

Messrs. Editors,—Will you allow me a small space in your journal to record publicly the success of a Clerical Meeting in the Parish of St. James, Newport.

For several years the want of such a gathering has been seriously felt, both on account of the benefit accruing to the people and the vast advantage resulting to the Clergy. Believing that much good would flow from such an assemblage, and hoping that that belief would not be fruitless, the Clergy of the neighbouring parishes were specially invited to meet at Newport on Wednesday the 8th of last month. The day was most propitious, and every thing that could be desired. At an early hour there were present the Venerable The Archdeacon, the Rector of Windsor, the Professor of Theology at Windsor University, the Rev. the Rector of Rawdon, Rev. Mr. Hodgson Rev. Mr. Ruggles of Kentville and Rev. Mr. Pryor of Dartmouth.

Divine Service was held at 11 A. M. in the Parish Church, celebrated for its neat interior and magnificent font. A Sermon was preached by Rev. Professor Hensley on the mutual duties of priest and people; a Sermon most appropriate for the occasion and filled with wise counsel to those to whom it was addressed. After the celebration of the Lord's Supper and an interval of an half hour the Annual Meeting of the D. C. S. was held by far the most interesting and well attended meeting of the kind ever held in the parish. Short and effective speeches were given by the Clergy, but none of them were more so than that delivered by the highly respected veteran Church Warden, J. C. Cochran, Esq. who for a quarter of a century has held the reins of secular government over the officers of the Church in this Parish.

At this time Rev. Da. Blackman, Head Master of the College School arrived and addressed the meeting. An adjournment was then made to the Rectory where the business of the day was transacted. It was briefly this: to organize and establish a series of meetings in the neighbouring Parishes during the year, having for their object, the advancement of the spiritual interest of the Clergy and the people under their care.

A set of rules as the basis of a Constitution was submitted to the assembly for consideration, and after some brief discussion it was agreed to assemble at intervals of about two months, in rotation, in the various neighbouring Parishes, to hold a public service, and a public meeting in which the interests and affections of Clergy and laity towards their beloved Church in her practical unity, should be enlisted and engaged. Thus passed off the first Clerical Meeting held in this neighborhood for many years, profitably it is to be hoped, to all who met together on that occasion.

That the Parishioners who attended the services of the 8th derived both pleasure and edification was plainly manifest, the number of communicants being large considering that it was a week day gathering, in a busy season of the year, the afternoon service being so largely attended and the patience of all by no means exhausted.

Though these little gatherings will never assume the size and importance of the Norwich congress yet it is pleasing to know that the same happy effects may result from these as from that which had all the attributes of a successful gathering.

We need an interchange of thought, a suggestion of new ideas, a wider range of thought, coming in contact with holy men of large experience, and may God of his mercy supply our need; and lead us all by every legitimate means to extend His cause, and awaken in each other as members of one great family a common interest in our common religion.

Yours &c.

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SUMMARY OF CHURCH NEWS.

THE accounts of the meeting of the Church Congress at Norwich, fill a large space in the English papers. The meeting is considered to have been a highly successful one, an agreeable disappointment, as many feared difficulties would arise which would result in a failure. The subjects were discussed as arranged in the programme, and many valuable hints thrown out. The essential characteristic of these meetings is that they are for *talk* only, not even a vote is taken, the subject, whatever it may be, is discussed and then left. Of course it is expected that some