

Diocese of Fredericton.

A sum of \$792.68 was raised in this Diocese for the relief of the Church in Newfoundland. A hearty letter of acknowledgment and of gratitude for the assistance has been received by the Bishop of the Diocese from the Bishop of Newfoundland.

ST. JOHN.

Trinity.—The Lord Bishop confirmed 26 persons at a service held here on Tuesday evening, the 4th of April.

The annual Easter sale of the Church of England Institute took place in Trinity schoolroom on the afternoon of the 6th. The room was beautifully decorated, and the tables contained a great variety of useful and ornamental work. During the evening a musical programme was rendered. The sale was highly successful, and the entertainment much enjoyed.

Diocese of Quebec.

The Lord Bishop of the Diocese and Mrs. Dunn have gone to England for a short visit but are expected back again about the middle of May. In an account sent by him to the "Mission Field" of Church work in the Diocese of Quebec as he found it on assuming his Episcopal oversight of the See, he says:—

"It is delightful, in fact, to be able to say 'that everywhere there are signs of earnest and intelligent Church work, due, no doubt, to a great extent, to God's blessing upon the wise rule of the late lamented Bishop, and also to the good and useful training received by the Clergy either at Bishop's College, Lennoxville, or at St. Augustin's College, Canterbury, or at some other place of sound learning and religious education. Much, very much, is also due to the great societies in England, and especially to the S. P. G., for their most kind and generous help, which will enable us gradually to become a strong, self-supporting diocese. We may say, indeed, that it is the Lord's doings, and it is marvellous in our eyes."

COMPTON LADIES' COLLEGE.

Compton Ladies' College.—We received, during the period in which the publication of the "Guardian" was suspended, the report of this valuable Institution for the year 1892, and although it is a little late now, we think it will be of sufficient interest to warrant reference to it at length. The report first describes the edifice as a frame and brick building capable of accommodating, if properly furnished, about 50 pupils, standing in the middle of grounds six or seven acres in extent and commanding a superb view of one of the finest stretches of country in the Eastern Townships. In healthfulness its situation cannot be surpassed. The report then proceeds:

It is the aim of the College to give a thoroughly sound and Churchly education to the daughters of our people, an education which will fit them to fill with credit any ordinary position in life, and at the same time to make them thoroughly loyal to the Church.

The teaching is based upon the "Course" provided by the Council of Public Instruction. There are two departments; the Junior corresponding to the Model School and the Senior to Academy. Each of these is subdivided into first, second, and third grades.

There are at present six teachers including

the Lady Principal. A Lady Matron manages the house keeping and looks after the general welfare of the pupils. It is not too much to say of these officials that without exception they are painstaking, conscientious and efficient.

The annual income for the past three years may be given approximately at \$4,800. The expenditure at \$4,783, (salaries, \$1,200; wages of man, \$135; board, \$2,810; heating, lighting, &c., \$500; interest, \$138.) Nothing of consequence has been left for repairs.

From the report of the Lady Principal, Miss Cochrane, it appeared that there were 28 boarders during the year of 1892, and 11 day scholars. The work of the year was very satisfactory on the whole, the higher classes especially coming out well. The graduating class or grade 3, Academy, consisted of 7 pupils, 6 of whom took their A. A. with credit, and 5 were at the time of the Report, teaching and 2 attending McGill College. A great many new pupils have come in during the present year.

Diocese of Montreal.

MONTREAL.

The Lord Bishop has been holding his annual confirmation visitations in the several city Churches; large numbers of Candidates being presented in each parish.

The Rev. Rural Dean Renaud, Immigration Chaplain, has returned from England, whither he went last February, at the Bishop's request in regard to immigration matters.

Christ Church Cathedral.—The Rev. W. A. Mervyn, has been appointed assistant in place of Rev. Mr. Capel, resigned. He will enter upon his duties in May.

St. Margaret's Home Montreal,—has received another token of appreciation of its work from one qualified to judge in the gift to it from the late Dr. Ross, the eminent physician lately deceased, of a sum of \$200.

LACHINE.

The Rev. R. and Mrs. Hewton, have gone to England for a short visit for the benefit of Mrs. Hewton's health.

SAULT AU RECOLLET.

At the annual Easter Vestry meeting of St. Andrew's Church here, the statements submitted showed satisfactory progress, and a balance on hand financially. Messrs. Bromby and Hewton were appointed wardens, and Messrs. Tait and R. Wilson-Smith delegates to Synod.

HOCHÉLAGA.

St. Mary's.—The children of the Band of Hope held a successful entertainment—their third concert—last week. During the evening a handsome inlaid box was presented to Mrs. Barcham, from the children, as a token of their affection and gratitude for instructions given them.

Diocese of Toronto.

ORDINATION.

The Lord Bishop of Toronto will, D.V., hold his general ordination on Sunday, June 4th. Candidates for the diaconate or priesthood may procure copies of the *Siquis* and *Letters Testimonial* by communicating with the examining chaplain, Rev. A. J. Broughall, St. Stephen's rectory, Toronto.

TORONTO.

St. Stephen's.—Easter-day here was marked

not only by frequent celebrations of Holy Communion beautiful Church services and very large attendances, but also by the unveiling of three beautiful memorial windows and the presentation of a very handsome Alms-dish. The floral decorations were rich and in good taste.

Diocese of Niagara.

THE INTER-DIOCESAN SUNDAY-SCHOOL COMMITTEE of the Church of England in Canada, appointed under resolution of Provincial Synod met on Tuesday, the 11th instant, at Hamilton. The Bishop of Niagara occupied the chair. Representatives were present from the Diocese of Ontario, Huron, Niagara and Toronto. Committees were appointed to select the lessons for 1893-4 upon the plan of the Church of England Sunday-School Institute. Instead of having at each Session a separate lesson on the Bible and Prayer Book, there will in future be but one lesson for each Session of the Sunday-school. Committees were also appointed to draw up rules and regulations respecting prizes, medals, certificates, etc., and to make arrangements for holding Inter-diocesan Sunday-school examinations for teachers and scholars sometime during next Advent. The Committee adjourned to meet again at Toronto in September.

OAKVILLE.

At the Easter vestry meeting of St. Jude's Church, the following special resolution was adopted:

"That this vestry desires to record their deep regret at the death of the late Rev. W. E. Grahame, on the 25th February last, who for the last six years has taken such earnest interest in all affairs in the parish, both in assisting in the services as far as his state of health permitted, and being ever ready in contributing liberally towards the church and charitable work."

HINTS TO SEXTONS.

The question may be asked, if the sexton is in charge of the church, who has charge of the sexton.

If the rector or the wardens have jurisdiction in the case let them bring to the notice of sextons, the following hints, and also call upon some interested Churchman to furnish the slippers:

Bishop Huntington writes as follows: "A great deal can be done by quietness in church by the sexton. The most perfect sexton I ever saw was an apostle of silence. His eye and ear and hand were everywhere, and his genius for forestalling and suppressing confusion was wonderful.

Before service he always changed his boots for slippers; he glided about the aisle as noiselessly as a ghost. He made door keeping a fine art; doors and windows were so fixed that they would never be heard. He took care that no sound should come from the furnace or gas fixtures after the service began. The fact was that this was not a mere instinct of propriety, or crafty measure of success in his office; it was a constant answer of his believing and humble heart to the solemn sentence 'The Lord is in his holy temple.' What a contrast to the clumsy, fussy, heavy shod brother in a rural sanctuary I remember who was sure to start up two or three times in the midst of prayers, sometimes when the preacher was doing his best to get or hold the attention of his hearers, march around from his seat to the fire, swing open a strident stove door, punch the sticks with a poker, and toss in an additional supply of fuel, giving us another shrill screech from the hinges as a finale.