

THE CANADIAN CHURCH A.D. 1874.

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| I. THE MARITIME DIOCESES. | III. THE ONTARIO DIOCESES. |
| II. THE QUEBEC DIOCESES. | a. Toronto. |
| III. THE ONTARIO DIOCESES. | b. Huron. |
| IV. THE MISSIONARY DIOCESES. | c. Ontario. |
| V. THE PACIFIC DIOCESES. | d. Niagara. |
| I. THE MARITIME DIOCESES. | IV. THE MISSIONARY DIOCESES. |
| a. Frederickton. | a. Algoma. |
| b. Newfoundland. | b. Athabasca. |
| c. Nova Scotia. | c. Moosenee. |
| II. THE QUEBEC DIOCESES. | d. Saskatchewan. |
| a. Montreal. | V. THE PACIFIC DIOCESES. |
| b. Quebec. | a. British Columbia. |

Sunday Schools.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION OF THE RURAL DEANERIES OF EAST AND WEST SIMCOE

Was held in the parochial school-house, Barrie, on Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 3rd and 4th. The building was beautifully decorated and ornamented with banners, texts of Holy Scripture, &c. One clergyman present, said, that though he had travelled to some extent in every diocese in Canada, he had not seen a room so suitable for a parochial school-house, or so beautifully decorated, in the Dominion. At one time or other during the sessions of the Convention, there were present the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, Rural Deans Stewart and Lett, and the Rev. Messrs. Morgan, Anderson, Murphy, Forster, Baldwin, Fletcher, Bates, Paterson, Burkitt, Clarke, and Kirby.

At ten a.m., on the first day, there was service in Trinity Church. The Litany was said by Mr. Bates. The Holy Communion was administered by Mr. Stewart, who was assisted by Mr. Morgan, Rector of Barrie. At two p.m. the Convention assembled in the school-house, the chair was occupied by Rural Dean Stewart, in the absence of Dr. Lett, the President. A Secretary having been appointed, Mr. Forster read an admirable paper on "Sunday Schools, the best mode of promoting their efficiency." In this were discussed the character of the building, its ornamentation, preparation of teachers; distinctive church teachings on such subjects as the Sacraments, Liturgical Worship, the Church's Divine Organization, and Historical Continuity, the Sin of Schism, Episcopacy, &c. This paper was followed by a spirited discussion carried on by J. C. Morgan, Esq., and Rev. Messrs. Bates and Morgan, in which some excellent suggestions were made. W. O'Brien, Esq., next gave a very valuable address on "Teachers, how to obtain them; their duties, privileges, &c." This address showed the character of the public schools as to religious instruction, the neglect of parents, the necessity of Sunday Schools, the duty of people to make sacrifices for their progress, and the fact that encouragement might be derived from the consideration that the materialistic teaching of the day was perhaps no more extensive than that of the days of chivalry and romance. The discussion of this address was carried on by Rev. Messrs. Clarke, Morgan, Murphy, Paterson, and Bates, and by J.C. Morgan, Esq., who spoke earnestly and well on the necessity of punctuality and preparation of lessons on the part of the teacher. This ended the business proper of the Convention, for the first day.

At half-past seven, p.m., service was held in the church. Prayers were read by Mr. Anderson, and the Lessons by Messrs. Paterson and Murphy. A most appropriate sermon was preached by the Bishop. The service was very hearty. One praiseworthy feature being the readiness, accuracy, and devotion, with which the S. S. children took part in the singing and responses.

On the second day, the Convention met at ten, a.m., Rural Dean Lett in the chair. A paper, evincing much thought and careful preparation, on "Rewards and For-