

new men have entered the Choir this winter, and the procession is quite long. Frequent Services are held during Lent, Matins and Evensong daily when the Rector is at home, and a Celebration on Tuesdays at 8 o'clock, followed by Intercessory Prayer. On Sundays after Matins, a penitential Litany is sung at the Faldstool, and after Evensong the Miserere. The Sunday School is looking up very much under Mr. Robert Ellis's strict and painstaking superintendence. S. Agnes' Guild is very busy, and a Sewing Guild was last week inaugurated at New Bandon with great enthusiasm.

DERBY AND BLACKVILLE.—We are glad to say that there is now a prospect of the vacancy in this Mission being filled up.

NEWCASTLE AND NELSON.—The Rector has issued a Lenten Pastoral with list of Services for the season of Lent. Special sermons are being preached on Friday evenings on "The History of the Communion Office," and on Sunday evenings on selected subjects. So far these Services have been well attended.

An enthusiastic meeting was held in Nelson on the evening of the 19th March after Evensong and Sermon, to consider matters in connection with the new Church.

RICHIBUCTO.—Alas! the Rectory of old Richibucto is vacant again! Our Parson has gone to Houlton, Maine, U. S., and we are "as sheep having no shepherd." We only hope that some clergyman may soon be found to carry on the good work which Mr. Gwilym had but well begun.

The last Sunday Service at which our Parson officiated here was rendered particularly solemn and impressive by the administration of the Sacrament of Baptism, at which a man who had been a Baptist was baptized, having been led to embrace the Faith of the Church by the intelligent study of Bishop Doane's Manual of Christian Doctrine lately introduced into S. Mary's Sunday School. The circumstance of a man of intelligence thus voluntarily and publicly embracing the Faith made a deep impression upon the congregation which filled the Church. We are glad that the Parson experienced this farewell encouragement, and we only wish that this and other encouragements had been sufficient and timely enough to prevent his departure to another field.

RESTIGOUCHE.—The Rector has just returned from a three days' missionary tour through Flatlands, Dawsonville, Uxalquitch and Mann's Mountain. There were hearty Services everywhere, and the monthly visits of "the Parson" to this district

are much appreciated. During Lent four week-day Services are held in this Mission. We hope to see our pretty Church in Dalhousie nicely painted early in the Spring.

WELDFORD.—Our Parson has been absent in Toronto during the past two weeks, but will return within a few days. We shall all be glad to welcome him back from the "Queen City" of the west to the romantic hills and vales of Bass River and the happy homes of Weldford!

LUDLOW AND BLISSFIELD.—We are glad to say that "*The Deanery Magazine*" is not unknown in this Mission, but is a welcome visitor among our Church people, who are taking an ever-increasing interest in Church matters. Miss Jacob and her co-workers are looking after the young people in Sunday School, and our Lay Readers render valuable aid to Mr. Montgomery, who continues to minister to our spiritual wants with his accustomed energy.

Deanery of Shediac.

In making a contribution of Church news to "*The Deanery Magazine*" for the month of April, I shall say but little about particular Parishes, as I have to refer to matters of *general* moment to the Deanery. On Tuesday and Wednesday, March 12th and 13th, a meeting of the Chapter was held in the Parish of Sackville. The meeting concurred on the 12th with one of the Sunday School Teachers' Union, which was held in the forenoon, and which, in the unavoidable absence of the Rev. J. R. Campbell, was presided over by the Rector of the Parish. The meeting, at which there were twenty Teachers present, besides the Clergy—all the Parishes in the Deanery excepting Albert being represented—was opened by the use for the first time of the newly prepared form of service, which was found to be Liturgically smooth. Much useful business was transacted by the meeting. The Rev. J. H. Talbot, Rector of Moncton, read a paper on "Sunday School Literature," which was duly discussed. The following officers were appointed for the ensuing year: President, Rev. J. R. Campbell; Inspector, Rev. C. F. Wiggins; Secretary, Miss Stevens. The Church women of Sackville entertained the members of the Union most hospitably.

When the business of the Teachers' Union was closed, the Clergy met in Chapter. In the absence of the Rural Dean on the first day, the Rev. D. Bliss, Rector of Westmorland, presided, and welcomed to the Deanery the Rev. Charles E.