

the much-loved Rector of St. Mark's, is about to make a three month's visit to England, where his father is very ill.

We understand that St. John's, Richmond, and St. James-on-the-Arm, which are both in St. Mark's parish, are to be placed in charge of a curate, acting under the Rector's direction.

St. George's.—It is reported on the highest authority that St. George's is in danger of losing the Rector who has done such a grand work in Halifax during the past five years. Dr. Partridge has been offered the rectory of an important church in Philadelphia, with a very large stipend. Should he accept, the Church in Nova Scotia will lose one of the most efficient priests who have ever labored in this Diocese.

The Synod meets in Halifax during the first week in July, and this year the session will extend over the Sunday, which has on other occasions been its limit. This will give the country clergy a much-needed rest. Active preparations for their entertainment are being made by the hospitable people of Halifax.

AMHERST.—At the meeting of the Rural Deanery of Amherst, at Londonderry, a "quiet day" was conducted by the Rev. F. R. Murray, Rector of St. Luke's, Halifax, the subject of the addresses being the deepening of the spiritual life.

DIocese OF FREDERICTON.

SYNOD AND CHURCH SOCIETY.—Services and meetings, June 28th to July 2nd, 1886:—

Monday, June 28th.—8 p. m., Public Missionary Meeting in Trinity Church School-house. Collection in aid of Foreign Missions.

Tuesday, June 29th.—10:30 a. m., Bishop's Visitation in Trinity Church. Choral Celebration of the Holy Communion. Clergy, with surplices, &c., to assemble in Trinity Church School-house at 10 a. m. After the Service, presentation of newly elected Rural Deans to the Bishop for Confirmation. 2:30 p. m., Meeting of General Committee of the Diocesan Church Society in Trinity Church School-house. 5 p. m., Evening Prayer in St. Paul's Church. 6 p. m., Evening Prayer in Trinity Church.

Wednesday, June 30th.—8 a. m., Holy Communion in Trinity Church. 10 a. m., Meeting of Synod in Trinity Church School-house. 5 p. m., Evening Prayer in St. Paul's Church. 6 p. m., Evening Prayer in Trinity Church. 7:15 p. m., Evening Prayer and Service in St. John's Church. 8 p. m., Meeting of General Committee.

Thursday, July 1st.—9 a. m., Morning Prayer in Trinity Church. 10 a. m., Meeting of Synod. 5 p. m., Evening Prayer in St. Paul's Church. 6 p. m., Evening Prayer in Trinity Church. 8 p. m., Anniversary Meeting of Diocesan Church Society in Trinity Church School-house.

Friday, July 2nd.—9 a. m., Morning Prayer in Trinity Church. 10 a. m., Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Diocesan Church Society.

By order of the Lord Bishop.*

CHARLES S. MEDLEY,
Secretary to Synod.

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Secretary to D. C. S.
May 18th, 1886.

FAIRVILLE.—Church of the Good Shepherd.—Rogation Sunday, May 30th, was a day long to be remembered in the history of this parish, being the occasion of the first administration of the rite of Confirmation in the new church. At the choral celebration of the Holy Communion his Lordship the Bishop Coadjutor, assisted by

the rector, gave the Holy Eucharist to about fifty communicants.

At Matins, at 11 o'clock, his Lordship gave a practical and instructive sermon from the words "Enoch walked with God, and was not; for God took him." Before the address he gave great credit to the members of the congregation, for the many evidences which he saw, both outside and in, of their arduous endeavors to beautify the House of God and its surroundings.

Conspicuous among the congregation was the Royal Fife and Drum Band of Fairville, who, in their new uniforms, marched to church to suitable music.

At 7 o'clock the choral evensong began; it was conducted by Rev. J. C. Titcombe, assisted by the Rev. R. Mathers.

After an excellent address to the congregation and candidates by his Lordship, the rector presented the candidates to the Bishop, one by one, and knelt beside each. The junior female candidates wore white dresses and white veils, giving them a beautiful appearance.

The music throughout was well rendered by the choir, who, under the careful training of their pastor, have wonderfully improved, and acquit themselves very creditably.

It is very encouraging to see the zeal that has been displayed by every member of the congregation during the pastorate of the Rev. J. C. Titcombe. New life seems to have sprung up all around. The services are always well attended, the spiritual life is deeper, the communicants' roll has doubled, and many have been gathered in. There is a free and open Bible class every Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Before this Confirmation was hardly over, more than twenty names were handed in for preparation.

Great improvements are also being made on the building and in the grounds. A new fence has been put up, the rough ground ploughed and levelled, gravelled walks made, and accommodation for teams, &c., erected. It is hoped to finish the outside of the main building and to paint it this summer, also to try and finish the interior.

The incumbent will be very grateful for any help or donation, however small, either in money or lumber, for the furtherance of the above object.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, June 8th and 9th, there will be a tea and bazaar in the church hall in aid of the building fund.

ST. STEPHEN.—Christ Church.—Rogationtide and Ascension day have been well observed in this parish. On the evening of each Rogation day a short service, consisting of the Litany, hymns and special collects, was said at half-past seven; the attendance steadily increasing each night. On Ascension day the Church presented a very festal appearance. The violet hangings in use during Rogationtide had been replaced by white, and the large and dignified altar decorated with a profusion of flowers. There were in all nineteen vases of different sizes upon the altar and retable. The Holy Communion was celebrated at 7:30 in the morning by the Rev. J. W. Millidge, rector of St. David, assisted by the Rev. C. B. Kenrick, curate in charge of Christ Church. The service was much brightened by the singing of two hymns and *Nunc Dimittis*. At 8 o'clock in the evening there was full Evensong with sermon by the Rev. C. B. Kenrick. The latest accounts of the health of the rector, the Rev. T. E. Dowling, at present in England, are encouraging; he is expected back again in September.

FREDERICTON.—On Wednesday evening the 3rd inst., a largely attended and very satisfactory meeting was held in the Church hall, under the auspices of the Woman's Aid Association. Interesting and forcible addresses were delivered by the Rev. Leo A. Hoyt, Rural Dean of the Deanery of Woodstock, and by the Rev. J. H. Talbot, rector of Springfield, setting forth

the needs of the Church in the country missions of the diocese.

The following morning the Bishop Coadjutor accompanied by Mr. Hoyt, started upon a missionary tour amongst the parishes upon the upper St. John. Mr. Hoyt has been laboring zealously in his vast mission for more than thirteen years, and amidst many difficulties and much discouragement has, nevertheless, succeeded in paving the way for the formation of at least five new missions in addition to the original one at Grand Falls. These are: Andover, Wicklow, New Denmark, Aberdeen and Gordon and Lorne; the last two vacant at present. These missions are very important, situated as they are in what is likely to prove in an agricultural point of view the garden of New Brunswick. It is to be hoped that the present and previous missionary tours of the Bishop Coadjutor and Mr. Hoyt (*arcades ambo*) in the upper portion of the diocese may be productive of permanent benefit to what has been heretofore a neglected portion of our home Mission Field.

ST. JOHN.—The united service for the Sunday Schools connected with the Church of England Sunday-school Association for the Deanery of St. John was held on the evening of Ascension day, at St. John's Church. Eight Sunday-schools were represented, and the service was very hearty and reverent. The Rev. A. J. A. Gollmer, J. O. Crisp, O. G. Dobbs and George Schofield, Rural Dean, took part in the service. There were also present, Revs. Canon DeVeber, Canon Brigstocke, G. M. Armstrong, L. G. Stevens and G. O. Troop. The sermon was preached by Rev. W. O. Raymond, the Secretary of the Association, from 2nd Kings ii: 11, 12; and Acts i: 8, 9. The offertory, amounting to \$29, was devoted to missions in the Northwest.

The St. John Sunday-school Association is affiliated with the Church of England Sunday-school Institute. One of the benefits derived from this affiliation is that all teachers belonging to the Local Association may enter the annual examinations held for teachers in May by the Sunday-school Institute. During the past six years about fifty teachers have availed themselves of this privilege, and as a rule have succeeded in passing the examination very successfully. In four instances teachers from the St. John Association have approached very nearly the top of the list, and this in competition with teachers from Sunday-schools representing all portions of England. The annual examination for this year was held at Trinity Church School-house on the 31st ult., when six candidates presented themselves for examination. The next regular meeting of the Association will be held at St. Jude School-house, Carleton, on the evening of the 8th inst., when Rev. Canon Brigstocke will read a paper on the Revised Version of the Old Testament.

CARLETON.—St. Jude's.—The Rev. J. O. Crisp, who has been lately appointed curate to the Rev. D. B. Parnter, has entered upon his duties and is now doing good work in the parish. The ladies of the congregation have been indefatigable in their efforts to wipe out the pecuniary liabilities of the parish.

St. James.—The Rector has returned after a brief holiday, looking much better for the rest obtained during his absence. The services at St. James were taken during the Rev. Mr. Troop's absence by the clergymen of Trinity and St. John's Churches.

DIocese OF QUEBEC.

LABRADOR.—A few words descriptive of my winter travels in Labrador might not be uninteresting to the readers of the GUARDIAN.

After a pleasant autumn spent at St. Paul's River, which at length gave place with seeming reluctance to the much dreaded Labrador