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## A Christmas Fable.

The Roots of the old sycamore tree, which extended deep into the ground beside the Brook, were disposed to make merry with it.

"You have no Christmas," said the Roots jeeringly. "You may have a good time in summer, when you can see and talk with the birds and trees and flowers, but in winter you are imprisoned in darkness under the ice, and of Christmas you know nothing. With us it is quite different. We are part of the great tree, and up above we can see the sun flashed back by the frost and the smoke rising in great curls from the chimneys and the white, furry mantle of ormino earth is wearing, and we can hear the twitter of the snow-birds and the tinkle of the sleighbells and the shouts of happy people. Oh, it is fine outside. But you, poor Brook, in your dark prison, you hear nothing and see nothing and know nothing."

But the Brook only laughed. "You are very much mistaken," it said. "If you think I have no Christmas. On the contrary, Christmas time down here is one of joy and brilliancy. It is neither dark nor lonely beneath the ice. There is a strange phosphorescent light which is sometimes wonderful, and I frolic among the stones and caresses in winter just as I did in summer. There is a jolly group of acquaintances here too. The great pickeral splash about, and the muskrats come down out of their homes, and the minck dives to drift from one haunt to another in the bank, and the crawfish are as sociable as ever. I gurgle and dance among them and sing a Christmas carol when the time comes, and we are very happy."

"But that is not all, the Brook continued. "You forget the air-holes. Through them I look up and see the stars because I look at them with nothing earthly in sight. Ah, but they are bright on Christmas eve! They shine then with a radiance never seen at any other time, and we gather about the air-holes, all the company of us, and watch them and their glory. It seems then as if each star were a Star of Bethlehem, telling of the coming of the Christ child. It is wonderful and beautiful, and we are glad. Do not tell me that there is no Christmas beneath the ice."

And the Brook gurgled by joyously.—

## The Children's Day.

In every household special pains should be taken to insure a "good time" for the little ones of the family, and in homes where there are no children the opportunity is afforded to make it a pleasant day for some less fortunate little ones whose parents have not the means of providing gifts and a good dinner for them.

Perhaps during the year that is nearly gone death has taken from your home the child God had given you and you mournfully sit at your lonely hearth brooding over your grief, refusing to be comforted. It may cost an effort, and perhaps you feel that you cannot now endure the sound of childish voices in your silent rooms, yet it will surely bring comfort to you if you throw off this feeling and invite some children to spend the day with you.

In memory of your own little one, who now needs them no more, prepare a few gifts for your guests. Whatever these may be, toys or useful articles of which they stand in need, they will not fail to give pleasure to the recipients. Let the dinner be as good as you can prepare it, and the memory of it will linger long years in the little hearts of those who partake of it. It may be as bread upon the waters—who knows?

As far as possible let the gifts be suited to the needs of the recipient. The boy whose toes ache with cold will appreciate warm shoes, and to the little girl who has no other head covering than a summer hat a new hood will be welcome.

A lady once remarked in my hearing that she thought it a mistake to make only gifts of wearing apparel to poor children, even if it was needed. Children, she said, appreciate toys, candies and nuts, or even ornamental gifts more than they do clothes, and that a child would get more enjoyment out of such things, even if he went with cold feet and bare hands.

Be that as it may, each of us is able to give pleasure of some sort to some child at Christmas time. Let not this joyous season pass while we selfishly lavish gifts upon those whom we have every reason to expect will return the compliment and leave unnoticed those to whom Christmas means so little more than the name.

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## A Lamb in Church.

She sat on the sliding cushion,  
The deer, wee woman of four:  
Her feet, in their shiny slippers,  
Hung dangling over the floor.  
She meant to be good; she had promised;

And, so with her big brown eyes;  
She stared at the meeting-house windows,  
And counted the crawling flies.

She looked far up at the preacher,  
But she thought of the honey bees  
Droning away at the blossoms  
That whitened the cherry trees.  
She thought of a broken basket,  
Where curled in a dusky heap,  
Three sleek, round puppies with fringy ears,

Lay snuggled and fast asleep.  
Such soft, warm bodies to cuddle,  
Such queer little hearts to beat,  
Such swift round tongues to kiss,  
Such sprawling, cushiony feet;  
She could feel in her clasping fingers,

The touch of the satiny skin,  
And a cold, wet nose exploring  
The dimples under her chin.

Then a sudden ripple of laughter  
Ran over the parted lips  
So quick that she could not catch it  
With her rosy finger tips.

The people whispered, "Bless the child,"

As each one waked from a nap,  
But the dear, wee woman hid her face  
For shame in her mother's lap.

## England's Smallest Church.

Situated in one of the most picturesque parts of Sussex, some nine miles to the south-east of Lewes and six miles north-west of Eastbourne, the little village of Lullington claims proud possession—if such an adjective is applicable—of what is locally believed to be the smallest church in England. The village itself is on so small a scale that the miniature church, some 16 feet square, is quite large enough to supply its needs. Built in mediæval times upon a slight eminence within a short distance of Alfriston, famous for its sixteenth-century hostelry, the church is reached by a path which passes through charming scenery. The present structure stands upon the site of the chancel of the building destroyed during the Cromwellian struggles, and at the same time the church records disappeared, so that even the name of its patron saint is not now known. Inside the small sanctuary the

large pulpit completely dwarfs the scanty sitting accommodation. The belfry is more for ornament than use, since the birds, by whom it has been used for nesting purposes during several seasons, are allowed to retain undisturbed possession of the turret of the interesting little structure.

## Kind Words for Rev. J. G. Waller.

The Reverend J. G. Waller, with Mrs. Waller and their four children, sailed for Canada on July the 30th, on a well earned furlough after nearly eight years service in Japan. Mr. Waller, as our readers know, was the first missionary of the Canadian Church to be sent into the foreign mission-field, and no one, who is at all acquainted with the course of his life and with his labours for Christ in Japan, can fail to acknowledge that the Church has been most fully justified and fortunate in the choice of its first missionary. An able and wise theologian, endowed with a strong physique and a fine spirit of perseverance, he has succeeded in the face of more than ordinary difficulties in establishing, in one of the most antagonistic cities of the Empire and a very hotbed of Buddhist opposition, a firm centre of Christian influence, and has gathered around him a band of loyal and well-trained workers. In the town of Nagano itself he has been enabled recently to crown his work by the opening of a small but handsome Church, the first building of brick in that part of the country, and destined, we believe to be in the future the permanent centre of an ever-widening circle of Christian effort in this portion of God's Field. It is needless to say that in every work undertaken for CHRIST he has ever found a most sympathetic and ready helper in Mrs. Waller. The respect and affection which they have both won for themselves among all classes was amply shown by the demonstration which took place on their departure from Nagano, and in which an almost equal share was taken by the non-Christian part of the community. We trust that a year's stay in their native country may fully restore Mrs. Waller to health and strength, and we can assure them of a warm welcome from both missionaries and converts on their return.

A. C. S.  
In South Tokyo Diocesan Magazine.

John Howe of Seven Truck.

When Hook-and-Ladder Truck No. 7, of the New York Fire Department, bent around the corner into Lexington Avenue, two men were at the open window of the second floor of No. 94, the burning house. They gesticulated wildly, their open mouths screaming unheard cries for help; then smoke from the first floor poured up, choking them and diving them back out of sight.

No one in the streets had noticed these men. It was in the dawning of a dark morning, about six o'clock of January 2nd, 1897, and the few people out before the burning house were neighbours, men and women, busily trying to rescue their children and furniture and clothing from No. 96 and contiguous houses in the three-storied row. On Hook-and-Ladder Truck No. 7 there were two notably 'ert firemen—John F. Howe, the driver, and James Pearl, the man on the tiller. Both saw the endangered men, although they were the busiest of the crew at that moment, for How had three horses to swing at full gallop around the corner, while Pearl had the hind wheels to steer, away out under the long, spindling ladders.

Perhaps the work of driving and steering on a hard run made them more wide-a-woke than their mates or so they modestly explained it. But some men are always seeing chances to do good things, while others as habitually miss them. Howe and Pearl are of "the sort who get medals," as the firemen say, and indeed Howe had received the New York medal for bravery in 1896. He wanted another, what good man would not be keenly glad to get medals denoting that he had saved human lives? Pearl had the same hunger for life-saving—and medals. They were rivals, brave men, and good friends.

As his team thundered up to this fire at No. 94 Lexington Avenue, Howe thought that Pearl probably saw as well as he the chance to save those men on the second floor. But as Pearl could not leave his post at the tiller till the truck stopped, the driver had some hope of beating him.

Howe understood the situation at a glance. The back of the house was ablaze to the roof; in front the flames were in control of the high basement and the first floor. Tongues of fire were occasionally shooting up along the walls outside to the second story. In its most northerly window the man had appeared. No ladder could stand there. The only approach was through the next house in the row, No. 96, the house south of No. 94, and divided from it by only a brick partition wall.

Howe jammed down his brake and pulled up when his seat was just opposite the door of No. 96; thus he was nearer than Pearl to the door, nearer by the length of the truck. As the horses strained back on their haunches Howe called to a man on the sidewalk to hold them, at the same moment he leaped from his seat and ran. He must run fast if he would be first in saving the men, for Pearl started at the same instant from the end of the truck for the door of No. 96.

On the steps of the house they came together with a bump, but Howe got his shoulder in ahead and away he went up the stairs. He met frightened men and women coming down in half-crazed confusion, laden with bundles of clothes and dragging trunks. Over these he leaped or climbed as fast as he could, and close behind him he could hear the jumping and the clatter of Pearl.

Howe rushed into the front room and straight for the south window. He battered out the sash and stood up with his body outside, grasping the lintel with his hand. At that instant he felt Pearl's grasp on his leg.

"Go on, you lucky dog! growled Pearl. I'll hold your confounded leg." So How reports his hearty comrade.

Pearl a bulky, powerful man over six feet tall, was able unaided to hold Howe, but for precaution's sake he yelled to the tenants who were saving trunks, and bullied some of them into standing by to lend a hand if needed.

As for Howe, he now saw that he could not save the man except by a most dangerous feat, one requiring amazing skill, strength courage—and good luck in the bargain.

Almost under him—away down at the lower part of the tall basement—an iron fence with sharp pickets rose between the two houses. It ran out to the street from their front wall; it was exactly half-way between the window in which he stood and that in which the men stood; if he should fall in reaching out for them he must fall to death on the spear-like pickets.

Howe did not hesitate an instant. The imperilled men were again screaming in the next window. The north end of its sill, projecting three inches, was five feet from the sill on which he stood. He tried to reach to it with his foot, holding meanwhile to the lintel with one of his hands. His back was to the street, and when he got rest for his foot on the other sill he was standing directly over the pickets, splayed out wide, one hand grasping the sash of the window of No. 96, and his weight partly supported by Pearl, who grasped Howe by the leg and by

the waistband of his trousers.

"Come on now, you fellows, he yelled, "and be quick about it! Hey there!" His free hand was clutching for them.

A head appeared—that of Max Henschel; it had been scorched; the hair and mustache were mostly gone. Henschel crouched on the sill, trembling at the breath of the flames, but he reached out to Howe who clutched him with one hand, and pressing him against the wall with his body, passed him on to the clutch of Pearl, who jerked him into the window, and dropped him on the floor. The crowd roared with joy to see one man saved.

"Now for the other, John," said Pearl.

Howe paused for a moment. He was burned, and he had swallowed a mouthful of hot air from the flames. He felt sick and weak; but to Pearl, whose face had softened with an anxious expression, he said:

"I'm O. K. yet Jim!"

"Get a move on then!" said Pearl hardening again. "The other man'll be cooked if you—"

A shout from the street, where a crowd had gathered, startled the two firemen. "Don't jump!" "Look out!" the voices yelled.

Howe took a fresh grip on the window-frame above Pearl, and turned his head just in time to see a white man coming at him. Then a great weight fell upon his neck and shoulders. It was the other man, Ferdinand Schmidt, a fat German, who had grown desperate and sprung out upon the firemen, and now clung to him with arms and legs in a desperate embrace. The iron pickets were directly under the two.

Howe swayed under the load. He had thought it hard to keep his balance before. Now every muscle of his body strained to stand up, but he bent and sank with the new, struggling weight. In vain he shouted to Schmidt to be still and he would save him.

The street was watching the men in horror. It seemed both must be impaled on the iron fence-points. Now the crew of Seven Truck were running up a ladder; but flame and smoke for a moment enveloped Howe. He lurched and seemed falling. His hand lost its hold. He clutched the German and thought of the picket fence—which of them would be on top in the fall?

With a grunt that sounded almost like a roar, the crew of the truck rammed the ladder up. It touched Schmidt's foot. He felt it, stiffened his leg, seemed to come to his senses, straightened his full length, whirled round backward and fell with a crash of broken glass through the upper sash of the window on Pearl. The German shot half-way across the floor,

and Howe had just strength enough left to get back into Pearl's arms, who had kept his wits perfectly all the time, and retained his clutch of his comrade.

"Hurt?" asked Pearl.

"None. Sick with the smoke, that's all."

"Well, button up your clothes, then, for you forgot it driving over, and it's light in the street. I'll call the ambulance for you and this fat fellow—he seems kind of done up, too. Next time mobbe you won't be such a hog for all the chances that's going."

The ambulance was needed, for Howe was not only sick but bruised badly. Yet he was out of the hospital in time to save the next life credited to Truck No. 7, that of a man whom he found on the fifth floor of a burning store in Fifth Avenue one night and brought down unconscious on an extension ladder.


—Youth's Companion.

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**Admiration for Medical Missionaries.**

The annual meeting of the Medical Mission Auxiliary to the Church Missionary Society was presided over by a very eminent representative of the medical profession, Sir William Broadbent. This gentleman paid a great tribute of personal admiration to missionaries in general, and particularly those of his own profession. We quote one or two passages from his address. "One is struck with the enormous amount of good that is being done at this comparatively small cost of 6,000l. a year. One reads of 1,250 beds of patients, one reads of forty-seven medical missionaries; and the expense of that is something like a little over 6,000l. . . . Accustomed, as one is, to hospital expenditure here, one is filled with astonishment at the statement. . . . I think very few would refuse a tribute of admiration to the men who devote their lives to this purpose. Some of them have educated themselves as medical men entirely for the purpose of making use of their knowledge as missionaries. Others have qualified as doctors, and then have received a call to devote their services to this great work. And we must remember that their is no room here for ambition of a worldly kind, no opportunity for making material gain, no low chance of anything like distinction, or fame, or renown. Any reward that they have must come from within, and from above, from the consciousness of doing good and obeying the Divine command, and from the conviction that they are working in the Divine service. . . . So far from considering missionary effort as wasted energy, it seems to me that the missionary spirit is the greatest evidence of vitality in the Church, certainly the most convincing evidence of its vitality."

**Speak for your Church.**

From all sides, from all denomination of Christians, people are turning their thoughts to The Church's claims, and worship and history. Almost every month the writer of this meets some new worshiper who is just learning the Church's ways. Every year some other body of Christian people takes a step in search of the "old paths." People who used to denounce the Prayer Book most bitterly are quietly appropriating many of its beauties. Holy days are winning their way to the approval of all. Christmas and Easter need no apologies now. Good Friday is remembered more and more widely. The *Te Deum*, *Gloria in Excelsis* and *Gloria Patri* are sung often in congregations where they were once shut out as Romish. The patience, the firmness, the

strong conservative fidelity which have held fast the old Apostolic truths and worship, however for the time unpopular, are finding their reward.

But the Church and Churchman must remember that they need to do something more than "hold fast." They must "speak out."

"Why don't you let people know what your church is"? is the question often asked in wonder by those just learning to love it. "The worship," said one, "is what lately I have been longing for for years. It has been described to me as a mere formality. I find it full of life and earnestness." Said another: "I had long joined in the popular cry that your Church was so exclusive. Now I know for myself that no other body of Christians has such liberal terms of communion. Why don't you take pains to show that fact to all? And yet another recently asked of the writer "Why are you Churchmen so close-mouthed? You go about your own business and don't seem to care much for what others think. If you would only speak out for your Church as others do for theirs, you would do better."

And so, good friends, who read this article, I beg you to speak out for your Church. Some may say you are "proselyting"—another ugly word. Ugly words are the favorite weapons of ignorance and prejudice. Set against them our Saviour's command to "make disciples," to "compel them to come in." If you believe that in The Church you enjoy great privileges and blessings, it is a duty of Christian charity to convince others of that fact, and to invite them to share with you.

Speak out, then, for your Church. Do not keep all your enthusiasm for conversation with Church people. Let others hear of your love of the Church's ways. They will learn from your words some of the Church's peculiarities. They will think more favorably of a Church that can so kindle its members' love.

What we wish is that those who are strangers to the Church, or prejudiced against it, should know it as it really is. Once awakened some interest by your words, and a book or tract, or a visit with you to the church, will give light. A fair understanding of our claims, our history, our principles, our worship is what we desire. And to promote this, speak of your Church, lovingly and fearlessly, and circulate books and tracts.

—Earnest Worker.

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Some time ago we announced our intention to publish fortnightly instead of monthly, but up to the present have not been able to do so regularly. Beginning January 1st we shall publish promptly on the 1st and 15th of each month, and any of our readers who do not get their paper regularly from that date will do us a favour by notifying us to that effect.

Rural Dean Mellor takes exception to our remarks of last month on "B. H. M. expectations." We gladly give space to the Reverend gentleman's letter and are quite willing to accord to the Colonial and Continental Church Society the praise justly due for liberality and activity in mission work. In our article we were dealing solely with "B. H. M. expectations" in the Diocese.

Notices have been sent from the Secretary-Treasurer's office reminding the parishes that the assessments for the Income Fund are due on or before December 31st. Delinquent parishes naturally felt aggrieved over the unpleasant publicity given to their own delinquency in the past. It is pleasant to remember that the remedy is entirely in their own hands.

The new Church at Antigonish will be dedicated to St. Paul and opened on Sunday, November 11th.

Mr. Nelson Arnold has generously donated a valuable piece of land to Trinity Church, Sussex, on which to build a Parish House.

The Bishop of Nova Scotia confirmed a class of 43 candidates at St. Paul's, Charlottetown, the last Sunday in November.

Archdeacon Phair preached at Trinity, St. John, on Sunday Dec. 4th, and made a telling appeal for Church work among the Indians. He is trying to raise money for a hospital for the Indians recently started on the banks of the Red River, 25 miles from Winnipeg.

Missions are to be held in the Dartmouth and New Glasgow parishes soon after Christmas. It is pleasant to record the great interest in the Church being aroused in

New Glasgow under the earnest ministrations of Rev. Mr. Woodroffe

Will our correspondents kindly bear in mind that the Church Observer is published on the 1st and 15th of each month, and if copy reaches the office too late for one issue it will be published in the next. We are in great need of more correspondents who will send news items from their respective parishes.

The English Church Army added 80 trained men and women to its staff last year, which now numbers 316 parochial evangelists, 120 van evangelists and colporteurs, 65 social officers, 151 mission nurses and rescue and slum workers, 77 associate evangelists; 48 vans were conducted and 2,400 seven-day missions. The gross income was \$170,000 last year.

The Rector of Amherst has arranged for a series of lectures in his parish. Two of the course have been delivered, one by the Rev. J. Woodroffe, rector of New Glasgow, on "The Reformation of the 17th century" and the other by Rev. R. Johnson, rector of Parrsboro, on "Methodist and Evangelical Movements in the Church of England in the 18th century." A third lecture will be delivered this month on "Catholic revival in the 19 century"

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Rev. Canon Brock, Kentville; Rev. Archdeacon Kaulbach, Truro; Rev. R. H. DeBlois, Annapolis; Rev. Mr. Harris, Amherst; Rev. E. P. Crawford, Halifax, were guests at the Sherman House, Shubenacadie, Nov. 29th. They had been appointed by the bishop to investigate some affairs in the Anglican church of Stewiacke and Shubenacadie. Their deliberations were in secret, as it cannot be learned just what was done, but it is said that amicable arrangements were arrived at, which gave satisfaction to those interested.

—Morning Chronicle.

The Ladies associated with the Church of England Institute, St. John, encouraged by much kind assistance given them in past years, beg once more the help of all kind

hearted persons. Boxes are to be packed for country missions, and that these boxes may be well filled, there are needed, books, toys, games and all such articles as please young people. The packing is to be done at the rooms not later than December 15th. Mary R. Walker on behalf of the committee.

The Sunday Schools in Guysborough County under the care of the Rev. T. C. Mellor and the Rev. L. J. Donaldson lack reading matter for the children. In order to commence a Sunday School Library, will any Sunday School, more favoured, send us some of the books which have been used and put on one side. We are sadly in need of such literature as is to be found in a well organized Sunday School Library. During the last four years eight Sunday Schools have been started in our mission, and we are not blessed with much of this world's goods to provide a library for each. If this appeal meets the eye of any generous layman or the authorities in Sunday Schools, if they will kindly assist us we shall be deeply grateful.

T. C. MELLOR.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the Church Observer.  
Dear Sir:—

I notice in one of the articles, that on "B. H. M. Expectations" contained in your last issue, a mistake so great and calculated to do great injustice to the Deanery of St. George, that I ask you now to insert this correction in your next issue.

In the Year Book (1897-1898) see p. 77. I find Antigonish gave \$24.26 for B. H. M. Country Harbor 8.00 " " Guysborough 8.30 " " Cape 4.55 " " making a total of \$45.11 in the Deanery.

I admit this is a small amount but when it is mentioned that two parishes did not contribute and also that \$103.60 is credited to C. & C. C. S., from three parishes in the Deanery, and that this Deanery is the poorest in the Diocese it must be conceded that we have not done so badly after all.

Again it is unfair for the writer of the article above mentioned to put down St. Paul's Church, Halifax, as having given only \$41.30, when the contributions for Home Missions including C. & C. C. S. is a total of \$1180.34, (see p. 77). Why not pitch into those parishes from which there are no returns, even if one of them is a city parish!!

Above all things let justice be done, and don't try and alienate what interest is taken in diocesan work in such a poor and scattered

Deanery as this of St. George.  
Yours faithfully,  
T. C. MELLOR.

What's the matter with Halifax.

To the Editor of the Church Observer  
Dear Sir:—

Your suggestive article on "B. H. M. Expectations" and some statements made by one of the B. H. M. deputations impelled me to look over the B. H. M. reports for many past years. I was surprised to find that Halifax is the greatest delinquent in the matter of support to the B. H. M. Years ago the city churches together gave twice and three times as much as they now give, and the deficiency in the funds of the Board is about equivalent to the loss of Halifax's former contributions. In some of the churches in that city no B. H. M. collection has evidently been taken up for some time. The See city may fairly be expected to set the example to the other churches in the diocese in this matter. Hoping that Halifax may soon "do the first works" in this matter.

I remain,  
Yours respectfully,  
W.

Cape Breton.

The report of the B. H. M. deputation from Sydney Deanery is a very encouraging one and reflects great credit upon the Rural Deans and Rectors. The following is a copy of the report:—"The success of the deputation work was chiefly due to the active interest taken in the matter by Rural Dean Lockyer and the other Rectors in the Deanery. Circulars (printed gratuitously and personally by the Rural Dean) announcing the meetings, were distributed, and the parishioners were previously visited by the Rectors and invited to the meetings. The result was manifest in the large attendances and comparatively creditable collections. In every parish the deputation was most hospitably entertained. Deputation work so earnestly and actively furthered by the Rectors must always be productive of satisfactory results.

The following is the list of collections:—

Sydney		7.22
Coxheath—Collection	1.65	
Subscription	11.81	15.90
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**Extract from Report of the Missionary Bishop of Algoma.**

*To the Most Reverend the Archbishop of Ontario, Metropolitan:*

MY LORD ARCHBISHOP,—In obedience to Canon XI. of the provincial Synod of Canada, I beg to submit my report of the Missionary Diocese of Algoma. I can only report however, for the period (seventeen months) during which I have been in charge of the diocese.

**OFFICIAL RETURNS.**

During the period alluded to I have baptized 8, held 78 confirmations, confirmed 523, celebrated Holy Communion 74, delivered 288 sermons and addresses, consecrated 3 churches and 3 cemeteries, held 3 ordinations, at which I have admitted 2 candidates to the diaconate and 3 to the priesthood, transferred 5 clergy and received 3. I also attended the Lambeth Conference in the month of July, 1897, and presided at the Triennial Council of Algoma during the first week of June in the present year.

**GENERAL DIOCESEAN STATISTICS.**

Church population (per census, 16,467), per Ruri-Decanal Reports, 9,329; communicants, 2,646; Sunday School Scholars, 2,866; teachers, 275; baptisms, adults, 52, children, 1,057; total, 1,109; churches, 77; parsonages, 24; parish halls 7; Clergy—Priests, 29; deacons, 2; superannuated, 1. Total, including the Bishop, 33; catechists, 1; candidates for Holy Orders, 3.

Total offerings, as per Ruri-Decanal Reports for the two years up to last Easter (devoted to stipends of Missionaries, current parochial expenses, church and parsonage building, Domestic and Foreign Missions and other objects), \$33,438.64.

These figures afford a complete answer to the charge sometimes made against Algoma that she does little or nothing for herself. It is only fair, however, to state that a few sums for special purposes, received from outside sources, are included in the above amount.

**Avon Rural Deanery.**

A meeting of the members of Avon Deanery was held in the parish of Kentville on the Eve and Festival of St. Andrew's Day. There were present besides the Rector, The Rev. Canon Brock, D. D., the following clergy:—Revs. F. J. H. Axford, R. D., T. W. Johnson, K. C. Hind, M. A., and J. M. C. Wade, M. A.

Evensong was said on the Eve by Mr. Johnson, and two addresses delivered, one on "Worship" by Rev. K. C. Hind, M. A., and one on "Missions" by the Dean.

Morning Prayer and Holy Communion were celebrated at 11

o'clock on the Festival, Mr. Johnson taking Morning Prayers. The Dean being celebrant assisted by the Rector, and the Rev. J. M. C. Wade was the preacher taking as his text, 2 Cor. v. 14, "The love of Christ constraineth us."

The offertories amounting to \$6.00 were given to Kings College.

The clergy dined at the Rectory.

A business meeting of the chapter was held in the afternoon at which after the usual order of proceedings, various matters of importance were discussed, of which the most important was the new rules effecting the C. E. Fund.

The next meeting will be held the first week in May in the parish of Windsor if agreeable to the Rector.

The clergy were entertained as follows,

Mr. Johnson by Mrs. G. Dodge, The Dean by Miss Dodge, Mr. Hind by Mrs. T. W. Harris, and at the Rectory.

**Old Church Bells.**

"Churchman," Sackville, writes to the Amherst Press as follows in regard to the bell in the Methodist church at Sackville, which a correspondent claimed was "probably the first bell ever heard in this country from the belfry of a Protestant place of worship." From historical records I am led to believe that this bell belongs to St. Mark's church in the parish of Westmorland. From an address read by the Rev. J. R. Campbell, Rural Dean of Shediac Deanery, at the anniversary meeting of the Avon Rural Deanery Church Society held at Fredericton in October 1897 I make the following extract. In writing of St. Mark's church, Westmorland, he says; "An interesting circumstance in connection with St. Mark's is that the bell that has from the first summoned the children of the church to worship bears the following inscription, "Od honorem Dei, Fecit T M Gros Roche Forb, 1734," and it has three fleur de lis cast in. All the surroundings indicate that this interesting ornament was previous to the Acadian deportation in 1755, in use in the French chapel at Beauséjour and is an interesting confirmation of the early date of this ancient mission."

The first St. Mark's church was built in 1764, more than forty years before the Methodist church at Sackville, referred to by your correspondent, was built, and this bell, cast in 1734, was no doubt, from the information available, placed in the tower of the church where built. From these facts I think we can reasonably conclude that to St. Mark's church, Westmorland, belongs the distinction claimed by your correspondent for the Methodist church at Sackville.

**BOOKS AND MAGAZINES.**

A very handsome cover, in bright warm colors, encloses the Christmas Number of *The Canadian Magazine*. The frontispiece is a reproduction in colors of the famous picture, "The Berry Pickers," by G. A. Reid, President of the Ontario Society of Artists. Grant Allen contributes a very good Christmas story, which is thoroughly illustrated. "Kit" writes another entitled "Holy Saint Claus," illustrating the fact that Santa Claus is a German Saint, and that Irish children have difficulty in understanding him. All the children in the world do not know of our Santa Claus. This story by "Kit" is one of her bright Irish tales, with which nothing that is written in this country can compare. Eva Hamilton Young tells something about the origin of Christmas carols, Christmas boxes, and other customs peculiar to the Anglo-Saxon. W. L. Edmonds gives the origin of the dried fruit-

which we use at this season in our Christmas puddings and other delicacies. Besides these seasonable features, there are articles and short stories in the usual profusion. Capt. Bell continues his story of Lord Wolseley's expedition. Julian Durham describes the twelve-year-old-city of Vancouver. Florence Hamilton Randal gives the history of Rideau Hall, and tells some good stories of former royal occupants—old and young. Altogether the number is a most attractive one, there being over 190 pages within the artistic cover. Canadian writers and publishers are making such rapid progress that we no longer need to go abroad to secure Christmas souvenirs.

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It may be mentioned that while the incorporated name of the institution was the Halifax Grammar School, to the boys of the half-century now closing, it was always "Gilpin's School," and no teacher could possibly hope for greater respect and esteem from his pupils than was invariably exhibited towards Dr. Gilpin throughout his lengthy teaching career. It is a gratifying circumstance that Dr. Gilpin is still a familiar form on the streets of Halifax, and that his "old boys" have an opportunity of meeting him in their busi-

ness with a view of getting a kindly word of greeting from him, but yet there are many to whom he is, after all, but a memory, though an unfading one—those of the earlier days who have gone into other lands carrying with them, it is to be hoped, the higher principles of life that, along with the ordinary literary features of the school, it was the constant aim of Dr. Gilpin to inculcate. To these the portrait of the venerable Dean, as he appears in the advanced maturity of his days, cannot fail to be received with delight and to be appreciated with peculiar satisfaction.—*Halifax Record.*

**An Advent Even Song.**

Good fortune guided my steps to St. Luke's cathedral on Sunday evening last. One was pleased to find, in spite of the raging storm outside, a fair congregation, composed chiefly of men, assembled. The Choral Evensong was most devotionally and beautifully rendered. The psalms for the day were excellently sung to Anglican chants, as were also the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis.

The anthem to the words—"Watchman what of the night?" composed of tenor solo, men's voices in unison chorus, proved to be an instructive and touching composition.

The rector preached from the text from Isaiah, "Come and let us reason together saith the Lord." The great and searching truths of the prophet were clearly and forcibly applied to the conduct of Christians in the present day.

The organist must be commended for the way in which he accompanied the choir throughout the service. The organ, while skillfully and artistically played, was not too much in evidence. The complaint might be made by the unlearned that the choir needs more support from the organ, but to one who has heard such musicians as Frederick Archer, Smart, Best and Guilman accompany, it is evident that St. Luke's organist has not only been well intrusted, but has learnt his lesson well.

One cannot gauge of the capabilities of St. Luke's choir by their work on this particular evening, but if the small choir present could sing so tunefully and well, I am led to expect great things from the full choir.

The writer of these remarks would like to put in a plea for the judicious use of the Gregorian tones for the psalms during Advent. The effect would be most telling if these grand old chants were sung by choir and congregation antiphonally.

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**Parish News**

**AMHERST.**

The ladies were very successful in realizing about \$66 in aid of the Sunday school at their tea and entertainment, on the 9th.

Rev. S. Woodroffe, rector of "St. George," New Glasgow, lectured in the Parish Hall, on Wednesday evening 23rd, subject "The Reformation and following years of the 17th century." There was but a slim attendance owing no doubt to counter attractions.

The "Church" was prettily decorated for "Thanksgiving Day" with flowers, fruit, and vegetables, which were sent to the poor and sick of the parish on the following day. The service was hearty and attended by a good congregation. The sermon was eloquent and impressive, and appropriate for the day, and was delivered by Rev. Cecil Wiggins, rector of St. Paul's, Sackville N. B., from Psalm 23, reviewing many of the leading events of the past year, tracing the downfall of a once great and powerful nation, the restoration of peace and goodwill between the Mother Country and the neighbouring republic and showing guidance of God's Hand, that out of wars, and tumults chaos and darkness, goodwill come to those who put their trust in Him, "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the House of the Lord forever."

M. E. B.

**SPRINGHILL.**

Thanksgiving Day was the annual Donation Day at the Hospital. Many friends of the Institution visited the building on that day and brought helpful presents of poultry, fruit, vegetables, and groceries. At present there are three male and four female patients in the Hospital and the nurses are kept busy in doing much district nursing work.

**NORTH SYDNEY.**

The annual Harvest Festival service was held in this parish on Tuesday evening, Oct. 4th. The Church was appropriately decorated for the occasion with fruit, flowers, grain and vegetables. The sermon was preached by the rector from the text, Jeremiah, viii, 20, "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved."

The Feast of All Saints was duly observed by Morning Prayer and Holy Communion at 10 a. m., and evensong at 7 p. m. The Rev. A. Gale preached in the evening on

the state of the faithful departed. On Sunday, Nov. 13th, the Rev. W. Chas. Wilson, of Springhill, preached in the evening on behalf of the Board of Home Missions, and the annual collection was taken up. It amounted to 68.14, with the possibility of more yet to come in. This together with \$33.00, raised in response to the Special Appeal, nearly doubles the contribution given last year to the funds of the Board.

This parish has received several visits this summer from the Rev. R. W. Norwood, B. A., of Neil's Harbor. Much interest is felt here in Mr. Norwood's work in his mission, and on the occasion of his last visit he was given a collection of a little over \$20.00.

The Holy Communion is now celebrated in this parish every Sunday and Holy Day. The attendance at the Saint's Day celebrations has been most encouraging.

As a result of a concert, got up by Mrs. John Voight and family, the platform of the Sunday school has been completed, and curtains placed over the windows, adding much to the comfort and the appearance of the school.

The Sunday School, under the able superintendence of Mr. W. E. Earle is in a most flourishing condition. There are now over 70 scholars on the rolls.

The Social and Temperance Society is also in a satisfactory condition. A special temperance meeting is to be held on Nov. 17, at which five-minute papers or addresses will be given by the Rev. C. W. Vernon, Rev. A. Gale, Mr. W. E. Earle, and Miss Hattie Robinson.

**HALIFAX.**

At the Sunday school teachers meeting which was held in the Church of England Institute last week. Miss Hamilton gave a most excellent paper on the child's mind, or Psychology of the child's mind. The paper was most interesting and as the Rev. E. P. Crawford said, quite a revelation to many.

The Rev. Foster Almon has been visiting the mission in Liscombe. Mr. J. A. Winfield has supplied the pulpit of Trinity Church in his absence.

A course of special sermons is being preached in St. Paul's by the Rev. W. J. Armitage.

A very brilliant organ recital was rendered in St. Luke's Cathedral last week by Mr. Athoe the organist. Rev. E. P. Crawford being the soloist.

Mr. J. A. Winfield gave a most interesting lecture in St. Paul's Hall on the 17th. His subject being, "Nansen's farthest North." It was much enjoyed.

The Mission Hall is crowded to the doors at all the services.

St. Matthias' Church, Windsor St., is making great progress under the ministrations of the Rev. Percy Soanes.

**BADDECK.**

Mr. B. A. Bowman, B. A. of King's College, is now stationed here as layreader. The Rev. W. C. Vernon, of North Sydney, came over several times during the summer to administer the Holy Communion.

**NEIL'S HARBOR.**

The Churchman on a tour through Cape Breton cannot help but be struck at the paucity of Anglican communities, especially in the Northern and Western parts of the Island. It was with feelings of interest and pleasure when on my arrival at Englestown I heard that "a few miles to the Northward" was a Church of England that is at Neils Harbor. Closer investigation proved the few miles to be about fifty. A weary tramp through the North Shore over Smoky Mountain, past the Inglisho's then a tramp of 12 miles through woods, swamps, and bushes and Neils Harbor opens to view a typical Atlantic fishing settlement. Rocks, dwarf bushes, and that sickly odor peculiar to all fishing hamlets being the chief characteristic. "Nales" Harbor as the natives love to call it was settled chiefly by Newfoundlanders who brought with them that rich western countries dialect made funous by Kingsley and a love for the dear old mother Church. A quarter of a century ago the first settlers came to Neil's Harbor they were speedily followed by others and shortly after the first clergyman (the late Rev. Mr. Gibbons) came to minister to their spiritual needs. Through his instrumentality a Church and Mission House were built, which still serve well not the requirements of the Parish. Many other clergymen have labored here and their work has been eminently successful. Will the churchmen and women who read this please bear in mind Neils Harbor is a poor parish, many things are wanted to keep along Church work. The writer has seen poor parishes but none so poor as this.

The parishioners do all they can but when so much is to be done their all is trifling. The church wants cleaning or painting, new seating, new furniture, and one enthusiastic daughter of the church "does hope they will have a tower and a bell before long." (The summons to worship is accomplished by a flag in the day time and by the lighted church at night,) these matters can be allowed to wait, for when fish is scarce in many cases homes and little children must go

short of necessities. The Rev. R. W. Norwood B. A. is now in charge of the parish and has started manfully to work. A new vestry has been built through his perseverance, at a cost of \$45.00. During his incumbency a sewing circle has been organized which will do good work for the place. Calico, cloth, and other fabrics for this Society can be sent to the Secretary Mrs. Rueben Payne, who with her condutors will make it up into eatable articles for a proposed bazaar. The writer only met one of the churchwardens (Mr. T. Williams) and was impressed with his usefulness. It is regrettable some ready writer cannot lay before your readers the needs of the church. I can neither describe the people or speak of all their needs. This I know, St. Andrew's Church, Neils Harbor, stands a refreshing oasis in the wilderness of dissent in Northern Cape Breton, and if on no higher grounds should be helped by the wealthier church people of the Diocese.

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In the American Journal of Health, New York and Chicago, May 4, 1898, says: "Having received enquiries asking us about Woodill's German Baking Powder, we have, through our secret Inquiry Bureau, made a careful examination concerning this product, without consulting anyone interested financially in its success, and would say that it possesses highest worth and is all that is claimed for it, and for these reasons receives our endorsement."



**Parish News**

**NEIL'S HARBOR.**

Throughout this diocese the Sunday school children are beginning to look forward to Christmas, and no doubt, in many of our parishes there will be gathered in the school-room numbers of happy boys and girls gazing in ecstasy upon the tree lit with tapers and laden with Christmas gifts. Yes! for these, Christmas will be the day of day- and pleasant it will be, both to pastor and assistants, the making ready for Christmas eve.

Alas, with us it is different, a poor pastor, a poorer people with hardly sufficient to keep them through the winter, render a Christmas tree for our children, an impossibility. An impossibility? well, we shall, provided this appeal arouse the sympathies of those who are able to give of their plenty, and who can realize how easily these fisher-children are pleased.

My Sunday school has an average attendance of 85 children, some of them—indeed most of them—sadly in need of warm clothing. For these I venture to ask the readers of this paper to do what they can to help.

May I suggest that your Sunday school children be called upon to contribute. This, a city rector in our diocese has undertaken to do, and I am sure that the children who so act will the more thoroughly enjoy their own tree.

All contributions may be forwarded to Neil's Harbor C. B. via. S. S. Harlaw.

R. W. Notwood.

**NEW GLASGOW.**

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew, in connection with St. George's parish here, aided by the ladies of the congregation, held a very nice social in the Sons of England hall, last Monday night. There was a large gathering not only of the young people of the church, but the older ones as well, a few from Trenton and Stellarton, and some from the other churches in town. It was a pleasant sight to see so many happy, smiling faces, which was evidence enough that they enjoyed the gathering.

Mr. J. L. Jennison acted as chairman of the evening, and it is needless to say he performed that function ably and well. In his introductory remarks, he gave a brief history of the origin and growth of this remarkable organization. It had its birth in Chicago, in 1883, and since then it has spread all over the English speaking world, wherever the Church of England exists. Its greatest numbers, of course, are in the U. S., but the order extends throughout Canada

and all the Colonies to a large extent. The order was formed to meet an existing want. It consists solely of the laity in each congregation. The duties of the Brotherhood are mainly to look after the interest of the congregation, to visit strangers, etc., and acquaint them with the church services. They have also a Bible class, conducted every Wednesday evening, by their rector. This was the first social held under their auspices, in this parish. It was a good beginning, and promised much for the future. He hoped that everyone would make himself and herself agreeable, and so make the social a successful as well as an interesting one.

The programme of the evening consisted of piano solos by the Misses Heighton, Bent and Fraser; banjo selections by A. D. and John Grant; a patriotic song; "The flag for me," by Mr. C. T. Bent, and a sweet sentimental ballad by Miss Fraser; a short address by Rev. Mr. Taylor, Stellarton; and a reading from Tennyson by the Rector, Mr. Woodruff. The refreshments were not forgotten.

A verse of the national anthem and the benediction by the Rector ended this interesting and happy gathering.

**PORT GREVILLE.**

The Ladies Aid Society met at Mrs. Elizabeth Kerr's on the first Wednesday of this month. The officers elected for the ensuing quarter were:—

- President Mrs. Elisha Baxter.
- Vice-President, Mrs. Albert Hatfield.
- Secretary Mrs. George Pettis.
- Treasurer Mrs. Freeman Hatfield.

The report of the treasurer was given and the sum of \$20.12 paid over, \$5.00 of which was devoted to the Rectory Fund.

The funeral of the late Capt. Harland Pettis, Parrsboro, took place on Wednesday, Oct. 24th. After a lingering and painful illness he passed away, and his remains, followed by a large number of sorrowing friends, were brought to Port Greville for interment. Rev. Mr. Cumming conducted the funeral and preached a sermon from the text, "Blessed are the dead, which die in the Lord, from henceforth. Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them." Rev. xiv, 13v. Rev. Mr. Johnston, Parrsboro, read the lessons and the choir sang "Now the laborer's task is o'er", and "Days and moments quickly flying."

A special Service was held on Thanksgiving Day. The Offerings were for the Widows and Orphans Fund.

Our Teachers Meetings are very

interesting and much appreciated. Having finished the Catechism the rector has now taken up the "Institute Leaflets" with much success. The Sunday School will be continued during the winter for the first time. A Christmas Tree and entertainment for the children will be given in the Hall on Christmas Eve.

During Advent Season special services will be held on Tuesday and Friday evenings in the Parish Church and St. John's, Diligent River on Wednesday evening.

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