

lecture on the story of the Church of England from the beginning to the Norman Conquest, which I had heard twice before, was quite fresh to me, and awakened immense interest in the people. I believe that through lectures of this kind, a very great deal of good will be done, and especially where Christians are divided into so many denominations. The bold declaration of the truth, which is no breach of Charity, but the reverse is sure to win its way.

Next morning, (June 19th.) the Rev. Norman Bayne, with a good crew of men, rowed across the bay, to take us over to Peninsula. The fellows pulled together with a will, and we were soon there.

The beach was very shallow, so that the boat could not land us, but this was anticipated, and we had the new experience of seeing horses and wagons drive into the water to the side of the boat and take us one by one away to the Church. Again we had a splendid Service, a congregation of eighty comfortably filling the building. Six were confirmed, all young, hopeful people, a pleasant sight to see. There were fifty-four who received the Holy Communion. Just think of the proportion! It causes sad feelings to arise with regard to many other places; but how delightful to see it with one's eyes!

Mrs. Bayne attended to our wants at dinner and made us feel at home. A lovely drive of nine miles with grand land and sea views brought us to the Church at Little Gaspé. It was a good fishing day. Imagine our delight to find men who had been fishing, and within an hour, quitting their employment and dressing and assembling in God's House to hear their Bishop. The Service was again most interesting and impressive. Returning again to Peninsula, where we had landed in the morning, we were put on board, and taken to our hospitable quarters at Mr. Richmond's. All day long we were waited upon by kind friends, to whom we owe much; but who expressed themselves as thankful for and gladdened by the privileges of the day.

Wednesday, June 20th. To-day the Bishop has had a chance to breathe and write a few letters to friends, expecting to leave to-night and not hear of home for six weeks.

N. B.—This Diary, telling of the Bishop's visit to the North Shore, of his unexpected return to Quebec, and of the rest of his visitation, will, we trust, appear in our next issue.

Pic-Nic to Lake St. Joseph.

Through the kindness of the Quebec and Lake St. John Ry., who gave a free pass to the whole party, the members of the Male Orphan Asylum and the Cathedral Choir Boys were enabled to go to Lake St. Joseph for their summer pic-nic. Starting from Quebec at 8.30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 10th, we reached Lake St. Joseph Station after a run of about one and a half hours. Thence we crossed the lake to Mr. White's Hotel in the lake steamer. Here the boys set to work to enjoy themselves paddling and bathing, running races and jumping, &c. Our best thanks are due to Mrs. G. B. S. Young, for so successfully providing the lunch and tea, nor were the boys slow to shew their appreciation of her trouble. Mrs. Young presented the prizes to those who were successful in the different races. After tea, before starting on the return journey, the boys gave three hearty cheers, first, for the Queen, then for Mrs. Young, then for Mr. J. G. Scott, the Manager of the Quebec and Lake St. John Railway, and finally for the Dean. We reached Quebec about 7.15 p.m., and, on the whole, although the weather was rather unsettled during the day, all appeared to have enjoyed themselves thoroughly.

S. P. C. K.

The Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge is the most venerable of those associations of Churchmen which have been formed from time to time to assist in the work of the Church. This Society dates from 1698 or three years earlier than the date of the S. P. G. The work of the S. P. C. K. has been the publishing of Bibles and Prayer Books in English and other tongues. Also many other publications have been undertaken by this Society, which has formed quite a literature of its own. The Society not only publishes works on religion and cognate subjects, but also gives grants of books, of Bibles and Prayer Books for Churches, of tracts for the Church's seasons and grants of more general works. This Society has promoted instruction in Church History by illustrated lectures throughout England and elsewhere, and has also given religious instruction to pupil teachers on a large scale.

In the Dioceses of "Greater Britain" the work of the Society takes the form of—(amongst other branches)—

(1.) Endowment of Sees and of Colleges—our own Church University having received help in time past.