

parishes of Moncton and New Denmark, and \$100 to the parish of Richmond, to aid in the erection of churches now being built in these parishes.

ST. JOHN.—The congregation of St. James' Church, one of the churches destroyed in the fire of last summer, has been reorganized, and will meet for worship in the Sailors' Bethel until a Sunday-school room is erected. The Rector is the Rev. Wm. Armstrong, A.M.

IN MEMORIAM.—Reference was made last Sunday in many churches in the Diocese to the death of the Rev. Harrison Tilley. His early loss to the Church is deeply felt by all who knew of his personal goodness, his high intellectual gifts, and his eminent usefulness.

KINGSCLEAR.—In connection with the recent confirmation in St. Peter's, Spring Hill, an offering of a suitable chancel carpet was made by Mrs. Maunsell and Miss Maggie Murray.

DALHOUSIE.—*St. Mary's Church*—The Harvest Thanksgiving services in connection with the above Church were held on Tuesday, Nov. 18th. The church—itsself a very pretty Gothic structure—was very handsomely decorated by the various members of the congregation. Flowers, fruits, and vegetables were brought together, and artistically arranged to the best advantage. The altar, vested in its handsome white cloth, upon which stood various vases of flowers, with its cross decorated with bright autumn leaves, presented an appearance very suitable to the joyful festival; and not the least noticeable of the decorations was an extemporized Rood Screen, covered with green, and surmounted on the top by the words, "The Earth is the Lord's," above which appeared a very beautiful cross of oats. The Font and Lectern also received their due amount of attention. The services commenced at 10:30 a.m. Morning prayers and the communion office were said by the Rector, Rev. J. H. S. Sweet, assisted by the Rev. H. H. Barber, Rector of Newcastle. The evening service commenced at 7 o'clock, when the chants and an especial Psalm (ciii.) and a very happy selection of hymns from H. A. & M. were rendered very effectively by the choir. The prayers were said by the Rector, the lessons being taken by the Rev. H. H. Barber, who also preached a very admirable and eloquent sermon on the special teachings of harvest-tide. The offertories throughout the day were devoted to the poor of the parish. On the following day, Wednesday, a Harvest Home was held in the Masonic Hall, which was very kindly given for the occasion. After the singing of hymn A. & M. 224 as a grace, the assembled people sat down to the various tea-tables, upon which was displayed an abundance of God's good gifts to man. Tea being ended, a very admirable programme of vocal and instrumental music was rendered in a way which elicited much applause, and did undoubted credit to the amateur performers. As all did their part so well, even were we inclined to be invidious, it would be impossible to mention any names in particular. At the close of the programme hymn A. & M. 360 was given by the choir, after which "God Save the Queen" closed a very enjoyable and long to be remembered Harvest Home. The hall itself was well filled, and the proceeds were devoted to the Parsonage Fund.

"Church of England Institute," St. John N. B.—The second anniversary service of this association was held at St. Paul's, Portland on Tuesday evening 20th November and was very largely attended, the number of men being in much more than usual proportion to the whole congregation. The clergy in the chancel were the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, the Rev'd. Canon Brigstocke, Rector of Trinity and President of the Institute, Rev. Canon DeVeber Rector of St. Pauls, Rev. W. Armstrong, Rector of St. James, Rev. Geo. Schofield, Rector of Simonds, Rev. T. E. Dowling, Rector of St. George's Carleton, Rev'd. Dr. Lister, Principal of St. John grammar school, the Rev. R. Mathers, Principal of the Wiggins Male Orphan Institution St. John, Rev. W. H. Street, Rector of Bathurst N. B. Evening prayer was said by the Rev. Canons Brigstocke & DeVeber,

the first lesson read by the Rev. W. Armstrong, and the second by the Rev. Geo. Schofield. Mr. G. A. Schofield, honorary organist of St. Pauls presided at the organ, and the singing was led by a strong choir composed of members of Trinity St. John's and St. Pauls church choir. It was very hearty and effective especially in the hymns, which were, "Lights abide celestial Salem" and "Crown Him with many Crowns." The anthem was from the xxvii "Psalm." The Lord is my light and my salvation." The preacher, by special request, was the Bishop of Fredericton, who notwithstanding his advanced years, and pressing duties, is ever ready to assist in aiding any work of the church. His sermon on this occasion was a plain practical exposition of the words:—"Fruitful in every good work" Col. i. 10. The following is from the *St. John Globe*:—"His Lordship remarked that this expression, though very simple to many, contained a great deal. There is a fulness and depth in every text of Scripture and, even if we understand all that is meant by the words just read, it does not follow that we know all. We have here set before us the beginning, end and progress of Christian life under the figure "fruit." Our Lord's language is often figurative, drawn, like much of His teaching, from the domain of Nature of which He was Lord and the Apostle takes it from Him. In all her processes Nature with wise and silent instruction proclaims fruitfulness. The trees, plants and flowers all disclose one harmonizing mind, one grand creative act. We can trace the immensity of God's love as well as the minuteness of His care. There is diversity and unity in all. The seasons by their kindly alternation contribute to fruitfulness. Every climate produces what is proper to its kind, and cultivation improves every product. And is not the Church intended to be a silent type of fruitfulness? Are not all the situations in life intended to show fruitfulness? We must learn not only thankfulness, moderation liberality, but lessons of improvement, progressiveness and lasting reward. The fruit from *without* perishes; the fruit from *within* comes from us. We produce it our ourselves. Both are God's gift. The higher comes from His spiritual power. Again, we all know that every ordinary fruit-bearing tree will not bear fruit beyond a certain number of years. But this is not the case with spiritual fruit. *Permanence* of good fruit is its lasting glory. The longer it lives the more fruit it bears. His Lordship then gave several instances of this fruit from the Old and New Testaments. Let us try to bring this great subject home to our hearts—mutual cultivation and mutual improvement. Some people think that because they do little, they can leave that little to others. The forget that whatever be their station in life they are accountable. Very few people in the world possess very great power. Even genius will not bear fruit without cultivation. A very ordinary mind will often do more by industry and cultivation than a talented one. The idle man can bear no fruit or only sour fruit. He is, "a reed shaken by the wind," blown about by every breath of imagination, going from one kind of occupation to another, but never producing fruit. That real fruit comes from the Spirit of God and was first promised in the covenant of Baptism. And we must remember that this fruit is for *others*. There may be a subtle, refined selfishness in religion which is not in fruit. We come to Church for worship, forgiveness, strength, peace. But it is not merely what we feel on the mount with our Saviour, but it is what we feel when we come down from the hill. Now we may bear fruit in various ways. The humble christian praying for all classes and conditions of mankind, the father of a family training up his children under the influence of his example, the man moderate in the enjoyment of society, honest in paying his debts, kind and merciful, just and considerate, zealous of good works—one and all bear fruit. Every earnest and faithful layman can do much and bear fruit in many ways. He can help and encourage the clergyman, give of his means towards the extension of the Gospel in heathen lands, uphold the doctrines of his Church, relieve the sick and needy, lend a helping hand to a falling sinner. He is bearing fruit. We must labor if we wish to bear fruit. Unfruitless under the Word of Life is a

great misfortune. The Bishop then addressed himself more particularly to the members of the Institute. The great question (he said) is—what practical fruit do we desire this Institute to bear, and how and to what extent is it attainable? We should love and support our Church. A well ordered household is one of the happiest things in the world, and so should it be with our Institute. We must carry out in that Institute what we see in a well conducted house and family. Everybody cannot rule; one must be at the head. Every member of a Church Institute who lives as a Christian and Churchman, bears fruit proper to his ability and station, and is a member of that family which no man hath ever counted or can count, for it contains heaven and earth, and is wide enough for all. In conclusion the Bishop said: Be fruitful in every good work. Labor on steadily and faithfully in your appointed sphere. Difficulties and perplexities all will have; but, if we obey the dictates of conscience and the motions of the Holy Spirit, never refused to sincere prayer, we shall have fruit that remains in ourselves, among our brethren, and in the great Eternal Harvest of the world.

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(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

Ordination.—The Lord Bishop of Quebec held a special ordination service in St. Peter's Church on Sunday, the 18th inst., when the Rev. Richard Harvey, of Bishop's College, Lennoxville, was admitted to the Diaconate. Mattins was said at 9 a.m., and the Ordination service with celebration of the Holy Communion took place at 10:30. The Bishop preached a most suitable sermon. The candidate was presented by the Rev. E. Cullen Parkin, Incumbent of Cookshire, in whose Mission Mr. Harvey has been doing good service as a Lay Reader. Mr. Harvey proceeded on Wednesday by Gulf Ports Steamship Alhambra to Perie, and from thence he will proceed by land to his Mission, that of Shigawake.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.—The first monthly meeting of this association for the present season was held on Tuesday evening, and was numerously attended. After a few remarks from the President, a very interesting paper was read upon "Missionary work in New Zealand," by Rev. T. Richardson, containing allusions to the labors of Bishop Selwyn and Dr. Samuel Marsden in that distant land. A unanimous vote of thanks was tendered to the Rev. Mr. Richardson.

THE LATE REV. DR. NICOLLS.—At the monthly meeting of the Society of the Propagation of the Gospel, held 19th Oct., the following resolution was passed: "That the society has heard with unfeigned regret the tidings of the death of the Rev. J. H. Nicholls, D.D., Principal of Bishop's College, Lennoxville. The society recognizes the great self-denial, patience and steady purpose which he has shown in the government of the college for more than thirty years, and the services he has rendered the church, as in other ways, so especially by successfully training during so long a period, a large proportion of the clergy of the dioceses of Quebec and Montreal. The society desires to express to Mrs. Nicholls its sympathy with her in her great bereavement, and the high esteem which it entertains for the memory of her deceased husband."

THANKSGIVING DAY—GRAND SERVICE IN THE ENGLISH CATHEDRAL.—Thursday, the 22nd, having been set apart by the proclamation of His Excellency the Governor General of the Dominion of Canada, as a day of special Thanksgiving to Almighty God for the blessing of an abundant harvest which He has been pleased to bestow upon this country, was observed as such by a large portion of this community. All the banks and public offices, and a large number of business establishments in this city were closed, and the post office was open only till twelve o'clock.

Divine service was held in the various churches during the day, and in the morning a grand joint service of the various Church of England congregations in this city was held at 11 o'clock.

In the Cathedral there was an immense attendance, the building being thronged from end to end,