

of lukewarm, half-instructed people, who have little looking after, being drawn away. One Catechist lives at Caraquet and goes fortnightly to Miscou, where the people were once all Church people. One of those dreadful things, a Union Meeting House, has been built. An amusing event occurred last year. The Rector visited Miscou and met with a hearty welcome, and the words, "Oh! we have been expecting you; we heard you were coming!" At almost every house there was a baby or two, and the Parson baptized them every one, the Lay Reader standing Godfather for them all! On his return home he discovered that the people had been prepared for the coming of the Presbyterian minister, and expected *him*! For once the Church was ahead in the mission field!

We are thankful to state, that by the help of Mr. Smithers and Mr. R. F. Hutchings, we have held our own and a *good deal more*, as time will show.

To make matters worse, the Cumminsite sect has obtained a hold, and tries to worry us. One of the pioneers of that body elsewhere succeeded in establishing a fortnightly service here, and drew a few malcontents from the town congregation with him. The minister who had been for a year or two over their Congregation in Chatham, and who was only a Congregational preacher—which means no ordination at all—came here, and officiated and baptized one or two children. After that he received ordination from the Cumminsite Bishop, the dissenting ministers assisting. The question is, what is he now? for the R. E. body declares the ordinations of other bodies to be valid, and those "received" are not re-ordained, but merely "accepted." Perhaps, there was a "flaw" in the first ordination. If not, the latter one is sacrilege. Truly it is the sect of "irregularities" and contradictions. It is extraordinary to find people who can find fault with a ceremony, or a symbol, but will yet calmly ignore such breaches of order, and departures from discipline and faith. Truly they "strain out a gnat, and swallow a camel."

Already we are looking forward to a visit from His Grace the Metropolitan in July. He will receive a hearty welcome, and a large number are preparing in all parts of the Mission for the Holy Rite of Confirmation.

BAY DU VIN.—The Rector holds Services in two localities some little distance from the Church each week. The trustees of these districts kindly allow him the use of their respective school houses, and classes for religious instruction are

held, in which he is assisted by Miss Gertrude Williston. Immediately after these instruction classes Evening Prayer is said, which is also attended by the older members, and a short sermon is delivered by the Rector. Every Sunday the Rector superintends the Sunday School at Bay du Vin himself. Once a fortnight he has Sunday School at the Village, a small settlement about seven miles from the Church, at 10 o'clock and Morning Service at 11 o'clock. He then returns to Bay du Vin in time for Sunday School there at 2 o'clock, and he also holds a Service in the Church at 6.30 p. m. The other Sunday in the month he is at the Church all day, and has a celebration of the Holy Communion, Matins, Litany and Sermon, Sunday School and Evening Service.

He visits Escuminac, which is about fifteen miles from the Rectory, about once a fortnight, on a weekday, and holds Service in the evening. There are very few Church people down there, the majority belonging to the Salvation Army or Methodists, but as no Minister from the various denominations ever goes down, the Rector has at his Services far more dissenters than Church people. The last Service the Rector held in Escuminac was on Thursday, 16th of May, and on Friday morning a celebration was held at the house of Philip Loyd, Esq., at 6 o'clock. When the new Church is completed at the Village, the Communicants in Escuminac hope to Communicate there.

There were fifteen persons present at the Easter Meeting this year, and the finances were found to be in a very satisfactory state. John G. Williston and Thomas H. Williston were re-elected Church Wardens, and Sydney Carmichael a delegate to the D. C. S. and Synod.

Daily Matins and Evensong are said at the Church whenever the Rector is at home.

NEWCASTLE AND NELSON.—Perhaps the most important event in this Mission during the past month was the meeting of the Ruri-Decanal Chapter of Chatham, which took place on Monday, April 29th, and the two following days. In addition to the Rector of the Parish (Rev. J. H. S. Sweet) there were present Rural Dean Forsyth, Revs. W. J. Wilkinson, E. B. Hooper and R. M. Hudgell. Evening Service was said in the pretty little Church of S. Andrew on Monday at 8 p. m., when an eloquent and admirable sermon was delivered by the Rev. R. M. Hudgell, the newly-appointed Rector of Derby. After Matins the next morning, the Chapter met in session at 10 o'clock, and, after the ordinary routine work, read