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### Rural Deanery of Annapolis

A meeting of the Clergy and Church Wardens of this rural deanery was held at Round Hill on Monday and Tuesday of last week. The first session held on Monday afternoon was occupied with the consideration and allotment to the various parishes of the Diocesan Mission Board apportionment for the ensuing year. There is a slight increase over last year of the sum apportioned, but it was eventually decided to sub-apportion to the various parishes on the same basis as last year. On Tuesday the clergy met "in chapter." There was a celebration of Holy Communion in the parish church at 9 a. m. The morning session was occupied by routine, and the afternoon by the reading and discussing of a paper prepared by the Rev. Canon Vroom, D. D., Professor of Divinity, Kings College, Windsor. In the evening a public meeting was held in the Temperance Hall, at which an illustrated church history lecture was delivered to a large audience by the Rev. J. Lockward, Rector of St. Clements. During the session the Clergy were most hospitably entertained by various parishioners, whilst the customary deanery dinner took place at the Rectory on the kind invitation of the Rector and Miss Reeks. The next meeting will be held in Annapolis on March 15th-17th, 1909. Added interest will attach to this meeting, as on March 17th the Rev. H. How, Rector of Annapolis, completes thirty years of ministerial life.

### The Bennett Affair

(The Outlook.)  
Mr. Albert Pierce has called at our office and given us what has the appearance of a straightforward statement of the Bennett affair. He says on the Friday night that Bennett died several spent the evening at his place and were drinking from a jug of rum. He drank as much as Bennett did, and felt no unusual effects. Bennett was not beaten nor was there any quarrel during the evening. As soon as the owner of the jug of rum appeared, the man who had stolen it and brought it to Pierce's ran away and did not return. After all had gone, Pierce and Bennett went to the barn to feed the stock. Bennett went up on the mow and threw down the hay. He appeared to be feeling good, but not bilious. On the way to the house he fell and was carried into the house. He spoke after he was in the house. As he had been drinking Mr. Pierce supposed that he was suffering from the effect of the liquor, and would "sleep it off." At the inquest no careful examination was made of the body. Mr. Pierce now believes that Bennett's death was not due to "excessive drinking" but to a fit. In view of Mr. Pierce's statement and of the other statements that are current it would seem that in the interests of all concerned in the matter, and for the assurance of the public, an investigation should be held by the department of justice.

### BRIDGETOWN Y. M. C. A.

**RE-ORGANIZED**  
The Bridgetown Y. M. C. A. was visited last week by Mr. F. A. Ritchie, of New York, travelling secretary for the Canadian Y. M. C. A. His work is especially the organization of Boy's Work in which he is eminently successful. He held one public meeting and several meetings with the boys which drew forth a high degree of interest. At a meeting on Friday evening on questioning the boys as to what was the lacking feature in the Bridgetown Y. M. C. A., they one and all agreed that the religious influence was very weak. The leader was greatly pleased by this acknowledgment and the evident interest shown, and immediately began to organize the following committees:—  
**RELIGIOUS COMMITTEE.**  
Fred Kinney, Chairman; Boyd Chute, Secretary; Roy Wilson, Vinton Lloyd, Fred Marshall, Harry McKenzie.  
**PHYSICAL COMMITTEE.**  
Harlan Phinney, Chairman; J. S. Moses, Secretary; Louis Young, Will Dargie.  
**ATHLETIC COMMITTEE.**  
Parker Munro, Chairman; Charles Whitman, Secretary; Harry Marshall, Charles Parker.  
**SOCIAL COMMITTEE.**  
Kenneth Dodge, Chairman; Wylie

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Ritchie, Secretary; Hal Hoyt, Geo. Hatt, Albert Burns, Howard Marshall.  
**ROOMS COMMITTEE.**  
Francis Graves, Chairman; DeBlois Anderson, Secretary; Luther McLeod, Burton Miller, Vinton Lloyd, Ronald Ruggles, Max Young, Philip Burns, Elton Burns.  
**EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE.**  
Wylie Ritchie, Chairman; John Paley, Secretary; Louis Young, Milledge Salter.  
The chairmen of these committees comprise the Y. M. C. A. cabinet:—  
Fred Kinney, President; Parker Munro, Secretary; Harlan Phinney, Wylie Ritchie, Kenneth Dodge, Francis Graves.  
At the meeting of the religious committee, it was decided to organize two bible classes, one led by Mr. Hills, including the boys fourteen years of age and under, and another led by Mr. A. Clark, including the boys over fourteen.  
In addition to this Mr. Fulmer has agreed to lead a bible training class for boys, with the intention of training these boys so that next year they will be able to lead classes themselves. This class consists of twelve boys, and they are going to meet at Mr. Fulmer's house every Sunday afternoon from 2 p. m. to 3 p. m.  
Mr. Clark's class meets on Sundays in the Y. M. C. A. Hall. Hours, 2.30 p. m. to 3.30 p. m.  
Mr. Hills' class meets on Thursday afternoon; hours, 3.30 p. m. to 4.30 p. m.

### Paper by Rev. A. J. MacDonald Read at Anna. Co. Presbyterian Jubilee

### Gordon Memorial Presbyterian Church Established March 19th, 1871. Interesting Facts Concerning the Early Days of Presbyterianism in Bridgetown.

In the autumn of 1858, the Presbyterians of Annapolis and Bridgetown were organized as a church and Rev. J. A. Murray was inducted as Pastor.  
After the removal of Rev. Mr. Murray from the pastoral charge of the congregations of Annapolis and Bridgetown, the Rev. D. Steele, formerly of Bridgewater, was sent to supply. At the termination of his appointment, these congregations sent an urgent request to Presbytery for a continuance of his services, and a guarantee for full remuneration for same, which request was granted. Later a call was given Mr. Steele, but as the Eastern and Western sections could not quite agree, the Rev. P. G. McGeogor was sent to investigate and report on the difficulties, which resulted in the call being set aside at the meeting of Presbytery on October 23rd, 1861. At the same meeting the Rev. D. S. Gordon was appointed to supply the vacant field for three months.  
From his report, February 12th, 1862, it appears that particular attention had been paid to the Eastern sections, Bridgetown, Lawrencetown, and the western section of Cornwallis, but this had been accomplished without any diminution of work in the Annapolis congregation. Mr. Gordon's report was accompanied by a request for moderation in a call. Rev. William Murray was appointed to preach and moderate whenever he thought it advisable. A month later he reported that he had moderated in a call which he had left in the hands of the elders for signatures.  
At the meeting of Presbytery May 8th, 1862, the call in favor of Mr. D. S. Gordon was sustained and trials for ordination appointed. Judgment by the work prescribed by Presbytery it would appear that students underwent a thorough examination before they were licensed. In Mr. Gordon's case it was no mere matter of form. The afternoon after the induction of Rev. D. Steele in the Western Cornwallis congregation the Presbytery proceeded with the trial of Mr. Gordon, sermon, lecture, homily, "examination on whole range of theology and history of the Reformation period." Thus far the examinations were highly satisfactory; no seed of heresy had been uprooted. Time falling, Presbytery decided to sustain the call and postpone examinations in Greek and Hebrew until next meeting, which occurred on Thursday morning, June 6th, 1862, at 10 o'clock in Bridgetown. All the time possible was given to further examination, and taking a conjoint view of the whole of Mr. Gordon's trials and examinations the Presbytery decided to proceed with his ordination to the Holy Ministry, and admit him to the pastoral charge of the congregations of Annapolis and Bridgetown.  
The Presbytery adjourned to meet in the Baptist church. Rev. William Murray, Moderator, presided. Mr. Gordon was ordained by laying on of hands of the Presbytery; Rev. Donald McMillan, of Lunenburg, preached. Mr. Steele addressed the newly inducted pastor, Mr. Crawford, the people, and the Moderator spoke on "the tie just formed."  
At the time of Mr. Gordon's induction, the total membership in full communion in what now constitutes the congregations of Annapolis and Bridgetown was 28. Twenty-six of these belonged to Annapolis and surrounding sections, only two members in full communion in the Bridgetown section.  
A glance at the names shows how the complexion of this congregation has changed in the intervening years; a few names still remain, but the great majority have disappeared in

one way or another from our rolls, while others quite as loyal and devoted have appeared.  
Presbyterianism was as yet too weak to support a minister unaided, so Presbytery agreed to grant a supplement of £25 yearly.  
The congregation began well, paying half the year's salary in advance, but later they failed to keep up the pace with which they started and it became necessary to remind them that the supplement would be forthcoming only as the people discharged their financial obligations to their Pastor.  
A little more than two years after Mr. Gordon's settlement (September 15th, 1864), Mr. Christie, of Yarmouth, who had always taken a deep interest in the scattered Presbyterians in the counties of Annapolis and Digby, called attention to the long standing difficulties existing in the Annapolis portion of the congregation between Mr. Forbes and members of session, and after careful deliberation the Rev. John Cameron and Rev. James McLean were sent to visit the congregations, with the result that all parties were satisfied and expressed a willingness to be reconciled and work together as brethren.  
Previous to the year 1864, the services of the Bridgetown congregation were held in different places. For a time the room over what is now Mr. R. A. Crowe's store, was used for public worship; then the old court house. The need of a more suitable place wherein to worship was sorely felt both by minister and people. Mr. Gordon at last made an appeal to Presbytery with the result that £100 was pledged to aid in building a church. At the same time Presbytery urged Mr. Gordon to make personal application to the several congregations within the bounds, for the purpose of raising this amount. Whether or not Mr. Gordon undertook this mission I have been unable to learn.  
Six years later in 1870, Mr. Gordon asks Presbytery for several months leave of absence, and for letters re-

commending him to the Presbytery, church of the U. S. A. Leave of absence was granted, but Presbytery thought it advisable to dissuade him from going to the U. S. to collect money. Instead they cordially recommended him to their own congregations.  
In some way or other sufficient money was secured to warrant the Bridgetown section to undertake building. The little band was ambitious and decided to build a brick church, but it is probable that after beginning operations, they would have been satisfied if a less pretentious building had been undertaken.  
At last the work was satisfactorily completed, and on March 19th, 1871, the little brick church was dedicated to the public worship of God. Rev. Messrs. P. McGregor and Alex. Falconer were present as members of the Presbytery. Rev. S. T. Rand, Baptist, and Rev. W. H. Hartz, Methodist, assisted. The day being fine, the audience was large, the services were impressive and edifying, and the offering was \$60.00.  
In the meantime the work at Digby was making progress. Mr. Gordon endeavored to secure regular preaching for the summer, guaranteeing the greater part of the missionary's support. The prospect of forming an important mission at this station was regarded as encouraging. The building of a church at Bay View was undertaken, and many of the congregations within the Halifax Presbytery contributed quite liberally.  
The oversight of such an extensive field and the constant exposure for which the work called seems to have affected Mr. Gordon's health. During the winter of 1869 and 1870, he was unable to do any preaching and Presbytery was called on to supply. During the summer he improved, but was forbidden by his physician to preach. It was in October, 1870, that he asked for and obtained leave of absence. While recuperating in the United States he preached in Philadelphia, with the result that Richmond St.

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