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DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

B. H. M.

General Purposes.—Sackville, per Rev. W. Ellis, \$7.50.

Widows' and Orphans' Fund.—Lewis Anderson, Esq., Lunenburg, \$2; Aylesford, thanksgiving collection, per Rev. R. Avery, \$6; Acadia Mines, do., per Rev. I. Brock, \$5; Beaver Bank, do., per Rev. W. Ellis, \$2.50.

Superannuation Fund.—Weymouth, thanksgiving collection, per Rev. P. J. Filleul, \$10.75.

JNO. D. H. BROWNE,
Secretary.

B. D. M.

Algoma Bishopric Fund—Port Hill, P. E. I., thanksgiving collection, per Rev. Henry Harper, \$5; Acadia Mines, do., per Rev. I. Brock, \$13.

B. F. M.

Tangier, per Rev. E. H. Ball, \$5.10.

JNO. D. H. BROWNE,
Secretary.

AMHERST RURAL DEANERY.—The Chapter of the Amherst Rural Deanery will meet at Lower Stewiacke, on Tuesday, December 4th, 1883.

J. A. KAULBACH, Secretary.

Truro, Nov. 19th, 1883.

AMHERST.—By a deeply regretted oversight we have omitted speaking of the departure of Canon Townshend for a visit to his relatives in England, and publishing the Address which his Parishioners presented him with before leaving. Canon Townshend fifty years ago was appointed to the united Parishes of Amherst and Westmoreland, and during the long period of time which has intervened, his labours have been devoted and unceasing, and the results large and gratifying. It is difficult to conceive of the extent of this aged servant of God's work. From 1834 to 1845—eleven years—his duties as Rector of Westmoreland were not confined to the Parish Church of Westmoreland, but extended to Baie Verte, where he built a church, and also to Cape Tormentine and Shemogue, where he baptized many. As Rector of Amherst, he served many out-stations, such as Head of Amherst, Maccan, Minudie, Joggins Coal Mines, River Philip and Pugwash. As an indication of his work, it may be mentioned that five clergymen now divide the territory in which he worked. The Deanery over which he presides comprehends eleven parishes. He is also Canon of St. Luke's Cathedral Church, Halifax. The following is the Address:—

AMHERST, N. S., Nov. 2, 1883.

To the Rev. Canon Townshend.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—We regret that although it has been known to your Parishioners here for some time that you contemplated spending the winter abroad, your decision has been arrived at so suddenly, and the date of your departure fixed so early as to render a general expression of the sorrow that will be occasioned by your absence from this community unobtainable.

We avail ourselves, however, of the present occasion to express to you our appreciation of the many years of faithful and loving service which as Rector of this Parish you have devoted so earnestly, affectionately, and laboriously to the interests of your people here, and we at the same time beg you to accept the accompanying purse as a slight token of our love and regard.

We hope that your absence from the Parish will be but temporary, and that you will return to put on your armour with health and strength renewed by a winter's sojourn abroad.

Wishing you a safe and pleasant voyage,

We remain yours,

On behalf of the Parishioners,
E. M. DOUGLAS,
M. E. DICKEY.

We warmly wish the Canon a very pleasant trip and a safe return to the Diocese, and to the Parish which he loves so well.

STEWIACKE.—*Confirmation.*—We have again been favored in this young Parish, with a visit from his Lordship the Bishop. He came here from Londonderry Mines on Thursday, the 25th ult., by the morning train, which, as is often the case, was nearly three hours behind time. The object of his Lordship's visit on this occasion was to hold a special Confirmation at the Dutch Village (Isnorville) which forms the southern portion of this newly constituted Parish. Confirmation had been held at this place last year also, as well as at Trinity Church, Stewiacke, but as the afternoon of that day proved to be very wet, thereby preventing several of the candidates from being present, the Bishop kindly consented to come again this Autumn. The number presented at this time was twenty-two (eight males, and fourteen females) making with those confirmed last year, in all 47. Of the present class three were from the Guysboro Road, Halifax Co., a distance of 12 or 13 miles, and were heads of families. Three came from the district of Hardwood Land in Hants Co., a distance of 9 or 10 miles. Four were from the Milford side of the Shubenacadie in Hants Co., one of whom, Miss Georgina Ross, came up from Halifax, where she is now living, in order to be present, and receive this holy Rite to which she has been anxiously looking forward for some time. Another of the candidates, Mr. Isaac Tully, already alluded to as one of those who came from a distance, had not until very recently received a visit from a Church Clergyman for over *twelve years*, and yet could not relinquish the hope that he would one day have the opportunity of being admitted to the Communion of the Church of his fathers. Two young ladies were from Stewiacke, which is in Colchester Co., and 13 miles distant from St. George's Church. Another, a young man, was obliged to walk five miles through the woods to reach the church. The occasion was, therefore, to be regarded as one of more than ordinary interest, and the eloquent address of his Lordship both before and after the administration of the solemn rite was particularly earnest and heart-searching. No one present could fail of being deeply impressed with the very faithful manner in which both the newly confirmed and others also were urged to avail themselves of the spiritual help and comfort provided for their needy souls in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. He was sorry to learn, and to his Lordship it was most unaccountable, that so many had neglected the last command of our Blessed Lord, "Do this in remembrance of Me." I do trust that the Bishop's words will have the desired effect, and that good results may follow by increasing the number of those who shall gladly attend to this plain and all-important duty. I must not omit to mention that on the arrival of the Bishop in the morning a service was held directly after in Trinity Church, Stewiacke, when, after Hymn 216 (A. & M.) had been sung by the choir, and the Litany had been said by the Incumbent, followed by Hymn 328, a family, consisting of five children, between the ages of 7 and 18, were baptized by his Lordship. The ceremony was a most interesting one, and was followed by a suitable address by the Bishop on the Sacrament of Baptism.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

CRAPAUD.—An invitation having been sent to all the clergy of the Island to meet in St. John's Parish, Crapaud, the following were enabled to attend:—The Ven. J. H. Read, D. D., Archdeacon of P. E. Island; the Revds. Klement Richardson, of St. Eleanor's and Summerside; C. O'Meara, of St. Paul's, Charlottetown; Henry Harper, of Port Hill. The Revds. Dr. Fitzgerald and R. W. Dyer had made every arrangement to attend, but were deterred by indisposition. The Rev. T. B. Reagh was prevented by illness in his family.

Unavoidable engagements detained Rev. W. B. King, of St. Peters, and the Rev. Mr. Welsh had just returned from Nova Scotia. All, however, expressed themselves in full sympathy with the gathering, and regretted the circumstances which kept them away. After a profitable hour spent in discussing a passage in the Greek Testament, the position of the Church in this Province and the best means of carrying on her work was taken up, and it was concluded that an association, having for its object—I. The mutual edification of its members; II. The extension of the principles of the Church; III. Co-operation in pastoral work,—would materially assist in infusing new life and vigor both in clergy and laity in carrying out the designs of our truly Catholic and Apostolic Church. A resolution to that effect was unanimously carried, and a committee was appointed to frame a constitution to be submitted to a meeting of the clergy, to be held in Charlottetown in February. In the evening a public meeting was held in St. John's Church. After shortened Evening Prayer, most excellent and eloquent addresses were delivered as follows: The Ven. Dr. Read, "Our heritage, the Church of our forefathers, has been, is and ever will be, the pillar and ground of the truth."

"Crowns and thorns may perish,
Kingdoms wax and wane,
But the Church of Jesus
Constant will remain;
Gates of hell shall never
'Gainst that Church prevail,
We have Christ's own promise,
And that cannot fail."

Rev. Mr. Richardson on "The Church's duty to the children, and the duty of the members of the Church"; Rev. Mr. Harper on "Temperance," and the Rev. Mr. O'Meara on "Algoma and the work of the Church in the North-West" The church was well filled, and the singing very hearty. Miss Clara D. Palmer presided with her accustomed ability at the organ. The collection, which was very good, was in aid of the general fund of the S. P. G. After the close of service in the church, a number of the parishioners accepted the invitation of Mr. Johnston, and spent a very pleasant evening at the Rectory in company with the visiting clergy. On Wednesday, Morning Prayer was held, and the Holy Communion was administered to a goodly number of communicants. The Rev. Mr. O'Meara preached a most excellent sermon. The offertory was towards the Algoma Mission Fund. In the afternoon the Ven. the Archdeacon and Rev. Mr. O'Meara having left for Charlottetown, the Rev. Mr. Johnston, Rev. Mr. Richardson and Rev. Mr. Harper left for Springfield to attend a missionary meeting to be held in St. Elizabeth's Church, where a large congregation had assembled. The Rector, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Richardson and Mr. Harper addressed the meeting. The Rev. Mr. Richardson made a most excellent address on Foreign Missions, and the high position taken by the Church of England in propagating the pure principles of the Religion of Jesus Christ. The Rev. Mr. Harper spoke warmly on the excellencies of our liturgic service and its effectiveness in inculcating Christian doctrine and Church teaching. The collection, which amounted to \$11.44, was in support of the S. P. G. Missions. On Thursday the clergy left for their respective homes mutually pleased and encouraged, trusting that the Great Head of the Church would not withhold His blessing, but that renewed energy and zeal might characterize all their efforts for the extension of His Kingdom.

CHARLOTTETOWN.—*St. Peter's.*—A special thanksgiving service was held in St. Peter's on Monday, the 29th ult., for the safe return of the Priest Incumbent, the Rev. G. W. Hodgson, from England. The service consisted of Choral Evening-song and a solemn *Te Deum*. Though the night was very wet and stormy, a large congregation had assembled to welcome back their priest. Mr. Hodgson said in a few words how glad he was to be back again among his own people, and how