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Some time ago we announced our intention to publish fortnightly instead of monthly, but up to the present have not been able to do so regularly. Beginning January 1st we shall publish promptly on the 1st and 15th of each month, and any of our readers who do not get their paper regularly from that date will do us a favour by notifying us to that effect.

Rural Dean Mellor takes exception to our remarks of last month on "B. H. M. expectations." We gladly give space to the Reverend gentleman's letter and are quite willing to accord to the Colonial and Continental Church Society the praise justly due for liberality and activity in mission work. In our article we were dealing solely with "B. H. M. expectations" in the Diocese.

Notices have been sent from the Secretary-Treasurer's office reminding the parishes that the assessments for the Income Fund are due on or before December 31st. Delinquent parishes naturally felt aggrieved over the unpleasant publicity given to their own delinquency in the past. It is pleasant to remember that the remedy is entirely in their own hands.

The new Church at Antigonish will be dedicated to St. Paul and opened on Sunday, November 11th.

Mr. Nelson Arnold has generously donated a valuable piece of land to Trinity Church, Sussex, on which to build a Parish House.

The Bishop of Nova Scotia confirmed a class of 43 candidates at St. Paul's, Charlottetown, the last Sunday in November.

Archdeacon Phair preached at Trinity, St. John, on Sunday Dec. 4th, and made a telling appeal for Church work among the Indians. He is trying to raise money for a hospital for the Indians recently started on the banks of the Red River, 25 miles from Winnipeg.

Missions are to be held in the Dartmouth and New Glasgow parishes soon after Christmas. It is pleasant to record the great interest in the Church being aroused in

New Glasgow under the earnest ministrations of Rev. Mr. Woodroffe

Will our correspondents kindly bear in mind that the Church Observer is published on the 1st and 15th of each month, and if copy reaches the office too late for one issue it will be published in the next. We are in great need of more correspondents who will send news items from their respective parishes.

The English Church Army added 80 trained men and women to its staff last year, which now numbers 316 parochial evangelists, 120 van evangelists and colporteurs, 65 social officers, 151 mission nurses and rescue and slum workers, 77 associate evangelists; 48 vans were conducted and 2,400 seven-day missions. The gross income was \$170,000 last year.

The Rector of Amherst has arranged for a series of lectures in his parish. Two of the course have been delivered, one by the Rev. J. Woodroffe, rector of New Glasgow, on "The Reformation of the 17th century" and the other by Rev. R. Johnson, rector of Parrsboro, on "Methodist and Evangelical Movements in the Church of England in the 18th century." A third lecture will be delivered this month on "Catholic revival in the 19 century"

We are glad to say that the SIGNS OF THE CROSS is steadily growing in favour throughout Canada. New subscribers are added to the list every month and the prospect for the coming year is excellent. Any person wishing for an interesting and Churchy magazine for the family or distribution through the Sunday School should send for a Sample Copy, Single Copy 25 cents a year. When 5 or more are taken to one address 15 cents a copy. Address Socoom Press, Springhill, N. S.

Rev. Canon Brock, Kentville; Rev. Archdeacon Kaulbach, Truro; Rev. R. H. DeBlois, Annapolis; Rev. Mr. Harris, Amherst; Rev. E. P. Crawford, Halifax, were guests at the Sherman House, Shubenacadie, Nov. 29th. They had been appointed by the bishop to investigate some affairs in the Anglican church of Stewiacke and Shubenacadie. Their deliberations were in secret, as it cannot be learned just what was done, but it is said that amicable arrangements were arrived at, which gave satisfaction to those interested.

—Morning Chronicle.

The Ladies associated with the Church of England Institute, St. John, encouraged by much kind assistance given them in past years, beg once more the help of all kind

hearted persons. Boxes are to be packed for country missions, and that these boxes may be well filled, there are needed, books, toys, games and all such articles as please young people. The packing is to be done at the rooms not later than December 15th. Mary R. Walker on behalf of the committee.

The Sunday Schools in Guysborough County under the care of the Rev. T. C. Mellor and the Rev. L. J. Donaldson lack reading matter for the children. In order to commence a Sunday School Library, will any Sunday School, more favoured, send us some of the books which have been used and put on one side. We are sadly in need of such literature as is to be found in a well organized Sunday School Library. During the last four years eight Sunday Schools have been started in our mission, and we are not blessed with much of this world's goods to provide a library for each. If this appeal meets the eye of any generous layman or the authorities in Sunday Schools, if they will kindly assist us we shall be deeply grateful.

T. C. MELLOR.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the Church Observer.
Dear Sir:—

I notice in one of the articles, that on "B. H. M. Expectations" contained in your last issue, a mistake so great and calculated to do great injustice to the Deanery of St. George, that I ask you now to insert this correction in your next issue.

In the Year Book (1897-1898) see p. 77. I find Antigonish gave \$24.26 for B. H. M. Country Harbor 8.00 " " Guysborough 8.30 " " Cape 4.55 " " making a total of \$45.11 in the Deanery.

I admit this is a small amount but when it is mentioned that two parishes did not contribute and also that \$103.60 is credited to C. & C. C. S., from three parishes in the Deanery, and that this Deanery is the poorest in the Diocese it must be conceded that we have not done so badly after all.

Again it is unfair for the writer of the article above mentioned to put down St. Paul's Church, Halifax, as having given only \$41.30, when the contributions for Home Missions including C. & C. C. S. is a total of \$1180.34, (see p. 77). Why not pitch into those parishes from which there are no returns, even if one of them is a city parish!!

Above all things let justice be done, and don't try and alienate what interest is taken in diocesan work in such a poor and scattered

Deanery as this of St. George.
Yours faithfully,
T. C. MELLOR.

What's the matter with Halifax.

To the Editor of the Church Observer
Dear Sir:—

Your suggestive article on "B. H. M. Expectations" and some statements made by one of the B. H. M. deputations impelled me to look over the B. H. M. reports for many past years. I was surprised to find that Halifax is the greatest delinquent in the matter of support to the B. H. M. Years ago the city churches together gave twice and three times as much as they now give, and the deficiency in the funds of the Board is about equivalent to the loss of Halifax's former contributions. In some of the churches in that city no B. H. M. collection has evidently been taken up for some time. The See city may fairly be expected to set the example to the other churches in the diocese in this matter. Hoping that Halifax may soon "do the first works" in this matter.

I remain,
Yours respectfully,
W.

Cape Breton.

The report of the B. H. M. deputation from Sydney Deanery is a very encouraging one and reflects great credit upon the Rural Deans and Rectors. The following is a copy of the report:—"The success of the deputation work was chiefly due to the active interest taken in the matter by Rural Dean Lockyer and the other Rectors in the Deanery. Circulars (printed gratuitously and personally by the Rural Dean) announcing the meetings, were distributed, and the parishioners were previously visited by the Rectors and invited to the meetings. The result was manifest in the large attendances and comparatively creditable collections. In every parish the deputation was most hospitably entertained. Deputation work so earnestly and actively furthered by the Rectors must always be productive of satisfactory results.

The following is the list of collections:—

Sydney		7.22
Coxheath—Collection	1.65	
Subscription	11.81	15.90
Port Morien		3.75
Glace Bay		6.51
Sydney Mines—Collection	2.28	
Subscription	11.80	14.68
North Sydney—Collection	8.11	
Subscription	47.90	56.14
Arichat		7.00
Big Lorraine		4.20
Main-a-Dieu		2.17
Louisbourg		4.20
Total		123.90

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