

and pushed with strong financial support from the sister churches in town.

The Presbyterian Sunday-schools number 1,317 scholars, or 282 less than in the year 1876. The Baptists number 846.

A dispassionate study of these figures should excite the Church to something like aggressive action in Sunday-school work in town.

HALIFAX.—Church of England Institute.—The first lecture of the Institute course was given by the Rev. Dr. Partridge, in Argyle Hall, last Tuesday. About one hundred persons were present. The subject was "Three Thousand," and the lecturer portrayed in an imaginative manner the anticipated state of the city of Halifax in the year 3000. The lecture was locally interesting, and formed a fitting start for the course.

LOUISBOURG, C.B.—The incumbent (Rev. T. Fraser Draper) acknowledges with thanks the receipt of \$10 from C. L. Moody, Yarmouth, N.S., for the Louisbourg Parsonage Building Fund.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

PERSONAL.—The Rev. F. W. Vroom has resigned the Rectorship of Richmond, and accepted that of Shediac.

The Rev. Alfred J. A. Gollmer, recently from England, has been appointed Curate of Trinity, St. John, in the place of the Rev. John Walters, who has left the Diocese.

The Rev. Almon Desbrisay, from the Diocese of Nova Scotia, has been elected Rector of St. Martins, in place of the Rev. J. Lockward, resigned.

The Rev. W. L. Currie, from the Diocese of Nova Scotia, has been elected Rector of Richibucto, in place of the Rev. F. H. Almon, resigned.

The Rev. J. C. Titcombe, late Missionary at Canterbury, has been appointed to Fairville, in the parish of Lancaster; and the Rev. C. A. Warneford has been appointed Deacon in charge of Canterbury.

The Rev. W. H. Street has resigned the parish of Bathurst, and been appointed to Petersville.

WESTFIELD, K. C.—The Rev. A. V. Wiggins has been compelled by the irksome character of his work, the parish being divided by the River St. John, to place his resignation in the hands of the Metropolitan, to take effect on the 1st of April next. Since Mr. Wiggins took charge of the parish, five years ago, an excellent parsonage has been built, at a cost of \$1,600, and over \$400 have been spent on the repairs and improvements of the churches. There have been 130 baptisms, and the number of communicants has increased from 43 to 93.

MUSQUASH.—Quite a number of improvements have been made in St. Ann's Church recently. A spire has been erected, with a handsome vane, which adds much to the appearance of the church.

CARLETON.—St. George's.—A very comfortable and convenient rectory has recently been completed in this parish, at a cost of about \$2,300, of which about \$750 remains unpaid. The Rector, the Rev. LeB. W. Fowler, with his family, went into possession in September last.

On the 11th of last November a society for Church work was organized, with a membership of 45 men and women.

St. Jude's.—The Rector, Rev. D. B. Parther, has been and is quite unwell.

A sale of fancy work recently held by the ladies of the congregation was quite successful, realizing over \$120.

PORTLAND.—St. Luke's.—A Young Ladies' Association has been formed in this parish, for the intellectual improvement of its members, and it is hoped to have monthly meetings, with an occasional conversazione.

WELDFORD STATION.—The Ruri-decanal Chapter of Chatham met at Weldford Station on the 19th and 20th ult. All the brethren were present, with the exception of one, and a very pleasant and instructive service was enjoyed. Hebrews xii. was read in the original, and commented upon. Rev. J. H. S. Sweet read an excellent paper on "Music as an Aid to Public Worship," and Rev. Wm. J. Wilkinson was appointed to read one at the next meeting, on "Special Evangelization Efforts in Relation to the Church." A great deal of important business was transacted, of which the following is worthy of notice:—

It was resolved that the collections on behalf of the "Medley Scholarship" be completed by the June meeting; also that the officers of the Deanery be elected by ballot. A Committee was appointed to obtain information regarding the formation of a Sunday-school Teachers' Association, and prepare a constitution for the same; and another to take steps to establish a Depository in some central place within the Deanery.

Evening service was held in St. Matthew's, Harcourt, on the 19th, at which Rev. D. Forsyth delivered an address on "The Study of Holy Scripture." Holy Communion was celebrated on the 20th, at 8.30 a.m., and in the evening, at the regular Deanery service, Rev. J. H. S. Sweet preached an eloquent and telling sermon from St. Jude iii.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

ST. FRANCIS DEANERY.—At the meeting of the Chapter held at Bishops' College, Lennoxville, on the 26th inst., thirteen out of the 22 clergy of the district were present. The Rev. Mr. Fyles, Immigration Chaplain at Quebec, was invited to join being in the neighborhood.

After a celebration of the Eucharist in the College Chapel by the Rev. Principal Adams, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Roe,

The Chapter proceeded to the Principal's lecture room.

The presence of the Rev. Dr. Reid awoke a general feeling that to allow him to retire from the office of Rural Dean would break up associations almost sacred; and that his kindness and goodness of heart would be proof against his refusing to comply with the general wish of the clergy. An unanimous vote was acceded to by the reverend gentleman, and his acceptance received with marked pleasure by all present.

At the invitation of Principal Adams, the Dean and clergy adjourned to the college hall for dinner where the cheerful faces of students and boys brought back the scenes of early days to the clergy, the most of them being Alumni of the college. A few minutes were passed in making the acquaintance of Mrs. Adams, and tendering good wishes for her health and happiness in Canada.

The Rural Dean again called the Chapter to order, though the reverend secretary was *non est*, perhaps I might add by way of parenthesis there was a strong suspicion that he was prolonging a last whiff. Mr. Henneker having asked permission to lay the subject of the proposed hospital at Sherbrooke before the clergy was invited to do so.

After having pointed out the seeming necessity of a hospital with Dispensaries throughout the Eastern Townships, he proposed the matter should be taken up at once in a small way and under the general name of a Protestant Hospital, using the word Protestant as embracing all non members of the Church of Rome. The clergy having thanked Mr. Henneker, promised generally to bring the

matter before their several congregations and communicate their wishes.

The subject of reorganizing the Deanery Board was discussed and a committee appointed to revise the constitution and take the necessary steps, reporting at the next meeting of the Chapter, to be held in June or September, in order that a Deanery Board might be present at the next annual meeting.

IRELAND.—Christmas-tide and Epiphany were duly observed in this mission with the usual joyous services. Cheeriness and heartiness characterized the worship in the various churches of the parish.

On Christmas Eve the congregation of Lower Ireland held a Christmas tree festival in Christ's Church Hall. The tree was beautified by a great number of pretty and useful presents, and the interior of the hall was made inviting by a tasteful and artistic arrangement of ever-green decorations. After an entertaining programme of vocal and instrumental music, readings and recitations, Mr. Robert Kerr, in an amusing speech on behalf of the congregation, spoke in flattering terms of the Incumbent and presented him with a handsome sleigh, sleigh-robe and a balance in cash. Mr. Hewton, in reply, expressed his appreciation of the gift, and the gratification he felt at this substantial token of the good will of the congregation towards him.

Two members of the congregation residing at Thetford Mines presented the Incumbent with a purse containing \$15, as New Year's gift.

The Mission collecting cards for the Church Society have been revived, and Miss Ida Marshall and Miss Annie Kerr were appointed collectors. Miss Marshall collected nearly \$30, and Miss Kerr nearly \$7 for the various funds of the Church Society. We consider this very fair when we take into account that the congregation have just completed a church costing nearly \$2,000, with scarcely any outside help.

The congregation of Trinity Church, Maple Grove, also presented Mr. Hewton on New Year's Eve with a nice set of harness made by Winth & Son, of Sherbrooke.

In spite of the hard times which are everywhere felt, this Mission has closed a year of temporal success, which it is to be hoped is but an echo of the progress made in the salvation of souls and the deepening of the spiritual life.

In Upper Ireland \$14 were subscribed to the missionary funds of the Church Society.

LENNOXVILLE.—A lecture on "Insect Life" was delivered at the College Hall on Tuesday evening, the 26th ult., by the Rev. Mr. Fyles, of Levis. The lecture was able and learned, and fully sustained the lecturer's reputation as one of the leading entomologists of the Province.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

MONTREAL.—Trinity.—A *Conversazione* was held in the lecture hall on the evening of the 26th ult., at which there was a very large attendance, representatives from St. Martin's and St. George's Association being present, as also The Dean the Rector of Montreal and the Rector of the Parish. The hall was beautifully decorated, and for the enjoyment of the guests were magnetic batteries, kaleidoscopes, microscopes, old prints, stereoscopic and photograph views and numerous curiosities, also a number of rare minerals and fossils. A choice programme of music was well rendered, in which The Misses Reddy, Baile, Turton and Scott and Messrs Taylor, Simon and Clark took part. During the evening refreshments were dispensed by Madames Hollis, Baile, Bone and Misses Macpherson and Sophie Reddy.

St. Jude's Church Temperance Society.—The members of this Society gave their annual concert in the St. George's Schoolroom on Tuesday evening, the 26th ult. There was a good attendance, and, judging from the frequent ap-