

and we hope in the future their deliberations may prove of some service to the Church in the Diocese. The Bishop Coadjutor presided at the several sessions, and was only too kind and thoughtful for his guests.

We are very sorry to hear that Rev. A. V. Wiggins, the hard working Rector of Westfield, has felt compelled to resign his charge of that Parish, but we trust he may find some other sphere of labour in our midst which will be more within the compass of his strength.

In the January number of K. D. M. we made two errors which we desire to correct, viz., that appointments had been made to St. Martins and Richibucto. It is true two gentlemen have been elected by the Churchpeople of these Parishes, but neither of them at present have obtained the Bishop's License to work in those spheres, nor have they been instituted to those cures of souls.

With great pleasure we insert the following account of Christmas Work in the new Parish of Fairville, "The First Christmas Choral Evensong was held in the Church of the Good Shepherd, Fairville, on Christmas Eve. Candles on either side of the Arch illuminated the Chancel. Conspicuous among the decorations were a star, heart, cross, and cross and anchor, all the work of Captain Hamlyn and his family. The Rev. J. C. Titcombe gave a Lection from 1st Cor. xi, 24-30, on the Holy Communion, in which he pointed out two things; viz., 1st, the danger of not coming at all to Holy Communion; 2nd, the danger of coming unworthily. He exhorted all to examine themselves, whether they repented them truly of their former sins, having a lively faith in God's mercy through CHRIST, with a thankful remembrance of his death," and to come to this holy Sacrament on the day of the Commemoration of His Nativity.

On Christmas Day at 11 a. m., the Holy Communion Office, with suitable music, was celebrated, and that with more than usual grandeur. In a brief address the Rector gave his flock great praise for their hearty co-operation and assistance since he had come amongst them. As the fruit of their zeal he alluded to the beautiful decoration of the House of GOD, and urged those who had been negligent to begin with the New Year, and take their part in the work of the Church. He said he would not distinguish between high and low Churchmen, but saw a marked distinction among the members of the Church, which he would represent as capital C churchmen, and small c churchmen. The former were Churchmen on principle; they gave liberally, knelt when prayers were being said, and they were always at Church. The latter were Churchmen from choice; they did not give liberally, and withdrew their support to the Church if they did not like the parson;

they stayed at home upon the slightest excuse, and rarely knelt at the time of prayer. In concluding, the Rector wished all his people a pleasant Christmas and a Happy New Year."

At this Service there were 63 Communicants, a number which has not been exceeded at one Celebration for years, if at all.

At 3 p. m. there was a Service for the children, who filed into Church from the school room, and after a short office were addressed by the Rector on the birth of JESUS CHRIST. Some very useful and practical remarks were concluded by his asking the whole school to follow the Apostle Saint John's advice, "Little children love one another."

The "Parish Monthly" for the Parishes of Woodstock and Richmond is, we notice, to be discontinued. It was a very useful Parochial Magazine, which we shall much miss as an exchange. We presume "Church Work" of Carleton, and the Fredericton "Church Work" will do the same. No doubt this will give an advantage to the "Chronicle" in the way of a good list of subscribers, at which we shall rejoice, although, for the present we feel bound to continue as an independent periodical for our Deanery.

There seems good prospect that within a short time a New Mission will be opened at McAdam, in conjunction with work at Vanceboro, in the Diocese of Maine. Every true Churchman will hail the news with delight. There are said to be 250 men in the N. B. Railway works at that place, and there are also some people to be looked after at St. Croix. The B. H. M. has made a conditional grant of \$200 for this new Mission.

### Parochial Items.

JOHNSTON:—The Church has been given possession of the old Temperance Hall, in English Settlement, and many willing workers and givers have, by their united efforts, made the Hall quite a respectable one. It has been lengthened ten feet, newly roofed, floored, and plastered, and in other ways improved. It will be called in future the Guild Hall, and will be used for Guild meetings and any innocent public purposes, that the Corporation may give their consent to.

The opening event in the Hall was a practice of the Johnston Fife and Drum Band—for we have a musical Society with that title started here, which we think will in due time be a success.

The next event was the annual Christmas Sale held by the ladies of the Sewing Circle, who have been very industrious through the