

Church buildings, state of surplices and altar linen, etc. All were much encouraged by his sound advice with regard to parochial matters, which the parish will no doubt as far as possible carry out. It is a matter of great satisfaction that the Archdeacon was able to report favourably upon the books, church furniture, and also upon the good condition of communion plate and altar linen. It is pleasing to hear that in the Archdeacon's opinion the parish registers are in good condition and that the entries are made with care and regularity.

The marriage of our young friends Blanchard St. Claire to Sarah Hartling was celebrated on the evening of the 21st of July in the Parish Church. Miss Hartling, who was a member of St. James' choir was the recipient of many useful and ornamental presents. The church was tastefully decorated for the occasion. Archdeacon Kaulbach kindly read closing exhortation and the ceremony was read by the Rector. A large number of relations and friends were entertained at the home of the bride's father, Mr. Samuel Hartling.

John William Whitman and Edna Renney were also married at Beaver Harbor on the 14 inst. The Rector performing the ceremony and many friends being in attendance were hospitably entertained.

Amid these festivities we are reminded of the uncertainty of human existence and the presence of death has again cast a shadow over part of the community. The sudden and unexpected death of Samuel Helpard of Sheet Harbor who succumbed to heart disease while setting a net in a lake near Sheet Harbor, will call forth the sympathy of all in the neighbour-

hood. The deceased leaves a widow and nine children, the eldest but fifteen years of age. Any person desiring to send assistance to the widow (which is much needed) may communicate with the Rector or with Wm. Rutledge, chapel warden at Sheet Harbor.

#### ST. GEORGE'S

#### RURAL DEANERY.

The regular quarterly session of this Deanery was held at the mission of Halifax Cove on August 10th and 11th.

The opening service was held on Tuesday evening and consisted of shortened evening Prayer said by Rev. E. P. Hurley, and the following series of addresses:—

"Christ in the individual,"

Rev. L. J. Donaldson.

"Christ in the Home Life."

Rev. F. C. Berry.

"Christ in the Daily life outside the Home,"

Rev. Rural Dean Mellor.

On Wednesday morning the regular Deanery service was held at 10.30 o'clock with the administration of Holy Communion. The Rural Dean was the Celebrant assisted by Rev. E. P. Hurley. The "ad clerum" sermon was preached by the Rev. E. P. Hurley. It was a most able and eloquent address founded on St. John VIII 31-36 and will long be remembered by those who were privileged to hear it.

The chapter meeting took place at the residence of Mrs. Henderson in the afternoon at 2 o'clock. Besides transacting considerable business an interesting discussion took place on the subject "The rubrics of the Prayer Book." This was introduced by the Rev. Rural Dean while all took part in the discussion.

In the evening service was again held in the church. Shortened Evening Prayer was said by Rev. L. J. Donaldson and another series of addresses given. The subjects and speakers were:—

"The Church"—Rev. F. C. Berry.

"Her form of worship"—Rev. E.

P. Hurley. "Her Ministry"—Rev.

Rural Dean Mellor.

Good congregations were present at all the services and from the earnest and reverent attention paid to the messages delivered by their ambassadors of Christ it is hoped will result a fuller knowledge and appreciation of our beloved Church; as well as the deepening of our spiritual union with God.

The musical portion of the services was also very hearty. Much credit is due to Miss Scott who so faithfully and efficiently presides at the organ, as also to Mrs. Matthews and others who assist in the singing.

The clergymen were most hospitably entertained by Mrs. R. T. Matthews and Mrs. Scott of Crow Harbour and Mrs. Henderson of Halfway Cove.

#### AMHERST.

Rev. C. R. Cumming in charge of Ship Harbour during the absence of the Rector in England—paid this parish a visit last month. He is making a three weeks tour of the Provinces.

Rev. V. E. Harris, was called to Annapolis last month to see his sister Miss Harris, who is very seriously ill.

Master Reginald Harris son of the rector leaves here to enter College at Port Hope, Ont.

This parish will be well represented at Edgehill, Windsor, this term. About seven or eight young ladies are in attendance.