

THE CHURCH OBSERVER

and truss have been put in increasing the length of the church sixteen feet, and finished to correspond with the other part of the church. The carpenter work was done by day's work, contractor E. J. Ridd having charge. A pretty effect and important acquisition is a border 5½ inches wide inside the arch leading to the chancel, which is the design of Ald. Martin, chairman of the building committee. Besides being ornamental this arch covers a part of a truss of the old chancel which projected objectionably.

The foundation was constructed by Messrs Job McFarlane and Amos Govang at a cost of about \$1400.; the carpenter work on the church cost something like \$700 and two furnaces being put in by the R. F. & M. Co., will cost about \$200. Finishing the basement which is being done by Mr. West of Rothersey, will increase the expenditure about \$500. more and the total improvements will amount to about \$3000. The painting was done by Mr. W. A. Metzler.

The enlargement of the church necessitated putting in some additional pews thus increasing the seating accommodation of the church to about 600. Mr. A. A. Tuttle manufactured the pews.

The building committee was composed of Messrs W. D. Martin (chairman) Wm. Powell, D. S. McManus and Grant Hall.

The grading about the church will be done next spring.

HALIFAX.

The annual services for the Church of England Institute were held on the Festival of St. Simon and St. Jude, at St. Luke's Cathedral. Celebration of Holy Com-

munion at 7.30 a. m. and choral Evensong at 8 p. m. The sermon was preached by Rev. W. J. Arnitage, Rector of St. Pauls, from the text Galatians 6. 9. The choir sang very well, an anthem and Cantate and Deus being excellently rendered; The hymns, familiar to all, were heartily joined in by the congregation. The offertory was for the funds of the Institute. The clergy present were the Dean, Rev's. Dr. Bullock, W. B. Bullock, Foster, Almon, H. Pittman, F. Webster.

The committee of gentlemen in charge of the new cemetery on Windsor Road, nearly 3 miles from the city, made arrangements for the consecration of the grounds by the Bishop, on Monday, 8th. Nov. His Lordship, in robes and biretta, was attended by Rev. J. Simmonds acting as chaplain and leading the staff. Rev. E. P. Crawford, Rev. W. J. Arnitage, Rev. H. H. Pittman, and Rev. W. Ancient, a good number of the laity were also present, though the cold and windy weather doubtless prevented many from attending. A procession was formed and perambulated the wide walks as far as they were laid out, the Bishop and clergy repeating a number of selected psalms. On returning to the Lodge the rest of the service was concluded, consisting of Prayers by the Bishop, a Lesson read by Rev. Mr. Crawford from 1 Thess. 4, 13 to end, Hymn 122 (A and M), and the Bishop's address, on the propriety of reparing a portion of God's earth for the resting place of the bodies of His servants, concluding with the words of ancient Liturgies, "Eternal rest grant unto them. O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them." After the Benediction the gathering dispersed.

Rev. Canon Brock recently de-

livered one of his interesting and scholarly discourses in St. Luke's Cathedral, on "The English Reformation; its nature and blessings." In lucid and concentrated language he presented a picture of the time, circumstances and famous leaders of Reform in England, showing that it was continuous for over a century; that it was a restoration of the good that had been lost and a rejection of evil accretions; and that it was not a schism, but a clear continuation of the old historic church handed down from the days of the Apostles of Christ.

Among the countless blessings bestowed by the Reformation were the Holy Scriptures as we now have them, the Book of Common Prayer, the moral freedom of the nation, &c. Would that more of our clergy would give their people sermons of this nature, to build them up in holy Faith, and supply them with answers wherewith to confound or convince the enemies of the church.

The Bishop administered the rite of Confirmation to a number of candidates at St. Matthias' Church on Sunday morning, Nov. 21st. He also preached at St. James' church at the head of the N. W. Arm in the evening, the offertory being devoted to the Windsor Fire Relief Fund.

PARRSBORO.

The Methodist Revivalists Hunter and Crossley have come and gone. With much sounding of trumpets the Revival was inaugurated. Innocent children were numbered among the "conversions" and thus the outside world forms a wrong impression of the results which are unvariably marked in numbers. The only benefit that is visible to