

and 7 female,—all of whom, I trust, presented themselves willingly and gladly, and with full purpose of heart to do, in all things, the will of God. The Bishop, sitting at the entrance of the chancel, addressed very earnestly the newly-confirmed and the congregation, taking for a text the suggestive words, "Behold the Lamb of God." and none, I think, could listen unimpressed, while the venerable Metropolitan so faithfully, lovingly, and fervently set forth Jesus Christ and Him crucified, as the only Saviour for rich and poor, high and low, alike. A large number of worshippers, (about 62), afterwards partook of the Holy Communion of the Lord's body and blood, and it was extremely gratifying to notice among them all the newly-confirmed. The Bishop's very forcible and earnest address to the young people regarding this great duty and privilege could not be without effect upon those who had not before quite made up their minds to partake. At the evening service an able sermon was preached by the Rev. George Love, of Albert County. The attendance at both services was large, although, I have no doubt, many more would have been present had the sittings in this Church been free. The floral decorations, kindly furnished by some of the ladies, were most appropriate and beautiful, chaste, and not excessive in quantity. The music was good, and the singing hearty and unambitious.

With best wishes for the success of your valuable paper.—*Con.*

PETITCODIAC.—The Rev. Cuthbert Willis is Rector of Salisbury and Havelock, and is assisted by the Rev. W. J. Wilkinson, Deacon. The services in the mission of Salisbury were most gratifying to lovers of the Church. On Sunday, Sept. 14th, at the new Church at Pollet River, three miles from Petitcodiac, there were four baptisms, two of them being adults. On Monday afternoon the Metropolitan arrived at Salisbury by the 4.30 P. M. train, and confirmed privately Mr. Parkin, 85 years of age. He then drove to the Rectory at Petitcodiac, some ten miles distant. The next day, Sept. 16th, he proceeded to Pollet River, where a small church has been erected to seat 90 persons. The church has been put up by the energy of the Rev. C. Willis assisted by a few hard working parishioners. Our readers will be surprised to learn that \$380 represent the amount of money that has been spent upon the neat and creditable building. The rest of the expense has been met by the labour of the people, and by their contribution of materials. They deserve every credit for the way in which they have strengthened the Rector's hands, and the interest they have taken. There is not a dollar of debt on the church, so the Bishop consecrated it by the name of St. Peter. There were present and assisting in the services, Rev. Canon Medley, Rev. Dr. Jarvis, and Rev. Messrs. Hanford, Warneford, Lockwood, Willis, and Wilkinson. Thirteen candidates were confirmed, many of them of mature years and some of them heads of families. The Bishop delivered an appropriate address, and at least 45 persons received the Holy Communion. The same evening service was held in St. Andrew's Church, Petitcodiac. Prayers were said by the Rev. S. J. Hanford, and the Lessons were read by Rev. J. Lockwood. Three adults were baptized by the Bishop. The sermon was preached from Job iii. 20 by the Rev. Edwyn S. W. Pentreath.

The next day, Sept. 17th, at 11 A. M., after the singing of a hymn, the Litany was said by the Rev. Edwyn S. W. Pentreath. The Rev. W. J. Wilkinson read the Preface in the Confirmation Service, and seventeen candidates received the "Laying on of Hands." The character of this class was quite noticeable, most of them being men and women of middle age, and half of them men. The Communion Office was then said by the Rev. Mr. Lockwood, Rev. Canon Medley

reading the Epistle, and the Bishop the Gospel. His Lordship celebrated, and a godly number received the Holy Communion. The Bishop founded his address on 1 Cor. xv. 28, and delivered a most powerful sermon, (sitting in his chair), on the duty of being grounded in the primary truths of religion, firm in the faith, and abounding in the Lord's work. He spoke of the encouraging progress of the Church in this part of the Diocese. In this Parish, where a few years ago there were no Church families, and apparently no prospect for the Church, there are now two consecrated Churches, both paid for, and a Rectory with 11 acres of ground, free from debt. It shows the value of the earnest and judicious work of the Rev. C. Willis, to whose labours the results are due, and is a testimony to the value of aggressive work. The Rev. Mr. Wilkinson has worked very hard, and deserves credit for his active labours in the Mission, where he is much appreciated by the people. The clergy and friends repaired to St. Andrew's Rectory, where a bountiful lunch had been provided. The Metropolitan left for Sussex at 5 P. M.

WATERFORD.—On Sunday last eighteen candidates were confirmed in the Church of the Ascension, Waterford, Rev. J. Lockwood, Missionary. His Lordship arrived in St. John Monday, presided at a meeting of the Board of Home Missions that evening, and left for Fredericton the next day, thus completing his Confirmation Tour for 1879.

WESTMORLAND.—On Wednesday, Sept. 20th, at 3 o'clock, p. m., the Most Reverend the Metropolitan, held a Confirmation at St. Mark's Church, in the Parish of Westmorland, where twenty-one candidates came forward to receive the Apostolic Rite, six of the number being baptized also at the same time. His Lordship expressed much pleasure on seeing the new Church in the course of erection.

PARISH OF ST. DAVID.—A very pleasant picnic was held on the grounds of Joseph Simpson, Esq., one of the Church Wardens, on Saturday, August 23rd. Owing to the great exertions of the Rector, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Simpson and Mr. John Hill, tables and swings were erected on the grounds, and a few boats were brought to the shore for the use of the guests. About 150 adults, including the Rev. J. and Mrs. Rushton, of St. Stephen, sat down to tea, after the children of the Sunday School had been feasted. The picnic formed an agreeable reunion for the Parishioners, and it is hoped, will help to spread a feeling of unity.

ALBERT COUNTY.—The Most Reverend the Metropolitan visited this county on Friday, September 12th, and held a Confirmation at Saint John's Church, Hopeveil Hill. His Lordship, accompanied by Rev. E. Simonds, of Dorchester, was met at the Cape Ferry, by Rev. George Love, and driven from thence to "The Hill" Church. The Bishop's eminence as an ecclesiastic, his scholarship, his well known piety, high character, charitable deeds, and sterling qualities, attracted, even on a week day, and in this busy season a large number of people from all parts of the county. The little Church was inconveniently crowded, and many could not get inside the building. Owing to the smallness of the Vestry, the Bishop and Clergy robed in a house close by, and on entering the Church, the choir sang the hymn "Lead Kindly Light." The Litany was said by the Rev. George Love; and the Communion Office by the Bishop and Rev. E. Simonds. The Confirmation candidates numbered nine, and were severally presented to the Bishop, seated in the chancel by the Missionary, Rev. Mr. Love, who also, at his Lordship's request, read the preface to that service.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

THE Bishop is this week holding Confirmations at Havelock and New Ross. The Church at New Ross, happily completed by persevering effort after several years of labor, is to be consecrated to-day.

MANCHESTER, GUYSBORO Co.—Great improvements have recently been made in the interior of St. Paul's church. The seats, desks, wainscoting, etc., of plain wood, formerly innocent of varnish, have been painted a deep, dark, warm colour, the windows have been frosted and the roof and walls thoroughly cleansed and whitened. The whole appearance is in charming contrast to what it was a few months ago and shows what may be accomplished by the persistent efforts of even a few individuals. From being cold, comfortless and cheerless, it is now transformed into one of the most attractive and tastefully-decorated little temples in this part of the province.

These improvements are mainly due to the energy of the pastor and one or two ladies of his congregation, and very much credit must accrue to them when it is reflected that they had to struggle under most advanced circumstances, that they all lived at a considerable distance, yet daily devoted several hours to the labors of decoration, and that the funds at their command were by no means abundant.

One result in the altered aspect of the church is the very great increase in the attendance. A year ago the minimum number present during service was thirty, now it is a hundred with an average of about seventy.

Although this change has been largely brought about by the attractiveness of the place of worship, yet no inconsiderable portion of it is due to the energy of Mr. Hamilton, and to the choir, which, under Mrs. Marshall's leadership, has obtained a state of perfection rarely met with in a country Church.

RURAL DEANERY MEETING.—A meeting of the Lunenburg Chapter will take place at Mahone Bay on Wednesday, October 8th. Divine Service will be held on Wednesday and Thursday mornings, and on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. On Wednesday evening brief addresses will be delivered by the clergy on the subjects of Home and Foreign Missions. Members of the Chapter are requested to send early notice to the Rev. C. E. Churchward if they will be able to attend. A collection will be taken during the Wednesday evening addresses in aid of the funds of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts.

By order,

W. B. GELLING, *Secretary.*

DIGBY Co.—Mr. Shaw writes us very encouragingly of his work in getting subscribers for the GUARDIAN. His last letter was from Digby Co., where he had met with very good success, which he attributes largely to the warm interest and support of the Rectors of Digby and Weymouth, the Rev. John Ambrose and the Rev. P. J. Filleul. Our hearty thanks are due to these gentlemen for their kind exertions on our behalf. Mr. Shaw speaks very hopefully of the future of the Church in this County, and alludes in glowing terms to the new churches in both places. From what he says, we conclude that, while in Digby he thought it had the finest building, and when in Weymouth, he changed his affections to the one there. Having left both places, he is now uncertain which to admire most.

HALIFAX—Trinity.—The Lord Bishop of the Diocese held an ordination in this Church on Sunday morning last, when Mr. A. D. Bambrick, B. A. of King's College, Windsor, and Mr. Arnold of England, were admitted to the Diaconate; and the Rev. H. How, Deacon, Vicar of Newport, was advanced to the Priesthood. The sermon was preached by the Rev.

Canon Maynard. We very much regret to learn that there seems but little prospect of the Rev. Mr. Ancient remaining in charge of this congregation. He has accomplished a great work since coming here.

GLACE BAY MISSION.—The Clerical Secretary landed in this mission on his way to Sydney, and preached at St. Paul's and St. Mary's Churches on the 3rd and 4th. He returned on the 10th to hold his official meeting in aid of the B. H. M. His previous eloquent sermons prepared and brought together not only the Church people, but many of the various denominations; and for almost two hours he held spell bound the congregation assembled at St. Mary's, St. Paul's and Christ's Church on the evenings of the 10th, 11th and 12th. The extremely hard times at the various collieries alone prevented large offertories, for the feeling expressed by one man was felt by all, viz:—"Had the purse been ever so deep the last cent would have been uncovered."

The Missionary in charge must feel thankful that the claims of the B. H. M., were so clearly and ably set forth and impressed upon his people, and that a new impetus was given church life by the eloquent and soul stirring words of the Rev. Secretary.

PUGWASH.—The Lord Bishop visited this Parish on Saturday, the 6th instant. The Rev. B. F. Brime, the Rector, with the Rev. Canon Townshend of Amherst, Rural Dean, and the Rev. J. L. Downing of River John, met his Lordship at Oxford Station, from whence they proceeded to the pretty little church at Clifton, where a numerous congregation was awaiting to witness the consecration of Church and Burial Ground. His Lordship expressed himself much pleased at the appearance of the Church and its beautiful surroundings; and all present remembered that to the Rev. Wm. Ellis, now of Sackville, was due its erection, and the gift of the site. The name given to the building was "The Church of St. John the Evangelist."

The interior of the Church was handsomely trimmed, and the appearance of the Altar was particularly attractive, being richly and profusely decorated with flowers. After the service of consecration the Holy Rite of Confirmation was administered to a class of six. Service ended the Rector drove his Lordship to the Pugwash Rectory, where he received a cordial welcome.

The next day, Sunday, Confirmation was held at the parish church, when nine persons received the "laying on of hands." The class would have been larger but some few persons from a distance were unable to be present as intended.

Loving hands had been busy in decorating God's Altar with charming flowers, and the old church looked remarkably well. His Lordship's address to the candidates, and his sermons, both morning and evening, were very eloquent and earnest.

On Monday morning the building committee met at the rectory, and discussed at length the arrangements for building the new church.

Efforts will soon be made to begin the work.

His Lordship after luncheon was driven by the Rector to Thompson station on his way to Halifax.

Thus ended a visit which we all most earnestly pray may prove of lasting good to many souls.

DIOCESE OF NEWFOUNDLAND.

TRINITY.—The Rev. Rural Dean Smith of Trinity, who, with his Sister-in-Law, was thrown out of his carriage, is considered out of danger, but will hardly be able to do any more work in his mission. Miss Moorhouse, who was with her Brother-in-Law, received a compound fracture of the thigh.