

Parish News.

NEIL'S HARBOR.

On the 15th of August the Rev. A. Gale of Sydney Mines arrived here by the S.S. Weymouth. Tuesday morning he held a private celebration of the Holy Eucharist at the home of Mr. Jones who has been sick for some time. The following morning another private celebration was held at New Haven for the benefit of John Scairl, a young churchman who is gradually entering into the "Valley of the Shadow." That evening Litany was said by the Rev. R. W. Norwood, and a forcible sermon preached by the Rev. A. Gale. After service an informal business meeting was held for the purpose of making provision for the building of a new Vestry. \$11.50 were promised at the meeting. Since then the sum has, by subscription, amounted to about twenty-three dollars, the sum of thirty-five dollars is needed for this work. At half-past ten Thursday morning the Holy Eucharist was celebrated in St. Andrew's, Neil's Harbor. There were twenty communicants. Unfortunately Mr. Gale could not make arrangements to stay over Sunday, so he left us Thursday afternoon by the Weymouth. His visit was very much appreciated by those who met him, or who listened to his earnest words. The Rev. Mr. Vernon of North Sydney is expected this month to hold celebration. This season has been a poor one for the fishermen, many having barely enough on which to exist. To go into the homes of some of these, to mark the squalor of their surroundings; to see some pale-faced, thin-clad mother, moving about her household duties among a large number of children whose garments are but rags, to bear in mind that this is not the result of a father's shiftlessness but of his utter inability to help in spite of strenuous exertions, is painful for a clergyman who wishes to help and is powerless to do so save with the assistance of those who are in a position to take care of these "little ones."

Should the readers of this paper feel disposed to contribute what help they can, either in clothes or money, that help will be gratefully received by the Rev. R. W. Norwood Deacon in charge.

If "Charity begins at home," then it is time that some interest be taken in this the poorest yet the most important mission in the diocese.

AMHERST.

Our well beloved Diocesan has come—given us his blessing—and

gone. His words of wisdom and loving counsel will not soon be forgotten. On Sunday Aug. the 21st, the services in "Christ Church" commenced with a celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 8 a. m., Mattins at 10, Confirmation service, with sermon and another celebration at 11 o'clock at which all the newly confirmed received. Fifteen persons received the Apostolic rite of the "laying on of hands," two of whom had been baptized by the rector the previous week. At 7.30 the church was again filled with an appreciative congregation who listened to another effective and able sermon from his Lordship. On Monday the Bishop, accompanied by Rev. V. E. Harris visited the Joggins where service was held in the Church of the "Holy Name," and eleven candidates were presented by Rev. H. J. Lynde. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers. Mr. Robert Archibald, Manager of the Canada Coal and Railway Co., most kindly supplied a special to convey the Bishop and Rector to Maccan on their return to Amherst in the evening.

On Tuesday his lordship drove to Tidnish, and held service at 11 o'clock when the Tower and Bell provided for the Church of the "Good Shepherd" through the thoughtfulness of the late H. G. C. Ketchum, Esq., M. I. C. E., were dedicated to the Glory of Almighty God, as was also a beautiful East Window, the gift of the people of Tidnish, as a memorial of Mr. Ketchum, and a stone Font a gift of Mr. James Davis a regular worshipper at the Church of the Good Shepherd. The clergy present were Rev. V. E. Harris, and Rev. C. F. Wiggins, and the Lay Readers Mr. G. T. Bryant, and Mr. J. J. Willis. Service was again held at 3 o'clock, when one adult was baptized and sixteen persons confirmed who had been carefully prepared by Mr. G. T. Bryant, Lay Reader, whose work under Rev. C. F. Wiggins is much appreciated by the people. The music was exceptionally good, the responses hearty, and the Bishop's addresses listened to with rapt attention were calculated to encourage every person present to strive more earnestly to do the will of God.

On Wednesday his lordship the Bishop proceeded to pugwash.

After five months of suffering Mr. James Brown, C. E., entered into Rest on the 16th inst., at his home, Eddy St., aged 57 years. The funeral took place from Christ Church the Rector officiating, on Thursday the 18th at 3 o'clock and the interment was in the Church of England Cemetery. Mr. Brown was well-known in the County having been engaged at the Joggins, on the I. C. R., and at Springhill, and latterly at Glace Bay, C. B. where he was engaged

when he was stricken with his last illness.

He was born in Aberdeen, Scotland, where he married Miss Isabella Gilbert. His wife and one daughter survive him.

We were deeply grieved to hear the sad news of the death, by drowning, of Mr. H. A. Ancient, son of Rev. W. J. Ancient. He was well-known and respected in this parish where he had often, as Lay Reader, assisted the Rector in the services of the Church, and in other matters of a parochial nature. We extend our tenderest sympathy to the bereaved family in this their great trial.

M. E. B.

PORT MEDWAY.

A meeting of the chapter of the Rural Deanery of Shelburne was held in Port Medway on the evening of the Feast of St. Bartholomew and after full evensong very practical addresses were given by the visiting clergy.

The choir from the Parish

church accompanied by their organist rendered valuable assistance to the service.

The next morning there was a celebration Holy Eucharist in St. Johns' Church, and an admirable sermon preached by the Rev. W. S. H. Morris, M. A., Rector of Shelburne.

In the afternoon the session of the Deanery took place in the Parish Priests rooms.

After Prayer and the reading and confirming of the minutes of the preceding meeting, the Epistle of St. Paul to Titus chap. I, was read in the Greek and discussed.

The next meeting of the Deanery was then fixed for Shelburne 26th and 27th of October.

Evensong commenced at 7.30 in Eagle Head Church, the singing being unexceptionally good, over two hundred people were present at this service.

The addresses were very instructive and very much appreciated, and we trust will be long remembered.

The Rural Dean expressed himself much pleased with his visit.

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