

one before the renewal of the Baptismal vow, and the other before the laying on of hands. The singing was very hearty and quite congregational, and was remarked upon by His Lordship.

SUSSEX:—Sunday, August 22nd, was a red letter day here. At the morning service the Bishop Coadjutor preached a very striking sermon on the petition of Aehsah the daughter of Caleb. Rev. Andrew Gray, Rector of Chelsea, Mass., read the Prayers; Rev. A. C. Nesbitt read the Lessons, and the Rector was Celebrant. In the evening the Bishop Confirmed ten candidates, six males and four females, giving two excellent addresses to them before the laying on of hands. The choir was full and the hymns, five in number, were very precisely and heartily sung. The Church was crowded with worshippers, who were very orderly. May God grant that a rich blessing may rest upon those Confirmed, and upon all who witnessed the solemn service!!

GAGETOWN:—On Thursday, the 12th ult., the Bishop Coadjutor of Fredericton came to this Parish for the purpose of administering the Apostolic rite of Confirmation. His Lordship arrived about noon from the Cathedral city, and in the course of the afternoon was driven by the venerable Rector of the Parish some distance into the country, where he laid hands on two sick folk that they might receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. At seven o'clock in the evening divine service was held in the Parish Church, where the laying on of hands was witnessed by a packed congregation, who listened with rapt attention to the Bishop's beautiful and highly instructive addresses, delivered one before and the other after that ceremony. The number of candidates Confirmed was sixteen, each of whom was separately presented for the gift.

Our Deanery.

No. IV.—SUSSEX.

AN historical notice of this Parish must necessarily be of very imperfect character, owing to the almost entire absence of any records outside the Parochial Registers of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, the first entry in which bears the date A. D. 1817.

That such records did exist can hardly be doubted; but where they are, or what has become of them, no living witness can say. The exact date of the planting of the Church in Sussex, or, as it was generally called in early days, "Pleasant Valley," must be a matter of conjecture; but it seems prob-

able that very shortly after the landing of the Loyalists several Church people found their way to Sussex Vale in boats on the Kennebecasis river and settled there. Among these the name of George Leonard figures conspicuously. He was one of the Commissioners of Parr Town, and afterwards a member of the Council, whence he received the title "Honourable." After a short residence at Saint John he removed to Sussex, Kings County, where he owned a large tract of valuable land, 240 acres of which he conveyed by deed to the Church as a Parsonage Glebe on the 14th of August, 1793. With Hon. George Leonard on the Board of Commissioners of Parr Town was associated Mr. Oliver Arnold, Secretary of the Board, who also settled in Sussex Vale. In 1792 Mr. Arnold was ordained for the Holy Ministry by the first Bishop of Nova Scotia, Dr. Charles Inglis, and at the request of the people was instituted to the Rectory. Rev. Oliver Arnold came from Connecticut, U.S.A., and graduated at Yale College in 1776. Previous to his ordination Mr. Arnold seems to have been interested in the work of education; for a letter of his, dated 7th February, 1791, appeals to S. P. G. for the "re-imbusement of several small amounts paid out from his slender purse on behalf of the Indians;" and in this letter he speaks of the "efficient state of his Indian school at Sussex." In 1795 a school-room for the Indians, which went by the dignified name of "The College," was built by Hon. George Leonard. It is probable that this school-room or college, measuring 30 x 80 feet, served the purpose of a Church for some years, as the old Parish Church does not appear to have been finished until after 1800. This date has been traced out to a degree of accuracy by the aid of rather a singular little book containing noats (sic) of hand for the purchase of pews and rent of pews in the said Church. The price of a double pew in those days was thirty pounds, and the yearly rent of a single one two pounds one shilling and threepence. With our modern liberality the present offerings for the services of the Church are not much in excess of the price paid for a comfortable seat in Church by our forefathers. The first Rector of Sussex had charge also of the Parish of Norton; but we must not forget what the Parochial boundaries of Sussex were at that time. It comprised the present Parishes of Sussex, Studholm, the greater part of Johnston, Havelock, Cardwell, Waterford, and a portion of Hammond. Sussex and Norton parishes then would have made a good sized English Diocese, and the most of this huge area was covered by the ministrations of the Rector of Sussex, until the advent of the present Rector in the year 1867.

The old Parish Church at Sussex Corner, which