

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

ALBION MINES.—The services in Holy Week were daily, morning and evening, with reading or sermon, and celebration on Maundy Thursday. The collections on Good Friday were for the Parochial Jews Fund. Service was also held at Westville on Good Friday at 3 p.m.

TRURO.—*Confirmation*—The Bishop arrived from River John on the afternoon of the 11th inst., attended by Rev. D. C. Moore, Rural Dean, and was met by the Vicar, Rev. J. A. Kaulbach, Revs. J. R. S. Parkinson, and R. W. Hudgell, respectively Rectors of Londonderry and Stewiaske, both parishes originally included in that of St. John's, Truro. At 7:30 the beautiful stone church was filled. The Bishop preceded by the clergy, Rev. R. W. Hudgell bearing the astoral staff, entered at the west door and proceeded to the chancel to a hearty 'Processional.' The Bishop directed the Rural Dean to read the Preface, and then in his now well known solemn manner, confirmed the 27 candidates presented by the Vicar, (the 28th being ill the Bishop kindly confirmed him in the house next morning.) The Church, always beautiful, was made far more so than ever by the electric lights lately introduced. The music and singing reflected great credit on Mr. Faulkner, and the choir. The offertory was for the superannuated Clergy Fund.

What shall we say of the Bishop's address on St. Paul's words, "First that which is natural and afterwards that which is spiritual." In simplest language he plainly showed forth the deepest truths, drawing out in full and beautiful detail the filial relationship to the "natural" and the "spiritual" Father, the Sonship of fact, of privilege, of conduct, of imitation, of realization, &c. Sometimes the illustrations were so "every day" as almost to cause a smile, and then the Right Reverend Father rose to all the intense fervor of devotion and adoration due to the Almighty Father "Who is in Heaven." It was a treat to listen to the address, and we cannot doubt it will be blessed to the newly confirmed and to many another who heard it.

The church people at Truro, led by their vicar, are always at something; this time it is rebuilding a portion of the vicarage—good as the work is, it hindered the Vicar from entertaining the Bishop, who, however, was most kindly and gladly cared for by Mr. and Mrs. Bentley.

The Bishop left for Halifax on Friday forenoon. Truro has a yearly Confirmation as a rule, and the Bishop's return will be a wish from all here a twelvemonth long, and is most sincere.

RIVER JOHN.—On Tuesday, April the 9th, the Bishop arrived at Pictou, attended by Rev. Rural Dean Moore, and was met by the Rector of this Parish and driven over the twenty miles of road, in time to take a hasty meal before the bell called to Church. Confirmation was the object of the service, and seventeen received the "Laying on of Hands." The Bishop's address was most telling, and the crowded congregation listened with breathless attention. After the Bishop had unrobed he came from the vestry (the whole congregation having remained) and received an address of hearty welcome, making a reply remarkable for the kindness and directness of his remarks; he expressed his pleasure at seeing in River John so well appointed a Church, with its Lectern specially appropriated to God's Holy Book; the Prayer Desk so placed that by no possibility could the people imagine the Priest was praying to them; the choir round about the Priest to aid in the proper rendering of the worship; the Font in its proper place, where Christ placed Baptism, at the entrance to the Church, and good space about the altar, at which altar he hoped all those confirmed would be found at every avail-

able opportunity. The super-frontal of purple was made and presented by Mrs. Downing, the Rector's wife, and is chastely and appropriately adorned with churchly symbols. The choir with the Rector's young daughter at the organ, rendered the musical part of the service most creditably.

After a needed night's rest, on Wednesday morning, the Holy Eucharist was celebrated by his Lordship the Bishop, served by Rural Dean Moore, and in spite of a snow storm a goodly number of communicants were present at eight o'clock.

After breakfast the Bishop and the two Priests started for Trinity Church and Atanagouche road; the seven miles being safely travelled with the capital pair of horses with which Mr. Patrick Burke, the owner, had brought the party from Pictou the previous day. Here again the Rural Dean bore the Pastoral staff as acting chaplain, and the Bishop confirmed eleven more candidates (in all 28). His address upon this occasion was, if possible, more effective than that on the evening before, remarkable for the depth of thought and the clothing of the thoughts in words and figures so plain that none could fail to understand. Many were moved to tears. Returning to the Rectory, the party was quite ready for dinner, which being duly attended to, the Bishop administered private baptism to the infant child of Rev. Mr. Downing, the Rector, and gave it his own name 'Fredine Courtney' and then departed for Pictou; kindly taken thither by Mr. Mingo, who rejoices in the name of 'Hibbert Binney.'

As everywhere Bishop Courtney won golden opinions and had earnest desires expressed for a speedy return.

Evening service was held at 7:30, when the Rev. Rural Dean Moore preached an appropriate sermon to an attentive congregation.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

No Report.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

No report.

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

No report.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

TORONTO.—Mr. T. Keith Godden, B.A., of Trinity College, Toronto, who has been lay reader for nearly two years, under the Rev. C. Rattan, has been appointed to the parish of Beeton and Tottenham. The following is taken from the *Toronto Globe*:

After the usual week day Lenten session last evening a meeting of the congregation of St. Barnabas' church, was held to obtain the services of another lay reader in place of Mr. Godden, who was leaving to take up work in the parish of Beeton, to which the Bishop has appointed him. Mr. Godden then proposed that Mr. Ross, of Trinity College, should be his successor, which was seconded by Mr. R. Playton and carried. After some kind words from the rector, Rev. C. Rattan and farewell remarks from Mr. Godden, Mr. H. Frankland, on behalf of the congregation, presented him with an address and purse. A short reply was made, after which the meeting concluded.

DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

No report.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

LONDON.—Special services were held daily in the several churches. In Christ Church, the Rev. Mr. Hughes, of Listowell, was the

preacher. In St. Paul's, Rev. Mr. Ker and the Bishop occupied the pulpit. In the Memorial Church, the Rector has the assistance of Rev. R. Hicks, Canon Newman and Principal Fowel. In St. James', the Rector preaches himself on daily events connected with the Week of Passion.

CHATHAM.—His Lordship the Bishop of the Diocese visited this town on Saturday, the 13th. He preached in the two churches on Sunday, the 14th, to very large congregations, and in the afternoon of the same day he preached in the Dover Church.

On Monday morning he left for Mooretown, holding two Missionary meetings there, and on Tuesday morning went on to Sarnia, where he addressed a congregation in St. George's Church.

The weather was very fine, and it is needless to say the congregations in each case were large.

S. S. COMMITTEE.—At a meeting of the Sunday-school Committee of the Diocese of Huron at which all the members were present, the following resolutions were passed and will be presented to the Synod at its next meeting:

1. That the Synod be requested to appropriate a sum not exceeding \$1,000, for the purpose of establishing a permanent depository in the Synod office, to supply the Sunday-schools of the Diocese at the lowest possible prices, with library and prize books, maps, hymn and prayer books, and the publications of the S. S. Institute.

2. That a monthly magazine be established under the auspices of the Committee, with the object of strengthening the work in our Sunday Schools, and disseminating information relative to the general progress of the Diocese.

3. That a Diocesan S. S. Superintendent be appointed, whose duties shall be to prepare examination papers, to arrange for the holding of examinations in the different Sunday-schools to help to organize new schools, and to exercise supervision over the Sunday-school work in the Diocese.

4. That a definite portion of the Catechism, Prayer Book and Church History be appointed as subjects for study and examination.

5. That an annual S. S. Convention be held in each Rural Deanery in the Diocese in the month of October, for the purpose of infusing a deeper interest in the Sunday-school work, of gathering and imparting information and cementing the bonds of Christian fellowship in the work.

6. That his Lordship the Bishop be requested to select a Sunday, which shall be known as "Sunday-school Day," to be marked by the preaching of special sermons to both parents and scholars.

7. That the Secretary be instructed to use his best efforts to obtain full statistics of the Sunday-school in the Diocese, and to send copies of the above to the Church papers and to the secretaries of the S. S. Committee of the other Dioceses.

PEACE RIVER MISSION.

[From the *Orillia Packet*.]

SIR,—Permit me through the medium of your paper to announce to our friends our safe arrival in this far distant mission field. Owing to a very rainy summer in the North-west, we had very great difficulty in getting into the country. We left Toronto on the 13th of August, and it was the 29th before we could secure freighters and make start from Calgary on the three hundred mile trip across the country to Athabasca Landing. Our brigade consisted of thirteen ox teams, one waggon with three horses, our own mission team, two horses and a Chatham waggon, and a one-horse light waggon for Mrs. Brick and our youngest son Fred, and even then we had to