

indeed well calculated, besides, inspiring the feeling of thankfulness for divine beauty, to possess the heart with somewhat of aspiration for the beautiful worship of the heavenly and eternal Jerusalem, and of the blessed communion, the faithful might, doubtless, share with the spirit of the departed servant of God to whose abundant self sacrifice the church owes the beautiful sanctuary we have been describing.

The morning service consisted of Litany and Holy Communion with appropriate selections from Hymns Ancient and Modern. The Litany was said by the Rev. Mr. Hiltz, Rector of Derby, and the ante-communion by the Rev. Mr. Barber, Rector of Newcastle, who also was Gospeller and celebrant. The Epistle was read by the Rev. D. Forsyth, Rector of Chatham, and the Rev. Mr. Sweet, Rector of Dalhousie, was server and almoner. Evensong was said at 8 o'clock, and consisted of the special diocesan thanksgiving service which was said by the Rev. Mr. Forsyth. The lessons were read by the Rev. Mr. Hiltz, and the sermon, an earnest and appropriate discourse for the occasion, was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Sweet. Suitable selections were sung from Hymns Ancient and Modern, which, with the chanting of the *Magnificat* and *Nunc Dimittis* and of the *Te Deum* at the close of the service, were well rendered by the choir; Rev. Mr. Barber ably presiding at the fine organ of the church. While the congregation left the church the magnificent strains of the Hallelujah chorus formed a fitting close to the fine music of this enjoyable festival.

The offerings were in aid of the building fund of the new Sunday School House, the construction of which has been vigorously prosecuted since the present Rector has been in charge of the parish.

During the day the clergy present enjoyed the kind hospitalities of the Rector, and after a most pleasant reunion, returned to their several spheres of labour, much refreshed by their experience of the joys of the "Harvest Home."

DEATH OF AN AGED CLERGYMAN.—The Rev'd Christopher Milner, we believe the oldest clergyman of the Church of England in this Diocese, died on the 2nd of November, at the residence of his son, C. Milner, Esq., Sackville. The reverend gentleman was born at Hawxwell, near Bedale, Yorkshire, England, February 28, 1787, and consequently was approaching his 91st year. He was ordained Deacon by Brownlow North, Bishop of Winchester, at an ordination held in the chapel Farnham Castle, in the County of Surrey, on Dec. 20, 1812, and was then licensed to the curacy of the Parish Church of Binsted, in the Isle of Wight. In 1813 Mr. Milner was admitted to Priest's Orders by George Henry Law, Bishop of Chester. In 1817 he was appointed a missionary of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in foreign parts, and accompanied by his wife and family arrived at Halifax, N.S., the following year. After a stay of a few years in Nova Scotia he was appointed to the mission of Sackville, N.B., and occasionally served the adjoining parishes of Shediac and Westmorland. He was, during a part of this period, also master of the County Grammar School. In 1836 he removed to Westfield and assumed in addition the charge of the neighboring parishes of Greenwich and Petersville before they were supplied with a resident minister. He continued rector of Westfield until incapacitated by illness and infirmity, he resigned in 1859, when, with his wife, he took up his residence with his youngest daughter, wife of N. H. De Veber, Esq. In August 1869, Mrs. Milner, who was a native of Southampton, England, and a highly accomplished lady, died at the age of seventy-eight years. Her remains lie in the Westfield burial ground. In September following Mr. Milner was removed to Sackville, where he had since remained. For forty-two years he was a missionary in the employ of the S. P. G., and consequently enjoyed a retiring pension. He served the mission of Westfield for no less than twenty-three years, and his late parishioners hold him in grateful and kindly remembrance.

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(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

ADDRESS BY THE LORD BISHOP ON THE LABRADOR MISSION.—*Church Missionary Union.*—There

was a very good attendance at the meeting of the Quebec Church Missionary Union on Monday evening, 5th instant, in the National School Hall, on the occasion of the Bishop's description of his Episcopal visit last summer to the Labrador coast. Amongst those present, were many of the clergy of the city.

The Bishop stated, at the outset, that the mission on the Labrador coast was founded by the late Bishop Mountain; the head quarters then being "Old Fort;" after the Bishop's return, he sent, as first missionary, the Revd. J. P. Richmond, from St. Augustine's College, Canterbury. Mr. Richmond had under his care 100 miles of coast, with 200 inhabitants scattered in small groups. He established himself at Forteau, just within the limits of the Diocese of Newfoundland, in the house which had been used by the Rev. E. Botwood, missionary of the Diocese of Newfoundland. After one year's work on the coast, Mr. Richmond returned, and was succeeded by the Rev. J. F. Cookesley, another student from St. Augustine's. Mr. Cookesley was an old Eton boy, refined and gentle, who gave himself to the work with such hearty zeal that in his diary was found, after his death, the following entry, "My lines have fallen unto me in pleasant places." Mr. Cookesley, nursed in luxury at home, endured without a murmur the hardships of the Labrador coast. He made his head quarters at Old Fort. On his return to Quebec it was found that his health had been thoroughly mined, and after a short residence at Brury Louis he returned to England to die in his father's house. Mr. Cookesley was succeeded in the Labrador coast by the Rev. R. Wainwright, who moved the head quarters of the mission to St. Augustine River, 100 miles westward; his idea was the establishment of a village there, but it proved a failure. He, in turn, was succeeded by the Rev. J. Hepburn, of Bishop's College, Lennoxville. After two years of zealous work, he exchanged with the Rev. J. B. Allnott, of St. Augustine's College, then Rector of Drummondville. Mr. Allnott determined to make Mutton Bay the head quarters, in consequence of the great influx of fishermen from Newfoundland at that point; he induced a Mr. Butler to join him as school-master, and established a mission on a really satisfactory basis. After labouring for two years, he returned to Drummondville, and Mr. Hepburn nobly returned to the coast, taking with him his two sisters to prosecute the work in the schools. A town was built at "Mutton Bay" and the work extended vigorously east to "Forteau," and west to "Natasquan." Mr. Hepburn has now returned after three years stay, making in all five years on the coast. The Bishop had left for Labrador this season in order to confirm the candidates prepared by Mr. Hepburn. In company with his son, he left by a schooner commanded by Captain Blais, on Sunday afternoon, the 22nd July, for Natasquan, the most westerly station of the mission, where he expected to meet Rev. Mr. Hepburn, the zealous missionary, on the coast. Favored by fortunate winds and fine weather, the schooner reached Natasquan on the following Thursday afternoon; an exceptionally quick passage, considering that on a former occasion his Lordship had been four weeks reaching a point 600 miles down the river. At Natasquan are fishing rooms of the Messrs. Robin, of Jersey, and also a station of the Hudson's Bay Company. Mr. Hepburn was not expected for a few days at Natasquan, but remarkable to state, he also, though coming from the opposite direction was fortunate enough to have favorable winds, and arrived about two hours after the Bishop. In the evening, the full service of the church with a sermon was held, notwithstanding that the congregation numbered but two besides the Bishop and Mr. Hepburn. Here the lecturer described the work of the missionary in Labrador, which is necessarily simple in form. Wherever he stops, he makes it a habit to perform the full Church service, and people look upon its celebration as a privilege which they are careful not to miss. From Natasquan, the Bishop and party started for Casco, where it was designed that they should stay over Sunday. It happened that they remained over at a station four miles from it, however, where an Englishman, named Mr. Foreman, resides, who leases and fishes a salmon stream. The Bishop gave a very interesting account of the

stream and of his visit to the salmon leap and nets. A full service was performed at this place on Sunday, and on the following day the party left for Casco, which is a new settlement, formed, as are many similar ones along the coast, of Newfoundland fishermen, who have migrated during the last few years. The living secured by these people is a very precarious one, and at best is only a narrow escape from starvation. At Casco are eight families and fifty-nine souls, all of whom, except those absent from the place, attended a hearty church service, at which three people were confirmed, and the Holy Communion administered. The Bishop and party had intended to start on the following day for the next station, fifty miles away, but the weather was so exceedingly stormy and unfavorable, that their departure from Casco was postponed, and another good service conducted. In the course of his narrative, His Lordship gave an interesting account of the dangers to be faced in the navigation of this portion of the Gulf, and of the islands, granite rocks, channels, etc., which abound, but which add to the grandeur of the scenery. He also bore testimony to the skill and ability of Revd. Mr. Hepburn as pilot in these dangerous localities, stating that he was, in fact, the best pilot on the coast; while others knew certain points well, Mr. Hepburn would run a boat its whole 200 miles with safety. The Bishop also spoke of the excellent qualities of the mission boat, which was secured by the indefatigable efforts of Revd. Mr. Fothergill and a few benevolent friends, and whose selection speaks very favorably of the judgment of Captain Ash, R. N., who had been consulted on the best build of a boat for the Labrador coast. In two or three instances, Bishop Williams vividly described the dangers of the sea, and in winter, of the snow and frost, all of which have to be endured many times by the missionaries. At the next station again, where Mr. Gilbert Jones resides, twenty miles from his nearest neighbor, a large room in a new house was fitted up as a church, and there, himself, his wife, and his two children were confirmed by the Bishop. An interesting account was given of the fare of the Episcopal party when visiting the eastern stations of the mission—consisting of gulls, tinkers, and whale flesh. From Washiconta Harbour the Bishop proceeded to Cape Whittle and confirmed four persons, and administered the Holy Eucharist, and then proceeded to Harrington, a station of six families, with 42 people; eight were confirmed and the Holy Communion administered. On the whole, and especially in the new parishes, the Bishop found the men satisfied with their position, notwithstanding the precarious living they made, because it is better than they could do in Newfoundland; the women, however, he usually found less satisfied. At Mutton Bay, the head quarters of the mission, reside Mr. Hepburn's sisters, and he himself, when at home, which is of course very seldom. In his absence they conduct day and Sunday school, the latter being the best substitute for regular church services, which these poor people can enjoy. Out of love to their brother and to their Saviour, these ladies have banished themselves from the rest of the world, upon the Labrador coast. They have a reward however, the knowledge that they are sacrificing themselves for their Master, while they lighten the hard lot of their brother, and gain the love and esteem of the people among whom they labor. At Stick Point, the residence of Mr. Goddard, there are a large number of settlers and other fishermen from neighboring harbors who are able to assemble at this point, giving often a congregation of fifty people, which is considered large for the coast. Interesting descriptions followed of visits made to other stations, and services and confirmations held; amongst other places, at Dog Island, where an affecting consecration of a graveyard took place; at Bon Lesperance, where the party was hospitably received by Mr. Butler, Congregational Minister of the Labrador coast, and at Forteau, included in the diocese of Newfoundland, and bordering on the Straits of Belleisle. Here, after some days watching for an inward bound ship, the Episcopal party were taken on board by the ship "Good Hope," which landed them in Quebec on Saturday night, preceding the Monday on which the Bishop left for Montreal to attend the session of the Provincial Synod. His Lordship stated that the distance travelled by the Lab-