the United States.

Two Representatives to the General Convention of the American Church have been selected from this Diocese by the Provincial Synod of Canada, viz., Rev. Canon Medley, of Sussex, and Hon. B. R. Stevenson, of Saint Andrews. The Convention will meet at Chicago on Wednesday, October 6th.

August 12th, 1887, will be a great day in Halifax, being the centennial anniversary of the Consecration of the first Bishop of the British Colonies, Right Reverend Charles Inglis, D.D.

Parochial Items.

JOHNSTON:—Our Parson is taking a little holiday, which he richly deserves. We hope to see him home soon, for we cannot do without him. He is the head of everything that is good. The fife and drum band have been winning laurels at all the picnics of late, and are justly proud of their position.

PETITCODIAC:—We are very sorry to say we are going to lose our Curate, Rev. B. R. Taylor, who is to leave us at the end of the year. He has done a good work and we shall miss him much, but we wish him good luck wherever he goes.

SPRINGFIELD:—The Parish is almost in mourning at the thought of losing our dear Rector and his family. It will be hard work for another to fill his place; but we have chosen Rev. A. J. Cresswell, who we hope will accept the position and carry on the good work of Rev. J. H. Talbot, who has laboured so earnestly among us for nine years. The Mission has entirely changed in character during that time, and we venture to say we are all better Church-people than we were then. We

have also three handsome Churches, all of which have many nails in them driven by the hands of our dear friend who is leaving us.

HAMPTON:—The annual Parochial Festival in this Parish was held on Tuesday, August 31st. Unfortunately the day was most unfavourable; but in spite of this the Church was well filled at the 11 o'clock service, and a large number of people assembled for dinner. Owing to the rain the band was unable to play, and the out-door games had to be given up. We were all disappointed, but hope for a better day next year. If the weather had been fine it was expected that some six hundred people would have been present. Five children were baptized at the service, and the Church was beautifully decorated with flowers and grain.

A site has been purchased for the School Chapel at Hampton Station. Plans have been procured and tenders asked for. Those interested in this building have given liberally towards the Building Fund. Much credit is due to the collectors, Mrs. McN. Travis and Mrs. Stewart.

SUSSEX:—On Thursday, September 23rd, our annual Sunday School Festival was held on the grounds of Nelson Arnold, Esq. At 1.30 p.m. the Superintendent, teachers, scholars, and some other of the parishioners assembled at the Church for a short service, in the course of which our Rector addressed the scholars on the character and example of Samuel. Three hearty hymns were sung, and at the close of the service the scholars and teachers, headed by a bright banner for each class, marched to the grounds, which are near to the Church, and spent the afternoon in the enjoyment of cricket, swings, foot-ball, races, and many other games. Tea was supplied at 4 p.m., which everybody seemed to enjoy heartily; and then came a tug of war and a scramble, and last of all "God Save the Queen," accompanied by ringing cheers.

Mr. George W. Daniel has kindly consented to assist the Rector of Sussex as Lay Reader, a work for which he is eminently well suited. We only hope his help will not cause the Rector to make long sermons, to which we strongly object.

WATERFORD:—Our Rector, after his busy work of preparation for Confirmation, has left us for a few weeks, his place being supplied on Sundays by Lay Readers from St. John. We do not complain, but we want to see him back soon.