

News from the Home Field.

Diocese of Fredericton.

SYNOD NOTES.

At the last meeting of Synod, just held, a resolution was adopted that a union of the Diocesan Synod of Fredericton with the Diocesan Church Society be approved. The question has been before the Society and the Synod for several years.

The report of the Woman's Aid Mission Society showed total receipts for the year, \$1,425; and in the eight years' existence of the Society, \$10,000 in all; and this had been spent in the domestic work of the Diocese.

A lively debate took place upon a motion introduced by Judge Hanington, endorsing the Church School for Girls at Windsor. It would appear that there was some intention of starting a Girl's School in New Brunswick, but ultimately wiser counsels prevailed, and the endorsement of the Church School at Windsor was adopted by the Synod, and Mr. John B. Forster was appointed a trustee for the school.

A resolution by the Rev. R. E. Smith, seconded by W. M. Jarvis, Esq., approving the work of *The Brotherhood of St. Andrew*, was carried unanimously; several of the delegates, clerical and lay, expressing themselves strongly in favour of the Society.

Venerable Archdeacon Brigstocke introduced a resolution on the observance of Sunday as follows: "This Synod, recognizing the priceless value of the Christian Sabbath, as set apart by Divine command for rest from ordinary labor and for holy worship, views with deep anxiety the growing laxity which now so widely prevails respecting its due observance, by its hours being so largely used for amusement, worldly recreation and excursions, and urges on all the members of the Church to strenuously oppose such violations of a Divine command, and use every possible effort to retain unimpaired the sacred character of the Lord's Day."

The Revs. F. Davenport, Parke and Neales (seconded) spoke strongly in support of the resolution, which met with hearty approval, and was adopted.

The Archdeacon thereupon offered to send 10,000 copies of it to the various parishes for distribution.

The Archdeacon also introduced the following resolution in regard to religious education in secular schools: "That the Synod records its deliberate judgment that religious teaching in our public schools is absolutely necessary in order to fulfil the true purpose of education and conserve the highest interest of the nation at large, and trusts that the day is not far distant when Biblical instruction will form a regular part of public education."

Unfortunately, owing to the late period of the session at which the resolution was reached, it was not determined, but stands over till next session.

BISHOP MEDLEY MEMORIAL.—The treasurer of the fund, G. A. Schofield, Esq., reported at the Synod that \$5,000 in all had been raised for this memorial, though the canvas had been by no means an exhaustive one. The Committee now find themselves able to proceed with the work.

The Committee on the MEDLEY memorial fund reported their proceedings since the 5th of July, 1893, from which it appears that the total amount of subscriptions secured by Mr. Higgins' personal canvas was \$1,312.

The marks for those in the city of St. John, N.B., who attempted the examination in con-

nection with the CHURCH OF ENGLAND SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTITUTE, have been received from England. Three young ladies attempted the preliminary section, and of these Miss Edna Gregory has captured a prize and Misses Roberta Robinson and Bessie Dougherty have taken first-class certificates. In the advanced section six applicants tried, and of these Miss Maud Betts has taken one of the largest prizes, Misses Kate M. Crookshank and M. Armstrong honors, and Misses Ethel H. Jarvis, Sarah Murray and Isabel Bruce first-class certificates. Of the young ladies mentioned above, four—Misses Dougherty, Betts, Murray and Bruce—are teachers in St. James' Sunday school.

WOODSTOCK.

ORDINATION.—The Lord Bishop of the Diocese held an Ordination at Woodstock on Sunday, the 8th July, when Messrs. Arthur Lea and Ernest Simonson were admitted to the Diaconate. The following clergy remained over after the Synod to take part in the services: Revs. Canon Forsyth, Mathers, Wilkinson, Murray and Dibblee. The candidates were presented by Rev. Canon Neales, who acted for the Archdeacon. The Bishop preached a learned and impressive sermon from Isaiah xxi. 5. The church was crowded. In the afternoon there was a Confirmation service, when twenty candidates received the Laying on of Hands. In the evening a full choral service was held, Rev. Canon Neales intoning the service, being assisted by a full choir.

Diocese of Ontario.

OXFORD MILLS.

It is some time since we sent you any Church news from this village. Like many other country villages, we are progressing slowly, and we hope surely in "the things that belong to our peace," since the Rev. Mr. Forsythe came amongst us four years ago. We have lost some good members through deaths and removals, but our services are well attended in the three churches of the mission, and we have no cause to feel discouragement.

On the 29th of June a very successful garden party and strawberry festival was held in the ample and beautifully laid out grounds of the magnificent Rectory in Oxford Mills, whereby the sum of \$46 was made for improvements around the Church Rectory, the fences in both places requiring renewal.

This festival, which is an annual affair, is well patronized. The ladies of the Committee did their part in furnishing the tables with fine strawberries, cake and ice cream, and the corps of pretty waiters, in caps and Marguerite favors, were quite an attraction to the numbers of people who thronged the gates for some hours. The members of the Oxford Mills B. Band won golden opinions for their kindness in playing continuously for the benefit of the public, and deserved a vote of thanks from all.

On Sunday, the 8th, Orange Lodge No. 72 joined their brethren of St. John's church at the 11 a.m. Service, when our Rector gave them one of his able and conclusive extempore sermons, which elicited a vote of thanks from their head master, as also one for the members of the choir.

Miss Anna Kathleen Davis presided at the organ in her usual happy style. By the way, we are greatly indebted to that young lady for her good music and kind and affable manner towards the members of the choir and others. One cannot help realizing that her music is "not for man nor air," but we may suggest here that it would be a graceful act of the many worshippers in St. John's church (who

appreciate her talents) if they would show their love for her in some more tangible form than mere praise, and we feel sure that this will soon be the case. We are particularly lucky in our three choirs, however, as at Acton's Corners the 16 year old daughter of Mr. John Scott is doing wonders, and is a credit to her teacher, Mrs. Laing, of Kemptville; the music there too is bright and hearty, and the dear young members of that choir are regular communicants. Then at Oxford Station Miss Sarah Saunderson presides over the organ, and a most united Band of happy workers in the service of the Master, and she too deserves much praise; so that we have a great deal to be thankful for, and I have written all this to prove that we are striving not to be behind our neighbours in "good works which are to the glory of God." I will therefore end my letter in the words of our favourite hymn:

One the object of our journey,
One the faith which never tires,
One the earnest looking forward,
One the hope our God inspires.

Onward, therefore, pilgrim brothers,
Onward with the Cross our aid,
Bear its shame and fight its battle
Till we rest beneath its shade.

Soon shall come the great awaking,
Soon the rending of the tomb,
Then the scattering of all shadows
And the end of toil and gloom.

Yours truly,
A member of St. John's church, Oxford Mills.

Diocese of Toronto.

TRINITY COLLEGE SCHOOL, PORT HOPE.

The following is the prize list for the June examinations, just completed:

EXAMINERS.

Divinity: Rev. H. Symonds, M.A., Peterborough, and Rev. Prof. Cayley, M.A., Trinity University, Toronto.

Classics: Rev. H. Bedford Jones, M.A., C. S. MacInnes, Esq., M.A., Trinity University, Toronto, and Rev. W. C. Allen, M.A., of Millbrook.

English Subjects: Rev. Prof. Rigby, M.A., Trinity University, Toronto; E. L. Curry, Esq., B.A., High School, Montreal; and P. Perry, Esq., B.A., High School, Fergus.
The Masters of the School.

Prizes for General Proficiency.—Sixth Form: The Chancellor's Prize, H. F. Hamilton; 5th, the Rev. F. A. Bethune, Scholarship, S. B. Lucas; 4th, W. W. Francis; 3rd, L. Lambe; 2nd, [Upper], H. S. Macgregor; 2nd [Lower], R. P. Jollett; 1st, A. H. Moore.

Divinity.—Fifth Form: The Lord Bishop of Toronto's Prize, C. M. Baldwin; 4th, the Rev. Canon Dumoulin's Prize, T. W. B. Marling; 3rd, A. L. Palmer; 2nd [Upper], H. S. Macgregor; 2nd [Lower], R. B. H. Cotton; 1st, [not awarded.]

Mathematics.—Sixth Form: The Governor-General's Medal, H. F. Hamilton; 5th, the Rev. Prof. Jones's Prize, W. C. Walsh; 4th [not awarded]; 3rd, H. M. Rathbun; 2nd [Upper], H. S. Macgregor; 2nd [Lower], C. G. Heaven; 1st [Lower], arithmetic, Rev. Prof. Jones's Prize, A. H. Moore.

Classics.—Fifth Form: Mr. E. Martins' Prize, S. B. Lucas.

Greek Grammar.—Rev. A. J. Broughall's Prize, H. F. Hamilton; 2nd Form, the Headmaster's Prize, A. Morrow.

Latin Grammar.—Mr. Worrell's Prize: P. B. Tucker; 2nd Form [Lower], Mr. Nightingale's Prize, R. P. Jollett; 1st [Lower], Mr. Marling's Prize, A. H. Moore.