

which the county of Pictou is called by a Presbyterian writer, "Canada's foremost Missionary County."

While we cannot say the same of the efforts of the Church in this county, yet I hope that from the shire town there will always be offered to God, for His dearest work, according to our means.

On Tuesday evening, 11th Dec., the Bishop administered the rite of Confirmation to two candidates, and gave a beautiful, fatherly and instructive address to those who were confirmed.

After the final Benediction the choir gave an excellent rendering of Jackson's *Te Deum*.

Upon the general invitation of the Rector a number of the congregation met his Lordship at the Rectory after the service was over.

On the following morning at the invitation of Mr. John R. Davies, the Bishop, accompanied by several gentlemen paid a visit to the new steamboat "Stanley," only a day arrived from Glasgow for the ice service on the strait between Pictou and P. E. I.

The captain and officers were very polite in showing the party over the beautifully appointed ship, and in exhibiting and explaining her complicated machinery.

His Lordship left in the afternoon train for Halifax

PARRSBORO.—The Bishop of the Diocese has paid us a visit to induct Rev. Simon Gibbons into the Rectory of this old parish. He was met at Amherst by the Revs. S. Gibbons and E. T. Woollard, curate of Springhill. After the induction His Lordship preached an eloquent sermon upon the Fatherhood of God and our Sonship through Christ. The people of Parrsboro had the pleasure of becoming acquainted with the Bishop at a reception in the Oddfellows' Hall (which was kindly placed at the Rector's disposal for that purpose) when an address was presented to the Bishop by the Rector, Wardens, and Vestry—to which an appropriate reply was made. A social gathering was then held at the commodious Rectory which has been put in good repair by the Wardens, when further opportunity was given many of knowing their Bishop, who has proved himself so genial and sympathetic to all with whom he has come in contact. Upon the following day His Lordship was accompanied by the Rector of Parrsboro, and Rev. E. T. Woollard, to Springhill, where he lunched at the hospitable house of R. G. Leslie, Esq., after which he proceeded in a special train—kindly placed at his disposal by the Manager of the Springhill Mines—to the junction *en route* for Pugwash. The visit of the Bishop has done us good and we hope for another visit for Confirmation before many months.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

The quarterly meeting of the P. E. Island Clerical Association was held on Tuesday and Wednesday 4th and 5th Dec. at Kensington; the following clergy attended Rev. T. B. Reagh, President of the Association; Rev. C. F. Lowe, Summerside, Secretary; Revs. H. Harper, Port Hill; Allan Daniel, Crapaud; Jas. Simpson, St. Peter's, Charlottetown; S. Weston Jones and W. A. C. Frost, St. Paul's Charlottetown.

On Tuesday at 7 p. m., service was begun in the Kensington Church, which was filled almost to the doors, notwithstanding the impassable condition of the roads, which it was said had never been known to be worse within the memory of the oldest inhabitant.

The meeting was opened with "Onward Christian Soldiers," sung with a heartiness which showed the earnestness of the large congregation, among whom were persons of all denominations. The singing was led by the choir, Miss Reagh presiding at the organ. "The Church's One Foundation," "From Greenland's Icy Mountains," and interspersed freely

between the addresses, and other familiar and soul-stirring hymns contributed to the enjoyment throughout of a meeting which lasted nearly three hours. The audience listened so attentively from first to last that the Rector, when it was mentioned that the meeting was remarkably patient to sit quietly for three hours, said with characteristic terseness: "Yes; and they would have sat for three hours more."

The Rev. W. A. C. Frost, Curate of St. Paul's, was the first speaker, his subject being "The Origin and Claims of Christianity."

Rev. Allan Daniel, of Crapaud, followed with a suggestive and earnest address upon "The Sunday School." He enumerated various ways in which parents could effectively assist the Sunday School workers, *e.g.*, by never speaking slightly of the Superintendent of Sunday School work &c.

Rev. H. Harper's subject was the "Sacraments as a means of grace," and this he treated in a practical and earnest manner. He urged parents to bring their children to the house of God, there to receive the public rite of initiation into the Church by baptism. He urged also the more frequent attendance on the Holy Communion, an ordinance appointed by Christ Himself as one of the means through which His people might receive spiritual food.

Rev. Jas. Simpson, of St. Peter's, Charlottetown, gave an address upon "Our Duty to God." He said that every ordinance and command contained in the Old and New Testament might be summed in one of three things: "The love of God to man, the duty of man to God, or the duty of man to his fellow man. He proceeded to show that the primary duty of man to God was worship, public and private. He contended that too often now-a-days people came to church to hear the sermon. Few came to church because it was their duty to God to worship Him in public.

Rev. S. Weston Jones, Rector of St. Paul's, Charlottetown, was the last speaker, his subject being "Systematic Giving." He showed that giving was a *means of grace*, and pointed out the proper motives which should actuate us in our offering to the Lord of that which he has given to us. He quoted from various portions of the Old Testament Scriptures to show that the tithe system existed in the time of Abraham, if not earlier, and held that the fact, that it was not enjoined directly in the New Testament was no argument against the system.

At 10 a. m., on Wednesday the Clerical Association met at the Rectory. Rev. T. B. Reagh in the chair. An interesting discussion was held upon matters affecting the welfare of the Church in the Island. The next meeting is to be held at Charlottetown during the session of the Diocesan Church Society.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

HAMPTON.—We learn that the Rev. Mr. Maynard, of the diocese of Nova Scotia, has been elected as Rector of this parish in place of the Rev. O. S. Newnam, who was lately chosen as Rector of St. Stephens, N. B.

WOODSTOCK DEANERY.—We are all glad to welcome back to our midst the genial face of the Rev. Rural Dean Hoyt. He reached his home Andover on Saturday the 5th inst., much improved by his three month's visit to England.

The regular quarterly meeting of the Woodstock Deanery was held at Grand Falls on Thursday, Dec. 6th. The following clergy were present: Revs. Canon Neales, W. B. Armstrong, (Rector, Grand Falls), H. B. Morris, J. E. Flewelling, N. Hansen, Scovill Neales and A. B. Murray.

Holy Communion was celebrated at All Saint's Church at 8 a. m. The Rev. Canon Neales being celebrant and Revs. A. B. Murray

and J. E. Flewelling epistoler and gospeller respectively.

The chapter met for business at 10 a. m. at the parsonage, the Rector presiding in the absence of the Rural Dean. After the usual routine of business the chapter took up for consideration "the parable of the unmerciful servant. In the afternoon session a very able and interesting paper was read by Canon Neales.

Evening service was held at 7 30, when an appropriate and thoughtful sermon preached by the Rev. H. B. Morris, M. A., of Andover, to a crowded and attentive congregation. The text was from Rev. xxii., 12. The next meeting will be held at Canterbury on Feb. 26th, when the sermon will be preached by Rural Dean Hoyt.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

SHERBROOKE.—RURAL DEANERY OF ST. FRANCIS.—Annual Meeting of the Deanery Board of St. Francis; Anniversary of Church Society, and Church Gatherings for Worship and Counsel.

The first week in December is a busy one in Church circles in the thriving city of Sherbrooke. Two days at least in that week are fully devoted to the review of Church progress and the stirring up of the Church's interest in her missionary work; that work by the intensity and reality of which we can measure the intensity and reality of her own individual life in any parish, deanery, diocese, province, or Communion.

On Tuesday afternoon, December 4, the Association of the Church Society of Quebec for the Rural Deanery met at 2 30 p. m. The Committees of the Deanery Board having met earlier in the day to prepare their reports; the Tuesday afternoon meeting was a business one; clergy and laity who were interested in the meeting and any members of the Church Society had a right to attend, and the Rural Dean, the Rev. Canon Foster, M. A., took the chair. The Secretary, Ven. Archdeacon Roe, D. D., then resigned that office owing to the necessary claims upon him of his duties as Archdeacon and Commissary, and Professor of Divinity. His place was filled by the unanimous election of Canon Thornloe, M. A., and the Rev. A. Stevens, M. A., was subsequently named as Assistant-Secretary. The reports from the various parishes and missions of the Deanery were then read in detail. Reports were received from 16 out of the 20 parishes or missions; these reports presented many encouraging features, one being the increased amount contributed in the several parishes towards Church objects outside of the parish (as Sherbrooke) \$1,500, Lennoxville \$400, and others in like proportion. The Church income was found to be in excess of \$20,000 for the 16 missions which had sent reports. A general report was presented and a short summary of the detailed reports to be read at the public meeting of Wednesday was also submitted. On Tuesday evening a hearty service was held in St. Peter's Church at 8 o'clock.

The sermon was an earnest appeal on behalf of the Mission cause; one specially suggestive point was, that the Church was not to be discouraged by the vastness of the task laid upon her by her Lord, for the difficulties were not so great now as they were when the Apostles first received that apparently impossible Commission—so much more difficult for them to obey than for us—"Go ye into *all the world*." The Archdeacon pronounced the Benediction.

On Wednesday morning, Dec. 5th, a goodly number of clergy and laity met in St. Peter's Church at 8 a. m., to partake collectively as a Deanery as well as individually of the Lord's Supper; the Rev. Canon Thornloe celebrated and was assisted by the Revs. Principal Adams and Rowland Fothergill. This service was found