

remembrance as we say these few words. May God give us grace to see ourselves as we really are, and to be able to say with all our heart, "There is no help in us." Even our best acts and feelings are tainted with sin. The evil that is in us is, in God's sight, like a disease that makes us altogether unsound—unhealthy.

The remainder of the "Confession" after these words is an earnest prayer that God will have mercy on us; that He will "spare" us, and "restore" us, as He has "promised" in Christ Jesus. We speak of ourselves here as "miserable offenders." I think I may hope that we have all come to feel ourselves offenders, but is it true that we feel "miserable?" This is an important question. We must take care to be very true in all that we say to God. Let us ask ourselves, does it make me unhappy to know that I have sinned? Am I at all "miserable" about it? And if our hearts answer "No," let us ask God to help us to hate sin more, and to be able to say truly that we feel "miserable" because we are offenders "against His Holy Laws."

"Lord, when we bend before Thy throne,
And our confessions pour,
Teach us to feel the sins we own,
And hate what we deplore."

—Selected.

News from the Home Field.

Diocese of Nova Scotia.

ANNAPOLIS RURAL DEANERY.

A meeting of this Deanery was held at Granville Ferry on Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 21st and 22nd, being the regular dates as per resolution of previous meeting. The Rural Dean and five others of the clergy were present and took part in the proceedings of a very interesting meeting.

The Rev. F. P. Greatorox, much to the regret of the brethren, was again prevented from being in attendance owing to sudden illness. The Rev. J. Warner also sent his regrets, having made arrangements for a well-earned holiday in the United States.

Proceedings commenced with a missionary meeting, in the pretty church at the Ferry, on Tuesday evening. Rev. H. How said prayers, and the meeting was addressed in lengthy speeches by the Rev. the Dean (in his well-known effective style, his grasp of facts being as is usual his characteristic feature), and the Rev. J. M. Withycombe, who treated the subject of the "Scope and Claims of our Diocesan Missions." Owing to the lateness of the hour the Rev. H. A. Harley, who was to have addressed the meeting, did not speak. There were a good many of the parishioners present at this meeting, though the weather was anything but favourable. On Wednesday morning there was Matins and Holy Communion in the same church, at which service the Rector of Digby preached an impressive sermon from the suggestive words, "Without Me ye can do nothing."

The Chapter met at the Rectory in the afternoon for the transaction of business. Mr. Binnington, theological student of St. Boniface, Warminster, Eng., a guest of Rev. Mr. Gale, was invited to take a seat with the clergy. A casual question regarding the amount in hand for a proposed Travelling Missionary, led to an informal discussion *in re* the same, during the course of which Mr. Harley made reference to the fact that he had received the promise of \$200 per annum from the Bishop of the Diocese for a missionary to take charge of the Digby Neck Mission. This sum, with an additional sum in prospect from the B.H.M. and other sources, would enable him to secure the ser-

VICES of a man as soon as one might be available.

The office for ordination of priests was then read in order without comment.

The Rev. W. B. Belliss, Rector of Clements, being called upon, read an able paper on "Systematic Giving." Revs. Dean How and Harley spoke interestingly and to some length on the topic suggested by the paper. The Deanery commended very highly the suggestive and argumentative character of Mr. Belliss's paper.

Perhaps the most interesting feature of the meeting was the following very practical and progressive motion proposed by Rev. Mr. How, of St. Luke's, Annapolis, "That there be a Deanery Sunday School Convention to meet simultaneously with the clergy, at which delegates from the various parishes might be in attendance, one or more of whom to prepare a paper on some subject bearing upon Sunday School Work, for discussion; and that this Convention work with a view to uniformity in Sunday School Work throughout the Deanery, and regular examinations of teachers and pupils according to the schedule and recommendation of the Provincial Synod."

Rev. J. M. Withycombe seconded the motion, at the same time urging the necessity of more progressive action in relation to this all-important branch of Church Work.

The Rural Dean appointed Rev. Messrs. How, Gale and Belliss as a Committee to meet for discussion of details of the proposed Convention, and to report at next meeting.

Rev. F. P. Greatorox was appointed the preacher at the next meeting; substitute, R. D. DeBlais. Next place of meeting: Annapolis.

The clergy who came from a distance, and indeed all the visiting brethren, carried away with them grateful recollections of the hospitality and kindness shown towards them by the genial Rector and his estimable lady, and the good parishioners of Granville Ferry.

J. M. WITHYCOMBE,
Secretary.

YARMOUTH.

The observance of Christmas Day in Holy Trinity Church was very bright and beautiful. The church had been decorated with exquisite taste and skill under the direction and management of Mr. A. W. Eakins, chairman of the decorating committee. At 8 o'clock there was a celebration of the Holy Communion, which was largely attended. The full morning service, with sermon, and a second celebration of the Communion took place at 11, when the church was filled by a devout congregation. A fine musical programme was executed by the choir, with grand effect. The *Te Deum*, the Anthem, "We have seen His star in the East," and offertory solo by Mrs. Flint, with chorus by the full choir, was particularly fine. The Rector preached an appropriate sermon, and a liberal offertory was made in aid of the Poor Fund of the Parish. The service was worthy of all commendation.—*Herald*.

Diocese of Fredericton.

ST. JOHN.

The new rector of St. Paul's church in this city enters on his work with the unanimous good wishes of his brethren and the best auspices of success. He brings to us an excellent record of work done, and he finds as his sphere a parish and congregation which has consistently and sufficiently represented in St. John the theology and the work of the historic High Church party, that school of thought which was represented in the Reformed Church of England since the time of Bancroft's famous sermon at St. Paul's

Cross, and has had its distinguished roll of members and dignitaries down to the time of Bishops Wilberforce and Wordsworth, Dean Burgon and the present Archbishop of York. Best of all, Mr. Dicker enjoys the aid which one of his colleagues, for too short a season, found in the fatherly friend and counsellor who had been his own predecessor in the parish. The date of the service of induction, we understand, has not yet been fixed. But it will assuredly be an occasion of memorable importance, inaugurating a ministry which all pray may be long and beneficial.—[From "Church of England Notes" in *Daily Sun*, St. John, N.B.]

THE DEANERY OF ST. JOHN.—The quarterly meeting of the clergy of the Deanery of St. John was held at St. Luke's church, Portland. The following were present: Rev. Messrs. Brigstocke, DeVeber, Spike, deSoyres, Raymond, Sampson, James, Sibbald, Eatough and Hoyt.

The customary routine work was duly called out, including the reading and discussion of the second chapter of the first Epistle to Timothy.

Several matters of interest were discussed, including the question of the eligibility of a clergyman not in charge of a congregation to perform the marriage service. In this connection a letter from the Attorney-General of the Province was read, stating that in his opinion only those clergymen actually ministering to a particular congregation were under the statute authorized to marry.

Diocese of Quebec.

[We regret that the following reports have been delayed in appearance in our columns through mistake on our part.—ED.]

BISHOP'S COLLEGE, LENNOXVILLE, P.Q.

MISSIONARY UNION.—This Society held meetings on St. Andrew's Day. A sermon directing the attention of the members of the Institution to missionary work as a mode of preparing for the Second Advent, had been preached on the Sunday evening previous by the Principal.

On Nov. 30 the proceedings were commenced at 7.15 a.m. by a celebration of Holy Communion. At Morning Prayer, 8.45 a.m., two missionary hymns were sung and a sermon was preached by the Rev. W. Windsor, of St. John's, P.Q. (Montreal Diocese), formerly a missionary in India. The sermon was interesting and suggestive, and abounded in illustrations which were thoroughly appreciated by the younger part of the audience as well as the rest, the members of college and school being present.

In the evening at 7.30 a public meeting was held in the College Hall. The Principal took the chair. The usual office of the Union was said, and some business and reports considered. It was decided to take in the *C. M. S. Intelligencer*, as well as the *Mission Field* and *The Spirit of Missions* and *The Leaflet*. Other missionary papers, including the *Canadian Missionary* (monthly) are taken.

A paper was read of an interesting and suggestive character on the missionary life and career of Bishop Selwyn, of New Zealand; for this paper the Society was indebted to Mr. A. R. Moore, B.A., of the Divinity Faculty. A clear and concise sketch of Selwyn's career before he became Bishop of Lichfield was presented, and was given with a sympathetic touch.

The Rev. W. Windsor followed, and gave an interesting and eloquent address on his journey to India and on several phases of Mission work, especially that carried on in the Zenanas. He described the famous city of Lucknow, and referred to the heroic defence of that city in the days of the Mutiny.