

## NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

## DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

HORTON.—Please make correction in account of April 16th: Baptisms in 1889—71, of which 12 were adults.

## DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

OTTAWA.—The President of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, availed herself of the opportunity afforded by the meeting of its Board of Management in Ottawa, to call a semi official conference of the Central Board of the Auxiliary, less with a view to the transaction of actual business than for a free and full discussion on sundry matters of detail in connection with one or two possible changes in the constitution, which appear desirable, and which will be submitted later for final official confirmation before passing into binding rules.

There were present, Mrs. Tilton, President of Central Board; Mrs. Baldwin, President of Huron Diocesan Branch; Mrs. Holden, President of Montreal Branch; Mrs. Leach Central Secretary; Mrs. Boomer, by request, acting as representative for Mr. Sullivan, President of Algoma W. A.; Miss Gwynne, as assistant Dorcas Secretary. Letters of regret for their unavoidable absence were received from Mrs. Medley, Mrs. Henderson, Mrs. Henderson, Mrs. Irvine, Mrs. Williamson, President of Toronto, and Mrs. Hamilton, of Niagara Dioceses, and Mrs. Von Iffland, Quebec. It was felt by those present that when practicable such meetings as this for unrestrained exchange of views and friendly expression of opinion on matters of mutual interest in connection with auxiliary work, were most desirable and a source of strength to all. Mrs. Tilton, in her capacity of Dorcas Secretary, laid before the members her admirable plan for centralising that large and growing department of Auxiliary work. She had carefully grouped the Mission and Home Dioceses, proposing that each should have its council and secretary to ascertain and report the needs of every mission within their allotted section. Thus givers and receivers would be brought into intelligent communication and in due time when the machinery had been at work long enough to adjust all the constituent parts, there would be but little complaint of a plethora here, and a famine there, or *vice versa* as may occur whilst information reaches the branches spasmodically or indirectly. The Diocesan Dorcas Secretaries meanwhile should send Mrs. Tilton at head quarters a copy of their own plan of work showing what has been already undertaken by their branches, and what branches desire to have submitted to them unoccupied fields needing their assistance.

On invitation of Mrs. Tilton, Mrs. Boomer was permitted to mention the marked encouragement which had been given to the effort on behalf of the 'Education of Missionaries children,' three of whom are already with us, a loving welcome has been tendered to another from Niagara, while Quebec awaits the action of its annual meeting in May to increase its already allotted contribution to the fund. This bright little episode in the experience of our auxiliary workers was begun, as all the more formal meetings invariably are begun, by partaking of the Holy Communion, and in earnest prayer for God's blessing and a clear manifestation of His Holy will. A children's service was held in St. John's Church in the afternoon, and a largely attended reception tendered to the Bishops and members of the Mission Board was held in the evening, Tuesday 16th inst. The hearty welcome, the bright undragging programme of spirited addresses, music and song, will always make that especial evening a pleasant memory to those who were fortunate enough to be present; whilst the missionary meeting, which was largely attended by a

presentative and interested audience, was an occasion also not easily to be forgotten. Seldom have so many of our Bishops and others who shine as stars amongst mission workers been gathered together at one time to tell one after another what God had wrought amongst the heathen who at one time were afar off, but now have been invited to draw near and be one with us in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

LACHINE.—The Rev. J. Coz, who has officiated in this parish every Sunday and on other occasions for a period of over four months, terminating with the joyous festival of Easter Day, hereby desires to express his gratification for the kind and grateful manner with which his ministrations were received, as well as for the generous hospitality that was accorded to him during this period, and on more than one occasion to his family by R. C. Thorneloe, Esq., the very energetic and genial churchwarden; and by others in this parish.

COWANSVILLE.—The Clerical Union of the District of Bedford held its regular meeting in March at the Rectory of Cowansville on Tuesday, when there were present: Revs. Canon Robinson, M. A., Canon Davidson, M. A., Rural Dean Brown, Secretary; Chas. Bancroft, M. A., P. W. Chambers, M. A., W. Bernard, M. A., R. L. McFarlane, M. A., W. Robinson, F. Charters, A. H. Manning. The day was spent in most pleasant thought and discussion of the several subjects, exegetic, historic, and practical on the Agenda papers. Much information, useful to clergymen, both in student and pastoral life, was elicited. Dinner and tea were provided at the Rectory by ladies of the parish and most hearty acknowledgement was formally proposed and vigorously carried. Missionary meetings were held in the evening at Christ Church, Sweetsburg, and Church of the Holy Trinity, Cowansville. At the former, Revs. W. Bernard, W. R. Brown, W. Robinson and A. H. Manning took part in the service, while the work of the latter devolved upon Revs. Canon Davidson, the Rector and F. Charters. Moderate congregations were present and generous offerings made. The next meeting of the Union will take place at Adamsville in April.

MONTREAL D. T. COLLEGE.—The annual closing exercises of the College took place on Saturday afternoon last, when the Lord Bishop of the Diocese presided, and amongst others present with him on the platform were the Bishop of Algoma, Dr. Henderson (Principal), Very Rev. Dean Carmichael, Archdeacon Evans, Canons Mills and Munlock, and Revs. G. O. Troop and W. J. Dart.

After a short address from the Bishop of the Diocese, expressing satisfaction with the work done in the College during the year, Dr. Henderson read the annual report, which showed:

Total number of students on the roll during the session, 31; total number in attendance during the session, 28; present number in attendance, 26. Two of the students now left the college in course, having performed all the exercises, attended all the lectures and passed all the examinations required, and were therefore entitled to receive the Testamur. Ten applications had been received for admission at the opening of the next session. Dr. Henderson said that it was his purpose to encourage the students to prepare for the Cambridge preliminary examination, believing it would be attended with good results. It would furnish an independent test of the educational power of the College and help to establish a uniformity of standard between Canada and England, and it would place men in a more advantageous position, if at any time they should seek employment in England. Having returned thanks to all who had in any way contributed to the prosperity of the College, a strong appeal was

made for endowment, so that the College could carry on its work with greater efficiency and power. A College could do better without buildings than without endowments. Endowments could secure buildings and all other necessaries; but buildings in themselves formed no guarantee for indispensable endowments.

The Testamur of the College was awarded to Mr. Horsey and Mr. Judge. Mr. Horsey, obtained prizes for proficiency in Pastoral Theology, Ecclesiastical History, 'Paley's Evidences,' 'Butler's Analogy,' Ecclesiastical polity, Greek Testament, Composition and Scripture; Mr. Judge for Extempore speaking and Composition, and second prize in Greek Testament, Ecclesiastical History, Evidences and French; Mr. Garth for Scientific History, Apologetics, Prayer Book, Composition; Mr. Mervyn for Reading.

After Testamur and Prizes had been presented to the successful students by Principal Henderson, Bishop Sullivan gave an address, specially intended for the students as to "what the Christian Ministry is," and some of the essential qualifications therefor; and in concluding he expressed a hope that every one present who might enter upon the sacred office of the ministry would bring with him certain absolutely essential qualifications to the faithful fulfillment of the duties of the ministerial office—tact, judgment, sanctified common sense, what the Greeks called *nous*, or a knowledge of human nature. He had known lamentable failures arising from the absence of sanctified common sense on the part of men regarding whose Christian character and piety there could be no doubt. Just as it was said *postea nascitur*, so the germ of that *nous* must be born in each. But above all there must be a spirit of self-consecration, for the man who entered upon his work with half a heart was bound to be a failure. A good motto for each to take was "not by might nor by power, but my spirit saith the Lord of Hosts."

Principal Henderson then read the results of the Examinations and having announced the names of those students who had successfully passed the Arts Examinations in McGill, and referred in fitting terms to the loss the College had sustained in the death of James Hutton, Esq., one of its Governors, and who had been closely connected with its work from its inception, the meeting closed with the Benediction.

## MONTREAL.

Trinity Church.—At the closing concert of the Trinity Church Association the lecture hall was crowded, and under the presidency of the Rev. E. A. King a most interesting programme was gone through and enthusiastically received. The amateur orchestra, led by Dr. Kirkpatrick, acquitted itself admirably. The vocal honors were shared by Miss Agnew, Mrs. Wallace and Mrs. Ramsay. The dry humor of Mr. A. J. Pickard's two recitations amused the audience greatly, and Mr. Henderson's skating rink story was no less acceptable. Messrs. Willis & Co., kindly loaned the piano.

St. George's.—St. George's Church Temperance Society's concert in the school house last week was a very pleasant affair. The programme was rendered by Messrs. W. E. Fairclough, R. W. Wonham, Fletcher, H. E. Keats, Parker and Angus, Miss Tessier, Miss Yarker, Mrs. A. Parker and Miss Wonham. Dean Carmichael gave a reading.

Grace Church.—His Lordship Bishop Bond presided over the annual meeting of the Grace Church Y.M.C.A. on Wednesday night last. There was a crowded attendance. Addresses were delivered by the chairman, the Rev. Dean Carmichael, the Rev. D. G. Norton and Dr. Davidson, Q. C. The various reports were of a gratifying nature, and showed admirable work to have been done by the Society in this its first year of existence. A long life and greater usefulness to it.