

News from the Home Field.

Diocese of Nova Scotia.

YARMOUTH.

The *Hants Journal* says that arrangements are in progress for a Missionary Conference of the clergymen of the Anglican Church, to be held in Yarmouth, early in October. It is expected that every parish in the diocese will be represented, both by clerical and lay delegates.

CHURCH LADS' BRIGADE.

Headquarters: "Church House," Westminster, England.

President: Lieut.-General H. R. H., the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, K.G., K.T., &c.

Headquarters for Canada: Church of England Institute, Halifax, N.S.

Executive Committee for Canada: (Provisional). His Excellency Lieut.-General Montgomery Moore, Commanding H. M. Forces in Canada; Colonel Saunders, C.R.A.; Lieut.-Col. Maunsell, D.A.G.; Lieut.-Col. Humphrey, Commanding 66th P. L. Fusiliers; Rev. E. P. Crawford, M.A., Rector of St. Luke's Church, Halifax; Rev. D. Hague, M.A., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Halifax; Captain T. C. James, 63rd Halifax Rifles; H. H. Thompson, Esq., Capt. St. Luke's Co. Church Lads' Brigade; Rev. Canon Partridge, D.D., Brigade Secretary, *pro tem.*

The Church Brigade is formed to band Church Lads into an organization for the purpose (1) of keeping in touch with lads between Sunday-school and Confirmation; and (2) by military discipline and drill, to teach them habits of respect for themselves and others.

The lads are formed into companies of 24 to 100. Any number less than this is a detachment, which must be joined to others to make up a company. All companies are subject to their own incumbent, who should be chaplain, and by whom all officers are nominated. Non-commissioned Officers are elected by the companies from their own number.

Each company is commanded by a captain, with two or more Lieutenants; one of whom should be able to drill the lads according to the Infantry drill book.

Bible classes, temperance societies, night schools, ambulance classes, or other clubs are formed among the members, each of them being assigned to the supervision of some one officer, as each parish finds most suitable.

The government is purely representative. Each company is represented by one officer on the Council, in which the supreme power rests. The uniform issued by the committee consists of waist-belt, haversack and cap for privates; chevrons and cross-belts for sergeants, and an officer's field service cap with stars according to rank, with the usual cross-belts. It rests with the companies themselves whether they adopt a uniform dress. The Halifax companies have navy blue serge suits, with yellow facings, which can be made for about \$2.75 each.

Price List: Recruit forms, per 100, 50c; pay cards, \$1.50; envelopes for pay cards, per 100, 75c; squad cards, per doz., 36c; roll book, ea., \$1.20; squad company record, for attendance, &c., each, \$1; hymn cards, per 100, \$2; absence form books [50], 16c. Sunday-school and Bible class attendance cards, per 100, 75c; illuminated membership card, 5c; company order books, each, 80c; company order forms, for posting up in drill room, per 100, \$1.50; cap badges, each, 10c; privates' caps, 25c; sergeants' caps, 60c; chevrons, [lance-corporal], 15c; chevrons, [corporal], 20c; chevrons, [sergeants], 25c; color-sergeants, with crossed flags, 60c; officers caps with badge, \$2; stars

for caps, [1 lieut., 2 capt.], each, 80c; rifles and slings, each, —; pocket books, 20c.

Companies should be formed with provisional officers and non-commissioned officers, and should put in six drills, when they will be eligible for enrollment.

Rifles and slings will not be issued until six months after enrollment, and then only if 26 drills have been held.

No equipment will be sent out unless the cash accompanies the order. From this rule there can be no deviation.

All post office orders or remittances should be addressed to Francis Partridge, 34 Barrington street, Halifax.

Send 25c. for samples of forms, &c. Any further information will be cheerfully given.

It should be understood that the Church Lads' Brigade is a purely Church of England movement, quite distinct from the "Boys' Brigade."

Diocese of Quebec.

CONSECRATION OF AN INDIAN CHURCH.

On Wednesday, the 12th July, the Indian Church of St. John the Divine at Point Bleue, Lake St. John on the Montagnais Reserve, was consecrated by the Lord Bishop of Quebec.

The Church is erected on a good site overlooking the majestic lake. It was designed by Mr. Harry Staveley, of Quebec, and built by E. T. Nesbitt & Co., and is unquestionably one of the best proportioned churches in the country. It is a plain, wooden structure, containing a fine open roof, with the choir elevated three steps above the nave, from which it is separated by a roodscreen, and the altar is raised three steps above the choir. The windows which are square-headed, tripple-lighted, and commonly known as Elizabethan, are filled, the upper part with amber-tinted, and the lower with sea green, rolled, cathedral glass. The altar was vested in an altar-cloth presented by the Kilburn Sisters of London; the fair linen, very elaborately and beautifully embroidered, was presented by the Guild of St. Matthew's, Quebec; The altar vessels are of very chaste design, and of solid silver, and the font given by the Vestry of St. James' Church, Three Rivers, was presented to that Church by Bishop Stewart in the year 1830.

As the hour appointed for the interesting ceremony approached, the Indians took up their position outside the church and fired a salute as the Episcopal party drove through the gravelled road leading to the church amid the dozen of flags which lined and brightened the way.

The upper part of the church was reserved for the Indians, who filled nearly the whole building, many of the visitors being unable to find seats, and standing through the whole service.

At eleven o'clock the Lord Bishop, wearing his Doctor's robes, and preceded by the missionary in-charge, Rev. H. C. Stuart, acting as his chaplain and carrying the pastoral staff, proceeded to the western door of the church, where the impressive service for the Consecration of a church began. The office was concluded in the choir, after which the Divine Liturgy was proceeded with, the Bishop being the Celebrant, Rev. R. W. Colston acting as Gospeller, and Mr. Stuart as Epistoler.

After the Creed, His Lordship addressed the Indians through an interpreter, the veteran Charles Robertson. Over fifty Indians communicated.

Miss Dunn accompanied the service on the organ, and the music throughout was very bright, hearty and devotional.

Among those present were Mr. and the Misses

Dunn, Prof. and Mrs. Wait, of Knoxville, Tennessee, Mr. S. Mallinson, lay-reader of Radnor, Mr. Charles and Mrs. Scott, Mr. B. A. and Mrs. Scott, Miss Ruth Scott, Mr. J. H. and Mrs. Cummins and family, Mr. T. B. and Mrs. Ross and family, of the Hudson Bay Co., Mrs. Stuart, Miss Constance Ritchie, and several American guests of the Hotel Roberval.

In the afternoon Evensong was sung, three Indian children were baptized by the bishop, and an address, accompanied by an embroidered bag containing \$26.60, was presented to the missionary in charge by Charles Robertson, on behalf of the Indians.

Not only was this a Red-letter Day in the lives of the Indians, but the spectacle of such a concourse of people, earnestly following the service with their Cree Prayer Book—their expressive faces, full of sincerity, and beaming with happiness, was a sight long to be remembered.

Thus was brought to a successful termination the brightest day in the life of the Church of England at lake St. John.

Diocese of Toronto.

ORILLIA.

The following resolutions have been adopted by the Executive of the Church of England Temperance Society here:—That the President of this Society be requested to sign a petition to the Town Council, and another to the Licence Commissioners for East Simcoe, praying that they take such measures as in their wisdom they deem best for the enforcement of the laws prohibiting the Sunday traffic in strong drink, and Sunday excursions. That this Society views with alarm the increasing desecration of the Lord's Day—that boon granted by a Merciful Father for man's rest from toil and development in the higher life—and would respectfully suggest to the ministers of the Gospel in Orillia, the necessity of taking prompt and effective measures for meeting this evil, so intimately connected with the law-protected traffic in strong drink, though also assuming various forms not immediately within the purview of a temperance organisation. That this Society ventures further earnestly to invite the ministers of the Gospel in Orillia to some concerted action for uniting the Church of Christ in this place in stemming the tide of intemperance, which is rising to an alarming extent in this town; and as a means of uniting the Christian and philanthropic agencies in such effort, we would suggest that a conference of representative workers be held at an early date, for the purpose of organising and deciding upon a course of united action. That this Society invites the co-operation of the Atherley Council of Royal Templars of Temperance in directing the attention of the Municipal Council of Mara and the Licence Commissioners for the North Riding of the County of Ontario, to the evidences of the non observance of the Sunday liquor law on their side of the county boundary—evidences too plain to be hidden on this side every Lord's Day—and to urge upon them the better enforcement of this law, if not in the interests of their own people, for the protection of the young and thoughtless in this town, who may be drawn into the sins of desecrating the Day of Rest and of drunkenness thro temptations most insidiously presented.

—Orillia Packet.

EDUCATIONAL.—The Bishop Bethune College for Girls at Oshawa, which for some years was carried on upon a commercial basis, and which has proved a financial failure, has been reopened by the Sisters of St. John the Divine, Toronto. The prospects are that the school will eventual-