

stick, because it so exactly hit off what is the truth about the Roman Church so far as she has established herself in England and seeks to bring us all into communion with her. No doubt many Roman Catholics will feel a little irritated by the use of it, and we are sincerely sorry that it should be necessary to use any expression which tends to the irritation of the religious feelings of anybody. But the phrase is not a wantonly abusive one; it is a carefully chosen phrase which, as we say, exactly hits off the true state of the case. It puts the real facts of the case in a short epigrammatic form, and there is need that they should be so put. It is the fashion among people, especially cultivated people, just now to dally not a little with the Church of Rome. They are not in earnest enough to be sincerely convinced of her claims but for one reason or another she attracts them, and they please themselves with playing with her. Nor is the effect of this dalliance confined to this sort of people themselves; it tells insensibly on the community at large, and men and women come gradually to lose their sense of what the Roman claims really are, and what their acceptance would mean if ever through our carelessness we came to accept them. But speak of the Holy Catholic and Roman Church in England as 'the Italian mission,' and you begin to see her, so far as she is related to Englishmen, in her true light.

## NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

### DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

**KENTVILLE.**—St. James' church was beautifully decorated for the festive season. Most noticeable is a new white reredos surmounted by a Christmas sentence, with appropriate designs in red velvet and gold, and five new white banners, with texts beautifully executed, all furnished by the 'Ladies' Guild' and the work done by some of the members, assisted by a number of gentlemen. The altar frontal is of white satin, with embroidered monogram and painted lilies, wreathed with native ferns. Another new feature is a rood screen, which stands at the entrance of the chancel, it is about twenty feet high, and consists of a light wood frame work, the work of Mr. Reaves, and covered with fine green wreaths, the work of some of the ladies.

The pulpit and lectern has white velvet hanging with gold monograms and embroidered lilies, and wreathed with a unique, beautiful design of white moss, fringed with lycopodium, the work of Mrs. Avery. Spruce wreathing surrounds all the nave and standards, and symmetrical trees of spruce stand in the corners, and at the entrance of the church. The font is also well done in hemlock and immortelles. All the work is most effective and combines to show the good taste of those who carried out the design. The service on Christmas day was taken by the Rector, Dr. Brock, assisted by the Rev. R. Avery, M.A.

M. Barnett, Esq., presided with his usual skill at the organ, assisted by a full choir. The Christmas anthem, 'Glory to God in the highest,' was well rendered, and added much to the very impressive service.

The Sunday school of St. James' Church had their Xmas tree on Friday evening, and the occasion was one of rejoicing. Santa Claus was impersonated by one of the older scholars, and the beautiful tree was soon robbed of its numerous gifts which were distributed among the scholars. Prizes were given from the teachers to the most regular attendants of their classes, great applause being given to the receivers. The teachers were each made the unexpected recipients of handsome presents by the members of their classes. Mr. Ralph Eaton, the Superintendent, was presented with an elegant Bible and hymn book, and responded in appropriate terms. The singing of Christmas Carols, some effective tableaux and instrumental music

made the evening still more enjoyable, the only regret being the absence of the Rector, who was detained at home with severe illness.

**CHURCH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS.**—The first Thursday in January marked an epoch in the history of the Church of England in these provinces, when the school for the daughters of the Church was opened. In July last a resolution was adopted in the Synod of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick endorsing the principle of a School for Girls on the joint stock plan; and appointing a trustee from each Synod. The stock was limited to \$50,000 in shares of \$5 each, nearly \$28,000 of which has been already subscribed. Trustees and directors in accordance with the scheme proposed to the Synod were duly elected, and the results of their labor is the purchase of the property known as Edgemoor, one of the best sites in the town of Windsor, and the fitting it up as the beginning of an institution which shall be a credit to the Church of England. The property now covers fully eight acres, most delightfully situated. The engaging of a lady principal was left to the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia, who in August last secured the services of Miss H. J. Machin, well known in the Diocese of Quebec, and in fact, throughout Canada, as the successful head of a school in Quebec city. Miss Machin brought with her a well tried staff of teachers, who have worked with her for some time—and whose good work in the past is the best augury of their success in the new school.

Thursday, the 8th January, 1891, at 11:30, a large gathering of parents and friends of pupils assembled at Edgemoor for the formal opening of the school. The present building will only accommodate 27 ladies with the teachers and servants—but every care has been taken not to overcrowd. On entering the schoolroom the pupils, both boarders and day scholars, to the number of 43, were seated in their places, and the rest of the room was well filled with residents of Windsor and the friends of the girls. Among the visitors were Hon. Judge Townshend; Mr. J. R. Foster of Dorchester; Mr. Leekie, manager of the Acadia Mines; Revs. W. B. Armstrong, of Wolfville, N.B., J. O. Ruggles, G. R. Martell, of Maitland, F. Sherman, of St. Martins, N.B., H. A. Harley, of Pictou; Archdeacon Weston Jones, Canon Maynard, K. C. Hind, of Newport, F. H. Axford, of Cornwallis, H. How, of Windsor, F. W. Vroom, of King's College, A. Miller, of the Collegiate School, Professor Kennedy, of King's College, Mr. Edward Dimmock, C. S. Wilcox, J. E. deWolf, and a number of laymen of prominence in the Church. The chair was taken by Rev. Canon Partridge, of Halifax, who is acting chairman of the Board of Trustees. The proceedings began by the chairman calling upon the Ven. Archdeacon Jones, Rector of Windsor, to offer prayer for the blessing of Almighty God upon the work here begun in His name and for His glory. After which the chairman first of all expressed his own sorrow and the regrets of all concerned, at the absence of the beloved Bishop of the Diocese, to whose vigorous advocacy, supported as it had been by the no less earnest efforts of the Church, the school was due. He then proceeded to congratulate those who were present and the Church at large upon the opening of the School under such auspicious circumstances, and after giving a resume of the history of the institution, welcomed the pupils, many of whom came from a great distance. He then referred to the great good fortune of the trustees in securing the services of so accomplished and successful a principal as Miss Machin, to whom, with her assistants, he extended the very heartiest of welcomes, assuring them that the hearts of the people of the Maritime provinces were as warm as those of Quebec, and prophesying for them hosts of friends. He then set forth what he conceived to be the true ideal of an institution of the kind, pointing out what real education

is, and showing the connection between it and the Church. He said that it was not merely for the sake of adding another to the educational institutions of the land, nor solely for the credit of the Church of England that the school has been established, but for the education and training in right habits of study, and thought, and conduct, those who should be entrusted to our care, and making the best of the capacities given to each by the Almighty, so that when they went forth to take their places in the world, they might shed everywhere they might go the refining and elevating influence of a true Christian womanhood, complete in all its parts. He urged upon the girls as a foundation of all success, transparent truthfulness; which lay at the base of obedience and perseverance.

Speeches were made by Hon. Judge Townshend, Mr. Foster, Rev. W. B. Armstrong, Archdeacon Weston-Jones, (who welcomed the pupils to Windsor), Judge DeWolf, Rev. Mr. Harley, Rev. J. O. Ruggles, and Dr. H. Y. Hind, the indefatigable Secretary, to whose untiring energy and determination so much of the scheme is indebted. Dr. Hind must have been highly gratified at the tributes paid on all sides to his great labor so freely and ungrudgingly given.

The Chairman then declared the school open, and called upon the revered and respected Canon Maynard, for so many years Rector of Windsor, to pronounce the benediction. The National Anthem was sung, and the meeting dispersed.

Plans have been accepted for a new building to accommodate 100 boarders, and a circular has been issued by a joint meeting, the Board of Trustees and the Board of Directors, calling the attention of Churchmen to the absolute necessity of further subscribing for 3,000 additional shares, amounting to \$15,000 before the foundations of such a building as is required can be laid. The cost of this new building, completely furnished for 100 girls, will be about \$23,000, for which only \$9,000 is available, the expenses of the present house and property having amounted to \$15,000. The existing school house is full, and several applicants have to find accommodation outside. The prospects for the spring term are such as to make the question of accommodation for the numbers desirous of being admitted into the school a matter of very anxious enquiry for the trustees and directors. That this Church school for girls opens with more applicants for admission than can be accommodated is a hopeful sign, which the zeal of Churchmen will not allow to pass away unheeded.

**CHRISTMAS.**—St. Stephen's Rectory was the scene of a very pleasant surprise party on New Year's night. About 30 ladies and gentlemen of the town gave the Rector a good cheering up by presenting him with a handsome fur coat and cap on the eve of his leaving the Parish. The good Rector was completely taken by surprise and responded to the address in the most feeling manner. A Xmas invention called a "German Bag" kept the company in good humor until supper at midnight, and by the time all the good things were disposed of, the "wee sma' hours" were very nearly used up. The whole affair was most enjoyable, only saddened by the thought that it would be our last merry making with our beloved Pastor. The rev. gentleman left for Chambly on Tuesday, 13th January. The Parish is temporarily in Charge of Mr. Lawlor, a deacon, so the Rectory is still vacant.

A Subscriber in Nova Scotia remitting renewal subscription for another year, and with an additional new name writes: 'I wish I had more to send you. The paper is invaluable to Churchmen and women, and should be in every family.'