

No convict at Chatham or Dartmouth, at Kingston or Penetanguishene could be more strictly watched. The very trees and shrubs which bound the play-fields are often cut down lest haply some rash smoker should enjoy a furtive whiff of the Virginian weed or engage in a game of cards. Boys who are seen to associate very much together are ruthlessly separated, school-boy friendships are discouraged, one perpetual "move on" is the motto. The "Church-boys" are often not allowed to play with the lay-boys, but have a separate field, one might say a separate establishment to themselves, and are even more strictly fenced in than the others for fear, lest the "wondrous and precious gift of a vocation" should be lost or soiled by the breath of worldlings! Or if they do unite with their fellows, their vulgar manners expose them to contempt and insensibly affect their companions, with whom, as a rule, they are not popular, owing to the fact of their being too often employed as spies by the superiors, and to the knowledge that were it not for their presence in the school the discipline would be less strict. I have had a long experience of Roman Catholic boys, ten years spent in secular and "religious" colleges, and I do not hesitate to say that beside their non-Romanist compeers they cut a very poor figure indeed. Owing to the miserable system of perpetual espionage under which they live, they are more or less cowardly and sneakish, not indisposed to play the hypocrite, by no means averse to doing wrong, often in grave matters, provided only they are not found out. Deceit is of the essence of their training and even the most conscientious will dodge and refine and draw the meanest quibbling distinctions over the most trifling matters. But Roman theology teaches that when falsehood stops short of injuring or calumniating one's neighbours it is a venial sin—hence the inevitable result. As to morality, I am willing to admit that owing to the care with which the ordinary books and illustrated papers of the day are mutilated or altogether held back from the pupils, for a short time the innocence of the boys is greater than if they were at a non-Romanist school. At the same time they are thus cut off from the great lesson of learning to eschew the evil and to choose the good, so that their innocence is the mere innocence of ignorance—a poor reed to rely on when the young man has to face the world and its many-fold temptations. Hence the saying that men brought up by the Jesuits turn out either "saints or devils." A "piously disposed" boy at a Roman Catholic College generally goes forth into the world—if he does not become a priest or a monk—an unpractical visionary. He is of those who begin by lighting candles round the statue of St. Aloysius, in order to secure his interposition in their favor at a cricket match, and end by prostrating themselves at Paray-le-Monial, who "pray hard" to the souls in Purgatory that they may have a fine day for a picnic, and in after life go in heart and soul for the vision of La Salette, or spend on a jewelled crown for some "miraculous" image of the blessed Virgin money that would be more fittingly laid out in charity at home. As for those who are of another sort many are hypocrites at school, whilst others from being bored with too much of it lose all respect for their own or any religion, and turn out either infidels or rouses—too often both.

Diocesan Intelligence.

NOVA SCOTIA.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

PICTON.—The late Rector of St. James'—the Rev. W. Cruden—has been appointed to St. Paul's Church, Lanark, in the Diocese of Ontario, succeeding the Rev. Thos. Hudson, B.A., T.C.D. Mr. Cruden and his family left for their new and distant home on Oct. 15th.

HALIFAX.—The St. George's S. School library received considerable aid from a fancy sale in the "Old Dutch Church," Oct. 17th.

Church of England Temperance Society held its annual meeting Oct. 15th, in the rooms of the Church Institute, the President—Rev. W. J. Ancient—in the chair; but adjourned to the 23rd.

TRURO.—The Provincial Exhibition having been lately held in this town, the congregation of St. John's, who are struggling hard to complete their new stone church, wisely profited to a considerable extent by the crowds drawn together, by providing refreshment for the bodies, and music for the minds of those who would avail themselves thereof.

MONTREAL.

MEETING OF SYNOD.—The Synod has met, and adjourned, and the Very Rev. Dean Bond is Bishop elect of the diocese of Montreal. As was announced, the Synod assembled in Christ Church Cathedral for divine service at 10.30 on Wednesday morning, the officiating clergymen being, the Very Rev. the Dean, the Venerable Archdeacons Leach, Lonsdell and Lindsay, Canons Ellegood, Johnston, and Evans, and the Revs. J. B. Davidson, M.A., Thomas Mussen, James Fulton, and Aaron Allen, the Venerable Archdeacon Lonsdell being the preacher. At two o'clock the Synod assembled in the Synod Hall for business, and judging from the attendance of both lay and clerical delegates considerable interest was taken in the important work for which they had been assembled—the election of a bishop. The attendance of visitors was also very large, many having to remain standing at the doors. Prayer being said and the roll called, several preliminary matters were discussed, and the Synod proceeded to the important task of electing a successor to Bishop Oxenden, whose letter of resignation and other documents establishing the vacancy of the See were read by the chairman, the Dean. The following scrutineers were then appointed by the chair: On the clerical side Rev. Canons Norman and Evans, and Jas. Hutton, Esq.; and on the lay side Rev. Samuel Belcher, and Messrs. C. J. Brydges and W. B. Simpson. It was then resolved, on motion of Mr. Thos. White, M.P., "that in the discussion on the adoption of the rules of order and other proceedings, preliminary to the election of a bishop for this diocese, speakers be restricted to five minutes."

The adoption of the rules of order were next proceeded with, and several amendments proposed and voted down, and the rules as printed adopted.

A few minutes having been devoted to silent prayer the members proceeded to the casting of ballots. This being concluded the scrutineers left the room with the ballot boxes, and the buzz of conversation in the hall revealed the fact that business had come to a temporary standstill. It had been rumored that the Very Rev. the Dean was the most likely person on whom the Synod's choice would fall, consequently many of his friends had assembled and were now awaiting the result. One young lady sitting in front of your correspondent was heard to remark that St. George's congregation was a rich one, and that if the Dean were elected the diocese would get as much money as was wanted from it for the Diocesan Mission Fund. Among the delegates the bustle and restlessness betokened a certain amount of anxiety as to the result. Glances were constantly cast in the direction of the door, by which the scrutineers were expected to enter, as soon as their task was accomplished. At last a motion in the crowd reveals the fact that some one is coming, and soon those entrusted with the counting of the clerical vote make their way up the aisle to the table, and by the beaming countenances of one or two the result, as far as that vote is concerned, is easily told. After a patient wait of an hour or more the lay scrutineers return to the hall, but nothing whatever can be read from their countenances, and the height of anxious expectancy is attained. Each man for the time being forgets his neighbor, and all eyes are fixed on the Secretary as he rises and reads out the report as follows:

CLERICAL VOTE.

Number of votes cast, 85; necessary to a choice, 43.	
Dean Bond	53
Bishop of Rupert's Land	26
Rev. Mr. Venables	3
Rev. Mr. Hannah	2
Rev. Mr. Lobley	1
Total	85

LAY VOTE.

Number of votes cast, 78; necessary to a choice, 40.	
Dean Bond	49
Bishop of Rupert's Land	13
Rev. Mr. Venables	7
Archdeacon Lindsay	1
Lost votes	8
Total	78

The Bishop elect, as chairman, after a short pause, announced the decision, and then invited the members to unite with him in silent prayer that Almighty God might enable him to fill the office to His glory, and the good of the Church. The Doxology was sung and the Synod dismissed with the benediction.

Thus was brought to a close, without any undue exhibition of partisan feeling, a contest which had been looked forward to with some apprehension. The proceedings reflect credit upon the diocese, and the result, it is to be hoped, will be attended with the Divine blessing.

Though identified with what is known as the Evangelical party in the Church, the Dean is a thoroughly impartial and liberal-minded man, and will doubtless discharge his high and holy functions to the entire satisfaction of all moderate men, in the important diocese over which he has been called to preside.

The mission at the church of St. John the Evangelist was closed by a special service on Wednesday evening. The congregation was large, and an impressive sermon was preached by the Rev. A. C. A. Hall, of Boston, one of the "Missioners." Quite a number of those present renewed their baptismal vows.

ONTARIO.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

BELLELEVILLE.—A case of considerable interest was tried here last week in the Court of Chancery before Chancellor Spragge. It was an Interpleader Issue sent down from common Law Court and resolved itself into a contest between Messrs. Hulme & Jellett, claiming to be duly appointed Churchwardens of St. Thomas' Church, and Messrs. Harrison & Ackerman, claiming to be in the same position, as having been appointed at a Vestry Meeting, as it was called, held subsequently to the Rector's Vestry Meeting held on Easter Monday, at which a Free Vestry was constituted and Messrs. Hulme & Jellett appointed Churchwardens. Each party claimed the Insurance money which had been paid on the burning of the Church—St. Thomas' Church, it may be remembered, was destroyed by fire on 26th February, 1876, and has since been left unrestored. Several witnesses were examined. Mr. Hulme, Venerable Archdeacon Parnell, the Rector, Rev. J. W. Burke, and Mr. S. Gillum gave their testimony, and the case was adjourned to the next day. Next morning it was resumed, and Mr. M. Jellett was called, but at this juncture the Judge proposed a compromise, and this, eventually, had the effect of terminating the proceedings. The judge proposed, with the consent of all parties concerned, to consider the Insurance money as a Trust Fund, and to appoint Trustees to take charge of the money and rebuild the Church. Both parties then left Court, and after considerable discussion and delay, the matter was, next morning (October 17th), finally arranged as follows: The Court appointed five gentlemen, all agreed on by contending parties, namely, Messrs. Hulme, Jellett, Harrison, Simpson, and Hon. Leois Wallbridge to be Trustees of Insurance money, and also as a Building Committee to proceed forthwith with the restoration of the Church. The Church to be rebuilt within one year from date of decree.

In case of default in carrying out the provisions of decree as to rebuilding Church with all reasonable dispatch, an application is allowed to the Court for relief as shall be considered just in the premises.

When the matter had been thus arranged, the Judge, who acted throughout with great patience and a sincere wish to forward the interests of the Church, made a few well chosen remarks in con-