

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

HALIFAX—The Ven Archdeacon Gilpin, D. D., who has held that responsible office for many years, has been appointed and installed as Dean of the Diocese. The office has been vacant since the death of the much lamented Dean Bullock. The Archdeacon has served the Church well, having been administrator of the Diocese on various occasions, and particularly during the vacancy of the See, when his presidency over the Diocesan Synod evoked general admiration. There are many duties connected with the new position to which he has been raised, and especially the care of the property which he will discharge doubtless with conspicuous ability.

The Archdeaconry, thus vacated, has been bestowed on Rev. J. A. Kaulbach, M. A., of Truro. Mr. Kaulbach has been Vicar of that parish for several years, and is a most amiable man. His genial disposition will enable him to discharge his new duties with general satisfaction. He is a graduate of King's College, and Kingsmen will rejoice at his appointment.

The appointment of Archdeacon Gilpin to be Dean, and of Rev. J. A. Kaulbach to be Archdeacon in his place, is extremely popular among the Clergy of Nova Scotia. It is well known that Dr. Gilpin was the choice of the Clergy as Bishop, and when it was found the two orders did not and could not agree, Mr. Kaulbach was asked to allow his name to be put forward; his modesty kept him back. It is a very gracious act on the part of Bishop Courtney to promote these gentlemen thus.

AMHERST.—A meeting of the Chapter of this Deanery was held in Parrsboro on the 21st instant. It was confidently anticipated that there would be a large attendance, but owing to adverse circumstances it was found practically impossible for all the members to be present. It must be remarked that each excuse forwarded by the non attending members, was such that the most captious critic could have found no fault. The members present were as follows: The Rev. D. Moore, R. D.; the Revs. Simon Gibbons, Rector of Parrsboro; A. M. Bent, A. W. Harley, A. Watkins, and E. T. Woollard. The first service was held in the parish church on Tuesday evening, at which the Rural Dean preached a most excellent sermon. Wednesday morning the clergy assembled in the vestry and marched in procession to the church, entering by the west door.

The sermon was preached by the Rev. A. W. Harley, Rector of Pictou. It was the wish of the clergy present that the sermon should be printed, but in consequence of the laudable modesty of the preacher this was not allowed. The text was taken from I Cor. xii. 21, and was a masterly discourse, clear in language, containing what is so necessary in all sermons, positive teaching. It is much to be wished that more of this class of sermons was preached. Unfortunately too often the trumpet sends forth an uncertain sound, and the question is bound to be asked, is the preacher well assured of the truth of his own doctrine. Hence it was very gratifying to those present to hear "wholesome doctrine." A celebration of the Blessed Sacrament followed matins, when the Rural Dean was celebrant; Rev. S. Gibbons, gospeller, and Rev. E. T. Woollard, epistoler. It speaks well for the work already done by the Rev. S. Gibbons that almost all the congregation communicated. At the business meeting which was held in the Rectory, it was decided that in future the collection at the evening service should be appropriated for the purpose of providing tracts for free distribution. As the Rev. R. W. Hudgell has left the Deanery a valedictory resolution was passed. Since the last Deanery meeting the Rev. Mr. Polehampton has been added to the Deanery, a resolution of welcome to the reverend gentleman was passed.

A question of great moment was introduced by the Rev. A. Watkins, namely "the many advantages resulting from Parochial Missions." As an outcome of the discussion, it was proposed that the Rev. A. Watkins be asked to read a paper on the subject at the next meeting. The Rev. Mr. Harley has also promised to read a paper, on the best methods for working a country parish, where there are many forms of dissent. A general discussion then followed on the office for adult baptism. At Evensong addresses were given by the Rev. D. Moore, and the Rev. A. W. Harley. It was felt by all that the meeting of the Chapter had been very profitable, both to clergy and people. Our best thanks are due to Mrs. Gibbons, the indefatigable wife of the Rector, to Mrs. Townsend and Mrs. Pettis for their kind hospitality. The next meeting will be held at River John, the day to be fixed by the Rector.

It was not known until after the Deanery meeting that the esteemed Secretary of the Chapter had been made Archdeacon.

C. OF E. INSTITUTE.—The new Church of England Institute building, Halifax, was formally opened by His Lordship Bishop Courtney last evening. There were about 500 people present. At 8:30 the Bishop and W. C. Silver, President of the Institute, held a reception in the Council room. Immediately after the reception a special form of service was said in the lecture room, the room being filled to overflowing, after which the Bishop declared the building opened, and the Doxology was sung. After a practical address by the Bishop, C. C. Blackader presented to the Institute a portrait of the Rev. Dr. Hill, president from 1876 to 1882.

The 66th Band was in attendance and rendered a very appropriate programme during the evening. There were also several numbers of vocal music by city amateurs during the evening. Those who so desired were shown through the building by obliging committee men. The parlors were especially admired, being very tastefully decorated with flowers and plants. A few facts taken from the programme may prove interesting:

"The Church Lay Association of the Diocese of Nova Scotia" went into operation in May, 1874, occupying an apartment in McLeod's building, Hollis street, as a reading room. Wm. Gossip, president; James G. Foster, Secretary.

This Association developed into the Church of England Institute, in May of the succeeding year. The following have held office in the interval, to this date:

Patrons: The Right Rev. Hibbert Binney, D.D., 1875, twelve years, to decease. The Right Rev. F. Courtney, S.T.D., 1888, 2nd year.

Presidents: Charles Stubbing, 1875, 1 year. Rev. Dr. Hill, Rector of St. Paul's, 1876, six years. W. C. Silver, 1882, eight years.

1875—the Institute occupied room 187 Hollis street, two years; 1877—room 197 Hollis street, two years; 1879—the building, 52 Granville street, ten years; and in 1889, the new building, 36 Barrington street.

The Women's Auxiliary was organized in 1885. The annual meeting, held February, 1884, affirmed a permanent building a necessity. The annual meeting, held February, 1885, appointed a committee to secure funds. The committee was enlarged and site purchased in 1886. The corner stone was laid by Right Rev. F. Courtney, S.T.D., Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia, July 4th, 1888, and the building occupied May 1st, 1889.

Estimated total cost of building..... \$16,000
Cash received, on account of build. fund 7,931
Subscriptions due and maturing..... 1,576

Subscriptions received direct, coming from 120 individuals only, leaving ninety-nine one hundredths of Church people to hear from.

The furnishing throughout, including gymnasium equipment, and new table, &c., for billiard room, estimated at \$2,500. Of this, some \$900 is already paid or promised. The furnish-

ing committee are anxiously looking for further assistance to enable them to complete their work.

The annual expenses were estimated at \$1,700. In addition to other sources of income the Institute depends upon \$1,250 from subscriptions. In 1876 the number of members was 102. At present the members number 294 and the Ladies' Auxiliary 180, making a total of 474 members.

LUNENBURG.—The Chapter of the Rural Deanery of Lunenburg, met at Bridgewater on the 15th and 16th of May. There were present Revs. W. H. Snyder, Rural Dean; W. E. Gelling, Rector of the parish; Geo. H. Butler, of Chester; E. A. Harris, assistant minister at Mahone Bay; Jas. Spencer, Petite Riviere; T. R. Gwyllim, Missionary at New Germany, and Geo. D. Harris, of LaHave. The other members of the Chapter being absent from various causes.

After Evensong on Wednesday, the Rev. E. A. Harris preached an excellent sermon from St. Luke v. 5.

After Matins on Thursday morning Rev. Mr. Gwyllim preached a very interesting and instructive sermon from St. James ii, 14. Rev. Mr. Butler was celebrant, and Rev. E. A. Harris, epistoler.

After dinner at the Rectory the Chapter met for business at 2.30 p.m. The meeting was opened with the new service arranged for the Chapter by a Committee of the Deanery, consisting of Rev. Messrs. W. E. Gelling, James Spencer and Geo. D. Harris. After the minutes of the last session were read and approved, and other routine business finished, the third chapter of St. John was read in the original and commented on. It was decided to take the pastoral epistles of St. Paul for special study at the following meetings: 1 Tim. 1st chap. was chosen for next session, which is to be held at Mahone Bay in August.

The Chapter deeply felt the absence of our respected and much loved brother, the late Rev. W. H. Groser, M.A., of New Ross, and ordered to be placed on the minutes a resolution of its sense of the great loss it has sustained by his death, and the high esteem in which he was held both by the Deanery in general and by each individual member in particular, and that a copy of the resolution be forwarded to Mrs. Groser; the Chapter heartily sympathizing with her in her sore affliction, which she has borne with such holy and Christian resignation.

After evening service an address on "the continuity of the Church of England from her origin to the Reformation," was given by Rev. Mr. Harris, of LaHave.

The address was replete with facts, totally demolishing the idea that the Church of England was Roman before the Reformation on the one hand, and on the other, that she was founded by Henry VIII., or at any later date than Apostolic times.

Rev. Mr. Spencer followed with a very interesting address on Sunday schools, founded on the words of the Master, "Feed My Lambs," both of which addresses we sincerely hope may have a lasting influence upon the congregation present.

LAKE PERTER.—Here we have been enjoying our first visit from Bishop Courtney. His Lordship came to us in the morning of Monday May 6th, and confirmed thirteen candidates at St. Mark's Church. In the evening of the same day at St. James' Church, Seaforth, twenty-four were confirmed in the presence of a congregation so large and attentive as to be thought worthy a special message, through the Rector, of Episcopal approbation. On Tuesday, the 7th, the Bishop consecrated the new church at the Head of Chezzetcook by the name of St. Barnabas; also celebrated Holy Communion and confirmed five. Later in the day, his Lordship consecrated the churchyard of Christ Church, East Chezzetcook, and confirmed five.