

men who would do all in their power to meet the needs of the people. But the work was not exclusively a nursing one. They only worked that way in special cases. Their work was parochial. The ladies were trained to do good, honest parish work, and that they had succeeded in the mission to which they had been called was proved not only by the appreciation of the clergy in whose parishes they worked, but from very earnest demands he received on all hands for ministries of the kind to be sent into other parishes. For the maintenance of that organization he was responsible himself for £1,200 at the present time, and the other £1,000 was raised in the diocese of Durham. Large collections were taken.

BUFFALO.—St. Bartholomew's.—On Ascension Day a handsome altar cross, a gift from the children of the Sunday-school, was placed in position, and together with the altar recently introduced presents a very pleasing appearance.

St. Peter's—Ascension Day was specially marked by the introduction into the Church of proper hangings and a richly clothed altar.

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

DIocese OF NOVA SCOTIA.

The Bishop of Nova Scotia having decided to create three Archdeacons in his Diocese instead of two as formerly, Rev. David Smith, of Sydney, who for several years has been Rural Dean, has accepted the office of Venerable Archdeacon for the District of Cape Breton. Rev. Mr. Bambrick, of North Sydney, will probably succeed him as Rural Dean.

GRAND MANAN.—This isolated part of the Diocese has steadily though quietly been doing good work. When the present Rector, Mr. Covert, came to this parish Divine service had not been held for over three years; there were no Sunday-schools on the island, and the parish church was in a very bad condition. Nearly all the church members had on account of troubles in the church left, and in default of better joined the dissenters; the few who were left taking but little interest in the welfare of the Church. At first glance one would think the case hopeless and the Church entirely dead, but by patient steady effort on the part of the Rector and a few good friends it has been revived, and is now in a flourishing state.

During the fifteen years the Rector has spent here he has built a small though beautiful church at North Head; had the Parish Church at Grand Harbor repaired and beautified, and good organs placed in each church, while a fine bell from each belfry calls the congregations to service. Two large and flourishing Sunday-schools are carried on in each place, and the number of communicants have increased from half a dozen to between forty and fifty. Receiving but little encouragement from home or abroad and working against such obstacles as few have any idea of the Rector has toiled on walking nine miles to hold services and conduct Sunday-schools, he has at last got the church into better order than it has ever been.

PARRSBORO.—On Monday, June 17th, the Bishop of the Diocese administered the Apostolic rite of "laying on of hands" to 23 candidates at the Parish Church of St. George. The address by the Bishop was eloquent and touching. On Tuesday morning after a very rough ride of six miles, the church at Black Rock was consecrated—Christ Church. This church was built by the late Rector, Rev. Dr. Bowman, a vestry has lately been added and the building lined. Three women were confirmed. The Rev. E. T. Wollard, late of Spring Hill, now Rector of New Ross, acted as chaplain. After Holy Communion a very rough ride over the beach, at low tide, brought us to the house of

D. McLeod, Esq., at Diligent River, where a hearty dinner was most acceptable. Having robed in a neighboring house—a procession was formed, headed by Revs. S. Gibbons and A. Watkins, Rector and curate of Parrsborough, followed by the Rev. E. T. Wollard bearing the pastoral staff, immediately preceding the Bishop. The hymn, "The Church's one foundation" was sung heartily, and the corner stone being reached, the "form of service for laying a corner stone" was used, during which the Bishop laid the corner stone with appropriate ceremony. Within the corner stone were deposited *Guardian, Church Guardian, Church Times, Cumberland Leader*, and Canadian coins. The names of Revs. W. B. King, W. Brine, Dr. Bowman and S. Gibbons, late Rector of the parish of St. George, Parrsboro, were enclosed. The Bishop then gave an eloquent address, which was enlightening to many, and concluded by announcing that the venerable S. P. C. K., the great mother of Colonial churches, has made a grant of \$40 towards the building fund. The Rev. S. Gibbons then called for donations to be laid upon the corner stone, when \$28 were presented for God's work.

Port Greville was reached about 5 o'clock; a visit being made to an aged servant of Christ, and prayers offered there by the Bishop *en route*. One can easily understand the success of the Bishop as a pastor, when he has been privileged to learn from his Lordship's pastoral visit, the deep sympathy and the acquaintance with the Scriptures showed by him in this visit.

After tea at James Kerr's, Esq., an address of welcome was presented, to which a short but full reply was made. The Confirmation then followed, when twelve candidates, equally divided between the sexes, were presented and confirmed, the large congregation, many unable to get admittance, drinking in the words of sympathy, love and wisdom from the eloquent lips of their chief pastor. A drive of 12 miles brought the party to the Rectory at Parrsboro. At 8 o'clock on Wednesday morning the road, rough, full of ruts and deep holes, to Five Islands was faced, the Bishop walking over the worst places, the little church, well filled with the candidates for Confirmation with their friends, was reached at 11 o'clock. Eleven persons were presented by the curate in charge, Rev. A. Watkins, to whom the Bishop gave an address full of points, earnest and practical, and loving. After a hearty dinner at Broderick's hotel, provided thoughtfully by the congregation, the bad road was again faced, a pause of half an hour was made at Moose River, where the inhabitants had gathered in a house to meet their Bishop, who gave them a short address and his prayers and blessing. The road, so rough, was walked over to Parrsboro by the Bishop, a saving of six miles. At Evensong, the Rector preached, the Bishop sitting in the congregation. A vestry meeting was held at which the Bishop was present, giving some practical hints and suggestions. On Thursday morning his Lordship left for Halifax, leaving behind him deep impressions for good, and a pardonable pride in the hearts of the church people that their Bishop was so large hearted, eloquent and sympathetic. May God long spare him to rule over this Diocese.

WESTVILLE.—The ceremony of laying the corner stone of St. Bee's Church, at Westville, took place last Tuesday afternoon. The ceremony was conducted by Rev. D. C. Moore, Grand Master A. F. & A. M., and other members of the grand lodge. At 2 o'clock the members of the order assembled at masonic hall, and headed by the Westville band, marched to the grounds where the ceremony was duly performed according to the ancient custom of the order.

The following articles were deposited in the foundation stone:—A copy of the Bible, last copy of *Pictou Standard*, proceedings of Grand Lodge, and of Synod of Nova Scotia, and copy of proceedings used, also the scroll.

After the ceremony the members marched back to the hall.

The new Church of St. Bees' will be something after the style of St. George's, New Glasgow, and will be finished this summer. It will cost about \$1,500. John McQuarrie is the builder. Work on the building is now well advanced.

Dinner and tea were served, and sports of various kinds were indulged in on the grounds.

Since the laying of the corner stone of the English Church at Westville, we have been often asked about St. Bees, and why the name on the stone was St. Bega. We have got the following information:—St. Bees is a large parish in Cumberland, Eng., including the town of Whitehaven and many villages. The place owes its origin to an Irish princess named Bega or Begogh, who crossed the channel A. D. 650. A church was built to her memory, but destroyed by the Danes about A. D. 873, and restored in the reign of Henry I. In 1219 it was pillaged by the Scots, and was again restored but fell into decay again. In 1819 the choir of the church was put into repair (and used for a college hall for theological students by Bishop Law, of Chester, and the Earl of Lonsdale; at this college the present Rector of Albion Mines was educated—hence the selection of the name for the church at Westville. There is a curious legend of the way in which St. Bega happened to get to Cumberland. Bega was the daughter of an Irish king, perhaps Donald III, who was a Christian, and brought up his daughter in the faith. Her beauty attracted many suitors, among the rest, the heir of the throne of Norway; this prince her father wished her to marry, but she was bent on enlightening the heathen darkness of Cumberland, and gathering them into the bosom of the church. She fled thither, but on her passage was overtaken by a violent storm, falling on her knees she vowed that should she reach land, in the place where she first trod should rise a place for the worship of God. She did reach shore at the place which now bears her name, she asked from the owner of the land enough whereon to build a church, he scorned her, but offered her as much as would be covered with snow in the morning. Now the morrow would be mid-summer day. In answer to a night-long prayer, all that is now St. Bees parish was white with "the untrodden snow" on June 24th. Wordsworth has a poem on this, three lines of which we give, altering only one word, "temple" for "college": "Oh! may that power, who hushed the stormy seas,

And cleared the way for the first votaries,
Prosper the new born temple of St. Bees."—*New Glasgow Enterprise*.

PERSONAL.—By the resignation of Rev. Canon Townshend, of Amherst, now living in England, a Canonry of St. Luke's Cathedral became at the disposal of the Bishop of Nova Scotia, who offered it to Rev. Dr. Partridge, of St. George's. It was at first declined, but has now been accepted by Dr. Partridge. His installation will take place at an early date. Canon Townshend has been made an Honorary Canon.

ALBION MINES.—Fancy sale and picnic will be held on July 16th, not "was" as misprinted in the *Church Guardian* of June 26th.

The name on the corner stone of the Westville Church is "S. BEGA," not "Beza," as in paper of same date.

DIocese OF FREDERICTON.

ST. JOHN.—The services at St. John's (Stone) Church Sunday-school on the afternoon of the 23rd ult., were of an interesting character. Mr. T. W. Daniel gave an interesting review of the past history of the School, and the Rev. G. M. Armstrong gave an address. The prize winners were Miss Z. Murray, Miss Margaret Melick, Harry Armstrong, Miss Charlotte McKean, Miss Iva Brown and Miss Keator. Lady Tilley