

of 33 members to the full privileges of the English branch of Christ's Holy Catholic Church; most of them, thus added being of mature years.

Sunday Dec. 19th. Out of the above class 21 made their First Communion at one or other of the Celebrations on the Sunday after their Confirmation. The day was intensely cold with a high wind so that those at a distance were unable to come in. But doubtless they will be at the second celebration on Christmas Day or on the Sunday after.

Of the 33 confirmed, 9 had been baptised as adults, and 14 came into the Church from other Christian bodies.

#### SYDNEY. C. B.

The Lord Bishop of the Diocese recently visited Sydney, and administered the rite of Confirmation, and also dedicated a beautiful marble font and lectern, at St. Mark's Church, Coxheath. During his visit his Lordship attended a meeting of the Board of Trade at which a testimonial from the Government of Sweden and Norway was presented to the Rev. R. A. Smith, of Neil's Harbor, for his labours and reverent care in recovering and having interred in consecrated ground the bodies of Captain Paulsen and four sailors of a Norwegian bark that was wrecked at Green Cove, in his mission, last autumn. The testimonial—a communion service, silver gilt—was handed to Mr. Smith by Mr. J. G. Burchell, Vice Consul of Sweden and Norway; the Bishop was present and made a happy and eloquent address. After visiting the parishes of Port Morien and Louis-

burg his Lordship returned to Sydney and confirmed seventeen candidates in the parish church. He also visited Ingonish and Neil's Harbor.

#### TRURO.

Much regret exists in Truro over the departure of Dr. Vincent, for England. The Dr. has been Organist and choirmaster for two years, and during that time he won the esteem of all whose fortune it was to know him. On the eve of his departure the Archdeacon handed him on behalf of the ladies of the congregation, a small purse of gold, as a slight token of the esteem in which they hold him and their good wishes for his future welfare. The Dr. sailed on Dec. 11th, carrying with him the good will of a large circle of friends.

About a month since the Bible Class for men, under the auspices of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew commenced work for the winter. The Class is held on Friday Evenings in Room No. 1, over Blanchard and Bentley's Inglis St. store, and a very fair number are in attendance. All men are cordially invited.

The Christmas Festival was celebrated with the usual services. 8. a. m. Holy Communion. 11. a. m. Morning Prayer, Sermon, and Holy Communion; 4 p. m. Evening Prayer. The decorations this year were not nearly so profuse as on former occasions, but such as were in evidence reflected great credit on the few who gave assistance.

Miss Florence Nelson of Truro, has been appointed organist in the room of Dr. Vincent.

The Annual Winter Sunday School Tea Entertainment and Prize dis-

tribution will take place on Thursday Jan. 6th.

#### HALIFAX

Thanksgiving Day was observed by services held in all the Churches, the offertories being devoted to the clergy widow's and orphan's Fund. The appointed order of Services was used, and appropriate music and sermons given.

After Choral Evensong at St. Luke's, the congregation assembled at the Hall, being invited to an "At Home" by the Rector. A very large number attended.

A Missionary Service of Intercession was held at St. Paul's Church on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 5th. The Bishop, Archdeacon Kaullach, and Rev.'s E. P. Crawford, Armitage and Williams offered the prayers, which were from a publication of the C. M. S. compiled by Mr. Grubb of that Society. They embraced the work of Missions in every part of the world. Well known hymns were interspersed. The Bishop gave an earnest and able address on the Reality and Efficacy of prayer, the need of patience and perseverance, and the promised help of the Holy Spirit. He showed how that we, having the blessings of the Gospel, should supply the needs of the Heathen. The work is hardly begun. Let everyone do all they can to send out the Light to those in darkness.

At the Advent Ordination at St. Luke's on Sunday Dec. 19th, four young men were made Deacons, and one was advanced to the priesthood. The Sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. Ambrose; Canon Vroom acted as the Bishop's Chaplain. The ordination was witnessed by a large congregation. One of the new Deacons will assist Mr. Crawford at St. Luke's for the present.