

A Review By Parishes of The Work of The English Church of New Brunswick

Almost Without Exception the Clergy in Charge Report Notable Progress—Congregations are Growing and Larger Activity is Being Shown.

A brief review of the work of the Church of England in various parts of New Brunswick during the past year was submitted by the clergymen in charge of the parishes at the meeting of the Synod held in Fredericton a few weeks ago. The notes that follow are culled from the reports of the clergy.

The number of ordained clergymen at present about eighty, of whom three are on the supernumerary list; one is engaged in immigration work at St. John and one is principal of the Rotherham College. The remainder are actively engaged in parochial work. In addition eight or ten students work in various out stations very acceptably during the summer vacation, and there are in the diocese twenty licensed lay readers, whose services have proved very valuable to the church. Not for many years has the church been so well provided with men to carry on the work as now.

Campbellton. A handsome new church has been erected, built of brick, to replace that destroyed in the recent fire at a cost of \$12,250 and was consecrated by the Bishop early in the year. The temporary church, built after the fire, has been made over into a parish hall. The rector, Rev. J. E. Purdie held open-air services in the summer on the Government wharf, which were attended by sailors and non-church-goers in large numbers. The parish has many active workers and various useful organizations. Mr. G. W. Plummer, a student, did good work in the summer in the adjoining parish of Edon. The church at Dawsonville has been greatly improved.

Dalhousie. There are but twenty-three families which attend the services held by Rev. R. J. Coleman in this small mission. Their zeal is shown by the fact that they contribute on an average \$22.00 per family towards their clergyman's stipend and are active in good works.

Bathurst. Rev. J. A. Cooper, rector. The church has had a good year. The church fabric has been greatly improved, a new furnace, bell and other donations received. Twenty-four have been confirmed and a chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew established. In the adjoining parish of New Bandon, Mr. Alban P. B. has done a great deal of good work. Through his efforts forty-one persons were confirmed.

Chatham. The Venerable Archdeacon Forsyth has now been 40 years in charge of the parish and reports that the church has had a very good year. Its full apportionment for missions has been more than met besides contributing generously towards Kings' College, Windsor, making needed repairs and improvements in its buildings and grounds. Thirty candidates were confirmed by Bishop Richardson in August. The various organizations of the parish are active and efficient. At Bay du Vin, an adjoining parish, Rev. Mr. Foster reports that his congregation, encouraged by the generous subscription of \$400.00 by one of its members, are about to undertake the building of a new rectory.

Derby and Blackville. This mission under the leadership of Rev. H. T. Montgomery has become self-supporting. Improvements have been made in the church at Derby by the putting in of a memorial stained glass window, sheathing the interior of the building and installing up-to-date heating. The churches at Blackville and Gray Rapids are flourishing. Forty-one persons have been lately confirmed.

Newcastle. The church under the leadership of Rev. W. J. Bates has succeeded in materially reducing its indebtedness during the year and has increased its rector's stipend. Its various organizations have shown much zeal. Lately a chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew has been established.

Ludlow and Blissfield. Rev. H. Waterton's work in this mission has been much blessed. During the year he baptized seventy-six persons and prepared thirty-five candidates for confirmation. The death of John Murphy, son of Ludlow, who was in a sense the father of the church, is much deplored.

Richibucto. The church here has had another year of quiet faithful work on the part of Rev. F. W. M. Bacon, with no very special features.

Shediac. Rev. A. F. Burt reports little of special interest, but his congregation contributes well to missions and the work of the church generally is encouraging. At Point du Chene good work is being done by Rev. W. B. Armstrong.

Sackville. Rev. C. F. Wiggins has been thirty-four years in charge of this parish. He reports a year of quiet work. Nine candidates were confirmed in April last.

Pettitcodiac. There are four churches in this mission served by Rev. R. Coleman. He works in three counties—Westmorland, Albert and Kings, and has a scattered and arduous field. That his services are appreciated is shown by the fact that his people have spent \$1000 in improving the parsonage. They have made memorial gifts to the churches at Havelock and Pettitcodiac.

Hillboro, Hopewell and Elgin. Rev. D. Jenkins holds services at

three churches and five stations in this extensive mission. He was assisted by a student, Mr. H. T. Pimlin, during the summer. His work has many features of interest, but is very laborious.

Dorchester. Rev. R. A. Robinson reports that the parish debt has been reduced from \$1400 to \$200. In the course of the year. Occasional services are now held at Calhoun's Mills. The parish contributes well to missions.

Moncton. There have been many changes in the congregation, owing largely to changes in the management of the I.C.R. The removal of W. S. Cowperthwaite the licensed lay reader is a distinct loss. A memorial window to the late J. W. Binney has been placed in the chancel of St. George church and a very beautiful memorial font has been lately received. Mr. R. Britton, a member of the church, is now taking a divinity course at Kings' College, Windsor. The rector, Canon Sisson, says that the outlook is good.

Sussex. Rev. Canon Neales reports the confirmation of nineteen candidates at Sussex and four at the church in parish of Studholm. Trinity Church, Sussex has been the recipient of a stained glass window in memory of Dr. E. A. Vall and also receives a notable gift in the pulpit formerly placed by Bishop Medley in the Cathedral at Fredericton, from which he preached until his death in 1892. The church has met its missionary apportionment in full and has increased the rector's stipend. A branch of the W. A. has been organized at Apohaqui in the formation of which Mrs. Kuhring, of St. John rendered valuable aid.

Waterford. Rev. F. B. Gaskill has lately taken up the work here, and speaks cheeringly of the outlook.

Springfield. Rev. W. J. Wilkinson, speaks of the excellent work of the W. A. as a feature of the church. Bishop Richardson confirms ten candidates on the 8th of June and his sermons and addresses were listened to by very large congregations.

Johnston. Rev. C. A. S. Warneford officiates at Highfield, Goshen, Cody's, Canaan Rapids, Annandale and Bardad. He has three Sunday schools. The new church at Highfield is nearly complete. At Christmas the first service was held and on Easter morning the first celebration of the Holy Communion. Thanks are due to Trinity Church, Sussex for a pulpit, to St. George's Church, Moncton for a font, to Rev. Canon Hamington for the prayer desk, and to generous donors of other gifts.

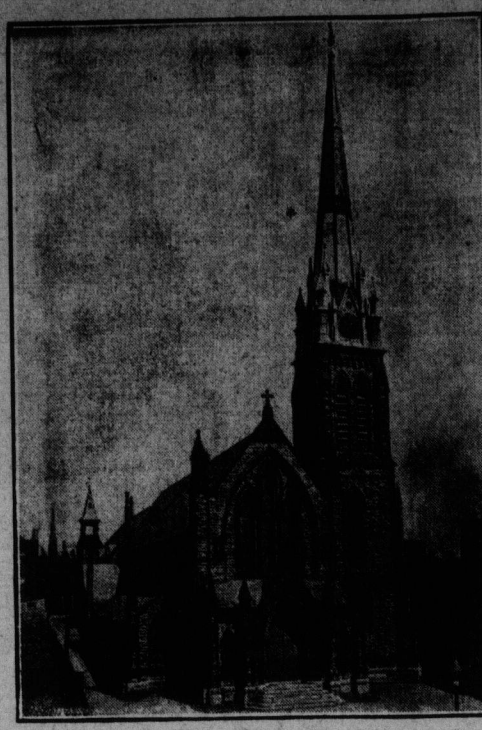
Norton. The parish church, opposite Bloomfield station, which was erected in 1811 is the oldest church in the diocese, with the exception of Trinity Church, Kingston. It is in an excellent state of repair and bids fair to last for another century. Confirmation was held on the 22nd of June, when twenty-three candidates were confirmed and 24 baptized. The year more than the ordinary number of old members of the church were called to rest, including Wm. H. Baxter, James Huggard, Mrs. E. Hoy, Mrs. J. Huggard and Mrs. Warneford, widow of the former rector. All these had passed the three score years and ten.

Kingston. This old historic parish rejoices in the possession of a church built in 1739, now completing the 125th year of its existence. For the first 90 years, three generations of Scovills, father, son and grandson, ministered at its altar, the united periods of active service in the ministry being 139 years. The Rev. H. S. Wainwright their successor was rector for 37 years. The present incumbent, Rev. C. G. Lawrence, has shown much energy. During the past year \$700 was expended in repairs upon the four churches, Trinity, St. James, Long Reach, All Saints, Clifton; and St. Paul's, Whitehead. At the parish church, the average number of communicants present at each celebration during the year was fifty-two. Eighteen candidates were confirmed and 24 baptized. The W. A. has done excellent work in the parish.

Hampton. The rector, Rev. A. H. Crowfoot, speaks of the invaluable work of Mr. A. T. Leatherbarrow, lay reader. Since his departure to enter college, Rev. A. C. Fenwick has been appointed assistant in the parish. Rev. Dr. Campbell, Rev. Millie Walker and Rev. John Walker have also kindly assisted at the services at Hampton. The church at the station, lately enlarged and improved, was dedicated in January last. Gifts have been made to the church at Smithtown by the people and by the family of the late W. H. Robinson. Improvements also have been made in connection with the church at French Village.

Rothessay. Rev. A. W. Daniel reports very modestly the splendid work he has done in his extensive parish. During the year 32 candidates were confirmed in St. Paul's Church. Sunday Schools are established at four centres and there are several flourishing branches of the W. A. This parish gives generously to all church and benevolent objects and meets its missionary apportionments. The church school for boys, under the management and control of the Church of England Synod, situated on "College Hill" at Rothessay, is a thriving institution. There are 55 boys in residence here, a considerable number of "day boys" who live at their homes. The principal, Rev. W. R. Hibbard, has a staff of five masters in residence beside efficient instructors in music, art and physical drill. The popularity and efficiency of this school has rendered it necessary to enlarge the buildings at an expense of about \$25,000. Probably no where in Canada are like advantages offered to boys at so moderate a cost as at the Rothessay College.

St. Martin. Rev. F. J. LeRoy ministers to the congregation at Holy Trinity Church and at the out-stations of Greer Settlement, Big Salmon River and Tyndal Creek. The Sunday School is a feature of the parish. The small but energetic band of W. A. workers has made various improvements, both in the church and rectory.



Trinity Church—St. John.

Only a few of the salient features of church life and work in St. John will be attempted as the space at our disposal is limited.

Trinity Church. The work has proceeded along the usual lines. The Sunday School under the supervision of Mr. F. Dela. Clements, has reached a high standard of efficiency. The school lost quite recently by the death of Mr. Thomas Patton, one who had been connected with it over 60 years and who was most faithful and efficient as a teacher. All the organizations of the church have been active in good works. The church raised during the year more than \$3,000 for missions and extra-parochial funds. Rev. R. A. Armstrong is one of the most able and progressive of our younger clergymen.

St. John (Stone) Church. This church has a very large number of organizations and is engaged to some extent in institutional work among boys and girls. Rev. Mr. Kurling, who has been in charge since the death of the late Rev. J. Fox, has been very efficient. A new organ to cost \$2,200 has been ordered from Warren & Co., of Woodstock, Ontario.

St. Paul's Church. The Rector Rev. E. B. Hooper, has now been seven years in charge. This beautiful church, like all wooden structures, requires constant attention. The entire church fabric from the spire to the chancel has been thoroughly repaired and painted. The little church of St. Barnabas, at Sandy Pt. has a notable record. All who are old enough are confirmed, all the confirmed are regular communicants, and practically the whole congregation is present at every service. At St. Paul's the special Lenten Services have been well attended—those of Holy Week and Good Friday better than ever before—the number of Easter communicants was very large.

St. John Baptist. During the year assistant priest, Rev. H. A. Collins, has assisted Rev. Father Conners, whose failing health necessitated his retirement. A man of kindly nature and a devoted worker, he will be greatly missed. During the year the church has had also the mournful death of its first priest, the Rev. J. M. Davenport, so long and so favorably known in the community. Though not large in number, the members of the congregation of this church were commended by the Bishop as being the most generous givers to church and missionary work in all the diocese.

St. Luke's Church. During the year Rev. R. P. McKim, the cheerful hard working rector who had the assistance of Rev. J. L. Cotten and Rev. F. Ellis. In addition to the ordinary services, open air evangelistic meetings were held in the summer. The church took a leading part in the recent Maritime Conference of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew and the splendid evening meeting on the first day of the conference will not soon be forgotten. During the latter part of October, Rev. F. G. Newton, of Sarnia conducted a parochial mission with good results. A commodious and comfortable rectory has just been completed and the grounds surrounding the church and rectory have been improved and beautified.

St. James Church. This church has made good progress under the rector Rev. H. A. Cody. The Sunday school and parish organizations are active and efficient, the congregations excellent. The choir is fortunate in having the aid of the boys of Wignin's Orphanage, whose musical training by Mr. Pierce has made them quite proficient in church music.

St. Georges Church. Rev. Mr. Sampson has during his twenty-three years rectorate built up a strong and united congregation. His unostentatious services and fidelity to duty are known and valued by his people. The church has a good choir and a beautiful new organ. Congregational singing and responding are of the best.

St. Mary's Church. Rev. W. O. Raymond has been in charge of this church for nearly thirty years, during which he has shown no disposition to respond to the various invitations he has from time to time received to change the scene of his labors. The services of this church are characterized by large congregations, hearty responding and congregational singing—perhaps in no other church in the diocese.

its missionary apportionment and other outside calls.

Salisbury. Rev. W. P. Dunham since his appointment has done good work at the Church of the Good Shepherd. Many improvements have been made in the church buildings in which he W. A. has played an important part. Fifteen candidates were confirmed in May. The Sunday School is large and flourishing. Four of the teachers have successfully taken the Teacher Training Course.

Baywater. Although a part of the parish of Westfield, it has been found more convenient to serve this place from St. John. During the summer L. P. Cathels, a student, held very encouraging services here at White's Mills and Sand Point. Many of those who attended were summer residents. Mr. Cathels unfortunately had to go to the hospital, sick with typhoid fever. The work at Baywater then passed to lay readers from St. John.

Westfield. Since his late appointment to this parish, Rev. C. W. Nichols has been endeavoring to grapple with a difficult situation and not without success. Aided by divinity students McKim at Grand Bay, and Cathels at Baywater, he has endeavored to furnish services to the summer residents. Open-air services were held at Public Landing, Bay's Landing, Sand Point and Westfield Beach. The attendance was good, some coming who would not otherwise have attended any services. The foundation has been laid for a small church at Bay's Landing, which it is proposed to build next summer. The parish is in a better financial position.

Simonds. Rev. C. W. Follett came from England to take charge of this parish in July. He holds services at four churches and two stations. Religious instruction is now provided for almost all of the children in the parish, whose parents wish it, in the classes held for the purpose on week-nights by the rector. The people at Black River are showing much zeal. At Head Head the debt on the church has been paid.

Musquash. This parish is now vacant but during the summer was served by J. Robinson Belyea, a divinity student of Kings' College. At Mace's Bay the Sunday school and W. A. are efficient under the leadership of Mrs. R. T. Mawlinney. Mr. Ernest Shephard of Musquash, a student at Kings' College died after a brief illness at his home on the 4th of September.

St. George and Pennfield. Rev. J. Spencer, in addition to serving his two churches, holds cottage services at Seely's Cove, Beaver Harbor and Black's Harbor. The debt on the church at St. George has been reduced by \$1,000.

St. Andrews. Rev. G. H. Elliott reports his congregations during the year as very good. The societies of the church too are flourishing. In connection with the parish church, Rev. Canon Cowie has had the satisfaction of seeing substantial progress towards the erection of a stone chapel at the Mills. His congregation has done much for missions in the past and has many urgent pastoral needs to be attended to in the near future.

Stanley.

This parish pledged something over \$500 for Kings' College about half of which has been paid. At a church entertainment on Aug. 27th, the sum of \$400, was cleared.

McAdam.

The Rev. R. M. Fenton sends a cheering report of the progress of the work at this important and growing railway center. The building of new locomotive repair shops by the C.P.R. has given a feeling of assurance in regard to the stability of the industrial future of the little town.

OBEYED INSTRUCTIONS.

He was a bright young office boy, and in the dim future saw himself sitting in the manager's chair.

"Please sir," he said, entering the room of his chief, after being sent to deliver a note, "the lady was out, and I could not deliver your message."

"Go back immediately. If the lady is still out, put the note through the letter box or under the door. Get it into the house somehow; don't bring it back here. Now be off!"

Some little time passed, and then young hopeful returned with a satisfied smile and an air of conscious pride at having overcome all difficulties, and confident of rapid promotion.

"Well?" jerked out his employer.

"There was no letter box, sir, and the note wouldn't go under the door, so I tore it up into little bits and shoved them through the keyhole!"

TO CLEAN KNIVES.

For cleaning knives I find raw potato very good to use if the knives are very badly stained, writes a New York Press contributor. Take a raw potato, cut it in half, then dip it in powdered bath brick and rub the knives with it.

Stone Church—St. John.

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