

and 205 children. The average number of attendants is 263. There are nineteen teachers connected with the school, of whom the students at Fourah Bay College and the advanced pupils of the Annie Walsh Memorial School form the greater number. Mr. Cole, the superintendent writes thus:—"It affords me very great pleasure to be able conscientiously to report that the state of the Sunday-school during the year has been very encouraging in respect to number and attendance. The scholars have given great satisfaction to the teachers and all interested, in the attention always paid to the instruction imparted to them, and in their gentle way of asking for explanations of what they do not understand. It is pleasing to see with what haste they run to school whenever they are late, and the excuses given for being late (and this without being asked). This sight is most affecting when seen done by the aged men and women."

The rainy season, which has always been pleaded as an excuse for the smallness of numbers in many religious assemblies, has not that effect in our Sunday-school, but has been the most convincing evidence of the earnestness of the scholars, who, notwithstanding the heavy and incessant falls of rain in the months of August and September, were always seen present in their respective classes.

There have been four addresses delivered to the school during the year—First, "On the vanity of dress;" second, "To the teachers, on the importance of their work;" third, "On pride;" fourth, "On early death."

There was a treat given to the scholars, also an exhibition of the magic lantern. Prizes of books were awarded to fifty scholars for diligence and regularity; there were many more deserving ones, but want of means prevented prizes being given to them.

News from the Home Field.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

BROOKLIN AND COLUMBUS.—The new parsonage at the village of Brooklin is progressing. The walls are built and ready for roofing. The red and white brick cause it already to make quite a pleasing appearance. The total cost is about \$1600. The Rev. Frederick Burt will, in all probability enter on a permanent residence in the first days of October next, the time specified in the contract.

PICKERING.—His Lordship the Bishop has been pleased to appoint the Rev. W. S. Westney, M.A., to the Mission of Pickering and Port Whisby.

MANVERS.—We are glad to learn that the School of St. Mary's Church is in a prosperous condition. It has been conducted for a number of years under the able superintendence of Mr. Isaac Preston, junior.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

NEW DENMARK.—*Acknowledgment.*—Received, in answer to our appeal, Five Dollars from J. A. Coster, St. John, in aid of the Church Building at the Danish Colony.

QUEENSBURY.—On the 31st July, the parish of Queensbury was favoured with a visit from our highly esteemed Diocesan, The Lord Bishop of Fredericton. The Rector of Queensbury met his Lordship in the parish of Prince William on the day before, and accompanied him to Queensbury. Thursday, 31st, proved to be a beautiful day, one of the very few hay-making days we yet had, and the temptation to keep to the hayfield was very great. Notwithstanding this, the parish Church was filled by 11 o'clock, many coming a great distance. The order of service was Morning Prayer; then the baptism of two adults. After this, Con-

firmation, when the rector, Rev. A. H. Weeks, presented 17 candidates to the Bishop, two at a time. After the Nicene Creed, his Lordship delivered a most appropriate and eloquent address. At the celebration of the Lord's Supper, which followed, all who had been confirmed made their first Communion, a number of older communicants partaking also.

DORCHESTER.—Rev. Richard Simonds, Rector of Trinity Church, Dorchester, has been appointed by the Dominion Government, Chaplain of the Penitentiary just erected there. There will be some 200 convicts in the Penitentiary, and the duties of his new position will probably compel Mr. Simonds to resign the Parish.

ANDOVER.—We have just had a visit from the Bishop. His Lordship arrived in the cars on Monday night, the 21st ult., at Andover. Here he rested that night, and the greater part of the following day, enjoying the quiet and the beauty of this lovely village. The next day, he, in company with Mrs. Medley, and the writer, whom he requested to join him, went by rail to Grand Falls, where we enjoyed the kind hospitality of Mrs. Hammond.

In the evening, a Service was held at All Saints, Grand Falls, at which the Rev. G. C. V. Eastman, the Missionary, presented seven candidates for Confirmation. The Church bore a very creditable appearance. A fine vase of flowers upon the altar, and a handsome moss cross in front of it, added much to the general effect. To say that his Lordship's address was admirable, will be but a statement that I shall have to repeat at every station in the journey. I need but give you a remark made to me by Mr. Eastman—"I have been," said he, "forty-five years in the Ministry, and have heard many addresses by Bishops of the American Church, but I never heard one so simple, and yet so eloquent, and so appropriate to the occasion, as this. I am sure the young people confirmed can never forget it." The text was taken from 1 Cor. xii., 27, and upon it the Bishop founded the argument, "the success of the Church, and the growth of holiness and purity of life in her members depend upon Unity."

The next morning, and all the next day it rained steadily. The Bishop's party in company with the Rev. Mr. Eastman, went, notwithstanding, to New Denmark. The rain prevented the attendance of many who lived some distance from the Church. Nevertheless, there were few seats vacant. The Danes are using at present for a chapel, a part of the new "Immigrant House," and, although not a sightly structure externally, its internal appointments were very effective. Heavy green boughs were placed around the walls, so as to hide all deficiencies. A solid arch of boughs marked the chancel from the nave. Behind the altar hung the Danish flag, serving as a reredos. The east end was covered with spruce boughs, so arranged as nearly to conceal some parts of the flag, and produce the effect of a large white cross on a red ground. At the west end were placed, on each side of the door, the Danish and the British flags, symbols of the country to which they had come, and that which they had left. The whole effect was described by one who was present, as strange, yet beautiful. The Services of the day were Litany, Confirmation, and Holy Communion Offices. The Litany was read in Danish by the Missionary, the Rev. N. M. Hansen, the few English present responding in a low tone, and not disturbing the volume of response in the Danish tongue. The Confirmation office, and the celebration of the Holy Communion, were conducted in English. After the Confirmation, for which there twelve candidates, the Bishop addressed the congregation. His Lordship was peculiarly happy in his remarks to his Danish brethren, although

unfortunately much of what was said was imperfectly understood by a large number. After the service, the Danes, following a quaint, but beautiful and expressive custom of their Fatherland, shook hands with the newly-confirmed, and parents kissed their children. There was at the "celebration" forty-four, a goodly number. Indeed, of the faithful, to find among these sheep in the wilderness, and yet the number would have been larger, had the weather been less unfavourable. Here, also, a beautiful custom prevailed. Husband and wife, although in different parts of the room, were found side by side, at the Lord's Table; and if children are communicants, their place is respected at their parents' side.

Service being over we returned through the rain to Mr. Petersen's house, where we were most hospitably entertained. After dinner Mrs. Medley opened her treasure house of gifts for the little danes of the school, and from the *oks*, and the *aks*, and the *mys*, and other interjections which I cannot spell without a guttural alphabet, I should think they were very beautiful and created great delight. After this we paid a visit to St. Ansgar's Church. This building, in process of completion, stands on an eminence in the settlement, and the gilt cross upon its spire may be seen for many miles around. It is intended to hold two hundred and fifty. As the colony already consists of eighty or a hundred families, and there is prospect of further growth, the church is, to say the least, none too large. The nave is forty-five feet long, by thirty broad with a constructive chancel of ten feet, thus allowing for a recess chancel if enlargement should, in the future be a necessity. The entrance is by a west door, also by a small south door, in the porch, apposite to which is a baptistery in the north porch.

There are many features about the building peculiarly Danish, and calculated to make the people feel at home in their worship. His Lordship, much pleased at the appearances of progress, gave another fifty dollars towards the completion of the Church, although his gifts in the past, for the same object, have been very generous. And here please let me make the suggestion. If any of your readers, have the means to spare, any contributions, no matter how small, will be most thankfully received towards the completion of this church now temporarily stopped for want of funds.

Having lingered so long with the Danes, and there being still no prospect of the rain ceasing, we returned to Grand Falls. Thursday was beautiful, cloudy and cool, but very enjoyable. The greater part of the day was spent in seeing the Falls, the scenery of which is grand beyond description. To watch the water falling unceasingly from the height above, ever the same on its downward course, and yet ever varying in the form of its fall, to see it leap and foam as it strikes the stones below, to see it strike the reefs one after another, now on that side, and then on this, sometimes almost checked in its course by a reef directly across the river, and then, shot ahead by a ledge almost lying along its course, sometimes driven by a rebound into a little bay or eddy, where it lies perfectly still, and again meeting a straight shore or reach, along which it is driven with the greatest rapidity; all this possesses for the observer a wonderful fascination. But there is more than the Falls to attract in this place. There is the gorge, at the bottom of which lie the wells, a remarkable formation, caused by the rotary action of stones upon the bed of rock. There is the clambering up and down the steep cliffs hundreds of feet high, every foot so varied, and so full of interest, that you wander for hours, and afterwards are surprised that you are capable of enduring so much. There is the "Coffee Mills," a large eddy, into which logs are driven, and in which they travel round for days before they are released.

The train leaves for Edmundston at 6 o'clock, and we arrived at our destination at 8 p. m. Edmundston is a pretty village, situated on a rising ground at the confluence of the Madawaska and the John Rivers. The first object that met our view, as we enter it, is St. John's Church in course of erection. A mistake has been made in following the architect's plan.

The Bishop has offered to bear the expense of correcting the error, and when corrected, this will be one of the prettiest little churches of Northern New Brunswick. At this village we were met by the Rev. Mr. Shannon and a number of his parishioners, who came with carriages to drive us to their homes. J. F. Holson, Esq. and Mr. W. Emmerson were our hosts, and right hospitable they were.

At 10.30 a. m. on St. James' day Divine Service was held in a little building fitted up for the purpose. The Bishop confirmed five. On Saturday at 5 a. m. we left for Andover, where we arrived at 10 a. m., thus completing in five hours a journey which at the Bishop's former visit cost nearly two days' travel. On Sunday morning it rained. As most of the candidates lived some miles distant from the church, our class of enquirers dwindled to two.

The confirmation classes are not so large here as in other parts of the mission. The Bishop's visits during the past few years have been annual, while to all other parts they have been tri-annual. Notwithstanding the rain the church was full. The morning service was hearty. In the Processional was used Dean Bullock's hymn, "We Love the Place." The Canticles and Psalms were chanted to tunes selected from a little book issued by the S. P. C. K. The Hymns were chosen from Hymns A. and M., and everything was done to make the praise and worship congregational. The Bishop with his accustomed liberality added another \$100 to his former generous donation to the parsonage. On Monday morning we left in the train for the lower county.

His Lordship was on his way to visit Prince William. I left him at Bristol, where I had some Mission work to do. Of this part of my Mission I may have somewhat to say at some future time.

LEO A. HOYT.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

ANNAPOLIS RURAL DEANERY.—On Wednesday, 13th inst., the Members of the Chapter met at Clementsport, Morning Service, with Holy Communion, and celebrated in the Parish Church. An earnest sermon was preached by Rev. J. J. Ritchie, Rector of St. Luke's, Annapolis.

The following Members of the Chapter met at the Rectory in the afternoon:—The Rev. P. J. Filleul, Rural Dean; Revs. W. M. Godfrey, J. J. Ritchie, J. Ambrose, H. D. Deblois, and G. Maynard. Rev. Canon Dart was present as visiting member from the Avon Rural Deanery.

Moved by Rev. J. J. Ritchie, seconded by Rev. G. Maynard, and unanimously Resolved, "That the Members of this Rural Deanery desire to express to their Secretary, Rev. Walter S. Gray, their heartfelt sympathy with him in his present illness, and pray God he may be sustained and blessed therein, and may yet be spared to labour successfully many years in the Lord's vineyard."

Rev. John Ambrose was appointed Secretary *pro tem*.

After discussion, it was decided that in future, at the meetings of this Chapter, the Holy Scriptures be read in English, reference being had to the original languages when necessary. At the meeting of the 3d chapter of St. Paul's Epistle to Titus, was thus critically read.

A vote of thanks was passed to Dr. Bray's Associates, of London, for their recent liberal grant of books to the "Bray's Associate Library" of this Rural Deanery. Also to Rev. J. Ambrose, Li-