

the Church, which is Christ's Body. These are his words: "By one Spirit are we all baptized into one Body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles."

(6.) Finally, this one Body owns "one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all."

In Holy Baptism we are made not only the members of Christ, but also the children of God. The Church is God's Family. In it, therefore, with a significance and a fullness of meaning unknown elsewhere, we may look up to God and say "Our Father." In the Church of Christ the Fatherhood of God is the pledge of every blessing we need.

(To be continued.)

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

ALBION MINES.—In the usual place our readers will find a notice of the marriage of the Rev. M. A. F. Taylor to Miss Rutherford. The betrothed pair, with Miss Rutherford's father, sister, and one or two friends, received at the 8.30 celebration on St. Simon and St. Jude's Day, and at 11.30 were married before a crowded congregation. "The Voice that breathed o'er Eden" was well sung, and the Psalm in the office well chanted, the "Wedding March" by Mendelssohn being played by Miss Richardson. Miss Rutherford, having been a member of our choir, and often assisting in the Sunday-school, will be greatly missed. Mr. Taylor, before he was ordained, acted as Lay Reader here to the great satisfaction of all. Good wishes and prayers for the happy pair follow them to Ontario.

YARMOUTH.—A very interesting and profitable Mission has just been brought to a close in Holy Trinity Church. The Missioner, the Rev. G. O. Troop, of St. John, arrived on Saturday, Oct. 9th, and commenced work on Sunday, Oct. 10th. Mr. Troop was taken quite ill at the close of the services of the day, and meetings announced for that week had to be postponed. Mr. Troop recovered sufficiently to once more commence the work on the next Sunday, and by God's goodness was enabled to carry the good work to a close. The week-day services, especially the Bible readings, were very well attended. The services of the last Sunday will not soon be forgotten, the special service for men only in the afternoon being one of great interest; nearly four hundred availed themselves of the privilege, and the strong, soothing words of the Missioner came home by the Holy Spirit to many hearts. The subject was "The Great White Throne." At the evening service the church was filled. The singing was truly congregational, and after the Benediction was pronounced all rose and sang the Doxology. Perhaps the most solemn service was that of Monday night; it was of the nature of a Bible reading, but more correctly might be termed a Consecration Service—the consecration of ourselves to God's service as expressed in that wonderful prayer in the Communion Service, which the Missioner used on this occasion. At the close those present seemed loathe to leave the "house of prayer;" many a one remained sitting. The quiet and the hush of "the still small voice" alone was heard, as it were, in each heart, and none, for a few moments after the service was ended, cared to rise and go. A service this long to be remembered.

We speak not of the Missioner, save to say that already his work, under God the Holy Spirit, has strengthened us; his words have been blessed to many souls; and in "that day" alone when all must stand in God's sight to give an account, will the full extent of the work done amongst us be known.

PUGWASH.—Monday and Tuesday were red-

letter days in the history of this parish, for on Tuesday the pretty little church was consecrated by his Lordship the Bishop of the Diocese. The church is a plain gothic structure; everything has been done decently and in strict ecclesiastical order. The altar was remarkable for its prominence. The church was tastefully decorated with evergreens and flowers, and the chancel, with its grand proportions, presented an imposing appearance.

On Monday evening the building was overcrowded with an attentive congregation, who came to witness the rite of Confirmation. Among the clergy present were the Rector, Rev. Mr. Bent; Revs. V. E. Harris, W. Chas. Wilson and R. T. Hudgell. The Lord Bishop administered the rite to eleven persons, and addressed the candidates in loving words. The sermon which followed, the subject being "The origin of the existence of evil," was listened to with deep attention and increasing interest.

On Tuesday morning the consecration of the church took place, and his Lordship once more addressed his hearers on the duties and privileges of church membership.

On the afternoon of the same day, at Wallace, his Lordship confirmed nine persons, several of them being old and of ripe age. In his address the Bishop complimented the church on the signs of new life, and advised the people to do all in their power to make the lot of the present pastor free from financial anxiety. It was touching to notice, as your correspondent noticed, the great love in which the present Rector was held by his parishioners, and also the tender regard expressed in the words of the first illuminated text which greeted our eyes in the vestry, viz., "God bless our dear Bishop."

As an instance of the increased life which is being manifested in this large parish, we are glad to note that preparations are being made for the erection of a new church at Roslyn, another new church at West Branch; the church at Clifton is gaining, and negotiations are pending for securing a building of some kind in Oxford. Some have planted, others have watered, and God is giving the increase.

LOWER STEWIAOKE.—Thursday, Oct. 14th, was a bright day in the annals of this parish. On it we celebrated our Harvest Home. For the first time among us, a working day was set apart for this purpose; and so successfully and happily did everything pass off, that it is not likely, unless under very exceptional circumstances, that we will again allow harvest to pass by without in a similar way expressing our joy and gladness for the many mercies and blessings bestowed, and our devout thankfulness to our good God, from whose loving and bountiful hand we have received them.

The weather was delightful, and the spirits of all seemed in keeping therewith. Never, except on rare occasions, was the Parish Church better filled with a devout and joyful congregation. Grain, plants, flowers and autumn leaves, magnificent fruit and vegetables were tastefully arranged in all parts of the sacred building. The service, in which Revs. J. A. Kaulbach and G. R. Martell took part, was very hearty, and the preacher, the Rev. J. R. S. Parkinson, of Londonderry Mines, forcibly and eloquently pressed upon the minds and hearts of his hearers the many reasons we have for thankfulness to our Heavenly Father, and the best way of rendering our thanksgiving. The effect of the discourse may be estimated by the very large number remaining to partake immediately after of the Supper of the Lord.

After the service the congregation repaired to the Parsonage, prettily situated near by, where an excellent dinner, for a moderate consideration, was provided by the willing workers of the parish. The afternoon was pleasantly spent in out-door games and happy social intercourse. After a sumptuous tea, all departed to their homes, brighter and better for the de-

lightful day of thanksgiving to God, and this enjoyable communion of saints.

On Thursday, the 28th ult., two weeks later, the Bishop stopped at our station at 6 p.m., en route from Pugwash, and made his triennial visit to this parish. Through some mistake in the announcement of his visit, preparation had been made for his Lordship on the Thursday previous, and consequently those who came from a distance expecting to meet the Bishop were disappointed.

On the evening that the Bishop came, a goodly number assembled at Holy Trinity Church to witness the administration of the solemn rite of laying on of hands, and to listen to the plain, forcible and instructive words of admonition from the lips of our venerable and faithful Bishop, who, though showing indications of old age, still retains his wonderful strength and vigor. Evensong to the Third Collect was said by Rev. J. A. Kaulbach, of Truro, the Special Lessons were read by the Rector, and Hymns 349 and 280 (Hymns A. & M.) were sung by the choir, in which the congregation heartily joined. Fourteen candidates—ten males and four females—were presented for the reception of the sacred rite.

The following morning his Lordship, with the Rector, visited the Dutch settlement, and at 11 a.m. a fair congregation gathered for a week-day morning service. The Bishop's address, as also his sermon, were characterized by great plainness of speech. The number of candidates presented here was nine, three of whom were from the opposite side of the river (the Shubenacadie), and one from Musquodoboit, twelve miles distant. At the close of the service, the effects of which, it is to be hoped, will not soon be forgotten, or ever effaced, the Bishop left for Milford, and thence to Halifax.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

SUMMERSIDE AND ST. ELEANOR.—The Rev. T. W. Johnston, Rector of Crapaud and Springfield officiated in this parish on the 17th ult. The services were as follows: Celebration of the Lord's Supper, St. Eleanor's, 9 a.m.; Morning Prayer, sermon and celebration, Summerside, 11 a.m.; Evening Prayer and sermon, St. Eleanor's, 3 p.m.; Evening Prayer and sermon, Summerside, 6.30 p.m. Respecting the service the *Summerside Journal* says:—"The sermon in St. Mary's Church in the evening, against extravagance in religion, was highly appreciated; indeed all admitted that it was just the sermon for the time. He strongly advised young converts to think seriously of the matter before making a profession of religion, and not allow themselves to be led away by excitement and fanaticism. * * *"

"While we would pay due heed to scriptural injunctions with respect to decorum in religion, and learn important lessons from the history of the past, we are no advocates for the sleepy indifference that characterizes the religious life of many. We deprecate the coldness and deadness that is manifested in an age so progressive as ours. We desire that religious zeal and earnestness should be chastened by discretion. We should show our zeal for the Lord in works of mercy and love. And we should be very careful of the honor of our God and Saviour in a world that seizes every opportunity to point with scorn at Christianity and her work. We all want zeal and earnestness, and a quickening by the power of the Holy Ghost, but it comes in God's own way. By self-denial, by mortification of the flesh, humbleness of mind, less self-conceit, and more of the meekness and modesty that becomes those who are nothing in themselves, less of self-sufficiency and more of that complete surrender of the will to the teachings of revelations and the direction of the Blessed Spirit."

Large congregations attended each of the services, and the number of communicants was considerably above the average.