

making the building resound with their voices.

The service commenced with Matins, which was said by the priest of the Mission, the Vicar of Sydney taking the Lessons and Preface to Confirmation service. After the singing of the hymn "Soldiers of Christ Arise" the Bishop came forward to the chancel steps and in an earnest and loving address encouraged the candidates in their desire for additional strength in their spiritual life, which every earnest believer in the ordinance of Confirmation would most undoubtedly receive by the "laying on of hands." The candidates were particularly warned of the many dangerous temptations that lay before them, and some loving, fatherly advice was given them by our good Bishop.

The congregation were congratulated upon the new Church they had erected since the Bishop's last visit, and though far from completion His Lordship urged them to persevere and not rest satisfied until the building was thoroughly finished and paid for. He knew this had been a hard year with the fishermen but reminded them that it was the same loving Father who ruled in years of scarcity as well as years of abundance, and that it was our duty to meekly bow to His omnipotent wisdom.

After the hymn "Come Holy Ghost our Souls Inspire," the priest presented to the Bishop eight males and seven females, for whom he prayed and laid his hands on them and blessed them. The hymn "Thine Forever" was sung, after which the Bishop preached an impressive sermon. The service closed with the hymn "O Jesus I Have Promised," and the Benediction. Immediately after the service the Bishop proceeded to the new cemetery followed by all the congregation, and there most solemnly dedicated "God's acre" as a resting place for the faithful departed. The Bishop took advantage of the opportunity and made an earnest address to the people before proceeding to the consecration. The chancel of the Church looked very pretty, the altar being vested in white and surrounded by an abundant display of potted flowers, whilst some eight vases of beautifully cut flowers adorned the re-table. The singing was very good, the organ being presided at by Miss Laura Draper, sister of the mission Priest. After partaking of Mrs. Dickson's kind hospitality, the Bishop proceeded to Louisburg. Evensong was said at 7 p.m., and the sermon preached by the Vicar of Sydney. The following (Friday) morning at 10.30 o'clock the Confirmation service was held, when sixteen males and eighteen females were presented, making a total of forty-nine in the mission. The Bishop was particularly pleased with the large number of male candidates. Evensong was said at 7 o'clock, and an earnest address, particularly intended for the newly confirmed, was delivered by the Priest of the Mission, on "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life." On Saturday morning the Bishop left with the Priest of Cow Bay for that Mission where Confirmation was to take place on Sunday.

At Louisburg the Priest of the Mission held a special communicant's class on Saturday evening, and at 8 a. m. celebration on Sunday sixty-nine received the Blessed Sacrament, including all the newly confirmed.

A similar service was held the following Saturday at Main-a-Dieu, and the next morning (Sunday) forty-four received the Blessed Sacrament at the 8 o'clock celebration. The Bishop's visit will long be thankfully and gratefully remembered, and may the result be a larger amount of fruit at the great ingathering of the eternal harvest.

SYDNEY MINES AND NORTH SYDNEY.—His Lordship visited these two parishes on Sunday, August 8th. for the purpose of administering the sacred rite of Confirmation. The service at Sydney Mines began at 11 o'clock, the

church being prettily decorated with flowers for the occasion. There were 21 candidates presented. The Bishop, in his address to the congregation expressed his commendation of the various changes and improvements which had been made in the building since his previous visit. At the celebration 50 received.

In the evening the Church at North Sydney was crowded, even the aisles being fairly filled. This church has been enlarged, (lengthening the nave and adding transepts) so as almost to double the seating capacity. Thirty-one candidates were presented for the laying on of hands. His Lordship spoke in terms of the highest praise of the zeal displayed by the congregation, dwelling with especial satisfaction upon the fact that while spending unusual large sums of money in parochial undertakings, they had nearly doubled their contributions for mission purposes. On the following Sunday morning, 57, including the newly confirmed, received the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

In both parishes the women as usual have been diligent in their labours for the good cause. The Sewing Society of St John's Church, under the energetic management of Miss Brown, held a bazaar last month and realized over \$200. The Trinity Church Society had their sale on the 12th and made over \$250.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

ST. GEORGE.—On Tuesday last our Venerable Metropolitan, accompanied by the Bishop of Maine and the Rev. Canon Ketchum, arrived at St. George. The Metropolitan to confirm in St. Mark's Church, Pennfield; the weather was all that could be desired, and large congregations assembled in both Churches; two more hearty and earnest services have never before been held in either parish, and we are sure that they will long be held in memory by all those present. The service at Christ Church, Pennfold, began with the baptism of a young girl, Maggie Traiur; in this service the Rector and the Rev. Canon Ketchum took part, the Metropolitan baptising; then followed the Confirmation, when she with twenty-two others received the rite of the "laying on of hands" from the chief pastor of this Diocese. The ages of the catechumens varying from 70 or upwards to 14. Then followed two very earnest and impressive addresses from the Metropolitan and Bishop of Maine. The former alluding very touchingly to two members of the congregation who had "gone home" since he last was here; in one the late esteemed Isaac Justason, who was an earnest and consistent member of the Church for many years; the other a young girl Agnes Crickard, who was ever interested in Church work, and who passed away very happily and strong in "the faith once delivered to the Saints," not long ago. The address from the Bishop of Maine was listened to with great attention and pleasure, and all were sorry when it came to a close. The party then proceeded to St. George, where service was held at St. Mark's Church at 8 o'clock. It consisted of Evening Prayer, Confirmation service, and a sermon from the Metropolitan, from the text: "Am I my brother's keeper?" and a very stirring and powerful address to all, but more especially to the twelve newly confirmed from the Bishop of Maine. The service at St. Mark's was wonderfully impressive, the music exceptionally good, the responses hearty, and the sermon from the Metropolitan, and address from the Bishop of Maine, powerful, earnest and touching. The results of which must be seen, if only "like bread cast upon the waters after many days," and the heart of the rector, the Rev. D. E. Smith, M.A., must have been gladdened, refreshed and strengthened at the abundant fruits which were this day manifested of his work. Fruits which could alone be the result of much earnest work, and a great blessing following it, from Him who, while Paul may

plant and Appolos water, can alone give the increase. In all there were thirty-five persons confirmed, which when we remember that there has been a Confirmation in the Mission for three consecutive years, and that during that period eighty-one is the total number confirmed it is certainly a very good proportion, and should cause the Rector and all interested in the work of the Anglican Catholic Church to "thank God and take courage."

On Wednesday morning the Holy Communion was celebrated at St. Mark's Church, St. George. The Bishop of Maine, celebrant, at which thirty embraced the opportunity of communing with Him, whose command was, "This do in remembrance of me," and with their venerable and much loved Bishop, whose advanced age 81, makes it a matter of doubt as to whether he will ever be amongst us again. He with some friends returned to St. Andrews by train. Whilst the Bishop of Maine, accompanied by the Rector and two or three invited guests of the Bishop went by sail-boat up the beautiful Magaguadavico river, arriving at St. Andrew's at 2:30, having much enjoyed the sail and beautiful scenery.

SHELBOURNE.—Rev. Canon Maynard, D. D., is visiting his daughter, Mrs. How, and his old friend Rev. T. White, D. D., the reverend and venerable Rector of this parish. Dr. Maynard preached, from Canticles V. I., to a large congregation on the evening of Aug. 15th. He has endeared himself to all who had the pleasure of meeting him. Rev. H. How, B. A., late of Newport, has entered upon his duties as curate in charge.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

The following are part of the Bishop's appointments for August:—

August 24, Tuesday.—River Desert, Rev. H. Plaisted, M. A.

" 27, Friday.—North Wakefield, Churchwardens.

" 29, Sunday.—Chelsea, Rev. G. Johnson. —Hull, Rev. F. R. Smith.

Communications addressed as follows:—

From August 18th to August 26th—Care of Rev. W. P. Chambers, Aylin.

From August 27th to August 28th—Care of Rev. G. Johnson, Chelsea.

ST. ARMAND WEST.—The people of this parish celebrated their Harvest Home by a joyous Festival at Philipsburgh, on Thursday, the 19th inst. The day's festivities were prefaced by a solemn Thanksgiving service in St. Paul's Church, which was beautifully decorated by the willing and skilful hands of the ladies of the congregation. The Rev. Geo. Rogers, M.A., of St. Luke's, Montreal, conducted Morning Prayer, the Lessons being read by the Rev. J. C. Garret, Rector of Lacolle, and W. Westover, late of the Diocese of Vermont. The Ante-Communion office was taken by the Rev. H. W. Nye, M.A., Rural Dean of Bedford, with the Rev. J. F. Renaud, Rural Dean of Iberville, as Epistoler. An exceedingly able, eloquent and practical sermon was preached by the Rev. E. H. Krans, M.A., associate-rector of St. Ann's Church, New York.

The Thanksgiving dinner, which was spread under the shade of some noble trees on the Wiloughby Moore estate, was worthy of the occasion and of the providers.

The afternoon was spent on the beautiful grounds of W. F. Kay, Esq., which skirt the waters of Missisquoi Bay. The programme of amusements embraced races, trials of athletic skill, and brief addresses by the visiting clergy, the whole winding up with a two-mile boat race, by two local aspirants to nautical fame.

We heartily congratulate the Rector, (Rev. F. A. Allen) and his people on the complete success of the Festival.