

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

DOUGLAS HARBOR.—On Sunday, the 11th October, harvest festival services were held at the little church of St. Luke's at the above-named place. The church was very prettily decorated with a profusion of fruit, vegetables and flowers. Over the Holy Table was the text, "The harvest truly is plenteous," and beneath it were two sheaves of oats surmounted by a little Latin cross. The congregations throughout the day very very good; indeed in the evening the church was crowded. The singing was very hearty, and the collections, which were given to Missions to the heathen, were unusually good, amounting in all to \$3.12. This is the first harvest festival that has ever been held at this church, and the Missionary in charge, doubtless felt highly gratified at the help received from and the appreciation expressed by his many friends of other denominations.

GRAND FALLS AND MADAWASKA.—On Tuesday, the 29th Sept., the Bishop-Coadjutor held a Confirmation service at Edmundston, when eight candidates were presented by the Missionary, the Rev. W. B. Armstrong, for that holy rite. These all partook of the Holy Communion, which was afterwards administered. The Bishop addressed the candidates from Psalm cxix. 57:—"Thou art my portion, O Lord; I have promised to keep Thy law." The offertory, which was devoted to the fund towards purchasing an east window, amounted to \$28. The congregations at Edmundston are improving. The building of a new saw-mill by Messrs. Murchie, of St. Stephen, has given a new impetus to the place, and brings a number of Protestants into the community.

On Wednesday, the 30th, his Lordship returned to Grand Falls, where a service was held in the evening, and he preached a very interesting sermon on the song of Moses from two texts—Exodus xv. 1 and Revelation xv. 3., speaking of the unity of the Christian Church.

On Sunday, October 4th, a harvest festival was held at All Saints', Grand Falls, when the church was very tastefully decorated with fruits and flowers for the occasion. The offertory, amounting to \$15, was devoted to the organ fund.

DOUGLAS AND BRIGHT. QUEENSBURY AND SOUTHAMPTON.—During the vacancy of the Mission of Queensbury and Southampton, it has been placed under the care and supervision of the Rector of Douglas and Bright. This was but a temporary arrangement, owing to financial difficulties. But the time has now come when on every account there should be a resident clergyman in the Mission of Queensbury and Southampton, and the people there have pledged themselves to furnish the amount required by the Mission Board for the support of a Rector. In the Mission there are three churches and two farms the property of the Church, on one of which is situated the Rectory, fronting on the St. John River. The New Brunswick Railway passes through Millville, a village in Southampton. Thus a clergyman can live in Millville, on the line of railway, or on the banks of the St. John River. The postal facilities are the same in both places.

The Right Rev. H. T. Kingdon, D.D., Coadjutor-Bishop of the Diocese, was with us in Millville on Sunday, Oct. 4th. Morning service at 10.30, with a celebration of the Lord's Supper. The Bishop preached, taking for his text Psalm xci. 1:—"Whoso dwelleth under the defence of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty." The Confirmation service was at 3 p.m. Twenty-one were confirmed—eleven males and ten females. The service was most impressive, as the candidates were presented singly, the clergyman kneeling down with each one confirmed. The Bishop

preached from Psalm cxix. 57:—"Thou art my portion, O Lord; I have promised to keep thy law." There were about four hundred people present at the Confirmation. At the third service, at 7 p.m., the Bishop chose for his subject I. Cor. xvi. 22:—"If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be Anathema Maranatha." The addresses of the Bishop, full of instruction and very impressive, were listened to with rapt attention by all.

In the night, after this hard day's work, through the rain and darkness the Bishop was driven by the Missionary in charge fourteen miles to the parish of Bright. Here we found St. Paul's Church beautifully decorated for the Confirmation service and the harvest festival with flowers, fruit, grain, &c. At the entrance of the chancel were the words:—"Ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty." The services were hearty and impressive, and the music good. The Bishop's address was on the sealing of the Holy Ghost: "Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption."—Eph. iv. 30. Sixteen were confirmed.

The harvest festival was in the afternoon, on the grounds of Tyler Burt, the churchwarden. The harvest thanksgiving service was at 7 p.m.

In this part of the parish of Bright the Church is fast regaining ground lost in past ages, and is gathering in from all sides. Within the last four years the Rector has presented for Confirmation in St. Paul's Church, Upper Keswick, fifty-three candidates, and one more of this congregation was confirmed in Fredericton, at the Cathedral, in September last, making a total of fifty-four. Again, within the last two months the Rector has baptized thirty, all within a radius of two miles from St. Paul's Church. Of the thirty, five were adults. Most of these had been kept outside of God's Church through Baptist influence, which is now fast waning to decline, by God's blessing, through the distinctive and emphatic teaching of Church doctrine.

SHEDIAC.—On Thursday, Oct. 15th, the Rev. F. W. Vroom, M.A., was inducted to the Rectory of the Church of St. Martin-in-the-Wood. The Rev. J. Roy Campbell, Rector of Dorchester, was present as the Bishop's representative, and read the mandate of induction. The churchwardens, Sharman J. Welling and H. A. Scovil, stood at the chancel steps while the mandate was read, and then proceeded with the clergy to the west door, where the senior warden delivered to the Rector-elect the key of the church and read the sentence of induction. The clergy then returned to the chancel, and Evening Prayer was said by Rev. A. J. Reid, Curate of Moncton, the Rector reading the special lessons, Ezek. xxxiii. to vs. 10, and St. Luke x. to vs. 17. The special prayers were said by the Rural Dean, who also delivered an address suitable to the occasion. On the Sunday following the Rector read the Thirty-nine Articles.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

INVERNESS, Oct. 16th.—A pleasing feature in this parish is the flourishing state of the Church of the Ascension at Campbell's Corners, where a large congregation is now established. Mrs. Dr. Reed, a member of the Church there, and who has already bestowed many valuable gifts to the Church, presented lately a valuable and beautifully designed Communion service manufactured in New York and enclosed in a walnut case lined with velvet.

MAGOG.—The Rev. Mr. Hepburn expects to be able to move into the parsonage in about a fortnight. The painting is all but finished. The ground in front is being ploughed, and cleaned up preparatory to planting trees. On the whole we may be proud of the parsonage.

It is a very handsome building and quite an embellishment to the village.

GEORGEVILLE.—His Lordship Bishop Williams, of Quebec, accompanied by Mrs. Williams, was here last week on a tour, and held the customary services, harvest home and confirmation, with Holy Communion which proved very interesting. Mr. John Taylor had the honour of entertaining the distinguished guests. The Bishop and lady made many calls through the village, and expressed themselves much pleased with the improvement in the Church building by the erection of the tower.

QUEBEC.—The special thanksgiving services in the English Cathedral on October 16th were largely attended, and the sacred edifice was handsomely decorated by the ladies of the congregation. All the Anglican clergy of the city and vicinity attended. The first part of Morning Prayer was taken by the Rev. T. Richardson, the first lesson by Rev. Mr. Lloyd, the second by Rev. G. V. Housman, and the latter portion of Morning Prayer by the Rev. Lennox Williams; Rev. M. M. Fothergill read the ante-Communion service, Rev. Mr. Taylor the Epistle, and Rev. G. V. Housman, Rector of Quebec, the Gospel. The sermon was preached by the Rev. F. J. B. Allnatt, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, who took for his text Gen. iv. 3-4:5: "Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering to the Lord. And Abel he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the Lord had respect unto Abel and to his offering. But unto Cain and to his offering He had not respect;" also Romans vii. 1:—"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable under God, which is your reasonable service."

The united evening service was held in St. Matthew's, the Rector and many of the city clergy and a very large congregation taking part. The service was bright and hearty, and the sacred edifice handsomely decorated. The opening prayers were said by the Rev. T. Richardson; the lessons read by the Rev. G. V. Housman, M.A.; the concluding prayers by the Rev. M. M. Fothergill, Rector of St. Peter's; and the sermon was preached by the Rev. A. A. Von Iland, of St. Michael's, from Joel ii. 26. He indicated the lessons to be derived from the harvest, and dwelt upon the special causes of thankfulness possessed by this country. He made a special reference to the satisfactory ending of the Northwest rebellion, and to the safe return of our troops from what might have been a more serious and prolonged conflict. The Benediction was pronounced by the Rector, Rev. F. J. B. Allnatt.

The offertory, both in the Cathedral and at St. Matthew's, was for the Pension Fund of the Church Society.

The collections were as follows:—Cathedral, \$70; St. Matthew's Church, \$106.25. A generous donor at the early service at St. Michael's gave \$1,000.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

MANSONVILLE.—The annual missionary meeting of St. Paul's Church in connection with diocesan missions was held on Wednesday evening, the 14th inst. The congregation convened was quite good and there was more than a full deputation of clergy present. The proceedings were as usual and the speakers and their topics were as follows: the Rev. Canon Mussen spoke on the "Financial State of the Diocese"; the Rev. Rural Dean Smith on "Endowments"; the Rev. Mr. Lunnis on "Christian givings"; and the Rev. F. H. Clayton on the Church as an "Educational influence." The collection was about the same as last year, and it was an improvement on the preceding.