

things, and ribald sanctimoniousness that has ever disgraced a professing Christian country. In every place where the "Army" has established itself it has come sooner or later into violent contact with the law of the land, while on every side it offends the meek and holy dispensations of the Gospel.

At Birmingham, William Nokos, a captain in the Salvation Army, was charged with deserting his wife and family, who had in consequence become chargeable to the parish. When arrested he said he had been "serving the Lord," and while he was doing that somebody else must look after his wife and children, as he had no time for such matters. On being sentenced to a month's imprisonment, with hard labor, he called out loudly, "Praise the Lord for all things; that is what I wish!" He was removed, shouting "Praise the Lord!"

"General" Booth has been ostentatiously announcing for several days on gigantic posters six feet long that "Colonel" Ballington Booth is to be married to Miss Charlesworth, the young lady whose father, it will be remembered, the Rev. S. Charlesworth, protested some time ago against the dealings of the Booth family with his daughter. In the face of such immoralities and *extravaganzas*, it is strange to find some really good people endeavoring to uphold this burlesque on Christianity as something to be admired and imitated.—*Irish Ecclesiastical Gazette*.

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

BERTWICK.—*Christ Church.*—A harvest thanksgiving service was held in this church on Sunday, 26th Sept., at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. The church was handsomely trimmed with autumn leaves, ferns and flowers, interspersed with fruits of different kinds. On the altar stood a cross made entirely of white flowers, which was very much admired. A large congregation was present, a great many of whom belonged to the different sects, but who seemed to enjoy the service very much. The harvest hymns and canticles were well rendered by the choir. A very appropriate and eloquent sermon was preached on the occasion by the Rev. R. Avery, Rector of Aylesford, who has been in temporary charge of this church during the absence of the Rector in England. The people here owe a debt of gratitude to Mr. Avery for his kind services in keeping the church open nearly every Sunday, since the 1st of May to the present time, without any remuneration whatever. We feel the want of a resident clergyman here very much, as the distance is too far from the Parish Church, it being eighteen miles between the two. During midwinter the church has been closed for six weeks at a time without a service. There is a good chance to build up a large congregation here. We are living in hopes that some arrangement will soon be made whereby we can have more frequent services.

SACKVILLE.—It is with much thankfulness that we announce the opening of the new church at Beaver Bank, in this parish. This district, extending over several miles, has hitherto been without a place of worship of any kind, and the Church's services have been conducted in a private house. Many years ago, however, God put it into the heart of a lady, whose relatives hold property in this vicinity, to endeavor to provide for the spiritual wants of the surrounding population by building a Mission Room (she hardly dared to hope for a church) in which Divine service might be regularly held. She had only succeeded in raising a trifling sum when God called her to her rest, but her work was not suffered to drop. It was taken up by those dearest to her, who worked on, and prayed and waited for the Di-

vine blessing upon their efforts. About six years ago, the Rector of the parish, when on a visit to England, pleaded with good result for this cause. He resolved that as this good work had been begun, so it should if possible be continued by the women and children of the Church. The first donation he received in England was from a little grand-daughter of Canon Venables, the late Vicar of Great Yarmouth; and the largest, amounting to many pounds, was given by Miss A. M. Claxton, a lady whose self-denying labors on behalf of Missions cannot be too highly spoken of. We had hoped to complete the little church long ere this, but various causes, chiefly the lack of funds, prevented our doing so. The S. P. C. K., however, came to our aid with a generous grant of forty pounds sterling. We are indebted to the good Sisters of Kilburn for a handsome altar cloth and other gifts, and to William Laycock, Esq., of Huddersfield, for our altar plate. Kind Halifax friends have given us a Bible, alms' bags, and a credence table, for which we tender them our grateful thanks. There is still a debt of about fifty dollars on the church, and a font and a carpet for the chancel have yet to be supplied. Contributions to either of these objects will be thankfully received and acknowledged by Miss Penelope Grove, The Woodlands, Beaver Bank, Halifax, N.S. We have only to add that the church, which had been tastefully decorated for the occasion, was opened on Sunday, the 10th inst. The church was well filled, and the service bright and hearty. The sermon was preached by the Rector, and at its close twenty-six communicants gathered around the Holy Table. *Laus Deo.*

PICOTOU.—*St. James' Church* has sustained another great loss in the death of G. J. Hamilton, Esq. He was a liberal contributor, a consistent member, and for many years took a deep interest in the affairs of the Church.

ALBION MINES.—Mr. H. H. Pittman has ceased working as Lay Reader in this parish. He has rendered good service, and when his course at King's College is completed, he will, we cannot doubt, become a very efficient clergyman. During the summer, by his means, New Glasgow has had two Sunday services instead of one; and Westville, Thorburn and Trenton have had Sunday instead of week-day services. He has proved the necessity, and we believe the possibility, of employing a Curate.

On Sunday, Oct. 10th, Rev. D. C. Moore (according to notice) read to the congregations of St. George's, New Glasgow, and Christ Church, Albion Mines, the Bishop of Algoma's sermon on "Restoration of Church Unity." In the former church the congregation was increased by the presence of several members of other religious bodies; but at the Parish Church the audience was very large. Rev. C. Dunn having given notice to his Kirk of Scotland congregation of Mr. Moore's intention, a large number of them attended. The sermon was listened to with exemplary attention by all, for there were present also members of the United Presbyterian congregation and of the Methodists. For the answer to our Lord's prayer we can but cry, "How long, O Lord, how long!"

FALMOUTH.—On Tuesday, the 5th instant, a basket sociable was held in this parish, under the auspices of the Guild of St. George, at the residence of Mr. Levi Deal. A very pleasant evening was spent, and besides interest being awakened in the work of Guilds and sociality, of which we need a great deal more, produced amongst the parishioners, a good sum was realized, which has been devoted to the parsonage fund of this parish. Our thanks are due as usual to the ladies, who provided an abundance of good things for those present.

On Sunday, the 10th instant, a special sermon to Guild members was preached by the

incumbent, from Numbers x. 29: "Come thou with us, and we will do thee good, for the Lord hath spoken good concerning Israel."

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

NEWCASTLE.—The Deanery of Chatham met in this parish on the 27th Sept. and two following days. There were present, besides the Rector of Newcastle, the Rectors of Chatham, Derby, Baie du Vin and Bathurst. Wednesday being the Festival of St. Michael and All Angels, Holy Communion was celebrated on that day at 8 o'clock a.m., instead of Tuesday, as is usually the case in this Chapter. Service was held every evening while the meetings of the Chapter continued.

On Monday evening, Rev. A. F. Hiltz delivered an address on "The principles and claims of the Catholic Church."

On Tuesday evening, Rev. W. J. Wilkinson preached a striking and impressive sermon from St. Matthew xvi. 16.

The anniversary service of the Choral Union of the Deanery was held on Wednesday evening, at which Rev. D. Forsyth, Rural Dean, delivered a very appropriate, eloquent and instructive discourse from Hebrew i. 14. Rev. G. Peters intoned the service according to Tallis' arrangement. Hymns Nos. 423, 258, 365 and 223 A. and M. were sung, the Canticles and Psalms for the day were chanted to Nos. 88, 74, 71 and 86 of Rowsell and Hutchinson's Book, and the Anthem was "Praise the Lord, ye servants," by Rev. J. H. Hopkins. This was by far the most interesting service of the kind yet held in connection with our Choral Union; for although the number of those who took part in the music was small, yet the number of choirs represented was larger than on any previous year, Bathurst this year for the first time sending a contingent to swell the strains of praise. Only 25 members were present, but the music was excellent, and amply compensated by its quality for any deficiency that there may have been in quantity. Indeed, the result of this service is such that all feel that our Choir Union is destined to be a grand success, and that it will soon embrace all the parishes within the limits of the Deanery.

At the regular meetings of the Chapter a large portion of the time was devoted to the study of Scripture. The Epistle to the Romans in the original was begun by reading the first chapter and discussing it at length, during which many important points for study and investigation were taken up and handled.

Rev. J. H. S. Sweet also read an introductory paper to this epistle, in which its authenticity, style, object, date, &c., were treated in an exhaustive manner.

Psalm x. was read in Hebrew, and compared with lxx. version.

Rev. W. J. Wilkinson read a thoughtful paper on "Special evangelization efforts in relation to the Church."

Little of a strictly business nature was transacted besides mere routine, and the re-election of Rev. A. F. Hiltz as Secretary of the Choral Union; and the Chapter adjourned to meet in Bathurst in January next.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

LENNOXVILLE.—The "Bishop Williams Wing" to the School building in connection with Bishop's College here, is to be shortly *in fact accompli*. Tenders for its erection are called for in the local papers, and plans and specifications are to be seen at the Bursar's office.

COOKSHIRE.—A Harvest Festival service was held here on the 8th inst., the Church being beautifully decorated with fruits, grains and flowers. Revs. A. Judge and Barnard, and Mr. Lloyd, lay reader, took part in the service.