

Diocese of Nova Scotia.

THE CHURCH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS.

The following report of the Shareholders meeting at Edgehill, Windsor, N. S., is of interest to all Churchman in the Dominion. It portrays the steady progress of a most useful church Institution, we are indebted to the Halifax *Chronicle* for the facts presented.

The fourth annual meeting of the shareholders of the Church School for Girls was held at Edgehill yesterday morning. Among those present were the Rev. Canon Partridge, Rev. Canon Brock, Rev. E. P. Crawford, Ven. Archdeacon Jones, Rev. Dr. Bowman, Rev. H. D. de Blois, Rev. Professor Vroom, R. G. Leckie, William Dimock, D. P. Allison, Dr. Hind, etc., The Trustee's report disclose the gratifying fact that 28 new boarders had been received, and that the total number of boarders now amounted to seventy-three, an increase of ten over the same period last year.

The following table exhibits the increase of the school at the beginning of each year with regard to boarders only since its establishment in 1891:

	Number of Boarders.
Jan. 8th, 1891—Opening of the school.....	27
Sept. 1891—First full year.....	57
Sept. 1892—Second year.....	61
Sept. 1893—Third year.....	63
Sept. 1894—Fourth year.....	73

The staff of the school now numbers the lady principal and eight resident governesses, four none-resident teachers, and the housekeeper. It was announced that in consequence of the large increase in the number of pupils desirous of taking music, drawing and painting, another resident governess is needed, and that one would probably soon be obtained from England. Several additions to the prize list were proffered and cordially accepted by the meeting.

The Rev. Canon Partridge gives a prize for music.

The Rev. E. P. Crawford a prize for vocal music.

The Rev. H. D. de Blois a prize for highest marks in matriculation at King's college.

R. G. Leckie, Esq., a prize for Canadian history.

D. P. Allison, Esq., a prize for English literature.

After the adoption of the trustees' report that of the directors, together, with the financial statement of the treasurer, was taken up. The directors' report announced a balance in favor of the school on current account amounting to \$1,960.12. This, it was explained, did not include the small annual sinking fund of \$347, which is deducted yearly from the income, nor does it include the unpaid fees. The expenses for the year were shown to amount to \$18,667.41, the income including the balance of last year, to \$20,627.56. There is still a floating debt on capital account amounting to \$3,549.06, arising from the purchase of pianos, etc., etc.

The directors' report specially noticed three important requirements for the school, which the steady increase in numbers now made pressing, namely, music practice rooms, an art room and an assembly hall.

After the adoption of the directors' report and the treasurer's statement the election of three trustees took place, and the Revd. H. D. de Blois, Rev. Canon Brock and Dr. Hind were appointed representatives of the shareholders on the board of trustees.

The new board of directors is as follows: R. G. Leckie, Esq., Dr. Hind, J. B. Forster, Esq., Hon. Mr. Justice Barker, Ven. Archdeacon

Weston-Jones, Rev. E. P. Crawford, William Dimock, Esq.

The important matter of additional accommodation was then taken up, and the meeting was unanimous in the opinion that immediate action should be taken. Plans showing the additions contemplated were exhibited. These included nine music practice rooms, a large and well lighted art room, a commodious assembly hall and six other rooms. After prolonged discussion and the announcement that about a thousand dollars were already subscribed the following resolution was adopted:

"Having heard the reports of the directors and trustees indicating the large increase in the number of pupils and the expediency of an increase in accommodation; therefore resolved that the board of directors be authorized to carry out the suggested additions to the school buildings in accordance with the plans presented as soon as the sum of \$4,000 shall have been received, either as donations or subscriptions to stock over and above that already disposed of, or from both of these sources combined."

The following resolution recognizing the unwearied and efficient services of the lady principal, Miss Machin, was passed unanimously:

"Resolved, that this annual meeting of shareholders desire to place of record their hearty appreciation of the manner in which the duties of lady principal have continued to be discharged by Miss Machin, and of the success with which her administration has been crowned, assisted as she is by so competent and conscientious a body of teachers.

"They also are devoutly thankful that the health of the pupils has been so uniformly good, and recognize with pleasure the large number of letters received from parents and friends of pupils expressing their satisfaction with the course of instruction and discipline maintained at the school, and with the home comforts by which the pupils are surrounded."

This was supplemented by a resolution referring to the managing director as follows: "That the most cordial thanks of this meeting be tendered to Dr. H. Y. Hind, the energetic and indefatigable secretary-treasurer of this institution, for the constant care and attention bestowed by him upon the affairs of the school, to which so large a measure of its success is due, and for which no pecuniary compensation would be an equivalent."

Dr. Hind made a suitable reply to this resolution dwelling on the great credit due to Miss Machin for her ceaseless care and devotion to the interests of the Church School for Girls, and the advantages enjoyed by the institution in possessing so experienced and thoughtful a lady principal and such an accomplished staff of assistants.

Committees were appointed to canvass for subscriptions for shares and the fourth annual meeting of the shareholders closed with a grateful appreciation of the work of the past four years and a settled confidence that continuance of the course hitherto pursued would contribute to further success.

Diocese of Fredericton.

ST. JOHN.

At the last bi-monthly meeting of the Church of England Sunday School Teachers' Assn. in St. Luke's schoolroom, the discussion for the evening was opened by Rev. A. D. Dewdney, who made some interesting remarks on defects in Sunday school work. Brief addresses were also made by Rev. Messrs. McKiel, Watt, Dicker and Raymond, and Messrs. Farmer and Kinnear. It was announced that the days of Intercession for Sunday schools this year will be the 21st and 22nd inst. On the latter date a public meeting will be held in the evening.—*St. John Globe.*

SUSSEX.

Special Thanksgiving services for the plentiful harvest were held Oct. 8th, at St. Agnes' church, Mount Middleton, and Trinity church in Sussex. Large congregations were present at both places. The decorations at Trinity were as usual, choice and appropriate. The Ladies' Guild of Willing Workers are deserving of much credit for their work in this direction. The rector, Rev. H. W. Little, preached an appropriate sermon to a large and attentive congregation at the evening service from Gal. iii. 24.

FREDERICTON.

The *St. John Globe* says: The will of the late Mrs. Minchin Gordon has been admitted to probate. The estate is valued at \$14,500, of which \$14,000 is personal and \$500 real property. There are few specific bequests of furniture and jewellery, and \$50 to each of the two executors, Bishop Kingdon and Wesley Vanwart, and all the residue is bequeathed to Christ Church, Fredericton.

It is expected that the Venerable Archdeacon Brigstocke, of Trinity Church, St John, who has been spending the summer in England, will sail for home on the 18th inst. Arrangements are being made to give him a reception on the evening of his return.

Diocese of Quebec.

WHAT ARE CHURCH PRINCIPLES, AND HOW MAY THEY BE BEST INSTILLED INTO THE HEARTS AND MINDS OF OUR PEOPLE?

[Papers read at the Conference of Bishop and Clergy in September last.]

First Paper.—Ven. Archdeacon Roe, D.D.

1. Church Principles are those by which the Church is distinguished from the separated Bodies of Orthodox Protestants around her.

2. These principles are mainly two: the historic Episcopate and the grace of the Sacraments.

The Visible Church of Christ is a Divine Society, the Body of Christ and the Temple of the Holy Ghost.

3. Of this Society we are made an integral part in our Baptism, and partakers of all its spiritual blessings. Those who fully grasp and receive these two principles can never prove disloyal to the Church, as alas! so many do.

4. The only effectual means of instilling these principles into the hearts and minds of our people is by public catechizing in Church, and by personal teaching of the little ones by the Clergy in their "house to house" visitation.

Second Paper.—Rev. Canon Thorneloe, M.A.

Church Principles are those vital truths which distinguish the Church from other Societies.

1. First among these principles is the Church's *Sacramental Character*. Into a body, divinely prepared through ages, Jesus Christ breathed His Spirit, making it the embodiment of His Risen Life a lesser Incarnation, a Sacrament, possessed of life and the means of imparting that life to men. Hence Christ is called "The Head of the Body, the Church." Hence the Apostolic formula: "There is one body and one spirit;" and hence our belief in the Sacramental character of the Church as a means of bringing Christ and men together. The modern theory of a Church without organization, invisible, the better, rather than worse, for being divided, is at variance with the facts of the Church's founding, organization, growth and operation, as recorded in the New Testament.

2. The Church must be one internally and