

confirmed, they were of such a nature as to be of the greatest interest to each member of the large and attentive congregations, which completely filled the respective churches.

The Surpliced choir which leads the praises in this little church at every service had spent much time in preparing for this special service, and, led by the organist Mrs. Chas. Rigby, they rendered their part of the service in a most becoming manner, their reverence and devotion being as real as it was obvious.

On the morning of the 12th the Bishop and clergy drove to Christ Church, South Head, where a large and reverent congregation awaited them. At 11 o'clock the Bishop, preceded by the Rural Dean, Rector, and Chaplain, marched in procession to the Chancel, the choir and congregation singing "The Church's one foundation."

The confirmation service only was said, the Rector presenting thirteen candidates, six males and seven females, upon whom the Bishop, after fervent prayer, laid his hand as a sign of God's favour and goodness towards them. In order to warn them against the great and common temptation which was likely to beset them, viz; to imagine that they now know a great deal about God and the things of God, the Bishop remind them of the manifold works of God in nature, which had engaged the attention of thousands of wise men in the past, and which still proved as attractive and inexhaustible as they did in the days of Moses or Solomon. In plain and beautiful language he advised them to be humble and patient learners at the feet of their Rector, and to go on from strength to strength, aided above all other things, by the blessings which ever await the faithful and frequent communicant.

Luncheon at the Rectory was followed by an address of welcome from the parishioners, to which his Lordship replied in a most charming manner. The Bishop and Suite then dined with our very kind parishioner Robert Bellair Esq., and at 7.30 the parish church bell rang out its call to prayer, which was responded to by many more than were able to find room within the church, although every lawfully available space was occupied. Shortened evening song was then said, after which the Bishop came down from his throne in the Sanctuary and began the confirmation service.

Nine candidates, three males and six females, making thirty three in all, were presented for the apostolic rite and partook of its blessings. Here, as at the other services *Veni Creator Spiritus* was sung immediately before "the laying on of hands," and "O Jesus I have promised" after the special benediction. The Bishop's address teemed with instruction, warning, and sympathy of no uncertain ring, and spoke a deep knowledge of the real worth, and the relative value of those ordinances which men have substituted, for the Divinely appointed rite of Confirmation.

The Bishop's marked reverential and dignified manner of rendering the service generally, his particularly appropriate manner of offering the alms to God, and many other little actions of a similar nature, evinced the awful reality of those things to him; taught many a parishioner a life long lesson, and encouraged the Rector in his special efforts to impress upon them the true position of their offering to God, and reverence for the things of God.

His Lordship's visit was fraught with many spiritual blessings to the Parish, and has been a source of strength and encouragement to Priest and people alike.

The Rector and Wardens end their sincere thanks to F. O. Kumber Esq. of St. George's; William Routledge Esq., and lady, Chas. Rigby Esq. and lady; William Routledge Esq. Jr., and Robert Bellair Esq., for their special and respective acts of kindness to the Bishop and visiting clergy.

time St. John's Church, St. Eleanor's had stood sadly in need of repairs. There was no chancel, but only a very small space enclosed at the east end, which formed the Sanctuary. The choir and organ were located in a gallery at the west end; the pews were high straight-backed and very uncomfortable, and all furnished with doors.

The pulpit was out of place; the plaster of the walls tumbling, and, indeed, throughout the whole of this large edifice, restoration was greatly needed.

During the present summer, much enthusiasm was awakened, and improvements long talked over became possibilities. A parish meeting was called, presided over by the Rector, Rev. C. F. Lowe, to devise ways and means, and after some discussion a large majority decided to erect a chancel inside the building. Plans were prepared and tenders called for.

The greatest difficulty, however, seemed to be the vexed "pew question," the pews in this church being owned by different members of the congregation; the right of occupation having come down to them from their forefathers.

By dint of persistent effort, with Divine blessing on the work, the question was amicably settled and the chancel at last begun. The arch is of the style known as 'depressed gothic,' and is very nicely finished. The whole chancel extends about twenty feet from the east end, is proportionably broad, gives ample room for an organ alcove, and room for the Sunday-school library on one side, and on the other there is a neat and commodious vestry with the door opening into the chancel, but also communicating with the outside. The Sunday-school scholars also enter their library from the outside.

There are altogether five steps from the body of the church to the altar, and the choir now numbering 15 occupy their neat and churchly stalls in the chancel. The choir and organ which for a great number of years have occupied the west end gallery now take their proper places in the new chancel.

A tea and bazaar was held this summer on the beautiful rectory grounds, when the sum of \$482 was netted. The weather was delightful, and both old and young did their utmost to make it a success. It is needless to say they succeeded admirably.

A few weeks after the church was closed for thorough restoration, a committee, composed of Messrs. J. W. Riley, Wm. Andrew and James Tanton, was appointed to see the work done (under contract), and so the whole was worthily and admirably executed.

It was a glad day then, when on Sunday, 16th Sept., the re-opening service was held. Prayers were said by the Rector, and a sermon impressively preached by Rev. T. B. Reagh, of New London. Taking as his text the words of Haggai, "In this place will I give peace," and "From this day will I bless you." The preacher ably set forth the lessons taught by the texts and by the service of the day. The church holding about 300 was literally packed, many having to go away unable to find seats. The church now presents a perfectly modern appearance, is neatly carpeted, painted and repaired; the whole looking quite modest and inviting. It is to be heated by base burners during the winter, and also banked on the outside. An excellent Sunday-school library is now in good working order, and good wholesome literature provided for the scholars.

SOMMERSET.—A new organ has been purchased for St. Mary's Church here, and gives satisfaction. We are mainly indebted to the indefatigable ladies of the Mite Society for this. The Society has two branches in this parish; that in St. Eleanor's being the second. They are both working capitally.

One of the ladies of the above Society, Miss Maggie Pope, lately bestowed her hand upon Dr. Baird, of Summerside. The happy couple reside here, so that the Church will not lose

any of her members in this place. This is as it should be.

Both churches in this parish are now thoroughly restored, and much interest is manifested in all good works of our Mother Church. Truly we may thank God and take courage.

DIocese OF FREDERICTON.

TESTIMONIAL TO CHIEF JUSTICE ALLEN.—The Bar of St. John presented an address and testimonial to the Hon. John C. Allen, L. L. D., Chief Justice of this Province, on the 13th of Oct. inst, in celebration of the jubilee of the Chief Justice's admission to the Bar which took place on the 13th of Oct. 1838.

"This thoughtful and graceful recognition, by his brethren of the Bar, of the eminent professional, public, and judicial services of the Chief Justice, as well as of the excellence of his character as a man, will meet, (says the *Capital Fredericton*), with the most cheerful approval of the people of the entire Province. In this city, where His Honor has resided during almost his whole lifetime, and where, consequently, he is best known, the action of the Bar of St. John will give universal pleasure.

While practicing his profession, the Chief Justice was known as "Honest John Allen," and we have no hesitation in saying that the same purity of character which won him this title as a lawyer, has been a conspicuous feature of his character as a politician, cabinet minister, church warden, soldier, as well as in his judicial capacity."

The Chief Justice is also known to be a true and loyal Son of the Church of England, and his counsel and assistance has been freely given in her service, not only in his own diocese but as a leading, and most valued member of the Provincial Synod of Canada. His fellow churchmen will rejoice at this evidence of estimation on the part of his brethren of the legal profession; and for ourselves we offer our hearty congratulations as well on the occasion of the Jubilee as on the unmistakably appreciative recognition of it by the Bar; and would hope that many years of usefulness in Church and state, may yet be granted to his Lordship.

The Testimonial, which is valued at \$500, is a very beautiful centre piece for the table, of solid silver, oxidized, gold lined, bowl shaped with a small curved base of the same material. It is about 8 1/2 inches high, and about 8 inches at the bottom, swelling out to 14 inches in diameter at the largest centre curve and then receding to 10 inches at the top. The rim is very prettily fluted. It bears the following inscription in a very pretty script type;

Presented to the Honorable JOHN CAMPBELL ALLEN, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of New Brunswick, by the Bar of the City and County of St. John, October 13th, 1888.

The bowl is one of the finest pieces of silver work that has been seen in the Province, and in all its lines, curves and ornamentations will please the most fastidious taste.

The address was beautifully engrossed and illuminated on a large sheet of parchment, which was bound into book form between full Turkey Morocco covers with extra gilt finish and white corded silk lining. On the front cover was the following inscription:—

Presented to the Honorable JOHN C. ALLEN, L. L. D., Chief Justice of New Brunswick, by the members of the St. John Bar, 13th, Oct. 1888.

ST. JOHN.—At the last public meeting under the auspices of the Church of England Sunday School Association, held in Trinity Church school room, Rev. Canon Brigstocke presided, who after the opening exercises delivered a short practical address, on Sunday school work; Rev. C. J. Jameson the relation of the parent to the Sunday school. Rev. R. V.