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## The Parish Church of Saint John.

II.

Of the furniture in "Old Trinity," there only remains to mention the plate for Holy Communion, which was presented by King George III. It is made of silver, and consists of two flagons, one chalice, two patens, and an alms dish, and on each piece is the inscription "G. R." together with the Royal Coat of Arms.

Dr. Byles continued his rectorship till his death, in his eightieth year, on March 12th, 1814, though for seven years previously the duties of the parish had, for the most part, been discharged by his assistant, the Rev. George Viets, who was for many years afterwards Rector of Digby. A monument to his memory was erected by his wife in Trinity Church. His successor was the Rev. George Pidgeon, who was born in Kilkenny, Ireland, in 1762, and was a graduate of Trinity College, Dublin. In early life he was an ensign in the Rifles, and went with his regiment to America on the breaking out of the Revolutionary war. At its close he went to Halifax, where, at the instance of Bishop Inglis, he was admitted into Holy Orders. He was first of all Rector of Fredericton, in succession to Dr. Cooke, and removed to St. John on his appointment to the rectorship of the parish in 1814. His health soon failed, and as he had no curate, the church was for a time closed. After a ministry of only four years he died on May 6th, 1818, and was buried in the Old Burial Ground, where his tombstone may be seen and upon which is the following inscription :



UNDER THIS STONE  
ARE PLACED  
THE EARTHLY REMAINS OF THE  
REV. GEORGE PIDGEON,  
FORMERLY OF TRINITY COLLEGE,  
DUBLIN.  
LATE RECTOR IN THIS PARISH  
AND ECCLESIASTICAL COMMISSARY  
IN THIS PROVINCE 23 YEARS.  
HE DIED MAY 6TH, 1818,  
AGED 57 YEARS.

The fourth Rector of the parish was the Rev. Robert Willis, D. D. He was a Chaplain in the Royal Navy, and came with his ship to Halifax in 1817. At the request of Bishop Inglis he came to St. John and officiated in Trinity Church, during the ill health of Mr. Pidgeon; and his services being so acceptable, he was, on Mr. Pidgeon's death, appointed Rector and Ecclesiastical Commissary of the Bishop. During his rectorship, considerable progress was made in the extension of the Church. Up to this time Carleton, was a part of the parish of St. John, though as early as 1804, a small church, called St. John's Chapel, had been built there, and services held in it until 1822, when St. George's Church was built. In 1825 it was set off as a separate parish. In 1824, a church was also built in the northern section of the city, called St. John's Church. Archdeacon Best, of Fredericton, preached on the occasion of its being opened for Divine Service. His text was taken from Psalm exxii, 7, "Peace be within thy walls." Dr. Willis had as his curate, Rev. Abraham Wood, who came out from England in 1812. In 1822, Mr. Wood

went as a missionary to the Grand Lake, where, after laboring many years, he returned to St. John and there lived for the remainder of his life. He died at the ripe old age of 88, on January 24, 1879. In 1825 Dr. Willis became Rector of St. Paul's, Halifax, and Archdeacon of Nova Scotia. He held these offices until his death, which took place in his eightieth year, on April 21, 1865. Dr. Willis was twice married, and the Rev. Cuthbert Willis, Rector of Petitecodiac, is his son by his second wife.

On the removal of Dr. Willis to Halifax, the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts appointed the Rev. George Best as his successor in St. John; but the Representative of the Crown was opposed to his leaving Fredericton, and so were his parishioners. The result was, that he remained, and the Rev. Benjamin G. Gray, Rector of St. George's Church, Halifax, was appointed Rector of St. John. Dr. Gray was born at Boston in 1768, and went with his father to Halifax on the evacuation of Boston in 1776. He graduated at King's College, Windsor, and afterwards went to England to finish his education. He was ordained by Bishop Inglis at Halifax in 1796. His first charge was a Mission at Preston, five miles from Halifax, to the Maroons, a people whom the British Government had brought from Jamaica, to the great annoyance of the people in Nova Scotia. In 1819 he was appointed Rector of St. George's Church, Halifax, and in 1825 was elected Rector of St. John. During his rectorship the *first* Church of England Sunday-school was established in 1826. The officers consisted of a Patron, who was the Lieutenant-Governor; a President—the Rev. B. G. Gray, Rector,—a Secretary and Superintendent, Rev. I. W. D. Gray, Curate; and the Church Wardens, who were the directors. Of the early teachers two are living.—Mr. Charles Patton and Mr. Edward Sears, sr, and at the 60th anniversary, which took place in Trinity Church on the evening of last Whitsunday, June 13, one of the scholars was present who was at the opening in 1826. Church work was further extended by the erection of a church in Portland called Grace Church, where, until Portland became a separate parish, Dr. Gray or his Curate held a service every Sunday evening. This was the *first free* church in the Diocese. In November 1833 Dr. Gray suffered an irreparable loss for which no sympathy could make amends. His house was burnt down by fire, and with it his wife per-

ished, together with a female servant. His library was also destroyed, which, at the time, was the best in the Province, as well as the Parish Registers, which were necessarily of great value. Dr. Gray retained the rectorship till 1840, when he resigned it. He died on February 18th, 1854, at the age of eighty six, after a ministry of fifty-eight years. A Tablet was erected by the Vestry to his memory in Trinity Church on which it was recorded that he was:—

“Sound in doctrine,  
In labours abundant,  
A Father to the poor.”

The next, and sixth Rector of St. John was the Rev. John William D. Gray, D. D., the son of his predecessor. Like his father he graduated at King's College, Windsor. He was ordained in London by Bishop Howley, and after an absence of a year returned to Nova Scotia, when he began his ministry at Amherst, where he remained till 1825, when he came to St. John. He first assisted his father as Curate, and afterwards was appointed Rector. His Rectorship covers a most important period in the history of the Diocese. The growth of the population in the Province made necessary a further extension of the Church. The City had become so enlarged, as to make it advisable to sub-divide the Parish in its southern and northern portion. Accordingly in 1852 the southern portion was set off as a separate Parish, by the name of St. James, and a Church was built. The first Rector of this new Parish, was the Rev. John Armstrong. And in 1853, the northern portion was made a separate Parish, by the name of St. Mark, with St. John's as the Parish Church.

But this was not all. The Province at large called for more spiritual oversight than could be given by the Bishop of Nova Scotia, and accordingly the necessary steps were taken for erecting the Archdeaconry of New Brunswick, into a Diocese. This was accomplished in 1845. A new centre for church work was thus created, which could not fail, and has not failed to prove an immense benefit, and afford a method for duly providing for the spiritual wants of the people. Of Dr. Gray it may be of interest to state, that while faithful in the discharge of his ministerial duties, it was as a reader and preacher that he excelled. It was evident that he regarded the pulpit as the most powerful weapon for spreading the gospel, and his sermons were his chief and greatest care. He was not only gifted with great abilities, but also with a good voice, and clear enunciation,

that his sermons were telling and effective. He was also an able controversialist, and wrote many able pamphlets on subjects that then stirred, and agitated the mind of the Church. The Sunday School was to him an object of great interest, and occupied much of his thought and care. There are several teachers in the Sunday School at present who look back with grateful remembrance on the valuable aid he afforded them in their work, and on the privilege of being associated with him in it. To perpetuate his memory the teachers had a portrait painted of him, and placed in the room known as the teacher's room. In 1847 the first Sunday School building was erected in the rear of the church. It was a large and commodious building, and afforded ample accommodation for all Sunday School, and other Parish purposes. In 1860, after thirty years of work as Rector, his health became much impaired, and Dr. Gray visited England in the hope that change and rest thus afforded would re-establish it. In this he was not altogether disappointed, for on his return he was able to take part in the duties of the Parish. With the aid of a Curate, he continued his ministry until the autumn of 1867, when his health again gave way, and he was obliged to abandon his work. He went to Halifax, with Mrs. Gray, on a visit to his son, and never returned. His health continued to decline, and on February 1st, 1868, he entered the promised rest, at the age of seventy years, after a connection with Trinity Church of forty two years; fourteen, as Curate, and twenty eight as Rector. A tablet was erected to his memory in Trinity Church by the corporation. He was one of the Governors of King's College, Windsor, and Honorary Canon of Christ Church Cathedral, Fredericton.

The seventh Rector was the Rev. J. J. Hill. He was a graduate of King's College, Windsor. He first assisted Dr. Gray as Curate, and succeeded to the Rectorship at his death. His health did not permit him to hold that position more than five years, and he resigned it in May, 1873.

Thus far we have traced the history of the Church from its earliest commencement. We have seen how it began with the first foundations of the City, and became in process of time the Mother-Church of four others. But its history is not yet all told. The Church erected, with much labour and sacrifice, and endeared with many hallowed and sacred associations—the Church within whose walls it is scarcely too much to say that every inhabitant of the city

had at some time or other worshipped,—the Church which was justly regarded as a monument of true patriotism and loyalty to high and noble principles, was not destined to continue. On June 20, 1877—a day which will never fade from the memory of those who witnessed it in St. John,—a most calamitous fire broke out in the north west portion of the City, which through a raging north west wind became a very besom of destruction. In so general and wide spread conflagration as the fire soon became, it was not possible that Trinity Church should escape untouched. The fire first broke out at 2.30 p. m., and though there is some doubt when Trinity Church caught fire, the last hour which struck on the clock which had been there for sixty years, was 5 p. m. The fire caught the steeple, and soon the main building was enveloped in flames. We are glad to record that the historic Royal Arms were saved, and so were the Holy Communion Plate and Parish Registers, as well as a few unimportant articles. All besides was burnt to ashes, and while standing on that memorable afternoon in the midst of so much desolation, many felt the deepest pang of sorrow, as they heard that "old Trinity" was no more. In a few hours the work of years was consumed, and the sacred site presented the sight of only a heap of stones, a few charred timbers, and ashes. But it could not remain so, and what was its subsequent history is reserved for another paper.

#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN JULY.

The Board of Home Missions—20th, at 8 p. m.  
The Committee to interest Sunday Schools in the work of Home Missions—21st, at 11 a. m.  
The CHRONICLE Committee—21st, at 4 p. m.

The publication of the July number of the CHRONICLE has been delayed in order to give its readers the benefit of a correct summary of the proceedings of the Synod and Diocesan Church Society.

It is intended to publish the charge of the Bishop of the Diocese in the August number.

#### VACANT PARISHES AND MISSIONS.

Aberdeen.  
Burton.  
Canning.  
Gordon and Lorne.  
Ludlow and Blissfield.  
Manners-Sutton.  
Moncton.  
Queensbury and Southampton.

## The Synod and Diocesan Church Society.

THE following is a brief summary of the proceedings of the Synod and Church Society of this Diocese, and of the visitation of his Lordship the Bishop of Fredericton, and the services and meetings in connection therewith, which have taken place in Saint John during the week ending on the 3rd of July.

First in order of time was an evening service, held at St. John's Church, in the Parish of St. Mark, in connection with the Board of Foreign and Domestic Missions, when a sermon was preached by the Right Reverend the Bishop Coadjutor.

On Tuesday morning, at half-past ten, there was a choral celebration of the Holy Communion at Trinity Church, at which the Metropolitan, the Bishop-Coadjutor, and nearly all the clergy of the Diocese were present. The clergy, in surplices and stoles, entered the Church in procession, the processional hymn being "We love the place, O God."

After the celebration, the Metropolitan held his triennial visitation of his clergy, and, sitting in his chair within the chancel, delivered an able charge, remarkable for its doctrinal vigor, and liberal thought. The three principal topics dwelt on were the duties and responsibilities of the priesthood, the necessity for definite and continued instruction both before and after confirmation, and the vast importance of a reverent solemnization of the marriage rite.

The clergy then returned in procession to the school-house singing the "Nunc Dimittis," and the newly elected Rural-Deans were presented to the Metropolitan as follows: Chatham, Rev. D. Forsyth; Fredericton, Rev. H. Montgomery; Kingston, Rev. Canon Medley; St. Andrews, Rev. R. Smith; Shediac, Rev. J. R. Campbell; St. John, Rev. George Schofield; Woodstock, Rev. L. A. Hoyt.

The General Committee of the D. C. S. met on Tuesday afternoon, when the clergy presented the reports of their work in their respective parishes and missions during the past year. Reports were also submitted from the Board of Home Missions, the Treasurer, and the various Committees of the Society.

The Board of Home Missions, for the ensuing

year, was constituted as follows: *Ex-officio members*—The Most Reverend the Metropolitan, the Right Reverend the Bishop-Coadjutor, and the Treasurer and Secretary of the Society. *Elected members*—The Reverends Canon Medley, G. G. Roberts, Canon DeVeber, Canon Neales, O. S. Newnham, J. H. S. Sweet, G. H. Sterling, H. S. Wainwright, R. E. Smith, A. J. Cresswell, Canon Brigstocke and L. A. Hoyt, and His Honor Chief Justice Allen, the Hon. B. R. Stevenson, and Messrs. G. A. Schofield, R. T. Clinch, W. M. Jarvis, H. W. Frith and T. W. Daniel.

The Rev. L. A. Hoyt having brought up the subject of the appointment of an Organizing Secretary and Travelling Missionary for the Diocese, the following resolution was adopted:

"That so soon as the finances permit a Travelling Missionary be engaged by the Board of Home Missions, who, under their direction and with the approval of the Bishop, shall labor to advance the spiritual interests of the Church and the objects of the Society in the Province."

Subsequently, on motion of the Hon. D. L. Hanington, a subscription list was opened for the purpose of providing a stipend for such missionary, and during the week the amount subscribed had reached \$500.

The Metropolitan announced that a sum of \$1200, which had been placed in his hands twenty-four years ago for purposes which it had been found impracticable to carry out, now amounted to \$2600. This amount he now proposed to hand over to the Society, to be distributed in the following manner: \$400 to the General Purposes of the Society, \$1200 to the Divinity Scholarship Fund, and \$1000 to the Incapacitated Clergy Fund.

The meeting of the General Committee was adjourned over to Wednesday evening, when it met again.

The following laymen were elected as members of the Executive Committee for the ensuing year, namely: Hon. B. R. Stevenson, T. W. Daniel, G. R. Parkin, R. T. Clinch, A. A. Sterling, G. E. Fenety, I. Allen Jack, John Black, C. A. Macdonald, G. A. Blair, H. L. Sturdee, Hurd Peters, H. P. Starr, C. F. Kinnear, Hon. D. L. Hanington, Dr. Brown, A. F. Street, C. E. L. Jarvis, T. B. Robinson, E. L. Wetmore, G. Sidney Smith, C. N. Vroom, C. H. Fairweather, C. W. Weldon.

The Board of Home Missions reported a statement of funds at the disposal of the Committee as follows :

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| ESTIMATED INCOME—1886-87.                                  |          |
| S. P. G. Grants,.....                                      | \$6,050  |
| Hazen Trust,.....  | 525      |
| Chipman Trust,.....  | 2,250    |
| Merritt Trust,.....  | 230      |
| Other Interest,.....                                       | 300      |
| Mission Boxes,.....  | 300      |
| Subscriptions and Collections,.....                        | 7,000    |
| Balance on hand,.....                                      | 2,100    |
|  | \$18,755 |
| FIXED CHARGES.   |          |
| Salaries,.....   | \$400    |
| Contingencies,.....  | 450      |
| S. P. G. Pensions,.....                                    | 1,460    |
|  | 2,310    |
|  | \$16,445 |
| Less fourth payment account<br>Maugerville Endowment,..... | 100      |
| Balance at the disposal of the Society,                    | \$16,345 |

The schedule of the stipends of the clergy was submitted, and, with a few alterations, adopted.

The report of the Committee on the CHRONICLE of the Diocese was then taken up, and the continuance of the publication of the CHRONICLE was authorized for the remainder of the year, and the following appointed as a separate Committee for the management thereof, namely: The Rural-Deans, or persons nominated by them, and the Revs. A. Lowndes and LeB. W. Fowler, and Messrs. H. W. Frith, G. Herbert Lee and M. Chamberlain.

The following were appointed a Committee for interesting Sunday Schools in the work of Home Missions: The Revs. G. O. Troop, A. Lowndes, H. Montgomery and J. M. Davenport, and Messrs. H. W. Frith, G. R. Parkir, Hurd Peters and A. H. DeMill.

This terminated the proceedings of the General Committee.

The Anniversary Meeting was held on Thursday evening, at the school-house of Trinity Church, the Bishop presiding. There was a large attendance. The Secretary read an abstract of the report. Addresses were delivered by Mr. C. H. Wran, of Moncton, the Rev. G. G. Roberts, Rector of Fredericton, the Hon. B. R. Stevenson and the Rev. Canon Brigstocke.

THE SYNOD.

The seventeenth session of the Diocesan Synod opened in Trinity Church school-room at ten o'clock on Wednesday morning. The Lord Bishop of the Diocese occupied the chair. After prayers the roll was called by the Secretary, Rev. Canon Medley. Sixty five clergymen and fifty lay delegates responded.

The following were elected the Standing Committee for the ensuing year, namely: Rev. Canon Medley, Rev. Canon Brigstocke, Rev. Canon Neales, Rev. G. G. Roberts. Laity—Chief Justice Allen, W. M. Jarvis, Hon. B. R. Stevenson, Dr. C. W. Weldon.

A ballot having been taken the tellers reported the following persons had been elected as delegates to the Provincial Synod: Clergy—Rev. Canon Medley, Rev. Canon DeVeber, Rev. G. G. Roberts, Rev. Canon Neales, Rev. Canon Brigstocke, Rev. G. M. Armstrong, Rev. J. R. Campbell, Rev. J. H. Talbot, Rev. J. M. Davenport, Rev. D. Forsyth, Rev. G. O. Troop, Rev. Canon Ketchum. Substitutes—Rev. O. S. Newnham, Rev. L. A. Hoyt, Rev. R. E. Smith, Rev. G. H. Sterling, Rev. J. R. DeW. Cowie, Rev. S. J. Hanford. Laity—Chief Justice Allen, Hon. B. R. Stevenson, D. L. Hanington, W. M. Jarvis, C. W. Weldon, C. H. Fairweather, Hurd Peters, C. N. Vroom, A. A. Sterling, R. T. Clinch, G. R. Parkin, R. B. Haddow. Substitutes—G. A. Schofield, W. F. Dibblee, H. A. Johnston, A. P. Tippet, H. W. Frith, John Sears.

After the appointment of the Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions, a memorial was presented and read from the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestry of St. Paul's Church, Portland, setting forth, *in extenso*, a correspondence which had taken place between them and the Bishop in relation to the Mission Church of Saint John Baptist, and concluding with the statement that their object was to "lay this matter before the Synod, in order to enable this body to express its views upon the subject, and take such action thereupon as they may deem the interests of the Church demand, reserving, nevertheless, all rights to which the Parish of St. Paul is legally entitled." After a lengthened debate the following resolution, moved by Mr. J. S. Grimmer, was passed, on a division, by a vote of 60 to 29:

Whereas, The Mission Chapel of St. John Baptist was erected within the limits of St. Paul's Parish, and a clergyman licensed to hold services therein, without the consent of the Rector,

Church Wardens, and Vestry of said Parish, first had and obtained thereto; and

*Whereas*, A memorial from the said Rector, Church Wardens and Vestry has been submitted to the Synod, complaining of the said act as an invasion of their legal rights, and such proceedings have been taken upon such complaint that the opinion of Mr. Bethune, of Montreal, has been obtained by this Synod to the effect that the erection of said church, and the licensing thereof, were not in accordance with the laws relating to the Church in this Diocese; and

*Whereas*, The Synod believes that the said Rector, Church Wardens and Vestry, and the trustees and clergyman of the said Mission Church, are alike desirous of acting in a conciliatory and Christian spirit in this matter, with a view of an amicable arrangement of the difference between them, so as to avoid the scandal of unseemly contests before the civil courts; and

*Whereas*, The Synod highly approves and warmly appreciates the disposition manifested by all of said parties toward such mutual forbearance and concession, as shall prove effective for a settlement so desirable for all parties immediately interested, and so beneficial to the welfare of the Church; therefore

*Resolved*, That it be recommended that a conference should take place between the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestry of St. Paul's Church, and the trustees or persons claiming to hold the title of the said Mission Chapel, and the missionary in charge thereof, and that a settlement should be agreed upon which would, under the circumstances, be reasonably satisfactory to the respective parties immediately interested.

Immediately upon the passing of the above resolution, Mr. G. Herbert Leß gave notice that the Parish of St. Paul reserved its right to appeal to the Provincial Synod.

The Synod then took up the report of the Committee appointed to revise the Canons, and proceeded to adopt the same as far as time permitted.

The Rev. F. W. Vroom and C. W. Weldon, D. C. L., were elected Governors of Kings College, Windsor, on behalf of this Diocese.

Rev. Canon Brigstocke presented the report of the Governors of King's College. The report in opening referred to the changes which have taken place in the College. The Governors stated they examined carefully into the finances of the institution, re-arranged the staff, and began the work of restoration of the College, so as to secure the permanency of the institution. The receipts last year were greater than the ex-

penditure. Reference was made to the death of Rev. G. W. Hodgson.

The Committee on Sunday Schools presented their report, accompanying which was a Canon for defining the powers and duties of the Committee. An abstract also presented showed that the total number of schools is 112; teachers, 555; scholars, 5,542.

The Right Reverend the Bishop Coadjutor, on behalf of the Medley Scholarships Fund, reported that the fund had reached nearly \$5000, and that at a meeting of the Committee in charge of it it had been resolved to place the fund in his Lordship's hands, to appropriate the proceeds arising from it at his pleasure during his life.

On motion of the Rev. A. Lowndes, the Bishop-Coadjutor, Rev. Canon Brigstocke, Rev. L. A. Hoyt, Rev. O. S. Newnham, C. W. Weldon, Hurd Peters and G. Sidney Smith were appointed to act with a Committee which had been named by the Executive Committee of the D. C. S., to take into consideration the advisability of amalgamating the Synod and the Church Society.

The following compose the D. C. S. Committee, viz.: The Bishop-Coadjutor, Rev. Canon Ketchum, Rev. Canon DeVeber, Rev. G. M. Armstrong, Rev. Canon Medley, Rev. J. H. Talbot, Rev. A. Lowndes; Chief Justice Allen, W. M. Jarvis, H. W. Frith, Geo. A. Schofield, G. R. Parkin, T. W. Daniel, R. T. Clinch, G. E. Fairweather, five to form a quorum.

Committees were appointed to prepare a Canon defining the duties of Church Wardens and Vestrymen, and also to procure a place of safe keeping for Parochial Registers, and other valuable documents in the Diocese.

Mr. C. N. Vroom moved the following resolution on temperance:

*Resolved*, That this Synod recognizes the evil of intemperance as one of the greatest obstacles to the spread of Christ's Kingdom; and further

*Resolved*, That, in the opinion of this Synod, the Church of England should be found in the front ranks in the contest against this gigantic evil, and that the clergy and laity of this Diocese be called upon resolutely to oppose the evil, and to encourage every legitimate effort to suppress it.

After passing votes of thanks to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestry of Trinity Church for the use of their School-house, and to the Church people of St. John and Portland for their hospitality, the Doxology was sung, and the Synod adjourned *sine die*.



## Rural Deaneries.

### Chatham.

CHATHAM.—The clergy of the Rural Deanery of Chatham met at Richibucto on the 7th, 8th and 9th of June. On the 7th evening prayer was said in Saint Mary's Church, and addresses were delivered on "The Sufficiency of Holy Scripture," "Confirmation," and "Holy Communion," by Revs. J. H. S. Sweet, A. F. Hiltz and D. Forsyth, respectively. On the 8th evening prayer was said in the Parish Church at Kingston, where a large congregation assembled. Addresses were delivered on the same subjects by the same clergymen as above named. On Tuesday morning the Holy Communion was celebrated at St. Mary's, Richibucto. The remainder of the day was spent in routine business and study of the Holy Scriptures, at the Rectory. On Wednesday, morning prayer and litany were said at St. Mary's Church, and in the evening the Deanery Service was held in the same church, and an eloquent sermon preached by Rev. A. F. Hiltz. During the day the Chapter met at the Rectory and discussed business of interest to the Deanery. The Rev. D. Forsyth was re-elected Rural Dean; the Rev. A. F. Hiltz was re-elected Secretary, and the Rev. J. H. S. Sweet, Deanery Representative to the Board of Home Missions. The next meeting of the Chapter will be held in Newcastle in September, at which time the annual Choir Union service of the Deanery will be held.

The annual sale of needlework by the members of St. Mary's Young Women's Guild, Chatham was held in St. Mary's Sunday-school House, on Tuesday, June 1st, and over \$100 was realized.

The burial ground at St. Paul's Church in this parish is being greatly improved, and in the course of another year will appear in a very satisfactory condition, after a long period of neglect. The grounds around St. Mary's Chapel are also showing signs of care and improvement.

NELSON.—We understand that work will soon be begun on the proposed new church in this parish.

DALHOUSIE.—The Rev. C. P. Brown has entered upon his work as Rector of this parish.

BATHURST.—The Rev. G. J. D. Peters, late of Nova Scotia, assumed the charge of this parish on Whitsunday.

BAY DU VIN.—Preparations are being made for putting a permanent foundation under the Parish Church in this Mission, and also for the painting of the Rectory.

DERBY.—The work of repairing St. Peter's Church in this parish is going on vigorously.

LUDLOW.—We understand that "The Hudson Memorial Church" is being rapidly built, and will be ready for service at an early date.

### Saint John.

A regular meeting of the Deanery of St. John was held on Tuesday, June 15th, in the Parish of St. James. The Holy Communion was celebrated in the Parish Church at 9.30 a. m., when an excellent sermon was preached by Rev. G. M. Armstrong, from St. Luke xi—9 and 13. The offertory was devoted to the Incapacitated Clergy Special Fund. The Chapter met after service in the parish school-room. There were present Rev. George Schofield, Rural Dean, and nine of the clergy of the Deanery. The Rev. J. O. Crisp, recently appointed assistant minister at St. Jude's, Carleton, was introduced and welcomed as a new member of the Deanery. The tenth chapter of the Revelation was read in the original, and commented on as usual. The subject for discussion—"What benefit may reasonably be expected to result from holding a Mission in a parish?"—was then introduced by Rev. G. O. Troop. The question was taken up very earnestly, and eventually upon motion of Rev. Canon Brigstocke, seconded by Rev. G. O. Troop, it was unanimously resolved:

"That in the opinion of this Deanery it is advisable that a Mission be held for the Deanery of St. John, and that a committee be appointed to prepare a scheme of proposed arrangements to be submitted at a special meeting of the Deanery."

The committee appointed were Revs. Canon Brigstocke, Canon DeVeber, Leb. W. Fowler and G. O. Troop.

In regard to the "Suggested Rules" for the formation of "The Women's Aid Association for the Diocese of Fredericton," it was resolved:

"That the question of the formation of a branch of the Women's Aid Association for the Diocese be—owing to the summer months being inopportune for the commencement of such a work—postponed to the next meeting of the Deanery."

The following resolution was introduced by Rev. W. O. Raymond, seconded by Rev. Canon DeVeber, and unanimously adopted:

"Whereas, since the last meeting of this Rural Deanery it has pleased Almighty God to remove by death one of its members, the late Rev. A. V. Wiggins, Rector of Westfield;

"Therefore Resolved, that the members of this Deanery desire to place on record their sense of the loss the Church in this Diocese has sustained thereby:

"And further Resolved, that the secretary be requested to convey to the widow of our departed brother an expression of the warm appreciation of the Christian character and zealous labours of the deceased entertained by us, the clergy of the Deanery of St. John, with our earnest prayer that Almighty God may comfort and sustain her in her bereavement."

The Rev. George Schofield was re-elected to the office of Dean Rural. The Rev. G. O. Troop was re-elected to the office of Secretary. The Rev. Canon Brigstocke was chosen to represent the Deanery at the Board of Home Missions.

The Chapter then adjourned to meet next, if God permit, in the parish of St. Luke, Portland.

G. OSBORNE TROOP, Secretary.

St. JAMES.—The annual offering for the funds of the Diocesan Church Society was received in this church on Whitsunday. The amount presented was as follows:

|                                 |          |
|---------------------------------|----------|
| Widows and Orphans,             | \$ 65 93 |
| Incapacitated Clergy (special), | 56 08    |
| General Purposes,               | 36 84    |
|                                 | 158 85   |
| Less Printing                   | 1 50     |
|                                 | \$157 35 |

This shows an increase available to the Society of \$13.65 over the offering of last year.

#### Shediac.

SACKVILLE.—A meeting of the Deanery was held at Sackville on Tuesday and Wednesday June 8th and 9th, at which there were present Rev. J. R. Campbell, Rural Dean, Revs. D. Bliss, of Westmoreland, C. F. Wiggins, of Sackville, A. J. Reid, of Moncton, F. W. Vroom of Shediac, and G. G. Roberts of Fredericton Deanery.

The Rev. J. Roy Campbell was unanimously re-elected Rural Dean, and Rev. A. J. Cresswell was appointed Deanery Representative to the Board of Home Missions.

Even song was said at St. Anne's Church, Westcock on Tuesday evening, and addresses were given by Rev. F. W. Vroom, on "Forms a necessity for public worship," and the Rural Dean, on "Praise and Thanksgiving essential to worship." The Rev. G. G. Roberts, formerly rector of the parish, afterwards gave a brief address.

A celebration of the Holy Communion was held at St. Paul's Church, Sackville at 8 a. m. at which the Rev. G. G. Roberts was celebrant.

The Choral Union of the Deanery held its annual festival at St. Paul's Church, on the 9th

of June. There were 52 singers present and the choirs represented were, Dorchester, Moncton, Sackville, Shediac and Westmoreland. The Rev. the Rural Dean acted as musical director and Mr. Arthur Cogswell did good service as organist. A very large congregation was present. The clergy robed in the school house and entered the south door in procession during the singing of the hymn "Saviour, Blessed Saviour." The service was intoned by the Rector of Shediac, Tallis' Festival Evensong being used. The Psalms and Canticles were chanted to Gregorian tones, the Glorias alone being sung in harmony. These were very well rendered; though of course Gregorian tones sung to Elvey's Anglican pointing can never be satisfactory. After the third Collect, Dr. Stainer's Anthem, "Sing a Song of Praise," was sung, and Mr. Bliss's cornet added greatly to the good effect. The semi-chorus was particularly fine. To the minds of many in the congregation the most effective part of the service was the hymn before the sermon, "All hail the power of Jesus' Name," which was sung antiphonally, all joining in the chorus of each verse.

The sermon was preached by Rev. G. G. Roberts, Rector of Fredericton, and was a clear and thoughtful setting forth of the true principles of public worship. The Hymn "Thy life was given for me," was sung while the offerings were collected, and after the blessing, the Hymn "The saints of God, their conflict past," while the clergy passed out.

The way in which the whole service was rendered was most gratifying and far in advance of anything which has been accomplished in the Deanery before. It is but fair to add that the chief credit is due to the conductor, who spared no pains to have everything done well, as befits the service of God.

SHEDIAC.—A meeting of the Local Committee of the D. C. S. was held at the Church of St. Martin-in-the-Woods, on Monday, June 14th. The Rector briefly explained the objects of the meeting and then introduced Rev. J. R. deW. Cowie, Missionary at Waterford, who delivered a most interesting address on missionary work in the diocese, which was listened to with great attention throughout. The delegates to the meeting of the General Committee were then elected as follows: Hon. D. Hanington and J. H. Bateman, *Delegates*: M. J. Steeves and Geo. E. Mills, *Substitutes*.

### Calendar for July.

|   |                                |
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| 4th.  | 2nd Sunday after Trinity.      |
| 11th.   | 3rd do. do.                    |
| 18th.   | 4th do. do.                    |
| 25th.   | { 5th do. do.                  |
|   | { and Saint James the Apostle. |
| Days of fasting or abstinence—2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 24th, 30th. |                                |

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JULY.

31. Give very briefly the chief events of Samuel's judgeship.

32. For what were the following places known in connection with the reigns of Saul and David; Michmash, Havilah, Bethlehem, Keilah, Engedi, Mount Gilboa and Hebron.

33. David's life has been divided into five divisions; can you name them?

34. How was David a type of our Lord?

35. Give a brief description of the Temple built by Solomon.

II.—THE EDITING COMMITTEE'S PRIZES.

Open to all subscribers to the CHRONICLE and their families.

JULY.

CLASS 1.—A handsome Church Service.

20. What was the ancient form of 'the words of delivery' of the elements?

21. What is the history of 'the words of delivery' of our Liturgy?

22. What is the force of the word 'do' in the sentence "do this in remembrance of me"?

23. Which is the most ancient of the two forms of thanksgivings after the celebration.

CLASS 2.—A handsome Prayer Book.

21. Can you give any reason for the insertion of the long exhortations in the first part of the communion office?

22. In what way are the chief festivals of the church distinguished in the communion office?

23. If a Bishop be present within the Chancel what part in the service does the Prayer Book direct that he shall take?

24. Can you assign any reason why the Bishop should not have been instructed to celebrate when present in the chancel?

CLASS 3.—A Prayer Book.

22. What is a rubric?

23. What is a vigil, and how many does the Prayer Book appoint to be observed?

24. What rule does the Prayer Book give for knowing when the following days occur,—Advent Sunday, Septuagesima and Ascension day?

25. How many different offices or services are there in the Prayer Book; and do you know of any generally disused?

N. B.—All persons sending in answers are requested to prefix the number of the question answered to the answer.

Any person qualified, as above stated, may compete for all the prizes. Answers for previous months will be received at any time. The prizes will be awarded in January, 1887.

All answers to be enclosed to Box 264, Post office, St. John, N. B., and marked on the envelope "CHRONICLE Prizes."

(SUPPLEMENT.)

Parish of Carleton.

Reverend Canon DeVeber, of St. Paul's, visited our church and preached at Evensong on the Fourth Sunday after Easter.

On Rogation Sunday the appeal of the Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions was read, and the collections on Ascension Day were given to Algoma and the North-West.

In view of the large number of unconfirmed in this parish, and at the request of some who cannot attend class in winter, Confirmation classes were opened early in June. The attendance so far has been 9 men and 13 women.

Our first Sunday-school concert was given, June 9th, in the Odd Fellows' Hall, which was crowded. A very long programme of songs, dialogues and recitations was presented by the little ones, and well received and applauded; while all admired the operetta, "Grandpa's Birthday." Our thanks are due to Rev. R. Mathers for so kindly taking the part of Grandpa, and to Miss Annie Watters for the very great pains taken in training the children. Receipts were \$18.45, and all the Sunday-school children were admitted free.

Since the first Sunday in June, daily service has been held and has been rather better attended than last summer, though the attendance has been far from satisfactory. The afternoon services, on three days in the week, might be made use of by many more of our people, especially elderly persons who do not care to attend late evening services.

Thanks to the kind assistance of a number of our ladies, a very handsome Text, on a deep red ground, has been placed on the north and south walls of the church, running the whole length of the nave, and taking the place, during the Trinity season, of the Easter Text, which added so greatly to the appearance of the church.

A sale and high tea was given by the "Saint George's Church Workers" in the City Hall, Carleton, on Tuesday and Wednesday, July 6th and 7th.

Burials.

May 26th.—Eva Estella Leslie, aged 1 year, 7 months.

Services.

Services in month, 29; Celebrations of the Holy Communion, 7; Communions made, 79; Offerings in Church, \$47.13 for the Parish, and \$2.00 for Domestic Missions. Total, \$49.13

Rectory Fund.

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| June 14.—J. R. Bartlett..... | \$2 00   |
| “ “ Mrs. Thomas Stears ....  | 1 00     |
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|                              | 3 00     |
| Previously acknowledged..... | 1,536 51 |

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