

Parish News

CORNWALLIS.

Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 4th, witnessed a very interesting wedding in the Parish church of St. John, Cornwallis, Nova Scotia. The contracting parties were Cecil H. Hooper, M. R. A. C., F. S. I., Highlands Swanley, Kent, England, second son of Geo. N. Hooper, Elmleigh, Beckenham, Kent, and H. F. Marcella Axford, only surviving daughter of the Rev. F. J. H. Axford, rector of Cornwallis and Rural Dean of Avon, and grand daughter of the late Rev. Wm. J. Beblou Aycher, Incumbent of Churchill, Somerset, England. The day which was a summer's day in warmth and brightness commenced by the celebration of the Holy Communion at 8 a. m., the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia being celebrant; all the members of the family being present.

The church was beautifully decorated with flowers and autumn leaves by kind hands of the parishioners who from childhood have been closely connected with the bride in all parish work and pleasure. The church was crowded to the doors and even on the steps. At about 2 o'clock the groom and the best man, W. J. B. Axford, brother of the bride, entered the church by the vestry door, taking their position at the entrance of the chancel; then the doors were thrown open and during the singing of the wedding hymn, two little flower girls, Miss Effie Cox and Miss Reta Chipman slowly advanced up the aisle and untied a ribbon bow at the entrance of the chancel, when a third the smallest flower girl Miss Madeine McNutt passed between them, and took up her position, followed by the bridesmaid, Miss Jennie Rand, and last of all by the bride leaning on her father's arm.

The beautiful service was impressively read by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, the bride and groom being underneath a pretty floral arch, the first part of the service ended, the bride and groom proceeded to the chancel rails during the chanting of the Psalm, the service being concluded the bridal party followed the Bishop to the vestry, and on re-entering the church, the Sunday school children over whom the bride had been superintendant, lined the central aisle, together with the flower girls scattered flowers at the feet of the newly married couple, whilst the wedding march was well executed by Miss Annie Chipman, a most intimate friend of the bride. After partaking of some refreshments at the Rectory, the bridal party drove to the station to take the train for

a short tour withip the Province. As our female readers will wish to know how the bride looked and how attired, we state that we heard it widely remarked how beautiful she looked. She was attired in a pearly white silk dress, which her mother had worn at her wedding 30 years before; over it was worn a dress of chiffon trimmed with satin and lace and over all slightly veiling the bride hung the bridal veil, which reached the ground, being caught up with orange blossoms matching those in her hair, the bridesmaid wore a dress of cream colored material, finished off with narrow blue ribbon, matching the blue forget-me-nots in her hair and looking very pretty. The flower girls wore Princess dresses of white cashmere, with broad silken sashes reaching the end of their dress, they all wore short veils, blue forget-me-nots in their hair and appeared a charming little group.

The bride wore a specially made gold brooch set with topaz and pearls which gems had belonged to her great-grandmother. She was the recipient of many presents including a pretty gold watch from the bridegroom, a very handsome travelling companion with the usual fittings presented by the members of the congregation of the church of St. John, where she was organist for 7 years, a handsome mirror from the teachers and scholars of the Sunday school. The bridegroom presented the bridesmaid with a gold brooch set with garnets, and the little flower girls with silver chain bracelets.

SPRINGHILL.

The Branch of the C. W. M. A. intend holding its annual sale and tea on Thursday December 15th. The women of the congregation are working hard to ensure the success of the affair.

The visit of Rev. Mr. Woodroffe on behalf of the B. H. M. was appreciated and a liberal offering was given to the deputation. Mr. Woodroffe also addressed the Branch of the C. W. M. A.

The Rector visits Cape Breton, the second and third weeks of Nov. on behalf of the B. H. M.

The Cottage Hospital received a welcome donation of two barrels of fruit and vegetables from the Church in Parrsboro. The contents of the barrels were harvest thanksgiving offerings. The thoughtfulness of the Parrsboro congregation and the helpfulness of the gift are fully appreciated.

ST. PAUL'S MISSION.

St. Paul's Mission, Halifax, has been in existence for many years and is still to fore in aggressive work.

The services at the Hall are filled to overflowing. The Editor had the pleasure of speaking at a Sunday evening meeting there last month to a large congregation. In addition to the Evangelistic meetings held weekly, there are now separate meetings for men and women on Sunday afternoon, also a flourishing branch of the C. E. T. S., also free separate reading rooms for men and women, mothers meetings, kindergartn, labour bureau, house to house visitation through the Parish. Also a shelter for destitute men on Albermarle St. where three Evangelistic meeting are held weekly, in addition to the work at the Layo Hall.

Mr. J. A. Winfield the Evangelist of St. Paul's superintends all this work, which is a blessing not only to the Parish, but to the whole city. Mr. Winfield has a way of his own, his addresses being varied and certainly touching upon everyday life. The following is a brief summary of an address given last week.—

Some peoples ideas of christianity is Psalm singing and groaning. This to my mind is a wrong conception of what Jesus taught. Christianity is all the brightness and sweetness that there is in life. Just watch the bee it extracts honey from the little daisy, the common dandelion, as well as the magnificent rose. So God wants you to get all the joy and sweetness out of the most commonplace things and events of every day life. Give me the religion that helps me to perform my daily labour, that throws a beam of light in the darkest hour.

The idea which sin conveys is darkness and gloom. This depresses the mind and the body. Oh Yes. Too much grave, not enough resurrection. Try to look and think of brighter things. Listen to Paul's advice; Whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, think on these. True happiness consists in living above earthly things, living nearer God. I think Paul's absent from the body is not so much hereafter, as now. That's it try to live higher up. Peoples conversation generally reminds me of dismal caverns, horrible damp slimy walls. Many a person who is a little sick is made worse by the commiseration of would be friends. Poor fellow how sick you look. Don't you remember the time when you were very ill. Look here. A little muscular christianity is far preferable to sickening sympathy. Take the sun from the solar system you have darkness and death. Take the bright side of life away, then the same condition exists. Live in the light, walk in the light Revel in God's sunshine, natural and spiritual. Let, yes let the presence of God be with you, for

it is that force which restrains evil and fosters good. Read, yes read it until you do it, that which Paul commands, Phil. 4-8.

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