

and possessed no formularies whatever, and undenominational friends rejoiced in it. He could understand pan-denominationalism and inter-denominationalism, but what had the Church of England to do with undenominationalism and chaos? There were some parishes in which the clergyman, however faithful, received no help; while, on the other hand, mission-halls were fostered and petted, and were helped to rear men and women who had no understanding of Church doctrines, and would in the days of difficulty and trouble join with the foes of the Church. As Evangelicals, they ought to try and understand their Church principles. Too many contented themselves by simply holding the doctrine of justification by faith. They also ought to amalgamate more than they did. His views were supported by the majority of the speakers. It was pointed out that undenominationalism was sectarianism under a mask; that it was injurious to true religion; and that undenominational agencies were, unfortunately, mainly supported by the money of Evangelical Churchmen.—*Irish Ecclesiastical Gazette.*

News from the Home Field.

Diocese of Nova Scotia.

THE CHURCH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS.

EDGEHILL, WINDSOR, NOVA SCOTIA

The closing exercises of this successful institution took place on the 20th June, favored by beautiful weather. Great improvements have been made during the past year in the grounds and some of the buildings. The flower plots are in capital order, with many choice plants in bloom or in bud. On the lawns are to be seen a hibiscus in bloom, a test of a favorable climate. A magnificent spruce hedge encircles about three acres, and is in a very luxuriant condition. The grass plots are greatly improved since last year, and the lawn tennis courts are as level as a floor and covered with a rich sward. The barn, cow stables and out-houses are all remodelled and painted in unison with the school building. In the rear, and about 200 feet from the school, is a new laundry, provided with every convenience for turning out its weekly work. In the interior, in

THE ART DEPARTMENT

of the school, is manifested the great progress which has been made in artistic work, and among many others the touch and execution of Miss Sterns, of Yarmouth, was much admired. Among very attractive work were to be noticed the paintings of Miss M. Leekie, of Londonderry; Miss White, of Quebec; Miss Forster, of Dorchester, N.B., and Miss Alice Trites, of Petcodiac, N.B. Among those who exhibited excellent drawings were Miss E. Davies, of Charlottetown; Miss Louisa Jack, of St. John; Miss Barbara, of Campbellton, N.B., and Miss Wickwire, of Canning, N.S. In china painting, Miss Constance Sewell and Miss Sarah Forster showed very pretty specimens. The china paintings generally were well done, and the exhibition in this delightful art was very creditable. The school has been greatly indebted to Miss Isabel Ridd for her skill in painting and drawing. She retires from the institution soon to change her name, it is whispered. The best wishes of pupils, associates and friends will go with her, and the praises of Edgehill will long be blended with the name of Miss Isabel Ridd.

Among the musicians whose touch and execution both pleased and surprised, were Miss Blanche Wiswell, of Halifax, Miss Edith Nicols, of Halifax; Miss Sophia Jones, of Halifax, Miss Hilda Irvine, of Quebec, and Miss Blanche Taylor, of Halifax.

The character of the musical display was well illustrated by the excellent rendering of an artistic and difficult programme, in which twenty young ladies took a prominent part.

STATUS OF THE SCHOOL.

The number of pupils attending the Church School for Girls during the year has been 81. Of these there were from: Nova Scotia, 46; New Brunswick, 23; Quebec, 6; Staten Island, N.Y., 3; Prince Edward Island, 2; Ontario, 1. Total, 81.

The average daily attendance throughout the year has been 71; of these 61 are boarders. The studies comprehend seventeen branches in the English department. In what may be termed accomplishments there were during the year 72 pupils who took French, 15 Latin, 6 German, 65 pianoforte, 15 voice culture, 30 class singing, 19 drawing, 21 painting, 4 china painting, 47 calisthenics, 11 needle work, 33 drawing and 2 violin. "Dressmaking" was introduced last Michaelmas term.

PHYSICAL TRAINING AT EDGEHILL.

The trustees are desirous that special attention be given to physical culture, chiefly on the ground that a good and serviceable mental education is inseparable from bodily health and systematic training. Apart from these considerations, ease and grace in movement and bearing is a most desirable acquisition, and a gift of refinement which often produces beneficial influence. Every encouragement is therefore given to calisthenics and out-door exercise. The instruction comprehends: 1, arena drill or figure marching; 2, physical drill; 3, Indian club exercises; 4, dumb-bell exercise; 5, bar-bell exercises; 6, wand exercise; 7, fencing.

It is needless to say that this part of the exercises was to the majority the most attractive. Draped in the prettiest of uniform about fifty young ladies went through their drill under Sergeant Cunningham. The exhibition was charming and would have been still more delightful if rain had not interfered. The healthy appearance of the young ladies showed how physical training has told on them all. It closed a most pleasant day, and proved to all that Nova Scotia is advancing with rapid strides in the education and training of young ladies. The skillful hand and ceaseless care of the Lady Principal, Miss Machin, is manifest everywhere, and the remarkable success of the Church School for Girls shows how wise was the selection, when the appointment of this lady to the important position of Principal was determined.

Miss Machin goes on Thursday to England to select trained assistants for music, drawing, painting and the higher English branches. As the school expands, the best teaching talent must be enlisted—and no effort spared to ensure continued success.

THE PRIZE LIST.

The room in which the prizes were distributed by the Bishop of Nova Scotia was crowded, and very many of the guests could not obtain admittance. The following is a complete record of prizes given and testimonials awarded:

Senior class—The gold star—Louisa M. Jack, Constance Sewell.

Second senior class—Silver star—Alice Wiggins.

Third senior class—Silver star—Ethel Davis.

Fourth class—Book—Muriel Crofton.

Fifth class—Book—Margaret Silver.

The Bishop of Nova Scotia's prize—Gold medal—For knowledge of the history of the Church of England—Theresa Wakeling.

Silver medal—For faithfulness in school duties—Sarah McDonald Forster.

The Rev. Canon Brock's prize—For proficiency in English history—Louisa Jack, Constance Sewell.

The Synod of the Diocese of Fredericton's prizes—Senior grade—For Bible lessons, \$15, Mary Ritchie.

For prayer book lessons, \$10, Theresa Wakeling.

Middle Grade—For Bible lessons, \$10, Ethel Davies.

For prayer book lessons, \$5, Ethel Davies.

Junior grade—Bible lessons, \$5, May Halsey.

Prayer book lessons, \$5, Lucie Poole.

Mrs. Courtney's prize—Book—Ethel Davies.

Miss Lizzie Machin's prize—Books—Constance Sewell, two books; Louisa M. Jack, one book.

The lady principal's prizes—Third class—Books—Florence Bowman.

Fourth class—Books—Gertrude Townshend.

Fifth class—Books—Dorothy Poole.

TESTIMONIALS.

First senior class—Theresa Wakeling, Mary Ritchie, Edith L. Nichols, Margaret A. G. Leekie.

Second senior class—Ellen Douglas, Lillian Markham, Mary C. Wallace.

Third senior class—Margaret L. Corbett, Georgina Ouseley, Gertrude P. Price, Edith U. Leekie, Florence A. Bowman.

Fourth class—Agnes Dimock, Nellie Paulin, Midge O'Brien, Hope H. Sewell, Lillie Adams.

Fifth class—May Halsey.

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Diocese of Ontario.

THE SYNOD OF ONTARIO.

(By a Special Correspondent.)

Statistics are usually dry matters to listen to, and it is therefore worth recording that the Diocese of Ontario is blessed with a chairman of the Statistical Committee whose report is always one of the most interesting of the year. This year he had provided a rather long but very interesting comparison of the work of the various dioceses. The result is a triumph for the Diocese of Montreal, which has the highest proportion per 1,000 of census population in baptisms, confirmations, communicants and population reported by clergy, and the highest average of contributions per head. Next, excluding Quebec, which did not report to Provincial Synod, come Ontario and Niagara about equal, Fredericton only a little behind, Toronto and Huron both poor records, but Huron much the worse of the two, and then, separated by a "great gulf," Nova Scotia and Algoma. I enclose figures, which although not quite the same as were given to the Synod, being based on a three years' average instead of the figures of 1891-2, show the same relative position of the dioceses, and are guaranteed correct.

It is not only in reports of statistics, however, that Ontario excels. It is doubtful whether any other diocese can arrange so devout, hearty, and decent a choral service as was offered in St. George's this year.

Faults no doubt there were. The clerical choir were sometimes, as in the Canticles, a decided hindrance, bellowing forth false harmonies with very unsubdued voices; the clergy, many of them, were not vested and in their places in the procession, and the usual order of procedure was in one conspicuous case not adhered to, the only vested Archdeacon bringing up the rear instead of being before the Dean. The sermon too struck me as rather too elementary for the occasion, and exceedingly monotonous in delivery, and this with the poor acoustical properties of the building rendered much of it unintelligible. But with all this it was as a spectacle grand and inspiring; as a service, both devout and congregational; as a function, devoid of fussiness and blunders, and one which it were well should be more often seen.

In actual business the Synod set a good ex-