

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

KING'S COLLEGE ENCENIA.

The address given by the Rev. Dr. Ambrose, of Digby, referred chiefly to the secularization of Education. He thought that there was nothing more noticeable or suggestive in our day than the zealous interference of secularists with public education. Taking advantage of sectarian jealousies, they had supplied politicians with an axiom by which the problem of excluding religion from public education has been so simplified as to quiet the consciences of unwary religious people. He regretted that the free school system excluded the Bible and definite religious instruction. An earnest attempt is being made to secularize the colleges and universities. But in the Maritime Provinces, as in Ontario, Australia and the United States, the determination to resist this effort is very manifest among Catholics and the dissenting bodies. They were stoutly maintaining the denominational institutions by which they hoped to overtake the great duty omitted in the free schools, viz: that of the definite religious instruction of the youth. All Maritime denominational Colleges were flourishing. The duty of Churchmen in the face of such facts was to stand manfully by King's College and make a stirring effort to raise money to maintain its efficiency. "To those who may be dazzled by the vision of a great secular University in the Maritime Provinces, I would say secure in the first place a University in which the lack in the free and secularized schools may be supplied, concurrently with and subsequently to our thoroughly good art courses. A past graduate's course can afterwards be taken—not in one of these small Provinces but in one of the really great Universities and cities of Europe, in which a sojourn of a few years among thoroughly educated people is an education in itself."

Dr. Ambrose spoke also in favor of throwing open all courses of lectures to women. This course would be of great value to the Church, and be a benefit to the University itself.

Rev. Canon Brigstocke, of St. John (upon whom the degree of D.D., had been conferred), also addressed the Convocation and spoke of the growth of interest and sympathy for the college in New Brunswick where the first of a series of popular meetings had been held. King's had property worth \$250,000, and it was absurd to speak of such a College as a poverty stricken institution. The income of \$9,000 ought to be increased to \$12,000 a year. He asked the women to talk of King's College, and arouse interest in it. Dr. Ambrose had collected a respectable sum in St. John. Halifax ought now to hold a public meeting and raise money. After that meetings ought to be held in all parts of the country. The fact that King's is a Church institution ought to be emphasized. The Church people ought to be zealous and enthusiastic as the people of other denominations. He regarded a blow against King's College as a blow against *The Church*.

The Rev. S. T. Rand, D. D., L. L. D., the famous Mio-Mac Missionary who received the degree of D.C.L., also made a short and humorous address after which Bishop Courtney spoke. He expressed his belief that King's had gained in public opinion and stood much better in the public estimation now, than it did a year ago. It had more sympathy among the people of Nova Scotia, and he hoped its affairs would be so managed that that sympathy and confidence would be deepened. There had been and should be no lowering of the standard aimed at. The aim of the Governors was an ever rising standard. So that while still representing the standard of excellence it has enjoyed in the past, it will represent something more—the additional excellence of the requirements of modern life. He expressed the hope that the

time was not far distant when King's College would be able to extend the blessings of co-education to the sons and daughters of The Church. He strongly urged the friends of the College to prepare now for celebrating its centennial next year. A concise history should be prepared that would show the church and the public a justification for the founding of the college, and a justification for its continued existence. He wanted the celebration to be worthy of the occasion. Preparations should begin at once. Everyman interested in King's should begin to think, talk and work now for the proper celebration of the centenary. The it would be a success. Then friends will arise to the help of the College. The Bishop explained why the collections for the College had been so small. It was an easy matter for the Synod to pass a resolution. It was next to impossible to carry it into effect in many parishes. In some places the people couldn't give. It was important to take up a collection for King's. It was still more important for the parson and his family to have bread and be clothed. He spoke feelingly of the extreme poverty of some of the parishes and the clergy, and said: "If there is blame to be placed anywhere, take it home to your hearts and conscience; but don't blame my clergy."

Besides the degrees already mentioned M. A., was conferred upon Rev. C. Croucher, of British Columbia, and on Rev. C. E. Willets, and B. A. upon the graduates F. S. Reddin, C. S. Martin, Rev. H. H. Pitman, and Rev. D. P. Allison. There were twenty-five students of whom five graduated.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

ST JOHN.—Bishop Kingdon has purchased the Minchin property, corner of King and St. John streets. The building is a very handsome and spacious one, of brick, and was used for years, many years ago, by the Bank of British North America. Bishop Kingdon intends making it his residence. We congratulate His Lordship on becoming the owner of this valuable property. Its proximity to the Cathedral, its surroundings, its fine garden, and the large space which it occupies, will enable him to convert it into an ideal Bishop's Palace.—*The Capital, Fredericton.*

TEMPERANCE VALE.—The new church at this place was consecrated lately by the Bishop Coadjutor of this diocese. There were also present the Revs. Neales, of Woodstock; McKiel, of Keswick; Hoyt, of Grand Falls, and Scovil Neales, of Southampton. Miss Tibbits, of Fredericton, presided at the organ. On the same evening thirteen candidates were confirmed.

SYNOD NOTES.

The Mission Church difficulty at St. John is at last settled to the satisfaction of all parties. The Chief Justice submitted a report recommending a application to the Legislature to confirm the agreement made by which Messrs. H. W. Frith, G. A. Schofield, L. A. Jack, J. P. Hanington, H. Peters, W. G. Lee and Thomas Stead and their successors under the declaration of trust, shall be a body corporate, by name of The Trustees of the Mission Church of St. John Baptist, and in whom the lot of land, church buildings, &c., shall be vested for the purposes of the Trust, and said buildings, land, &c., for ecclesiastical purposes are separated from the Parish of St. Paul,

The contributions, to the Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions of the Church of England in Canada from the Diocese and for the Home Field amounted to \$563.82. For Foreign Missions \$708.37 in all were raised, an increase in the latter case of \$21.87 over the amount raised last year for the same purpose. Only \$40 were sent in for the Bishop of Algoma's stipend; the balance of the sum assessed upon the Diocese

(\$260) was taken from the monies sent for the Diocese of Algoma and included in the first sum mentioned.

Sunday School.—Four Deaneries had Sunday schools teachers' unions or associations in working order, namely, St. John, Kingston, Shediac and Fredericton. The Association in St. John was formed in 1873 and has 125 members, and six meetings were held in the year for reading of papers and general discussion. One public meeting in the interest of Sunday schools; three united services, one for teachers, one for scholars, and one annual examination for teachers were also held. All the Deaneries considered the formation of a diocesan organization as desirable. The total number of scholars attending various schools is reported at 5,776.

The following clergy and laity were elected as Delegates to the Provincial Synod: Clerical—Revs. Brigstocke, Neales, Roberts, Campbell, Newham, Forsyth, Ketchum, Talbot, deSoyres, Cowie, Hanington, Hoyt; Lay—Sir J. C. Allen, Messrs. Hanington, Vroom, Jarvis, Fairweather, Clinch, Weldon, Wilkinson, Robinson, Stevenson, Sterling, Foster; substitutes: Revs. Messrs. Raymond, Montgomery, Wiggins, Smith, Cresswell, Stevens; Messrs. Starr, Street, Crawford; Dibblee, Powys, Taylor.

The Diocesan members elected for the Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions are Revs. Canon Brigstocke, D. D., Talbot and Raymond, and Messrs. G. H. Lee, W. M. Jarvis and C. N. Vroom.

A motion was made against the raising of money for church purposes by means of entertainments of various kinds, and caused some discussion; but was afterwards withdrawn on the suggestion of the Bishop, who thought the object of the resolution had been obtained through the discussion.

The report of the Book Depository Committee to the Church Society of the Diocese showed that the sale of publications from 30th April, 1888 to 1889, amounted to \$758.68: 1,262 copies of *Dawn of Day* had been subscribed for; 500 of these going to Prince Edward Island alone.

Two hundred and fifty dollars were appropriated by the Society for the employment of a colporteur to travel through the diocese to sell the publications.

The Board of Home Missions announced that Sackville had become self sustaining.

There was a deficit in the General Purposes Fund of \$1,403; of which \$917.50 is shortage on assessments in self supporting missions.

During the past year \$1,3612.80 had been paid as grants in aid of the several missions of the Diocese.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

ADAMSVILLE.—The pretty little parsonage house in this place has lately been undergoing repairs by way of preparation for its new occupants; in addition to other repairs it has been freshly painted inside and out, and papered throughout and made altogether as bright and pleasant a home as one could wish. The new incumbent, the Rev. W. C. Bernard, took charge of this Mission on the first Sunday in July, officiating for the first time both here and at East Farnham, being assisted at both churches by W. H. Mitchell, lay reader, who for two months previously has laboured zealously in that place. The first Sunday in this month was further marked for the people of Adamsville by the presentation to the church of two very handsome heavy silver offertory plates by Mr. P. W. Taber, churchwarden.