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 RURAL DEANERY OF ST. GEORGE.
 

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THE fourth meeting of the chapter of the above Deanery was held at Port Mulgrave, in the mission of Melford, Strait of Causo, on Wednesday, August 12th.

*Present*—Rev. H. H. Hamilton, Rural Dean, Rev. W. E. Gelling, Rev. J. P. Sargent, Rev. E. H. Ball, Rev. F. J. Axford.

This being the largest meeting since the formation of the Deanery, the time was chiefly occupied in framing a constitution for proceedings at future meetings.

In the evening there was service in St. Andrew's Church; prayers were said by the Rev. J. P. Sargent, the lessons read by the Rev. W. E. Gelling, and the sermon, an earnest and practical one, preached by the Rev. F. J. Axford.

On the following morning there was a celebration of Holy Communion; the Rural Dean being Celebrant, assisted by the Incumbent.

Owing to the wet weather, the congregations were small. The rendering of the chants and hymns at the evening service marked the deep interest taken by the choir and congregation in this important part of divine worship.

The next meeting of this Deanery will be held in the Parish of Antigonishe, to commence with Morning Service Sermon and Holy Communion in St. Mary's Church, Bayfield, at 10 a. m on the 21st of October. In the afternoon there will be a meeting of the chapter. Scripture subject Col. i 24. Question for discussion: Does disestablishment necessarily imply disendowment?

Members are requested to attend without further notice.

J. P. SARGENT,  
*Secretary.*

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 RURAL DEANERY OF SHELBURNE.
 

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On Wednesday and Thursday, the 19th and 20th of August, the Clergy of the Rural Deanery of Shelburne, met at Yarmouth; the Rural Dean having kindly arranged that the meeting should take place so as to coincide with the occasion of laying the corner stone of the new Parish Church.

For various reasons many of the Clergy of the Deanery were absent:—the Rev. Dr. White, Rural Dean, the Rev. F. M. Young, Missionary at Barrington and Tusket, the Rev. H. L. Yewens, Rector of Digby, by invitation select Preacher, and the Rector and Curate of Yarmouth being present.

There were full morning and evening services on both days, all being very heartily rendered; and on Thursday about fifty of the Clergy and Laity partook of the Lord's Supper. The weather was far from favourable, but the attendance was good; and the kind, solid and forcible counsels of the Rural Dean and the Rector of Digby—whose opportune assistance was most valuable—were much appreciated.

After Morning Service on the first day, the Clergy met at the Rectory; and the appointed prayers having been offered,—in consequence of the promotion of the Rev. W. H. Bullock, who had been Ruridecanal Secretary, to be H. M. Assistant Chaplain in Halifax,—the Rural Dean appointed the Rev. J. R. Campbell, Secretary in his place.

Communications from absent brethren were then read; and an interesting conversation on the proceedings of the late Synod, in the absence of the