

OUR CHURCH MONTHLY

ACADIA MINES

The ladies of this parish held a sale of useful and fancy articles, with a meat and poultry supper, in St. Bridget's Hall on the afternoon and evening of Monday, Dec. 6th. The display of goods was a very creditable one, and the supper gave the utmost satisfaction to all concerned. Several songs, recitations and instrumental selections were given by members and friends of the congregation during the evening, and were greatly enjoyed by the large gathering present.

Having a large stock of saleable articles, as well as provisions on hand at the close, it was decided to continue the following evening, when a fair number again assembled in the Hall. At the close, the ladies had the satisfaction of counting up about \$160 clear profit. This brings the debt upon the new church down to \$200. The ladies are to be congratulated upon this successful issue.

On Christmas Day there were celebrations of Holy Communion at 8 a. m. and at 11 o'clock morning service. The music was well rendered by the choir.

We trust that whoever may be the successor of the present rector, who is shortly to leave this parish, he will be able to keep up the proficiency of the choir which adds greatly to the attractiveness of the services.

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This parish has been sadly afflicted during the past month; two earnest and faithful young men have been called suddenly away, and another is now at the point of death.

About the middle of November, Ambrose Miller of Northfield, while working on a steamer in one of the shipyards of New York, fell from the deck into the hold, and was almost instantly killed. His body was brought home and buried by the side of his little boy in St. Paul's churchyard.

Ambrose Miller was an earnest member of the Church, a faithful communicant, a warm true friend. He leaves a widow and four small children.

Again in the last days of November, Monson Hayes of Five Mile River, a

bright and young member of the Church, met with a sudden death in Portland, Maine. While working among some powerful machinery, which was in rapid motion, he was caught on a great wheel and instantly killed. His body was brought home and buried in the grave-yard at South Maitland. His young widow has the great consolation of knowing that it is well with her husband.

Again, in the city of Halifax, Elroy O'Brien of Kennetcook, as fine a young man as ever left this parish, while walking along Granville St. was struck by a mass of iron and stone that had broken away from the top of a lofty building. He was taken up in an unconscious state, terribly bruised and shattered. One foot had to be amputated, and for a while hope was held out that he would recover; but his other serious injuries, in the opinion of his physicians, make recovery impossible.

His mother and sister are now with him.

Thank God! the young men, all of them, were ready when the Master called.

"Be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of Man cometh."

Our Christmas services were very bright and hearty. St. John Baptist and Holy Trinity churches were beautifully decorated for the glad festival. Services were held in St. John Baptist Church at 10.30 with a celebration, and in Holy Trinity in the evening.

We were pleased to see Mrs Cochran of Medicine Hat at the evening service. She is on a three months visit to her relatives and many friends in Nova Scotia.

Two of our helpful young girls have lately been taken from us: Charlotte and Emeline, daughters of James Hennigar of Kennetcook.

Charlotte was married in St. Peter's Church, Kennetcook, to John J. Power Esq., barrister, of Pictou, and Emeline is now the wife of Samuel

Hennigar, at present working in Tucson, Arizona.

We wish the young couple every happiness.

Wilbert, son of James Ettinger of Noel Road has also left us and is now working in Arizona. Wilbert is a capital, steady young man and is bound to do well. *Arizona* he finds though is not *Home*.

On Christmas Eve, Howard Hennigar of Northfield, and Sarah Hennigar of Kennetcook were married at the rectory; and on Oct. 31st., Theodore Foster of Five Mile River and Amanda McDonald of Latties' Brook, were married at the home of the bride's brother.

We are glad to be able to say, that we are not going to lose these couples.

We wish them long and happy married lives.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

The new St. Paul's Church, Charlottetown is approaching completion, the outside being finished. It is a handsome building of stone, and will be an ornament to the city. The old church is of wood, and has presented a very shabby appearance for many years.

The parish of Crapaud, which has been vacant for some months, has now a resident clergyman in the person of Rev. F. Andrews late of New Germany, N. S. Mr. Andrews came over a few weeks ago, and his coming must have been very welcome to the parishioners who have lately employed the Church's services (except in one of their churches) only at very long intervals.

Last Oct., Rev. E. T. Woolard resigned the parish of Georgetown and Cherry Valley, and went to Libau, Russia, where he has accepted a chaplaincy.

During the vacancy, services have been held at these places, as well as at Souris, where a neat little church has lately been erected by the clergy of St. Peter's church, Charlottetown