

nature to make us meet for heaven, by sanctifying that nature on earth. He would *first* sanctify us, and *then* glorify us. "The will of God is for our sanctification;" and we are "sanctified through the offering of the Body of Christ once for all." Yes! it was to unite man to God, and being united to God, to carry on the work of sanctification, that our Lord "for as men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made Man."

And to this truth the Church appears, in the Collect for Christmas, to turn our thoughts. We are taught in Holy Scripture that "As many of us as were baptized into Christ, have put on Christ:" and so after our baptism, "thanks were offered to our merciful Father that it had pleased Him to regenerate us with His holy Spirit, to receive us for His own children by adoption, and to incorporate us into His holy Church," which is, we know, "the Body of Christ." In fact, we

were then, by Baptism, made members of our Incarnate Lord,—of Him who said, "I am the Vine, and ye are the branches," and who also said, "Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of Man, and drink His blood, ye have no life in you," and who, in the Holy Eucharist, has given us His Body and Blood to strengthen and refresh our souls, and to sustain and sanctify that spiritual life, which flowing from the Incarnation of our Divine Lord, is given to every one who in his baptism is made a member of Christ, the child of God, and an inheritor of the kingdom of heaven. "Almighty God, who hast given us Thy only-begotten Son to take our nature upon Him, and as at this time to be born of a pure Virgin; Grant that we being regenerate, and made Thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by Thy Holy Spirit, through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the same Spirit, ever one God, world without end.—Amen." H.

COLONIAL AND FOREIGN CHURCH NEWS.

DEANERY OF FREDERICTON.—The quarterly meeting of this deanery was held at the Ormococto on Thursday, October 25, being the first anniversary of the consecration of St. John's Church, in that village.

Divine Service was previously held on Wednesday evening, when a sermon was preached by the Rev. B. Shaw, missionary at Cambridge.

On Thursday morning the clergy met at the parsonage soon after 10 o'clock. Present: Rev. C. Lee, Dean Rural; Revs. J. Pearson, T. E. Dowling, B. Shaw, and H. Pollard, Rector of the parish. Service commenced at 11; Rev. J. Pearson preached from St. John x. 22, a sermon suitable to the anniversary. The Holy Communion was administered, in which fifteen of the laity joined.

The collections at this and the previous service, amounting to \$11.76, were given towards paying the small debt yet due to the Building Committee.

After lunch the clergy assembled at the rector's for business. A paper was read on Synods, which called forth some discussion, all being favourable to the principle. Romans x. was read, and commented on, and a conversation ensued on parochial topics. The meeting was then closed by the Dean reading the Apostolic grace.

Thanks are due to the choir of St. John's Church, who ably assisted at the above services. Anglican chants were used, and a Te Deum arranged by Haverlyal. The Hymn tunes were taken from "Hymus Ancient and Modern"—Communicated.

THE Treasurer of the Church Needlework Society begs to acknowledge the receipt of a dollar from "A young Churchwoman," and to offer the thanks of the Society for this kind aid.

WE beg to call the attention of the clergy and laity of the diocese to the publication

of the Charge of the Lord Bishop. Copies can be had from the publisher, W. M. Wright, and from the booksellers in St. John and Fredericton.

A VOICE FROM NEWFOUNDLAND.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—

It is a subject of great thankfulness to us in this little-known colony, that our voice is, by the good-will of Providence, enabled to sound with greater and more kindly force than last year. We were then in a lamentable state of poverty; but now, through the success of the Codfishery in this section of the island, the pinching wants of hundreds have been relieved. This success, however, I am sorry to add, is not general, and this, probably, is the reason why a day of general thanksgiving has been withheld by Government, which would so appropriately have followed a day which was set apart by civil and ecclesiastical authority in the spring-time, as a day of special fasting and humiliation before Almighty God. In St. John's, we certainly have been wonderfully blessed, and it was, therefore, thought reasonable, and indeed our bounden duty, to make a special return of our thanks in the public worship of God. In one of the three districts, that, perhaps, which has been relieved from greater distress than either, the evening service was set apart for this purpose on Sunday, October 8th. The congregation, consisting in great part of fishermen and farmers, showed their interest in the service, and a true feeling of gratitude, by a very full attendance at the church, and by joining heartily in the responses and the Hymn for harvest, "Come ye thankful people," which was sung to No. 223, Ancient and Modern. The gratitude of the whole body was further marked by an appropriate anthem, "Thou visitest the earth."—(Greene), the Thanksgiving for plenty, and the sermon which was preached