

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

TIDNISH.—The Rev. C. A. French, of Baie Verte, N.B., begs very gratefully to acknowledge the receipt by him of a cheque for five dollars from the Rev. C. P. Hanington, of Johnstone, N.B., towards the proposed church for Tidnish, as soon as funds allow of it a commencement will be made. Mr. French would like very much to hear from some others before winter comes and goes.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

SHERBROOKE.—The Children's Missionary Guild in connection with St. Peter's Church will hold their annual sale in the Church Hall, Market street, on Saturday, Oct. 11th, at 3 p.m. It is earnestly hoped that the public will encourage the children in their good work on behalf of missions.

LAKE MEGANTIC.—The Bishop of Quebec held a Confirmation here on Sunday, 5th Oct.

COMPTON.—The Compton Ladies' College has reopened, with Miss Prince as Lady Principal, and one addition to the same staff of efficient teachers as last year. The attendance of pupils is in advance of previous years.

BISHOP'S COLLEGE, LENNOXVILLE.

The formal opening of the University of Bishop's College and Bishop's College School for the session of 1890-91, took place on the 30th Sept. The total of students enrolled in the College is 35, and the pupils in the school number 128, making a total in the two institutions of 163. Of these 140 are boarders.

The following amongst others were present, the Chancellor, Mr. R. W. Heneker, D.C.L., Col. Kippen, Professors Allnatt, Soarth and Watkins, Dr. Robertson, Mr. Chicoyne, Mayor of Sherbrooke; Canon Thorneloe, Messrs E. Chapman, R. H. Tylee, A. F. Simpson, H. J. H. Petry, A. Leroy, F. W. Frith, G. P. Woolcombe, T. H. Lloyd, and Revs. J. M. Thompson and V. C. Lacy and the students of the Divinity and Arts Faculties. Letters of regret at being unable to be present were read, amongst others, from J. H. Roy, Superior of the Sherbrooke College; the Rev. Dr. Barnes, of Sherbrooke, and from Principal Hewton, M.A., of the Sherbrooke Boys' Academy.

Principal Adams delivered an able and elaborate address, touching on the points of constancy, thoroughness and corporate life, as connected with the periodicity of College and School life. He referred in hearty terms of commendation to the work of the Medical Faculty of Bishop's College, (which holds its sessions in Montreal), and to the facts of its having opened its doors to women.

The College had opened with thirty-five students in full tuition, the largest number up to the present. The increase of work had necessitated the appointment of an additional lecturer, and the post has been offered to the Rev. N. P. Yates, B.A., an honor graduate in McGill, and late tutor in the Montreal Theological College. The loss of Rev. R. W. Wright, B.A., in the school, and the appointment of M. T. H. Lloyd, B.A., as a master; the addition of a certificated teacher to the staff of the preparatory department in the school in the person of Miss Kirwin of the Normal School; the appointment of Mr. Arthur Darcy as music master; of Miss Baylis as superintendent of the infirmary were also referred to. It was also stated that the infirmary was looked upon as a means of preventing, as well as of curing and nursing, disease. The infirmary cost upwards of \$3,000, and was maintained at an annual cost of nearly \$1,000. The College has been overflowing for two years now. Soon the Divinity house will

be ready for more students. Room will thus be given for more preparatory students, to whom the assistant lecturer will give more detailed attention than has been yet possible. The School rectory has been taken for boarders and is already full, while very little room remains in the ample school building. In the school we have, when three new promised boys come, 128 boys, with 35 in the College. This gives a total of 163 in the institution as against 83 in June, 1885. The numbers in the school in the successive Septembers have been: 1886, 64; 1887, 68; 1888, 88; 1889, 105; 1890, 128. Of these 128 not less 112 are boarders. There is every reason to be confident that increasing efficiency will accompany increasing numbers, and while the modern side will be thoroughly developed, the classical side will be strengthened by the formation of seven grades in Latin and five in Greek. French, German, Science and shorthand will receive increasing attention.

After the address, which was frequently applauded, the Chancellor said a few words of congratulation and the assembly dispersed. Archdeacon Roe was unavoidably prevented from being present by his duty of attending the first meeting of the Joint Board of Divinity Examiners for the Provincial Synod and Church Universities and Colleges in Montreal.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.—The Woman's Auxiliary Missionary Society of this Diocese met in the Synod Hall. Mrs. Henderson, in the absence of the President, took the chair. The Treasurer reported that since May \$260 had been received, leaving \$21 above disbursements. Regret was expressed at the unavoidable resignation of the corresponding secretary, Miss N. McLeod, through absence from Montreal.

The subjects to be considered during the season are: Oct., 'Algoma'; Nov., 'Moosonee'; December, 'Dorcas Work of the Women's Auxiliary'; January, 'McKay, the Hero of Mission Work in Uganda'; February, 'Lepers and their sorrows'; March, 'China'; April, 'The Jews'; May, 'The early work of Church of England Societies on this continent.'

MONTREAL.—St. Thomas.—The need of a Young Men's Society in the east end has long been felt, and on Thursday evening last a start was made in the schoolroom of St. Thomas Church, by inaugurating a Branch of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, to be known as the St. Thomas' Chapter. There was an encouraging attendance. Vigorous speeches were delivered by Rev. G. Osborne Troop, Dr. L. H. Davidson, Q.C., Mr. L. O. Armstrong and Mr. Spicer, churchwarden. The choir added to the brightness of the evening by singing. Finally fourteen members were admitted to the Society. The first entertainment in connection with the newly formed Chapter will take place on Thursday next, 9th Oct., when the choir of St. George's Church, assisted by several friends, will give a concert in the St. Thomas' schoolroom.

DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

GUELPH.—It is the intention of the B.ble Association to hold a series of entertainments, similar to the one given on the 18th ult., during the winter months. The choir is also preparing a service of sacred song bearing on the translation of Elijah.

There will be a confirmation held in St. Georges' Church during the Advent season. Candidates who have not yet given in their names to the clergy, are requested to do so as soon as possible, so that the classes for instruction may be formed.

Miss Fannie Dixon, whose marriage is announced in the *Parish Magazine*, has officiated as organist to the Sunday school for several years, as well as teacher. On the eve of her

marriage a pleasing address was presented to her by her fellow-teachers, with a very handsome and useful present. After the ceremony several of the children showed their affection for her by strewing the way from the Church to the Rectory with beautiful flowers.

CHURCH IMPROVEMENTS.—The improvements which have been carried out with such energy by the wardens, supported by the liberal contributions of the congregation, are nearly completed as proposed. Part of the painting has not yet been finished, as it requires time for the coats of priming to be thoroughly dried before the last coat is laid on. The work in every respect has been thoroughly well done, and the pointing of the stone work adds greatly to the beauty of the sacred structure. The colouring of the vestibule lightens it up very much, and the effect is greatly admired. The new carpet for the Chancel is being fitted, and will soon be laid. The windows being repainted and the lights newly fitted in the lead frames, will much facilitate the lighting of the church. It is hoped that next year will see the internal repainting and varnishing completed, when our Church will be second in beauty to none in the Province.

On Sunday, the 12th of October, His Lordship, the Bishop of Niagara, will confirm in St. James' Parish in the forenoon. In the evening he will preach in St. Georges' Church. In the forenoon of the same day, the Rev. Patrick Crawford, of Hamilton, who will be in Guelph with Rev. J. J. Morton, will advocate the cause of missions in St. George's.

SUNDAY SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS.—It is proposed to hold local examinations for Sunday-school teachers and pupils throughout the diocese, at the beginning of Advent in each year. An examination will be held in every parish (hereinafter called Parish Examinations) where two or more persons desire to compete. The examinations for 1890 will take place on Monday, December 1st, 1890. Sunday-schools intending to compete must, before the 10th of November, send notice to the Secretary of the Committee of the place of examination (whether district or parish), the number of candidates in each grade, the subjects selected, the name of the local examiner, and the sum of 25 cents for each candidate. The Secretary will, on request, send the requisite forms to any person desiring them.

Examinations.—Teachers' examinations will consist of two divisions: 1. General; 2. Advanced. Pupils' examinations will consist of one division only. It is hoped that the advanced pupils will take the 'General Teachers' Examination,' with a view of qualifying themselves for teachers. In the teachers' examinations certificates will be given in two grades in each division: Class I, 75 per cent; Class II, 50 per cent. In the pupils' examinations honour cards will be given in three grades: Class I, 75 per cent; Class II, 50 per cent; Class III, 25 per cent. For the year 1890 the subjects will be as follows:

Teachers' Examinations—1. General Division. Holy Scripture—St. Luke xviii. ver. 21 to end of Gospel, and Prayer Book—History of the Prayer Book, the Ten Commandments, and the Lord's Prayer; or, Holy Scriptures as above, and Church History—From the Accession of James II, to the death of William III. 2. Advanced Division. Holy Scripture, as above, and Prayer Book, as above. **Pupils' Examinations.**—Holy Scripture—as above, and Prayer Book—History of the Prayer Book and Ten Commandments; or, Holy Scripture, as above, and Church History—Reign of James II. The following books may be found useful in preparing for the Prayer Book and Church History subjects: The Prayer Book—Bishop Barry's Teachers' Prayer Book; Church History—Lane's Illustrated Notes on English Church History.