

persons being present. Six were confirmed and fifty-four received the Holy Communion.

#### NORTH HATLEY.

The "fancy fair" held here last Saturday, (Aug. 11), called forth a great deal of general and generous interest, and added more than two hundred dollars to the building fund of the new church of St. Barnabas. The ladies' guild, a small band of willing workers, who held frequent meetings, and who devoted time, pains and patience so faithfully during the winter in the preparation of useful and fancy articles for the sale, are to be heartily congratulated on the marked success which has crowned their self-denying and persevering labors. These members of the guild have also been nobly encouraged and liberally aided by the summer visitors, who by their gifts, their personal efforts and numerous purchases, have contributed in a very large degree to the happy results which are now a cause of just rejoicing.

Some of the resident neighbors, although not members of the Church of England, manifested a kindly and open handed readiness to give assistance of one kind or another. No names are mentioned in this paragraph because, when so many did so well, the list would be long and some names might be omitted inadvertently, and it would be impossible, not to say invidious, to indicate the due order of merit. But all participants in this religious enterprise thoroughly deserve, and undoubtedly are receiving the heartiest sentiments of appreciation and thankfulness on the part of those who are benefitted by their mutual co-operation, whilst every helper, no doubt, enjoys a—to him or her—sufficient reward in the satisfaction of having done good for its goodness' sake.—*Sherbrooke Gazette.*

#### Diocese of Toronto.

The *Orillia Packet's* Irish correspondent states that Archbishop Plunket confirmed 33 seceders from the Roman Church in Townshend street, Dublin, on the 8th of July. The number expected was 35, but two of the candidates did not reach the church in time to receive the rite. Anna Liffey adds that throughout Ireland hundreds are seceding from Rome and becoming Protestant. The 'Nonconformist' churches are receiving the great bulk of these seceders.

#### Diocese of Rupert's Land.

According to statements made during the last meeting of the Synod of the clergy in the Diocese, 36 received their theological training in St. John's College, Winnipeg, 20 in England, and 17 in other parts of Canada. His Grace the Archbishop (Bishop of the diocese) was asked to formulate a scheme for systematically canvassing the diocese in the interests of St. John's College, which was the centre of Church life and pastoral supply.

An interesting discussion took place on "Sunday Observance," and the following resolution was adopted:

"That the delegates of the Anglican Synod of the Diocese of Rupert's Land resolve that it is the bounden duty of the clergy and lay members of our Church to use every endeavor to induce the people of Manitoba and the Northwest to observe the first day of the week with the utmost care and sincerity, avoiding unnecessary work, visiting, pleasure-seeking, and everything of a frivolous nature; setting the day aside for the worship of Almighty God."

On the day before the Synod a "Quiet Day" for the clergy was held at the Cathedral, consisting of celebration at 8 a.m., with address by Canon Pentreath.

#### Diocese of Qu'Appelle.

At the last meeting of the Synod in May last the present Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Burn, paid a well deserved tribute to his predecessor, Bishop Anson. In opening his first charge he referred to the difficulties which he had to meet owing to the nature of the diocese—its wide area and sparsely scattered population—and partly his own inexperience in meeting, which two thoughts had given him confidence (1) the ready and generous sympathy and welcome he had met with from Clergy and Laity—and (2) "The character of my predecessor, Bishop Anson, first Bishop of the Diocese. I will not stay to recall the story of his first coming to this part of what was called, more aptly then even than now, the great lone land, or review the works of his eight years' Episcopate. I would only say that a great responsibility lies on us here from our having had as our Diocesan one of such a character. His single-hearted devotion to Christ and his Church, his humility and generosity, are known most to those who knew him best. They call for our thanksgiving to God for His gift to us, and lay upon us—on you and me—a great responsibility, that the fruits of his work and example be not lost through our unfaithfulness. You know the condition of the Diocese as he found it and as he left it: The organization of the Diocese into parishes; the creation of this Synod, the making of Canons; the provision for the temporal needs of Diocese, and especially the provision of an Episcopal Endowment Fund; the characters of the Clergy he gathered around him; these all make the work of the Diocese to us a very different thing to what it was ten years ago, and the stamp of reality and thoroughness which marked the works of laying the foundations can inspire us with confidence as we go forth to meet the needs of these days in which we are called to work.

#### Diocese of New Westminster.

##### VANCOUVER.

Saturday, July 28th, was a great day for the members of Christ Church, Vancouver, since the corner stone of the new building was then laid with impressive ceremonies by the Grand Lodge of Free Masons of British Columbia. The unfinished structure known as Christ Church had long been, says the *World*, an eye sore to the west end of the city; the very imperfect accommodation it afforded to the large congregation worshipping within its walls made many desire the completion of the building. Prior to the open air ceremonies, a special service was held in the church at 3 p.m., Rev. L. N. Tucker, M.A., Rector, officiating. It consisted of Evening Prayer, with special Psalms, Lesson and Collects. It was joined in heartily by the congregation; and the music led by the choir, aided by some of the best voices in Vancouver, was particularly impressive. The special Masonic ceremonies then followed in the open air. The Grand Master, immediately surrounded by the principal officers of the Grand Lodge, took his place at a table on the centre of the platform, on which were deposited by their several bearers the Holy writings, the book of Constitutions, the golden vessel of corn, the silver vessels containing wine and oil, the great Lights, the five orders of architecture, and the working tools. The hymn, "O Lord of Hosts Whose glory fills the bounds of the Eternal Hills," was sung: after which the Lesson from 1 Chron. xxix, 10-17, and 1 Kings viii, 27-30, was read by the Rector, who also offered up prayer; and then followed the hymn, "Christ is our Corner Stone," after which H. J. Cambie, Esq., read an historical statement of the parish and church; which, with the list of the

workingmen's names, Mayor, Aldermen, and Parliamentary representatives, officers of the Grand Masons, etc., etc., were placed in the cavity beneath the corner stone, which was then duly laid by the Grand Master. The church is to be a solid and elegant structure; the basement of granite, and the upper walls of blue sand stone. It will long be a land mark in the west end of Vancouver. It will be the second stone church erected on the main land of British Columbia, and the first church anywhere erected by means of an incorporated company consisting exclusively—at least so far—of members of the Church of England. Since the formation of the parish 142 children have been christened, 50 couples married, 60 confirmed, 43 buried, and 125 have signed the declaration constituting them members of the Vestry. At Easter last there were 148 Communicants. There are 600 volumes in the Sunday school library.

#### Diocese of St. Johns.

##### KAFFRARIA.

The *Southern Cross* (Port Elizabeth) of June 15, referring to the departure of Canon Gibson from Umtata to assume the office and duties of Coadjutor Bishop of Capetown, says that on the Sunday evening previous the reverend gentleman preached in St. James' Church, choosing for his text Psalm cxxvii, v. 1, from which he delivered a short but touching and eloquent farewell address to a large congregation, the church being crowded. In the course of his sermon, Canon Gibson took notice of some of the changes that had taken place and of the progress both ecclesiastical and secular that had been made in this diocese during the twelve years of his residence here. Twelve years ago there was no church for Europeans in the territories, and now in every town and hamlet from the Kei to the Umzimkulu a church had been raised or was at least in course of construction, while, on the other hand, surprising improvements had been carried out in many places throughout the country. The rivers were being bridged, telegraph lines constructed, roads made, and in the town of Umtata streets had been improved and lighted, side drains paved, and the park formed. In referring to the annexation of Pondoland, Canon Gibson commended the wisdom and prudence with which this important step had been carried out, and the justice in leaving the people their land, and of permitting them, who had never fought with us, to keep possession of their areas, and he hoped that the Government over them would be administered with fairness, with firmness, and with common sense, which in itself is divine. In making allusion to his departure, Canon Gibson said that had he consulted his own inclination, he would have declined acceptance of the high office to which he had been called, as he had declined similar overtures that had been made to him on previous occasions. His heart was in his work in this territory, and the parting was a painful one to him, but he had listened to the advice of friends, and had been persuaded that it was his duty to become a worker in another sphere in which he expected a larger measure of strength would be given him.

Canon Gibson's unsparing devotion to his duty has often subjected him to exposure and privation in the course of his long journeys in the outlying parts of the diocese, and this was telling severely on his not very robust constitution, which could not long have sustained a continuation of this exertion, and it is to be hoped that his own expectation of increased strength in his new sphere will be realised. He is beloved by everybody, and he carries with him the good wishes of every individual in this part of the country.