

the Holy Ghost, as well as of God the Father, three persons but one God, as it is expressed in the New Testament? or shall each Board School teacher be at liberty to teach only such portions of the New Testament as correspond with his own personal notions of religion? It is the old question of the Master Himself, "What think ye of Christ? Whose Son is He?" In the main, the Liberal London newspapers take one side; the Conservatives the other side. Which way the School Board election will go it is not easy to foresee. Such is the issue of eighteen centuries of religious teaching in England. Verily, to this missionary land, the Divine Master's words might well be applied: "They shall come from the East, and from the West, and from the North, and from the South, and shall sit down in the Kingdom of God, whilst you yourselves are thrust out."—*Irish Ecclesiastical Gazette*.

News from the Home Field.

Diocese of Nova Scotia.

AVON DEANERY.

A meeting of the Avon rural-decanal chapter was held in Kentville, Nov. 13 and 14, the following clergy being present: The Rev. F. J. Axford, R.D., Rector of Cornwallis; the Ven. Archdeacon Weston Jones, Rector of Windsor; Rev. K. C. Hind, M.A., Rector of Horton; Rev. F. W. Johnston, Rector of Newport; Rev. J. M. C. Wade, M.A., Vicar of Aylesford; Rev. G. Howeroft, B.A., Rector of Falmouth, and the Rector of Kentville, Rev. Canon Brock, D.D. The first service was held in St. James' church, Kentville, on the evening of the 13th, consisting of shortened evening prayer, with addresses by Archdeacon Jones on "A few of the reasons why we are Churchmen;" and by Mr. Johnstone on "Some reasons for Infant Baptism." Taken as a whole this service should be productive of much good.

On the following day the following services were carried out: 8 a.m. Holy Communion, the Dean celebrant, the Rector of Kentville assistant. 11 a.m. Morning Prayer, Litany and Sermon. Rev. G. Howeroft, preacher.

Mr. Howeroft's *ad clerum* sermon from the text St. Luke xxiv, v. 48, was a successful attempt to encourage the hard-working clergy of the Deanery.

The offertories at the three services, amounting to \$10, were given to King's College.

After dinner at the Rectory the brethren assembled in the Rector's study for the transaction of business. After the usual routine, it was moved by Archdeacon Jones, seconded and passed, that the next session be held in Windsor on the evening and festival of St. Mark's Day, 1895.

Moved by Archdeacon Jones, seconded and passed, that the Rev. J. M. C. Wade, M.A., preach the *ad clerum* sermon.

The following resolution was moved by Rev. K. C. Hind, and seconded by Canon Brock: "That this Deanery learns with regret of the approaching departure of Canon Partridge from the Diocese, and would at this meeting record with grateful remembrance his many valuable services to the Deanery, praying that success may be with him in his new sphere of work.

Discussions then took place on, 1st: Sunday school work, the best system of lessons; 2nd, the raising of funds for Diocesan purposes, with especial reference to a scheme of the Rev. E. P. Crawford.

Moved by Archdeacon Jones, seconded and passed, that Canon Brock be asked to read his

paper, "The signum, the res, and the virtue in the Holy Communion," at our next session.

Archdeacon Jones introduced his resolution, of which notice had been given, respecting the advisability of establishing a Choral Association in the Deanery. After some discussion the scheme was shelved.

The session adjourned.

NOTES.—The clergy were hospitably entertained as follows: The Dean at the Rectory; Archdeacon Jones, by Mrs. Hanson; Rev. T. W. Johnstone, by Mrs. J. C. Starr; Rev. K. C. Hind, by Mrs. T. W. Harris; Rev. J. M. C. Wade, by Mrs. Avery; Rev. G. Howeroft, by Mrs. H. Margeson.

The Rev. K. C. Hind kindly presided at the organ at the three services, thus rendering valuable assistance to the choir.

SALMON RIVER.

The Ladies of the Church Sewing Circle in particular, and the Parish in general, are to be congratulated that the long-standing debt on St. James' church is at last paid. Sunday, 25th Nov., 1894, will be a day held dear in the memory of all those who for so long a period have devoted time, energy and means to this end, for on that day the church was set apart for ever for the worship of God and consecrated by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese. His words will be treasured in the hearts of those who heard him, and will, we sincerely trust, bring forth the fruit of increased effort and more personal devotior to the Master in the coming years.

That the church is presented to God is a thought that conveys a deep spiritual blessing. "We were indeed glad when they said unto us, 'Let us go into the House of the Lord.'" After all debt was paid on the church a small balance was devoted to the purpose of procuring a font, which is very becoming, and stands in its proper place by the door,—a token that all enter the Church of Christ, and are made members of His Body in the regenerating waters of Holy Baptism.

The Bishop was good enough to hold services at Smith's Cove in the new church there, opened for the first time, and at at Shoet Harbour. On both these occasions the churches were filled with large and attentive congregations, and we are glad to be able to say due reverence was observed.

The church at Smith's Cove is a symmetrical building of Gothic architecture, and both inside and out is extremely becoming and church-like, and does the utmost credit to all parties concerned. We must here thank our kind friends of the "Children's Church Missionary Guild," Halifax, for the present of a beautiful font for that church. In closing, it is pleasing to be able to state that the good people of Ecum Secum W, and Sober Island, contemplate building churches very shortly, and already have some steps taken in that direction. The Rev. J. M. Downing, of River John, paid us a visit as B.H.M. Deputation, and gave heart-stirring addresses to attentive audiences, in spite of small congregations, bad roads and inconvenient hours. For service \$21.35 was gathered, towards the \$15.00 required to meet the kind offer of Mrs. Benny for the same amount, if this be raised in the Diocese.

MARRIED.—Mr. Abner R. St. Clair and Miss Florence Whitman were united in the bonds of Holy Matrimony in the parish church (St. James'), Salmon River, Dec. 4. The bride will be much missed in the parish, having been a member of the choir and S.S. teacher for some years. We all unite, however, in wishing the newly married pair happiness, prosperity and peace in their new home at Victoria, B.C.

This was the first wedding in the new church, where for the future, we hope for the most part at least, Church people will come to be married.

Diocese of Fredericton.

ST. JOHN.

On the evening of Dec. 5th the Rev. J. M. Davenport delivered the first of his course of lectures in the Mission Church of St. John the Baptist on "The Principles of the English Reformation." He briefly stated the causes leading up to this great event, and contrasted the decision of the Church through a general council of Bishops with other reformations which were merely revolutions, and founded only on private judgment. He touched on the Scottish and Lutheran bodies, and pointed out the difference at that time between the Church of England and Church of Rome. The errors of the Church were caused, he said, not by the reformation, which was truly Catholic and continued the Church in Catholic lines, but by the scandals—the reign of King Charles. He made quotations from the preface to the Prayer Book, Ceremonies, Canons, etc., to show that after the Reformation the Church was truly Catholic, and the same as the Church at the time of the Ancient Fathers, and that the three orders of Bishops, Priests and Deacons were ordered to be continued. The subjects of Apostolic Succession, Ritual of the Church, etc., will be continued in the following lectures. The next will be on Friday evening, preceded by the Litany, and every Wednesday and Friday evening at 8 o'clock during Advent. The lecture last given was listened to by a large congregation, there being a number present from other churches.—*Globe*.

Diocese of Quebec.

QUEBEC.—During the season of Advent special sermons are being delivered at evening service in All Saints' Chapel, Cathedral parish, on Wednesdays. The first evening the Rev. Canon Richardson was the preacher, the second the Rev. E. A. W. Dunn, and the third the Rev. R. A. Parrock.

It has been determined to have a Christmas tree and sale of useful and ornamental articles at the Guild room, Cathedral Church hall, on December 20th, in the afternoon, the proceeds to go towards the stipend of the second missionary and schoolmaster on the Labrador coast.

On Sunday, Nov. 18th, a thanksgiving service was held in St. Paul's church, Quebec, the service being full choral, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion; the Bishop being celebrant, assisted by the Rev. R. A. Parrock and E. A. Dunn. The church was prettily decorated with corn, flowers, fruit and vegetables.

The Central board of the Church Society held its regular meeting on the 20th Nov., presided over by the Bishop of the Diocese; \$150 was granted towards the endowment fund of the Mission of Waterville upon conditions named; \$100 towards a new church about to be built at Mutton Bay, Labrador, on the usual conditions. Two new teachers for the Church schools at Cape Cove and Sandy Beach, Gaspe, were approved.

The Rev. Josiah Ball has resigned the mission of Magdalen Islands, and the Rev. John N. Hunter lately ordained, has been appointed to succeed him.

PERSONAL.—The Rev. Hunter Dunn, who has been officiating at St. Peter's Church, Suerbrooke, for the last year, and who was ordained