

ing in this connection. We are not pleading for sour faces and sanctimonious sighs; so don't let any of our readers ride off on that score, saying that we are only puritanical humbugs. No; we are only pleading for a reverent treatment of sacred things. We are very anxious to bring the world into the Church, but not to bring it in on its own terms, undivested of its worldliness. We should like to absorb the world in the Church, but we doubt if this can be done by adopting and assimilating purely worldly tactics and practices; nay, rather would not this be to gradually absorb the Church in the world. We have now said our say, and if any critic replies—

"Why should a man, whose blood is warm within,
Sit like his grandsire cut in alabaster?"

we can only add that, in our mind, a dash of the grandsire is here is here desirable.—*Irish Ecclesiastical Gazette.*

News from the Home-Field.

Diocese of Nova Scotia.

CHURCH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS.—The first meeting of the shareholders of this school was held at Edgemoor, Windsor, N. S., on Wednesday the 7th Oct., when there were present amongst others the Revs. Canon Partridge, Willetts, Bowman, Delbois, Axford, Canon Maynard, Ven. Archd. Jones, Senator Almon, Hon. M. H. Goudge, Dr. Hind, Profs. Kennedy and Jones, Messrs. Wilcox, Dimock, Moody, Forster, and Wilson Sec. of School Board. Dr. Moody was called to the chair and after the report of the last general meeting was read the consideration of the By-laws under the Act of Incorporation was taken up and occupied all morning. In the afternoon the report of the Trustees was read giving a brief history of the institution, and also of the action of the Synods of Fredericton and Nova Scotia, a full outline of the design and scope of the school, names of staff, etc. The report stated that the school room was already too small even for the numbers now attending and that it would become unsuitable for an assembly room when the addition necessary is made. The new and old buildings together only supplied accommodation for about 80 boarders and 20 day scholars, with the needful staff of teachers and domestics. The trustees considered it necessary to anticipate the necessity of enlargement in order to meet the demands of the work so auspiciously commenced. The school, which only began its life in the first month of the present year, has more than doubled its resident pupils in the short period of eight months, and many are seeking admission who cannot be accommodated. The trustees acknowledged with gratitude the liberal amount afforded to the school by those recognizing the importance of training the mothers of the future members of our Church.

The board of Directors also submitted their report, characterizing the present building as inadequate for the purposes for which it was erected, owing to the fact that the growth of the school had surpassed the most sanguine expectation of its promoters. When the present building will be completed, towards the end of the year, all available space will be occupied by those now in the school and those seeking admission, together with the necessary staff; and the building will be inadequate to meet the demand.

The school account submitted showed a net

balance, after paying expenses of \$1006.88 for the first half of present year.

The trustees' statement showed that a sum of \$17,591 had been received on account of subscriptions for shares; and \$7,312 on account of school fees up to Oct. 6th. \$11,605 had been expended on the new building and the balance to the credit of the current account of the school was \$2,362.50.

Rev. Canon Brigstock, of St. John, Rev. Delbois and Dr. Hind were re-elected Trustees, and on the new Board of Directors Mr. Leckie, of Londonderry, replaced Judge Townsend who was unable to act on account of judicial duties; and Dr. Partridge replaced Mr. Wilcox. A hearty vote of thanks was given to Dr. Hind for his laborious services and after suitable reply from him the meeting closed.

Diocese of Fredericton.

St. John.

The anniversary services of the Church of England Institute were held Oct. 28th in Trinity Church. In the morning there was a celebration of the Holy Communion, and in the evening, prayer and sermon by the Rev. J. Parkinson. The singing in the evening was a special feature, and in this the united choirs of Trinity, St. Paul's, and St. John the Baptist churches took part. The following clergymen were present: Revs. Canon Brigstocke, Canon DeVeber, J. de Soyres, L. G. Stevens, J. H. Geare, C. Cooley, W. O. Raymond, R. Mathers, R. W. Hudgell, W. Eatough and George Walker. Evening prayer was led by Rev. W. O. Raymond, and Rev. Canon DeVeber read the first lesson. The sermon of Rev. Mr. Parkinson was an eloquent and impressive one with special reference to the occasion. He took for his text the 13th verse of the 4th chapter of St. Paul's epistle to the Ephesians: "Fill we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ."

Diocese of Montreal.

Montreal.

ST. GEORGE'S.—Dean Carmichael delivered the second of his course of lectures on Science and Religion, on Sunday afternoon last, when there was again a large attendance. He dealt specially with the second chapter of Genesis, claiming that Genesis points out a positive beginning for the world, which he asserted the investigations of Science bore out. He explained that the question of a *material* beginning scientifically depended upon the view taken as to any one atom of matter, the problem being was the atom eternal, or was it self-existing or was it created. Admitting the laws applicable to the combination of atom with atom, the Dean stated that they demanded a creative power behind them; and he supported his position by reference to the words of J. C. Maxwell and Sir J. Herschel, the former claiming that the idea of an eternal atom was a palpable absurdity, the idea of a self-existing atom was an impossible one and that atoms consequently must have been created: and the latter calling atoms manufactured articles, to think of which as existing apart from the mind would be to linger on a thought unrealizable, unknowable and inconceivable.

The Dean also dealt with the idea that discoveries had been made within the last fifty years doing away with the need of God, against

which he quoted the teaching of Spencer himself, who denies that he is in any sense a Materialist, and who states that he is tired of reasserting that he believes in an infinite and eternal being from which all things proceed. Although Mr. Spencer shrank from using the term "God" his pen depicted what his tongue would not articulate. If he believed that within the last fifty years such wonderful discoveries had been made as do away with the idea of God, Mr. Spencer would never have said the closing words of his synthetic philosophy or have told his critics that they vilify him when they call him a Materialist.

ST. JAMES the APOSTLE.—Mr. Hague, manager of the Merchants Bank of Canada in Montreal, is delivering a series of Bible lectures or lessons in this Church on Sunday afternoon, intended principally for young men.

ST. THOMAS.—A meeting of the St. Andrews Brotherhood formed in this parish last year was held on Thursday evening the 22nd Oct., at which the Rector of the parish presided and addresses were delivered by Rev. G. O. Troop, Rector of St. Martin's, and by Dr. Davidson, Q. C., explanatory of the present position, work and claims of the St. Andrews Brotherhood. Thereafter the Rector and 4 or 5 new members were formally admitted to the Brotherhood by Rev. Mr. Troop.

ST. MARTIN'S.—The amount mentioned in the last number of the GUARDIAN as the offertory at the service at the Harvest Festival was quite below the mark. The total sum received during the day amounted to nearly \$900.00, a larger sum than that received last year at the same service. Considerable enthusiasm prevails in this parish in regard to Church work, and notwithstanding the heavy burden which the congregation has to bear through the large debt created for the most part without the co-operation of the present pew-holders, Church work progresses and the debt is being steadily liquidated.

Diocese of Ontario.

A "Quiet Day" for women was held in Christ Church on Oct. 9th, by the Rev. G. Osborne Troop, M. A. of Montreal.

The Rev. Prof. Clarke of Toronto delivered a lecture on "Carlyle" in St. George's School Room on the evening of the 17th inst.

On Sunday the 18th Oct. the re-opening St. George's took place and Rev. Prof. Clarke preached both morning and evening.

Mr. J. W. Jones of St. Augustine's College, Canterbury, has been sent to look after the Mission of West part. He goes up for Deacon's Orders at the next Ordination.

The Rev. W. J. Bate, formerly curate of Christ Church, Belleville, has been appointed to Finch Mission.

The Rev. J. B. Haslam has resigned South Mountain and has gone to British Columbia.

ORDINATION EXAMINATION.—An Examination of candidates for Deacon's and Priest's Orders in the Diocese of Ontario will (D. V.) be held in Brockville, beginning Tuesday, December 1st. Candidates are requested to communicate with the Ven. Archdeacon of Kingston, the Rectory, Brockville, who will supply all the necessary information.

His Lordship also went through the Deanery of Renfrew accompanied by Rural Dean Bliss on an episcopal visitation for the Lord Bishop