

NEWCASTLE.—The Ruri-decanal Chapter of Chatham met in Newcastle on Monday, Jan. 26th and two following days. There were present Canon Forsyth, Rural Dean, the Revs. W. J. Williamson, E. B. Hooper, R. W. Hudgell, and the Rector of the parish, the Rev. J. H. S. Sweet. The Rectors of Bathurst, Richibucto and Dalhousie did not put in their appearance. Matins was said in St. Andrew's Church at 9.30 on Tuesday morning, and the Chapter opened for business at 10.0 in the Rectory. After the reading and confirming of the minutes of the previous meeting, I Cor. ii. was read in the original and discussed. Holy Communion was celebrated at 8.30 on Wednesday morning, the Rural Dean being the celebrant assisted by the Rector. The second session was held 10.30 to 1 o'clock on the Wednesday morning, when Ps. xvii. 41 to end was read in the Greek, and compared with the corresponding Psalm in the Hebrews. This ended, two admirable and instructive papers were read by the Rural Dean and the Rev. E. B. Hooper. The former on 'Young men and how to influence them for good,' the latter on 'The Priest in the Parish.' Both papers elicited the earnest thanks of the brethren, and led to a most profitable discussion. A short session in the afternoon, at which the time and place of the next meeting were arranged, as well as work to be done, brought the present session to a close. At 7.30 in the evening the full Deanery service was held in St. Andrew's Church. The prayers were said by the Rev. E. B. Hooper, and the Lessons by the Rev. W. J. Wilkinson. The sermon, an earnest and practical discussion on St. Paul's conversion, and the lessons which we should learn from the fact that he 'was not disobedient to the heavenly vision,' was delivered by the Rural Dean. The Rev. R. W. Hudgell had unfortunately to leave before the close of the session in order to attend a funeral in his parish.

In accordance with the rules the regular quarterly meeting of the 'Sunday School Teachers' Association for the Deanery of Chatham' was held on Tuesday afternoon, January 27th, in St. Andrew's Sunday School. Including the clergy there were fourteen members present. The Rev. Canon Forsyth, Rural Dean, occupied the chair. The meeting opened with a hymn, and the appointed prayers. The minutes of the last meeting were read by the Secretary and confirmed. The Rev. J. H. S. Sweet, as Secretary, then read the report by Canon Roberts, Rector of Fredericton, of the results of the recent Sunday School Teacher's Examination, held in September last. There were six contestants, a very gratifying and encouraging number, considering this was the first examination of the kind. Canon Roberts, who had kindly acted as Examiner, said in the course of his report: 'I was very much pleased indeed with the papers as a whole. All the questions have been answered, except two each omitted by 'sister' and 'churchwoman,' and many of the answers show a clear and intelligent grasp of the whole subject under consideration.'

Papers were set on stated portions of Holy Scripture, the Catechism, and Church History and total marks on each subject would average 101. The highest number of marks was obtained by Miss Hooper, of Wolford, who out of a possible 300 obtained 250. The report continues '250 marks out of 300 seems to me to be a very good showing, and even the lowest obtained an average of 63 per cent.' Miss Hooper unfortunately was not present, but the prize given by the Association to the successful candidate—a handsomely bound copy of Dore's famous Bible pictures was handed round the room for inspection. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the Rev. Canon Roberts for consenting to act as examiner in this examination. In accordance with the printed programme papers were then read on 'Devotion (necessary for successful teachers)'—the joint on 'Holy Communion,' by the Rev. J. H. S.

Sweet: the second on 'Holy Scripture,' by the Rev. R. W. Hudgell; the third a 'Prayer,' by Miss Winslow. The papers were all of an earnest and practical character, and evidenced on the part of the readers deep interest in the work of the Sunday school. A short and profitable discussion followed each paper, and Miss Winslow was especially complimented on her admirable paper on prayer. It is very gratifying seeing our young people coming forward and taking their rightful part in these matters which affect the well being of the whole Church.

In the evening a special service was held in St. Andrew's Church in connection with the Association. Prayers were said by the Rural Dean, and the lessons read by the Rev. R. V. Hudgell, after which three admirable addresses, more or less bearing upon the work of the Sunday school, were delivered by the Revs. S. B. Hooper, W. J. Wilkinson, and R. V. Hudgell. The next quarterly meeting of the Association will be held D. V. in Deby, when papers on 'Sunday School Teaching' are appointed to be read by Rev. Canon Forsyth, Mrs. Howard and the Rev. W. J. Wilkinson.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

BISHOP'S COLLEGE FIRE.—Between one two o'clock p.m. on the 5th February it was discovered that a fire had broken out in the apartments occupied by servants in the attic or roof of the building used as a Boys' School in connection with Bishop's College, Lennoxville.

The flames spread with great rapidity, and it became apparent that unless assistance were obtained from Sherbrooke the whole of the buildings would be destroyed. After some delay a request was sent to Sherbrooke for aid, and a steam fire engine, followed by the reel and hose was sent there. Some delay necessarily occurred, and the school building was by this time one mass of flames. Bishop Williams' Wing was in a similar condition. The Rectory was soon beyond hope and worst and saddest of all, the beautiful chapel was obviously doomed. It seemed almost hopeless to attempt to save the College proper. All exertions were bent upon this task, and fortunately with success. The other buildings named were lost. During all this time, however, willing hands had been employed in saving bedding, clothing and everything that could be moved, all of which were piled in the College grounds. Considerable damage must have been done to the College by water, otherwise the main part of it is uninjured.

Arrangements were at once made for the lodging of the boys, for whose reception many offers were tendered.

Notwithstanding the great loss sustained, the school will be carried on, and that it will not be necessary to send the scholars away.

Fortunately, no one was hurt seriously, and with their usual energy the school authorities at once set to work to devise means for carrying on the work of this institution.

While the loss of the school building and Bishop Williams' Wing are greatly to be regretted, former boys of the school and old students of the College will especially be grieved that the beautiful Chapel, hallowed to them by so many associations, is now a complete wreck.

It is impossible to ascertain at the present moment the amount of loss sustained by this unfortunate conflagration, but no money can replace the building, originally built by Dr. Nicholle, and within whose sacred walls so many now eminent in various professions in various quarters of the globe have knelt and prayed together and joined in hymns of praise. —*Sherbrooke Gazette.*

We want additional subscribers in Halifax, St. John, Quebec, Toronto, Ottawa, London, Hamilton. Liberal commission will be allowed to qualified Canvasser—lady or gentleman—in every one or more of these cities.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

MONTREAL.—*St. Jude's.*—This parish seems to have overcome the difficulties which for many years encumbered it, and now appears to have entered upon an era of progress to the satisfaction of all concerned. Some little time ago it became necessary to take steps for additional seating capacity, and for some time past changes have been in progress in the Church by which not only will three hundred more sittings be created, but also there has been added a chancel proper of commodious size and with excellent acoustic properties. Further four additional rooms have been added for the sexton and other conveniences for carrying on the work of the Church. A beautiful stained glass window is being put in the chancel at the expense of an old friend of the Church. At a meeting of pewholders held on the evening of the 3rd inst., the following resolutions were passed unanimously:

'The sittings of this church are all free. It is desired that families and other regular attendants shall occupy their accustomed seats, and the ushers are instructed to economise space in the pews. This church is supported by the free-will offerings, through the weekly offertory, of those who attend its services.'

It was explained that while the pews have been generally rented in the past, still as far as visitors and occasional attendants were concerned they have been freely placed at their service and consequently the new arrangement will cause no more inconvenience to regular attendants than hitherto. On the other hand, it will greatly strengthen the position of the Rector and his fellow-workers of the congregation in their efforts to get non-churchers and others who need the ministrations of the church to attend regularly and do away with the erroneous impression that so often obtains, that non-pewholders are not wanted in a pew-renting church and from which St. Jude's has not been free any more than many others.

Besides the foregoing it was also determined to add commodious reading rooms, 20 feet by 25 feet, which will be open every evening of the week, but Sunday, free to all comers. They will be made attractive and comfortable and will be supplied with magazines, books and papers, &c. It is proposed also to supply refreshments in the way of a cup of coffee or tea at a mere nominal price, the object being to counteract the attraction of saloons and to open a place where strangers in the city and young men and others may be able to meet and be secure of a welcome.

The church which has been closed for some time past owing to these repairs and improvements will shortly reopen, when it will be under the above resolution free to all.

The Lord Bishop of Montreal has appointed the Rev. G. Osborne Troop, M. A., a member of the Board of Management of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society in the room of the late Rev. Rural Dean Lindsay.

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

The following appointments for the Lord Bishop of Qu'Appelle at his approaching visit to the East in aid of his Diocese have been made for the Diocese of Ontario:

March 1st Trenton; 2nd, Picton; 3rd, Belleville; 4th, Kingston; 5th, Brookville; 6th, Prescott; 8th, Ottawa; 9th, Ottawa; 10th, Kemptville; 11th, Smith's Falls; 12th, Perth; 13th, Almonte; 15th, Pembroke.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

TEMPERANCE SUNDAY.—The Bishop of Toronto has issued the following circular to the clergy of his diocese:—I have to put you in remembrance that in accordance with the resolution of Synod, I have appointed the *First Sunday in Lent* as the Sunday on which a ser-