

## DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA

**NORTH-WEST ARM.—St. James Mission.**—This important mission had a most successful children's service on Sunday afternoon last. After prayers were said, the school was addressed and catechised by the new lay-reader in charge, Mr. Wolcott. The scholars, by their ready answers and earnest attention, showed how interested they were in the speaker's words. It is Mr. Wolcott's intention to hold a children's service, with a *resume* of the lessons every fifth week. The St. James' Mission cannot help prospering under such earnest and devoted service to the good cause.

**FALMOUTH.**—On Trinity Sunday the Lord Bishop of the Diocese visited this parish for the purpose of administering the rite of confirmation in St. George's Church. The service commenced at 4 p.m. by the singing of a Processional Hymn. Evensong was said by the Rev. Rural Dean Ellis, Rector of Sackville, who was also present at the Ordination Service held in Christ Church, Windsor, in order to join in the laying on of hands at the ordination to the priesthood of the incumbent of the parish of Falmouth, the Rev. J. Harrison. The 1st Lesson was read by the Rev. A. N. Bent, of Pugwash, who was also ordained to the priesthood, and the 2nd Lesson by the Rev. R. W. Hudgett, who was at the same time ordained to the Diaconate. Forty-two persons (24 males and 18 females) received the Apostolic Rite of the laying on of hands. The address and sermon by the Bishop were impressive and earnest. His Lordship spoke of the very satisfactory examination passed by the incumbent for admittance to the priesthood, and of the successful work accomplished in the parish during the past year. His Lordship also congratulated the incumbent upon the large number of candidates presented in the parish at one time. Among those confirmed were several adults who had been previously baptized by the incumbent and also two received from other denominations.

Our thanks are due to those ladies who so tastefully decorated the Church, among whom we must specially mention Miss Mary Palmer and Mrs. Iovi Deal; also to N. C. Hason, Esq., B.A., who presided at the organ, and to those ladies from Hantsport and Windsor Forks, who assisted in the singing. The church was crowded, many being unable to gain admittance. For all that has been accomplished we are bound to say *Laus Deo*.

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## DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

**WOODSTOCK.**—The venerable Metropolitan spent Whit Sunday in this Parish. At the 11 o'clock service at St. Luke's Church he administered the holy rite of confirmation to thirty candidates. Of these twenty-seven were presented by the Rev. Canon Neales, rector of the parish, and three by Rev. E. J. P. B. Williams, rector of the adjoining parish Richmond. The venerable Bishop appeared to be in excellent health, and addressed the candidates and assembled congregation in his usual earnest and impressive manner. The congregations at St. Luke's both morning and evening were very large, and it required all the efforts of the newly-appointed sidesmen to provide seats for all who were present. The number of communicants was larger than ever known before in the history of the parish, including nearly all the newly-confirmed, and numbering 113 persons. The subject of the Metropolitan's sermon was "Home"—in its threefold form: "The Parental," "The Spiritual" (The Church), and "The Eternal." There was service at 7 p.m., at which His Lordship again preached, taking as his subject "The Outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost." At the close of his sermon he earnestly besought the members of the Church to remember in their prayers all who are in the sacred ministry or are about to be

ordained. His Lordship also spoke words of kind encouragement on the condition of the parish and the relations existing between the pastor and the people. It was a joy to all to have our beloved Bishop with us again, to have him administer the holy ordinance of confirmation to our sons and daughters, and to hear his voice speaking over them the words of Apostolic blessing as he did for us in years past.

On Trinity Sunday there will be admitted to the Holy Order of Deacon, Mr. Bertram Hooper and Mr. A. W. M. Harley, both of whom have served as lay-reader in this parish. The former will be ordained by the Metropolitan at Fredericton; the latter by the Bishop of Nova Scotia, at Halifax.

A new and neat fence has just been erected around Shake's Church, which will afford an opportunity to carry out the much-needed improvement of the ground.

**FREDERICTON.**—The Church of England Temperance Society continues to make most satisfactory progress. Nearly seventy members have been added to its numbers at the last three meetings, the total enrolled now being about 400. His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, and Lady Tilley, have given the Society every encouragement and assistance in their power. A special feature in the meetings of the Society is the singing, which is led by members of the Cathedral and Parish Church choirs, with some assistance from members of the Infantry School Corps.

The Rev. G. G. Roberts, rector of the parish, preached an eloquent and appropriate sermon at the recent annual service of the Choral Union of the Deanery of Kingston.

**RICHMOND.**—The Rev. E. J. P. B. Williams, who has lately taken charge of this parish, has been warmly welcomed by his parishioners, and is already doing good work in his wide and important mission field.

**ST. JOHN.**—The preparations for the meetings of the Synod and Diocesan Church Society are about completed. The attention of the clergy and lay delegates is called to an error in the programme of services and meetings as published in the *GUARDIAN* of the 9th inst. Under the head of "Monday, June 28th," should be found "Public Missionary Service, at 8 p.m., in St. John's Church. Preacher, the Right Rev. the Bishop Co-adjutor. Collection in aid of Foreign Missions."

**ST. JAMES.**—A meeting of the St. John Deanery was held in this parish on Tuesday, the 15th inst. The Holy Communion was celebrated at 9.30 a.m., at St. James Church. The Rev. G. M. Armstrong preached a very earnest sermon upon "The Nature and Office of the Comforter," in which he strongly urged the clergy of the Deanery to adopt the suggestion made at a recent conference of the Rural Deans, that special intercession should be made each day of the week on behalf of the Home Missions in our various Deaneries.

After service the clergy met in the adjoining School House. Chapter X. in the Book of Revelation was read in the original and commented upon by those present in the usual order.

The Rev. G. O. Troop then introduced the subject appointed for discussion, viz.: "What benefit may reasonably be expected from holding a Mission in a Parish." A very interesting and animated discussion ensued, at the conclusion of which it was on motion unanimously *Resolved*, "That in the opinion of this Deanery it is advisable that a Mission be held for the Deanery of St. John, and that a Committee be appointed to prepare a scheme of proposed arrangements to be submitted at a special meeting of the Deanery."

The Committee appointed in accordance with the resolution consists of Rev. Canon De

Veber, Rev. Canon Brigstocke, Rev. Le Baron W. Fowler, and Rev. G. Osborne Troop.

After some business connected with the Deanery had been transacted, the following resolution was proposed and unanimously agreed to:—

"Whereas, since the last meeting of this Rural Deanery, it has pleased Almighty God to remove by death one of its members, the late Rev. A. V. Wiggins, Rector of Westfield;

"Therefore, *Resolved*—That we, the clergy of the Rural Deanery of St. John, desire to place on record our sense of the loss the Church in this Diocese has thereby sustained;

*And further Resolved*,—That the Secretary be requested to convey to the widow of our departed brother an expression of our warm appreciation of the consistent Christian character and zealous labors of her late husband, with our earnest prayer that Almighty God may comfort and sustain her in her bereavement."

The next Deanery meeting will be held at St. Luke's Church, Portland, in September.

**CARLETON.**—*Carleton.*—A well-attended meeting of the Sunday-school Teacher's Association was held in St. Jude's Church School House, on the evening of Tuesday, the 8th inst., on which occasion the Rev. Canon Brigstocke read a carefully prepared and very interesting paper on "The Revised Version of the Old Testament." The reading of the paper was listened to with close attention by the teachers present, and at the conclusion it was resolved that the paper should be printed under the direction of the Executive Committee of the Association.

**ST. MARK'S.**—The annual united service for the three Sunday-schools in this parish was held at St. John's Church on the evening of Trinity Sunday. The prayers and lessons were read by the Rev. W. O. Raymond, of St. Mary's Church, and the Rev. G. M. Armstrong, rector of the parish, preached an admirable sermon from the familiar words, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth." The attendance of children was very large and the service hearty and reverent. The offertory which was devoted to the Sunday-schools amounted to about \$58.00.

**ST. MARY'S.**—A very pleasant and successful conversazione was held in the School House of St. Mary's Church, on the evening of Thursday, the 17th inst. Excellent music was furnished by the Artillery Band, and refreshments provided by the ladies of the congregation. The proceeds, amounting to about \$60, are devoted towards the payment of a debt upon the school house.

**ST. MARTIN'S.**—The affairs of the Church in this parish continue in a very unsettled and unsatisfactory condition. The officiating clergyman not having been able to furnish the requisite testimonials regarding his general character and conduct previous to his coming to the parish, has failed to secure the Bishop's license, and as a consequence has no *status* in the Diocese. Meanwhile the church people of St. Martin's are necessarily deprived of the usual grant made by the Board of Home Missions towards the support of the ministrations of the Church in the parish, and are isolated from the sympathies of members of their own communion. It is much to be hoped that a satisfactory solution may soon be found for the present unfortunate state of affairs.

**PERSONAL.**—At the thirty-sixth annual convention of the Diocese of California, held in San Francisco, on May 26th. The Rev. W. S. Neales, M.A., was unanimously elected as Secretary of the Diocesan Convention. Mr. Neales, who is rector of St. Paul's Church, San Francisco, served for many years in the Diocese of Fredericton. He is a son of the Rev. James Neales, rector of Gagetown, N.B.