

## NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

## DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

## THE COTTAGE HOSPITAL FOR SPRINGHILL MINES.

To the Editor of the Church Guardian:

SIR,—I gratefully acknowledge the receipt of the following list of subscriptions for the Cottage Hospital:

Collection from St. Thomas' Church, Morden, Manitoba, per W. P. Duncalfe, \$31.35; a friend Port Dover, Ont., per Rev. Dyson Hague, \$1 per Rev. R. Hewton, Lachine, T. A. Trenholme \$5; James Doran \$10; A. P. Bastable \$1; The Misses Rothwell \$1; Walter Bunison 25c; M. Mounsey 50c; Anonymous 25c. Total \$50.35 Full total \$684.92.

A striking instance of the necessity of the Hospital took place this week. One of the company's employees was taken seriously sick with inflammation of the lungs at midnight, while sleeping in an isolated room (he is a single man). He suffered agonies until the morning, when assistance came. He is now being cared for at the hotel, which is naturally enough not the most quiet place.

I remain yours, very sincerely,

W. CHAS. WILSON.

Springhill Mines, N.S., May 13th, 1891.

## DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

S. S. CONVENTION—The opening service of the Sunday School Convention of this Diocese so eagerly anticipated by many (and indeed called together at the express desire of the S. S. Teachers of the dioceses) took place in Trinity Church, St. John, on the evening of Tuesday, the 12th May inst., a number of the clergy of the diocese were present and a large congregation assembled. The Right Rev. H. T. Kingdon, D. D., Bishop Coadjutor, preached an excellent sermon from 2d Kings, iv, 26. On pressing upon those present the necessity of not merely a good secular education but also that of the spiritual faculties, the duties and responsibilities of the Sunday School teacher in this connection, and in these days are clearly defined and enforced, and they were urged to qualify themselves fully for their important work.

The Convention assembled in Trinity school-room at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday. There was a very large attendance, a number of teachers being present from Fredericton, Rothesay, Sussex and other places, besides a good number from the city. The Coadjutor Bishop presided, and of the clergy were present: Rev. Canon Brigstocke, Canon Forsyth, Canon Roberts, and Revs. Smith, Little, Newnham, Stevens, deSoyres, Raymond, Parkinson, Sampson, James, Hanington, Hudgell, Hooper, Maynard, Neales, Kutough, Montgomery and Sherman. The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Canon Brigstocke, and the singing of the hymn, 'Through the night of doubt and sorrow.'

Bishop Kingdon, then briefly addressed the Convention on the advantages and benefits of the Sabbath School, and called upon Rev. Canon Forsyth to read the first paper. His subject was 'The necessary Qualifications for a good Sunday Teacher.' The paper was a most interesting and instructive one, and was listened to with marked attention. The advantages of the Sabbath school were plainly pointed out, and the various requisites of a good teacher, prayerful consideration, careful preparation, punctuality, patience and perseverance, were dwelt upon at some length and in a manner that impressed itself upon all present.

The 'Training of Sunday School Teachers' was the subject of the address of Rev. G. E. Lloyd, of Rothesay. The training of the teachers was not in the hands of the clergymen, but it should be done in the schools. The best teachers should be put in charge of the infant classes, for there the groundwork of all training

was laid. He advocated the abolishing of examinations of teachers and the substitution thereof of yearly or half yearly examinations of the scholars. The irregular attendance of many teachers was a drawback, but by this the older scholars had a chance and were developed into good teachers. Mr. Lloyd next referred to the teachers' meeting with their clergymen. This, if possible, was a good idea, but in a country diocese the minister was so busy that it was almost impossible. He urged the teachers to confer with their clergymen on any matters in doubt, and next urged the establishment, where possible, of good libraries of standard books for the use of the teachers and scholars. The benefit of lectures was also pointed out.

Rev. J. S. Parkinson, of St. Mary's, next gave a model lesson on the methods of teaching the Scriptures. He took as his illustration the parable of the unjust judge contained in the first eight verses of the 18th chapter of St. Luke.

A model lesson on the Catechism was given by Rev. Canon Roberts, of Fredericton. His discourse was a very instructive one and was enjoyed by those present. He impressed upon his hearers the sacredness of Christian names and gave some valuable hints on the methods of teaching the catechism.

An interesting and instructive paper on Sunday schools in scattered missions, how best to establish and maintain them, was read by the Rev. C. P. Hanington, of Johnstown. The difficulties in the way of maintaining and carrying on Sabbath schools in country districts was clearly pointed out, and he urged the ministers and teachers to make the most of their opportunities and to strive to have schools established in every centre. They must remember that the Sunday school was not the most important place for religious instruction—that was the home, and the parents should conscientiously discharge their duties in this respect. He said that in his own parish, being unable to hold a Sabbath school on Sunday, he had established one which meets on Thursday evening, where he is superintendent, teacher, librarian and organist. He continued this school throughout the summer, and finds it working very satisfactorily. He thought that in many places the layman might take up this work and do a great deal of good.

Rev. Mr. Raymond spoke of a lady in Kingston who had followed this course, and of the good results that had attended her labors. The chairman referred to another similar instance.

Rev. H. W. Little said that in the parish of Kingston the examinations of teachers was regarded as a special feature and he would be glad if some systematic method of examination could be devised. With the Convention he was not much in sympathy, for it was not possible for many outsiders to come to the city, but if deanery conventions could be held they might result in good. He thought the clergyman should be instructor of the teachers. At his parish the teachers met every Monday evening and went over the lessons most thoroughly.

Rev. O. S. Newnham spoke briefly of the duties of the ministers and teachers in connection with the Sabbath schools.

Hon. D. L. Hanington referred briefly to the good results of Sabbath school teaching and urged that schools be established and maintained wherever practicable.

Rev. Mr. Montgomery held it was the duty of the clergymen to know what the teachers were teaching the scholars.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

At the afternoon session of the Church of England Sunday School Convention the attendance was even larger than during the morning. The first speaker was Rev. Scovill Neales, who discussed the subject how best to overcome the difficulties of Sabbath school teaching in scattered missions. He advised that, wherever practicable, the services of those who have been trained for secular teaching should be engaged. An interesting and instructive paper

on "Sunday School Libraries" was read by Mr. Vivian W. Tippet. Mr. Eldon Mullin's paper on "Teachers' Associations and Examinations," was read by Rev. Canon Roberts. He advised more careful training of the Sabbath school teachers, and associations were the readiest means for such an end. He did not consider examinations necessary, but a course of study might most properly be applied. Mr. J. H. Wran, of Moncton, discussed the desirability of examinations of scholars, and advocated the giving of prizes. It worked well in the secular schools and should in the Sunday schools. Rev. Mr. Hudgell, of Derby, addressed the meeting on the neglect of the services of the Church by the Sunday school scholars. He argued that Sunday school services should be concluded by a service in the church. Rev. Mr. Montgomery, of Fredericton, spoke upon the loss to the Church of the elder scholars. He paid a high compliment to Miss Murray for an essay she had written on the best methods of teaching. This finished the programme, and a general discussion of the papers followed. Those who took part were Rev. Canon Brigstocke, Miss Murray, Rev. Messrs. Newnham, Smith, James and Kutough, and Messrs. Frith, Vroom, Tippet, Hanington and Cornwall. Votes of thanks were tendered those who had prepared papers, and the meeting adjourned.

A public meeting was held in the evening and there was a large attendance. After a brief address by the chairman, Bishop Kingdon, Rev. L. G. Stevens read a very instructive paper on the religious training of the young, and laid particular stress on the need of home education. Rev. Canon Brigstocke spoke of the need of definite religious instruction in the schools. Because of the lack of this many young men thought there was much to be said against the Christian religion. The clergy should be more definite and systematic, and so should be the Sabbath school teaching. The last speaker was Mr. C. N. Vroom, Mayor of St. Stephen, who discussed the relation of the Sunday school to the Church. The Sunday school was a part of the Church, he held, and the training school of Christ's soldiers. The singing of a hymn brought the meeting to a close.—Globe.

## DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

BISHOP'S COLLEGE, LENNOXVILLE.—The reports and accounts for 1890, adopted at the annual meeting of Corporation in February last has been issued in printed form. These are made up to the 1st February, and therefore show the position of affairs anterior to the fire, which took place on the 3rd of that month. The statements showed an increase on the assets of the Institution of \$2,688.30 on real estate account, and of \$310.76 on moveable property. The income for the year had amounted to \$11,496.45, and the expenditure \$10,940.14, showing a profit of \$556.31, though the 'salaries' had been larger in amount than ever before, there having been five Professors and four Lecturers on the staff. The collections on Trinity Sunday in the Dioceses of Quebec and Montreal had fallen off somewhat; but the enormous difference between those taken up in the former and these in the latter should shame the Diocese of Montreal into doing something worthy of mention for this College, in which it has as much interest, ownership and control as has the Diocese of Quebec. The collections from Quebec amounted to \$423.54; those from Montreal to only \$67.35, and these too all, except \$15.60, from one parish. The Diocese of Montreal should either wake up and deal fairly with this institution, or abandon all claim to control over, or ownership in it. It is quite possible that more active participation in its affairs by the representatives of the Synod of Montreal would redound to the real benefit of the Institution, and serve to prevent the recurrence of the unfortunate complications which