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ALL SAINTS PARISH SPRINGHILL.

Through the courtesy of the Editor of "The Churchman" of New York, we are permitted to print the accompanying tone-types of the above buildings, which recently appeared in "The Churchman." The group of buildings near the Church comprises the Church, the Rectory and the Parish House. The Church is a beautiful Gothic building, substantially built and capable of seating 600 persons and of holding 800 persons. The Chancel is very large having seating accommodation for a choir of 40 voices and a large orchestra. The building was consecrated on the day of opening. The Altar, pulpit, lectern, font, litany desk, altar cross, and three stained glass windows are memorials. The



CHURCH, RECTORY AND PARISH HOUSE, SPRINGHILL.

Church has a mixed surplined choir. The Parish House, on the upper part of the picture, was the generous gift of a single donor. It is a large building 63 feet long by 18 broad and contains on the ground floor a large hall, a kindergarten school, and a cooking school. On

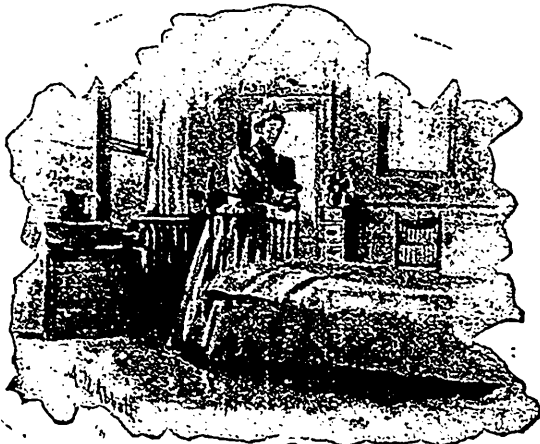


ALL SAINTS COTTAGE HOSPITAL, SPRINGHILL.

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the second floor is a reading room, game room, private school room, committee room, and a large and well furnished room for The Church Woman's Missionary Association. The Kindergarten, and private governess school are in daily operation. Three teachers are constantly engaged, and regular religious instruction is given by the Rector. The Cooking School meets twice a week. The Sunday School and bible classes are held in the Parish House.

THE COTTAGE HOSPITAL can, perhaps, best be described in the article from "The Churchman": "It is a bright and cheerful building on the outside, with many windows; but inside it is still more so. On the first floor are six rooms beside the bath room, each fitted up by special gifts: sitting room and parlor, Church of the Advent, Boston; dining room, Grace Church, N. Y.; kitchen, Church at Lenox, Mass; men's ward, Holy Trinity, Newport; sitting room, S. Paul's, Brookline; operating room, S. Bartholomew's, N. Y.; and a private patient's room;



LECKIE ROOM, COTTAGE HOSPITAL.

the Leckie Room, given by the wife of the former manager of the Mines." On the second floor are the women's and childrens wards and the various rooms for the nurses, all named after the donor of each. There are in all twenty beds in the hospital, and fourteen of these were fitted out by friends. "The Churchman" says "All these are not bare rooms with makeshift furnishings, but are generously and beautifully although appropriately, arranged. No city hospital which I have ever seen, has anything which is more attractive, and everything is thoroughly done."

The needs of the hospital are the greatest anxiety in this work. The first year's finances show a close balancing of accounts. The work is one of faith that the "daily bread" will be sent. There are no grants for the hospital, no regular income, and no endowed beds. Only as money comes in from friends, and from a few paying patients, is the work sustained. The hospital needs endowment, or endowed memorial beds. Four thousand dollars will endow a bed; five dollars will

fully support the hospital for one day. An association of Hospital helpers has been formed in which the Associates pay \$5.00 per year, and thus each Associate keeps the hospital open for one day in each year. The present great depression in Springhill, calls for practical prompt beneficence on behalf of such work. The last three cases admitted to the hospital were Irish, English, and Canadian persons. The work is wide, and not local only. The generosity of American Churchmen would stir us up to open the fountains of munificence and charity in Nova Scotia. Those who aid with money when help is sorely needed, make also a gift of hope and encouragement to noble works. To give while we live is often of most value from the fact that the need is greatest. To defer beneficence until after death is often to put off the gift until it can only do half the good it might have done. Hospitals have a humane claim upon the special sympathy of the Church, and we trust that the All Saint's Cottage Hospital will be well sustained, speedily endowed, and liberally remembered in the bequests of Nova Scotia Churchmen.

ACADIA MINES.

The choir, Sunday-school, teachers, and members of the Rector's Bible class, assembled at the Rectory for their annual entertainment, on the evening of Tuesday, Jan'y 8th. A good supply of refreshments in various forms had been provided by Mrs. Ancient, and received ample justice at the hands of the young folks. A variety of games and amusements occupied the time up to the "wee sma' hours" when the party broke up, all feeling that this had been one of the best of these enjoyable seasons.

NEWS.

All items of news must be sent in before 27th of month. Every parish ought to have something worthy of record in each month's issue. For the sake of others, your own parish, and the success of the magazine send your items of news regularly each month.

The Bishop wishes to call the attention of the clergy to lenten letter addressed to the S. S. children, and requests that it be read in all the Sunday Schools in the Diocese on the day appointed by the Bishops of this Province. And also that the children's offerings be devoted to the object therein named.

PORT MORIEN, C. B.

(Parish of St Paul—Rev. W I Lockyer, Rector)

The name of the Village of Cow Bay, has been changed to Port Morien. Address accordingly.

St. Mary's Church, Little Glace Bay, has been closed for repairs, which have just been completed and the building is now very much improved.

A Magic Lantern exhibition was given by the Rector to the children of St Luke's Sunday School at New Year; after which, the prizes won by the children for knowledge of the Prayer Book and Church Catechism, were distributed.

The interior of the Parish church, Port Morien, has just received careful attention. The ash and spruce wainscotting has been oiled and varnished, the seats newly painted and new matting placed on the aisle. It is now one of the prettiest churches in Cape Breton.

Some money has been placed in the Bank as a nest-egg for a building fund for the church that will have to be erected at South Head within the next few years. The old church has well nigh done its work.

The walls and gables of the interior of the Parish Hall have just been ceiled, painted and oiled, and the little building is quickly becoming as ornamental as it is useful. It is not quite large enough for Sunday School, etc., and we hope to add to its length—"when our ship comes in."

This Parish—with its six churches, and congregations scattered along thirty miles of sea coast—is large enough for two priests, whilst there is barely enough money to provide one. Under present circumstances it is impossible to do justice to either priest or people.

We are gaining a few energetic parishioners at Little Glace Bay, but we are losing others in various parts of the parish. On the whole we shall not gain much by the great change which is going on through the parish in the interests of the Dominion Coal Co.

"Our Parish Magazine" has a fair circulation, and is doing its share of good work for "God and the Church."

A new church is to be built (D.V.) at Old Bridgeport during the coming summer.

A Tea, Prizes, Magic Lantern Exhibition etc., were given to the children of St. Mary's Sunday School on the evening of Jan. 30th.

We have a celebration of Holy Communion during the early morning of every Sunday and other Holy Days as appointed in the Prayer Book, together with three other services on Sunday; Evensong and Litany on Friday (as the weekly commemoration of the Crucifixion), daily Matins (or Litany) and Evensong during Ad-

vent and Lent, together with a celebration every Thursday morning and a children's service every Saturday afternoon.

WESTVILLE.

St. Bees—At the Christmas service in the Church, a quartette of singers very kindly came over from New Glasgow—Messrs. Maynard, Dodson, Warman and Benington—and led the singing.

A Christmas Social, for the children of the Sunday School, was held on the Thursday after Christmas and proved a great success. Much credit is due to Mr. Thomas Floyd and the teachers in the school, for their exertions on the occasion, in behalf of the children's welfare and happiness. Both churches in the Parish were beautifully decorated, much care and attention having been paid to this important work. Many skilled hands were employed for many days preparing both churches for the bright Christmas festival.

STELLARTON.

The Christmas services in Christ Church were bright and hearty. A very large number partook of the Holy Communion at the early celebration. The anthem, "Sing O Heavens" was very efficiently rendered at the 11 a. m. service.

A midnight service was held at 11.30 p. m. on New Year's eve, and lasted for an hour. It was well attended and many seemed glad of the opportunity of commencing the New Year with prayer and praise in God's House.

A Christmas Tree for the Sunday School children on Jan. 2nd, was very well attended and appeared to give great pleasure to the little ones, all of whom went away much pleased with the presents they received from Santa Claus.

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REV. W. J. ANCIENT, M. A., Editor.

WE have been watching with a good deal of interest, the discussion in the secular press, *re* our public school system. Many things, wise and otherwise, have been said about its defects, real or imaginary; but we have so far looked in vain for any notice of what we consider the greatest defect of all, viz: the absence of any direct and definite religious instruction. However excellent any system of education may otherwise be, we believe that without provision being made for the training and development of the moral nature, the cultivation of the "religious instinct", it fails to meet the highest needs of the individual, and is a source of danger to the community. Years ago, the Australian colonies, in their supposed wisdom, rigidly excluded from their public school curriculum every vestige of religion; and to-day there is a general admission on their part that in so doing they made a serious mistake. The increase of crime has been so great that it has opened their eyes to their own folly, and many people in the United States are beginning, slowly and reluctantly, it may be, to admit the same thing respecting their system of education. And we think no unbiassed person can doubt that much of the clever rascality, (we know no better name for it) so common in that country, is largely the result of educating the intellect and at the same time neglecting the hearts of their children.

But it will probably be said that our schools are not producing like

results. We would remind those who put in this plea, that it is too soon to "shout". In the first place, our present system has not been so long in operation as the others. In the next place, we have had so far, a strong counteracting influence at work in the homes of the children. There has been, and still is to some extent, a strong religious instinct in the hearts of the people of this Province; hence home bible reading, family prayer and religious home training in various forms. But if we do not misread the "signs of the times" that is, on the wane, and under present circumstances, will continue to wane in an ever increasing ratio until it comes dangerously near to the vanishing point.

But it may be said, in fact is said, that with the present divided state of Christians, it is impossible to give definite religious instruction in our public schools. If by *definite* people mean *denominational* we quite agree with them. But we believe a great deal of definite knowledge could be imparted and the hearts and consciences of our children educated without encroaching upon the denominational domain. Surely we could unite in teaching the ten Commandments, supplemented by Matt. xx: 37-40; The Lord's Prayer, the beatitudes, our duty to ourselves, our neighbors, the state etc., as found in Rom. xii and xiii. We give these simply as samples of what we think might be and ought to be taught in the schools of this Province. We know some will differ from us and raise objections which we have not room now to discuss. But we believe the subject to be one of paramount importance; and we further believe that no insuperable difficulties stand in the way.

We notice an excellent article in *St. Andrew's Cross* from the pen of Rev. Dyson Hague. We are more than pleased with the catholicity of spirit displayed by the rector of St. Paul's Halifax. We should like to reproduce the whole article, but for want of space, must content ourselves with two or three quotations. "We must," says the writer, "learn to glory in the fact that the old Mother Church has room and to spare for all who accept the Holy Scripture, the ancient creeds, the two Sacraments and the Historic Episcopate, however much they may conscientiously differ in other matters" This is the position which we, personally, have always occupied. And we quite agree with the writer when he says, "It was the determination of some to make their own opinions of paramount importance, which has rent the Body of Christ." We have had too much of this in the Church. The time has not long gone by when the "high" men stigmatized their "low" brethren as being no better than deserters, and when the "low" school retaliated by denouncing the "high" ones for being Romanists in disguise; war to the death being the watchword of some. Thank God, things have changed. We can now hope that this is all a thing of the past, and that each can recognize in each a brother that "dwelleth together in unity."

Again, the writer says "Ecclesiastical selfishness, whatever form it may assume, is always a centrifugal force in the Church of Christ. On the other hand, the centripetal force of the Church is personal love for the king and personal work for the King's sons.

The secular press has recently published a somewhat sensational account of a bigamous marriage performed, ignorantly of course, by the Rector of St Mark's, Halifax. The case, in itself, does not concern us, but we wish to call attention to, and protest against the position assumed by Rev. Mr. LeMome. He is reported to have said that, even if he had had any suspicion of anything wrong, he was powerless because the parties produced a license, signed by the Lieutenant Governor, requiring him to perform the ceremony. Now we most emphatically deny any necessity for the case. We have refused to marry parties coming armed with this document, and shall do so again if need be, even though there may be no suspicious circumstances. We utterly deny the right of the civil authorities to command in a case of this sort. Just think for a moment, what the admission of this right leads to. It binds clergymen of the Church to marry any and everybody, no matter what moral or ecclesiastical bars may intervene, whose marriage the state may be pleased to sanction. Hence we may be called upon to marry a man to his deceased wife's mother for aught we know. We trust there are not many of our clergy who hold the views which are reported to be held by the Rector of St. Mark's.

ANTIGONISH.

(Rector—Rev. C. Sydney-Goodman, S. A. C.)

The Collections following the appeal by the Deputation for the Board of Home Missions, in this parish amounted as follows: Antigomish, \$18; Bayfield, \$19.05; Linwood, \$4. Grand total, \$41.05.

This amount is apart from the collections made at the service itself which were sent separately.

The Epiphany appeal for the Domestic and Foreign Missions has resulted thus:—Antigonish, \$6; Bayfield, \$2.22; Linwood, \$1.21 Total from the parish, \$9.43.

At Antigomish the Rector's Bible Class are considering the Revelation and the Church History connected therewith on the Sunday afternoons. The Rector's winter arrangements are to spend the whole Sunday in Bayfield or Linwood alternately. It is most satisfactory. In summer the Sunday is divided between these two places.

We hope to have Mr. Stansfield lecturing and visiting the parish this month (February).

Our very best wishes attend the floating of our new Diocesan Magazine.

STEWIACKE.

In this parish we have done some Church work here of late, in the improvement of Church property. St. George's Church at Dutch Settlement has undergone thorough repairs both as to the interior and exterior appearance. Also improvements have been made on the old rectory, and surroundings.

As to real Church work and its workers credit must be given to Shubenacadie (St. James) as it is exerting an influence in the parish which cannot be lost. Our membership is ever on the increase. The grand cause of our success in this part of the parish is that the people are united in their efforts to advance the interest of the Church there and elsewhere. And

we earnestly pray that their success may be a stimulus to other parts of the parish.

The Church has a good footing in the village of Elmsdale, and what is greatly needed there is a small Church, as we are at present worshipping in a hall hired for the services.

We had much pleasure in witnessing three devotional services illustrated by the Magic Lantern and given by our Colporteur J. A. Stansfield who also gave needed assistance at the services on Sunday the 20th.

BAIE VERTE MISSION.

This mission consists of all the country lying along the shores of Bay Verte, extending from Cape Tormentine to Northport a distance of about thirty-six miles, and includes the flourishing villages of Baie Verte, Port Elgin, and Tidnish where is the Chignecto Marine Railway terminus; it is therefore partly in the Diocese of Fredericton and partly in that of Nova Scotia. The mission is not yet in a position to support a clergyman, but the Church is advancing steadily. Services are held regularly at four stations by a lay-reader, while Rev. V. E. Harris, Vicar of Amherst, who has the oversight of the mission, administers to the people the Sacraments of the Church as frequently as the duties of his very large charge permit. During the past year, seventeen candidates received confirmation. Five adults and several children were baptized. Some slight improvements have been made in the interior of the Baie Verie church, but much remains yet to be done as the building is a very old one.

WINDSOR.

Christ Church Chapter of St. Andrew's Brotherhood have started a Reading and Recreation Room in connection with their chapter. They have obtained a room in Christ Church Sunday School House which is open every evening except Sunday. Wednesday and Saturday, to receive all *young men* who care to avail themselves of it. No restriction is made as regards denomination, but one and all are received. Good sound literature is provided as well as a few innocent games. Let all *young men* whom this reaches, accept it as an invitation to come to the Reading Room when they are in town.

K. O. S. M. S.

The Missionary Society of King's College has entered upon another year of work, which bids fair to be even more prosperous than the one just passed. The services of two missions—"Ellershous" and "The Plains"—are taken by members of the Society. Occasional services are also taken at "The Forks" and Hantsport. This Society is going to assist in starting a mission at Lower Falmouth, as well as to assist Rev. T. Johnstone in the parish of Newport.

Services are taken as follows: The Plains, every Sunday; Ellershous, once a fortnight; Forks, two Sundays a month.

During the past month work at the "Plain's" has been fairly successful and the congregations good considering that other services are held in the neighbourhood. On Sunday Jan. 13th, the Rector of Windsor administered the Holy Communion. On the same day

the Epiphany appeal for B. F. M. was read and on the following Sunday the collection for that object amounted to \$1.20.

Ellershous, although a comparatively new mission as regards its connection with the S. M. S., is very prosperous. The services are remarkably well attended and are bright and interesting. Owing to other christian bodies occupying the same building, we can only hold service here once a fortnight. During the holidays, the services here were kept up by Messrs. Alison, B. A., and Hiltz.

PERSONALS

The services at the Forks, Jan. 6th, were taken by Mr. R. A. Hiltz. Jan. 20th, services were taken—at Ellershous, by J. Donaldson B. A. The Plains, by Mr. H. A. Codey, and at Hantsport by Mr. W. Cox.

MAITLAND.

The 'Guild' in connection with J. W. G. Trinity is doing a good for the Church. The women are enthusiastic and snap at every chance of making an honest dollar. Through Christmas week and on with the New Year a rushing business was done in the Guild rooms. Meals were sold at all hours; the tables were generously patronized. In the shop, nicely decorated by Capt. McArthur and Mr. Drillio, Christmas and New Year goods filled the counters as well as the handiwork of the women, pinafores, aprons, dresses, fancy articles, etc., etc. In the large show window, a full grown Santa Claus accompanied by his wife, smiled upon the lingering pedestrian. By a clever arrangement of rubber tubing and hand-bellows, Santa occasionally blew a blast upon a trumpet, much to the wonder and

delight of the children. \$75 00 clear of all expenses, rewarded the women and enriched the Church. Capt. McArthur has generously given his shop in the village for the use of the Guild. Busy weekly meetings are held and another Sale is thought of at Easter.

The parish put up a very convenient barn at a cost of \$225.00.

Northfield, Kennebec and Maitland Churches are to be painted in the Spring Money on hand.

St. Thomas' Church, Indian road has been thoroughly overhauled. A brick wall has been placed under the Church the walls and roof painted and some interior repairs made.

St. John Church, Five Mile River was painted last year. The church has gained largely during the year. but another man is badly needed to help the rector. We live and work in hope.

TANGIER.

On Thursday Jan. 10th, after Bible Class at Spry Harbour, a church-building meeting was held, when 3,800 feet of lumber for finishing the interior of the church were promised by those present. Since then the whole of the 6,000 ft. required for walls, roof, and seat backs have been promised; and at present date both flooring and most of the lumber for casing arches etc., are also promised. The members of the congregation are being helped in this by the parishioners of Gerrards Island, who are showing a goodly interest in the building of Spry Harbour church.

The sale of Articles of needlework in aid of the Church Woman's Missionary Association has thus far realized \$3.85.

WEYMOUTH.

On All Saints Day the Bishop confirmed 32 candidates in this parish, 6 of whom had just previously received adult baptism. In all perhaps half a dozen had before been adherents of other bodies. His Lordship on the night before, consecrated the new chancel of St. Thomas's Church. This building once very shabby interiorly has been so improved that it stands second to none in this part of the Diocese for prettiness and cheerfulness. About \$900 has been expended in renovation. The walls have been painted flesh color. Among the donations to the work is a nice eagle lectern, an altar done in ash and mahogany, a Bishop's chair, a sedilia, and a credence table. Annapolis Rural Deanery meets in this Parish in February and simultaneously there will be a meeting of the S. S. Association.

PETITE RIVIERE.

So far as can be seen and known the work of Christ and His Church is progressing here. This month an account will be given of the work in the Cherry Hill District. For a great number of years, the people have worshipped regularly at Broad Cove, though on the fifth Sundays they have had a service in their school-house. For about a year now they have had a fortnightly week-day service, except during haying etc. For the last three years they have always paid all that was asked from them on account of Rector's Stipend. A year ago the people themselves conceived the idea of building a church. The Rector having heard of this, called a meeting, and found that it was a true report. He advised them for many reasons to build a Mission Hall instead. They went home and considered the matter over; another meeting was called and it was found that they had decided to build a church. The work was pushed forward and the corner stone was laid on Friday the sixth of April, 1894 by the Rector. The church is now finished outside and painted. The

floor is laid and the windows from Montreal are to hand, but not in their places. This is owing to late delivery. The only debt on the building is \$30. There are \$180 due to come in from subscribers and the S. P. C. K. have promised £25. Ladies in England have promised a set of Communion Linen and a set of Vessels. A Baptismal Font has also been promised. Gifts of Holy Table Frontal and Hangings for Lectern and Reading Desk will be thankfully received; also gifts of money. The cost of windows is \$50; of this \$35 has been paid and the balance is on hand to be paid in due course. The Rector's wife who has just returned from England, whether she has been, to be recruited from a well nigh fatal illness of last year, has received from friends \$19.12 towards the windows. At the close of this paragraph will be found a list of English subscribers. Mrs. Forbes, a member of the congregation, also collected \$7 towards the same object. Mrs. John Bowers Sen'r., and Mrs. Henry Sillick, also collected \$3.50 in Liverpool, Eng., whilst on a business visit. The windows are very neat. The Chancel windows are of stencilled and stained ground glass, with emblems in centres of Font and Dove, representing Holy Baptism, and Chalice and Grapes, representing Holy Communion. The West end window is a trefoil. The centre bears the sacred monogram. The left hand one bears the Holy Bible and the right hand one bears the cross and crown. This and the side windows are all in diamond form. The side windows are of ground glass with coloured borders. The west end of rolled cathedral glass. Arrangements are now being made to get the wood ready in order that if possible, the whole of the interior may be ceiled next winter. The congregation deserve great praise, also encouragement in a practical form. Subscriptions will be thankfully received and acknowledged by the Rector. The English subscribers are: Miss Nussey of Birstall, £1; Mrs. Clough

of Birstall, 2s; Mrs. Crossley, Birstall, 1s. Subscribers in Hull: Miss Hewitson, 16s; Miss Jackson, 2s 6d; P. Jackson Esq., 2s 6d; Mrs. Hodge, 12s 6d; Mr. Witherwick, 5s; Miss Abbey, 2s 6d; Mrs. Briggs, 5s; Miss Wood of Louthwaite, 2s 6d; Misses Fanny, Sarah, Helen and Edith Tommason, 5s; Miss Pickford of Cleethorpes, 2s. Total, £3 18s 6d or \$19.21.

We present our readers this month, with a "cut" of All Saints Church and the Cottage Hospital at Springhill. We hope, in due course to publish sketches of other churches and public institutions in the Diocese, and shall feel obliged to any clergyman who, having a "cut" of his church, will intrust it to us for this purpose.



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