

Deanery of Chatham.

CHATHAM.—Monthly Children's Services were inaugurated on Easter Day in St. Mary's Chapel, and will, it is hoped, prove a useful instrument in the instruction of the little ones of Christ's flock. The second of these services was held on the fourth Sunday after Easter. The short form for a first Evensong, as provided in the Bp. Doane Manual, was used, the Service beginning and ending with Processional Hymns. The Rector catechized the children for about twenty minutes, and the whole service lasted about three-quarters of an hour. Unfortunately a thunder-storm came on just at the hour of service, which prevented a large attendance. It is hoped that many parents and adult members of the Congregation will attend these services and be profited thereby. The children should be encouraged by the presence of their elders.

The Juvenile Guild meets monthly during the summer season or until the long evenings return again.

St. Mary's Women's Guild, which meets every Monday afternoon at the Rectory, is busy as usual, and will soon have an inexhaustible store of needlework for sale at reasonable prices. If any one requires work well done, they should give their orders to the ladies of St Mary's Guild.

Our Parson has given notice of the Services on Ascension Day, which will be fitly observed as one of the Great Festivals of the Church. There will be two celebrations of the Holy Eucharist. The Choir are practising the Anthem, "O Lord our Governor," etc., which will, no doubt, be well sung.

Before the next "*Deanery Magazine*" appears, progress will be made in collecting the annual June house to house contributions to the D. C. S. and Parochial Fund. Our Parson was lately absent for a few days attending a meeting of the Board of Home Missions in St. John.

BATHURST.—The Rector of the Parish returned from Halifax, on the 5th of May, whither he had gone to see the degree of Bachelor of Arts conferred on his lay reader, Mr. Allan W. Smithers. Mr. Smithers accompanied him to Bathurst, and now the summer's work has been begun in earnest in this huge Parish. With two Churches and six Stations at all distances over 100 miles, and people eager for services at them all, and disappointed if they do not get their share, it may be well believed that there is enough to keep four men going instead of two. However, we are greatly cheered and rejoiced at the strength-

ening of the Church, all through the County, which is coextensive with the Mission. At Clifton, or New Bandon, the new Church is well started and looks very picturesque in that flat, dreary locality, with its long lines of roof of good proportions. It compares admirably with the hideous abortions which the sects are putting up. A couple of years ago, the people did not know what they were scarcely, through intermarriage and ignorance of Church principles, and lack of the means of hearty worship, such as prayer and hymn books, and an organ. Now we have all these and a large, steady, and interested Congregation which far surpasses those of the dissenting elements.

There is a flourishing Sunday School and two Sewing Circles. During the summer there are two Sunday services as a rule, and one weekday one, with Bible Class and musical practice.

At Tetagouche, nine miles west of Bathurst, a post hitherto given up to the Methodists, a neat Church is standing, which we half hope to get into before winter. There is a fortnightly Service there on Sundays, and a fortnightly class and practice as well. Eight families now attend regularly, where three years ago there were only three. At Salmon Beach, we have a nice little Congregation, the members of which are "blood and fire" men and women, as regards fervour towards the Church. But we have not yet seen our way to beginning the new Church, though we have the frame and a nest egg. The great obstacle to church building here is the poverty of the people. They give and work most heartily and generously. Thus on the subscription list last year for New Bandon Church there was one name for \$100.00 (a poor farmer who has paid!), two for \$50.00, four for \$30.00, eight for \$25.00, and so on.

But, decent Churches cost money, and so we are sadly kept back from the goal of our efforts and wishes—"Churches perfected in the beauty of holiness." Outside aid is needed, and yet to get the same, one must go outside. The Priest hopes to see his way to going abroad before long to seek aid for his three new Churches, or otherwise it will be a work of years to see them completed. We are confronted by special difficulties here. Not only is the County largely Roman Catholic, but Dissent is very aggressive. For instance, the Presbyterians have two Catechists in the County, whose work is of course to build up their system among the country people. These young men live and work in the country districts, and it can be imagined how great the danger is