

crowded, every available place being filled and a number of persons obliged to remain outside. Thirty-two persons were confirmed. The Bishop's address to the candidates was very able and impressive, and will long be remembered by them as well as by many others who heard it. Miss Richards presided at the organ. The singing and all other parts of the service were well rendered.

On Thursday morning Confirmation was held in Lot No. 11 Church; a large congregation was present. Eight persons were confirmed, and here again His Lordship addressed the candidates in a manner that could not fail to make a deep impression on them. At the close of the confirmation service Holy Communion was administered. Upon leaving Lot 11 His Lordship and party drove to Bideford to the residence of the Hon. Mr. Richards where they were entertained at luncheon, and after spending two very pleasant hours there, drove to Eilerslie station in time to join the evening train for Kensington. Bishop Courtney's first visit to Port Hill and Lot 11 has been a most pleasing one. The parish is in a very satisfactory state, and Rev. Mr. Harper has reason to be thankful that his ministrations have been crowned with abundant success.

NEW LONDON.—His Lordship arrived at Kensington on Thursday evening. Short evening prayer was said by the rector, Rev. T. B. Reagh, followed by the Confirmation service. Twenty-candidates received the laying on of hands.

On Friday, at 2.30 p.m., there was Confirmation at St. Thomas' Church, French River, where 18 candidates were presented.

At 7.30 p.m., Confirmation was held at St. Stephen's Church, Irishtown, where 27 candidates received the Apostolic rite. At each place, earnest, eloquent and affectionate addresses were delivered to the candidates by the Bishop, and were listened to with breathless interest. There has been a rapid growth in this parish during the last four years under the able ministrations of Rev. T. B. Reagh, the Rector.

KENSINGTON.—At 10 a.m., on Saturday, St. Mark's Church was consecrated. Rev. Messrs. Harper, McKenzie, and Lowe were present beside the rector, Rev. Mr. Reagh. Rev. Mr. Reagh read the petition for consecration after which the clergy marched in procession to the chancel where the Bishop said the special prayers appointed for such occasions. Then Mr. Reagh read the order for consecration which the Bishop signed, and afterwards ascended the pulpit, preaching from Ephesians 5th chap. 27th verse, "That he might present it to Himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." He showed how the Church had become defiled and by what means God has cleansed and defended it. The sermon was profound and searching. The Holy Communion was afterwards celebrated by the Bishop, Rev. Mr. Lowe, being Epistoller, and Rev. Mr. Reagh Gospeller.

SUMMERSIDE AND ST. ELEANORS.—On Saturday afternoon the Bishop arrived at Summerside and proceeded to the residence of H. C. Green, Esq., Postmaster. At 3 o'clock a reception was held, when quite a number of citizens and some ladies (of all denominations) paid their respects to His Lordship. The Churchwardens of Summerside and St. Eleanors also waited upon him and presented an address in behalf of the Rector, Churchwardens and Vestry of the Parish.

His Lordship made a short and pleasing reply, in which he thanked his visitors for the kindness of their welcome.

On Sunday morning at 8 o'clock the Holy Communion was celebrated by his Lordship in St. Mary's Church, Summerside. At 11 a.m.,

Confirmation was held at St. Eleanors. The church was crowded. The re-table was covered with flowers. Rev. Mr. Lowe read the morning service, the people responding very heartily. The Bishop read the lessons of the day. Mr. Henry Hunt presided at the organ and the music was good. The ordinary service done, His Lordship advanced to the chancel steps and invited the congregation to join with him in a few moments of silent prayer for the candidates about to be confirmed. The candidates were presented severally to the Bishop by Mr. Lowe; twenty-two in all being confirmed.

After dinner at the residence of W. T. Hunt, Esq., the Bishop again returned to the church for the consecration of the chancel. Standing near the chancel steps he besought the blessing of God on all who should there stand to receive the apostolic rite, and then advancing to the communion rail he prayed for the same favor on all who should there come to be united in holy matrimony and to receive the emblems of Christ's body and blood. The Bishop, rector and churchwardens then formed in procession, and followed by the congregation proceeded to the new burial ground (presented by Dr. Heckman in memory of his late lamented wife) reciting the 90th Psalm. Rev. Mr. Lowe having read the petition, His Lordship proceeded to set the land apart for the burial of the dead according to the rights and ceremonies of the Church of England. The ceremony being ended the procession returned to the church where the Bishop delivered an able and impressive sermon, which was listened to with deep interest by the large congregation present.

At 7 o'clock Confirmation was held at St. Mary's, Summerside, when twenty-two candidates were confirmed. The church was crowded to the doors, and many were unable to gain admittance. His Lordship's address to the candidates was different from, but equally as good as that at St. Eleanore. In every church he has visited his addresses to the candidates have been different. After service he returned to Mr. Green's where several called on him, among them being Rev. Father Doyle. His Lordship left on Monday morning for Springfield, where confirmation was held.

It must be very gratifying to Mr. Lowe that the Bishop should find this parish in such a satisfactory condition. Throughout the whole diocese there are signs of progress, and the visit of Bishop Courtney will no doubt stir up priests and people to renewed life and earnestness.

CHARLOTTETOWN.—A very pleasant conversation was held in St. Paul's schoolroom on Monday evening, 18th inst., at which His Lordship Bishop Courtney, several of the clergy, and a large number of the members of Paul's and St. Peter's churches were present. The room was most tastefully decorated and looked very pretty. From loaded tables in one of the large class-rooms the ladies dispersed coffee, tea, ices, cake and other delicacies without stint, whilst cheerful conversation, music and singing contributed to the sociability and enjoyment of the evening. This very enjoyable gathering afforded His Lordship an opportunity for becoming better acquainted with his people in Charlottetown of which he was not slow to avail himself, entering freely into conversation and making every one feel perfectly at ease. The Episcopalians of Charlottetown cannot but feel deeply grateful that Divine Wisdom guided the Synod to make such a wise selection to fill the important position of chief Pastor. The more Bishop Courtney is known, the more will he be appreciated by all whose privilege it is to come in contact with him. *Island Guardian.*

PERSONAL.—At St. Paul's, Charlottetown, on Tuesday morning, 19th inst., Miss Pethick,

daughter of the late William Pethick, Esq., and step daughter of Hon. Thomas Dodd, was married to the Rev. William H. Sampson, Rector of Milton parish, by the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia, assisted by Rev. S. Weston-Jones, Rector of St. Paul's. The service was beautiful and impressive. The bride was dressed in a grey travelling costume. Miss Johnson was bride's maid, and Mr. Harry Pethick, brother of the bride, supported the groom. Immediately after the ceremony the Rev. Mr. Sampson and his bride left for a tour through the provinces. We extend to them our best wishes for their happiness and prosperity.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

DALHOUSIE.—The quarterly session of the Rural Deanery of Chatham met at Dalhousie on St. Barnabas' Day, the 11th inst. Of the clergy of the Deanery there were present Revs. D. Forsyth, rector of Chatham and Rural Dean; W. J. Wilkinson, rector of Bay du Vin; L. B. Hooper, rector of Welford; G. D. Peters, rector of Bathurst; and C. D. Brown, rector of Dalhousie. The three remaining clergy of the Deanery could not attend.

On Tuesday morning the 12th, there was morning prayer with celebration of the Holy Communion in St. Mary's Church. The preacher being the Dean, who gave an instructive sermon on the Holy Communion. All the clergy present took part in the service; the attendance was large, and a good number of communicants. For the remainder of the day a pleasant and profitable time was spent in reading and discussing Holy Scripture.

On the evening of the same day evensong was said by the Rev. L. B. Hooper, and an interesting sermon preached by the Rev. W. J. Wilkinson. The service was hearty, and well attended. On the following morning matins and Litany were said by the Revs. W. J. Wilkinson and G. D. Peters.

Thursday, until 3 o'clock, was occupied with the Deanery business; when the assembled clergy drove to Campbellton, a distance of sixteen miles, for the special Deanery service which had been appointed to be held there, and were hospitably entertained at the houses of Messrs. J. F. Armstrong and J. D. Soworby. The service began with the hymn, "Onward Christian Soldiers," and was hearty throughout; the singing being very good. The appointed preacher was the Rev. G. D. Peters, of Bathurst, also delivered a stirring and eloquent sermon on Church principles.

After the service the clergy had the pleasure of meeting once more their beloved Metropolitan, who with Canon Medley, had arrived at 8.30 p.m., on their way to England, and were able to wish them a "Bon voyage."

CHORAL UNION AT HAMPTON.—The Kingston Deanery Choral Union held its annual festival at Hampton, on Wednesday, June 6th, most successfully. The choirs of the following parishes were represented: Hampton, Johnston, Kingston, Petitcodiac, Sussex, Rothesay, Norton, Springfield, Studholm, and Upham, the aggregate of the members being 125. At 10 a.m., a rehearsal of music took place at the School Chapel of the Messiah, situated a short distance from the railway station. Mr. Morton L. Harrison's Orchestra, consisting of nine players, was in attendance from St. John, and Mr. Thomas Morley, the organist of the Mission church of St. John the Baptist, Portland, St. John, presided at the organ. The clergy present were: Rev. O. S. Newnam, President of the Union; Rev. C. P. Hannington, Secretary; Rev. Canon Medley, Conductor; Revs. E. A. Warneford, D. I. Wetmore, H. S. Wainwright, J. M. Davenport, J. Roy Campbell, J. H. Talbot, W. Hancock, C. H. Hatheway, John DeSoyres, A. J. Creswell, J. R. deW. Cowie, S. J. Hanford, W. Greer, A. J. Reid.

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