

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FESTIVAL.—The annual festival of the children attending Trinity Church Sunday School took place on Friday evening, the 15th inst., in the National School Hall, and was a most decided success. At 5 o'clock the children, to the number of about two hundred, assembled in the above named hall and partook of a bountiful tea, prepared by a number of ladies of the congregation; the little ones, as is always noticable at the reunions of Trinity Church, enjoying themselves immensely. Just at the close of the tea, Mrs. Bareham, the wife of the esteemed Rector, was made the recipient of a well filled purse, as a birthday gift, from the members of the congregation. Tea over, the children indulged in different games and sports until eight o'clock, when all adjourned to the concert hall, now filled to the doors by the parents and friends of the young folk. Here an excellent programme of recitations, and vocal and instrumental music, was carried out, some of the little ones showing remarkable talent as musicians, their efforts to please being ably seconded by some of their seniors and teachers. After a short and practical address by the Rev. A. Bareham, Rector, Mr. Garrett, Secretary-Treasurer of the Sunday School, read the annual report, which stated that the school was in a most flourishing condition and paid a well deserved tribute to the energetic Superintendent, Mr. W. H. Wiggs, for his labours in bringing the school up to its present very creditable standard.

The Rector, Sunday School officers and teachers, as well as the ladies of Trinity Church are to be congratulated on the success of their annual festival.

QUEBEC—The public anniversary meeting of the Church Society of the Diocese of Quebec was held in the Academy of Music. The Venerable Archdeacon Roe occupying the chair in the absence of the Bishop, being supported upon the stage, by all the Anglican clergymen of the district of Quebec.

After the opening hymn and prayer, the report was read by the Secretary of the Society, the Rev. Thos. Richardson.

It showed a steady progress in the work of the diocese during the past year, the total receipts from the different funds under the control of the Church Society exceeding that of the previous year by nearly three thousand dollars, the receipts for 1887 being \$6,113.18, while the receipts for 1888 were \$8,943.76, being a total increase of \$2,830.58, and in addition to this the sum of \$3,104.87 was raised on behalf of domestic and foreign missions. It also noted the changes that had taken place in the clerical staff of the diocese since last annual meeting most of which were noted in our columns only a short time ago in connection with the report of the Deanery of St. Francis. Referring to the work of the Church in the Gaspé district, signs of growth were noted; the report of Rev. R. J. Walters being quite encouraging.

Grants has been made during the past year from the general fund as follows:—\$400 for the cause of education among some twenty schools, \$100 each to new churches at Portneuf, Kingsley Falls and Scotstown, \$150 outfit to three clergymen, \$50 to a new endowment at Louiseville, and \$41.50 for the education of the children of the clergy.

"Thus we see that a good work and noble work has been done with God's help by this Society, and we can confidently commend it to the kind and generous consideration of all churchpeople in the Diocese. Each fund speaks for itself. You have heard what we have been able to do through the General Fund. You have been told also how the work of God's Church has spread in the Eastern Townships, which has in a great measure been the result of the assistance we have been able to give

from the Mission Fund. The Widows and Orphans' Fund speaks for itself, for the fatherless and the widow always claim our sympathy; and the same may be said of the Pension Fund, which especially claims our help at the present moment, for owing to three annuitants being placed upon this fund during the last year, its resources are necessarily very much strained. Therefore we hope that when appeals are made in the different churches for the several funds of the Church Society, or when the subscriptions are solicited at the end of the year, that the response will be liberal and universal, so that the work begun in God's name, and carried on in faith, may go on and prosper in the name of the Lord."

The report continued by expressing the report universally felt at the absence of the Bishop and for the cause of it—the illness of Mrs. Williams, and also made special reference to the decease of the Rev. Dr. Reid, for many years the Rector of Sherbrooke, Rural Dean of St. Francis, and a Vice President of the Church Society. Kindly mention was made of the Rev. Mr. Fothergill, the former Secretary, who, by his bright, active, genial manner, and his ready sympathy and kind word to all, endeared himself to everyone of his many friends, and who, after a long and faithful work in the diocese, had left on account of ill-health, to take charge of a parish in the Diocese of Connecticut in the United States, taking with him we are sure the good wishes of all, for the health and prosperity of himself and family, in the land of his adoption; and to the esteemed Honorary Treasurer, Com. Gen. Irvine, C. B., C. M. G., who had been obliged on account of serious ill health, to resign the post that he had filled for the last four years, at the cost it is to be feared of much trouble and anxiety to himself, but with much benefit to the Society.

Addresses followed by the Rev. Canon Foster and the Bishop of Maine, the Right Rev. Dr. Neeley, the former dealing ably with Missionary work in Japan; and the latter, by request, giving some account of the Church's work and progress in the Diocese of Maine, notwithstanding the many obstacles arising from the character and feelings of the people, and the universalist tendencies of very many. Still the number of his clergy had increased from 12 to 40; an Episcopal Fund of \$40,000, and a Diocesan fund of \$20,000 had been established, though the annual appropriation received by him from the General Mission Fund of the American Church was only \$2,500. He confessed to a somewhat envious feeling on looking over the reports of the Church Society of Quebec, and especially desired to congratulate them upon the fairly ample provision they made for the Superannuation Fund, which was better than that made by any diocese in the United States. He found that they still paid some of their clergymen only \$600 per annum however, and that he would not have the face to offer so small a sum of money to any of his men. The lowest paid in Maine was \$800 and a house. He urged the Churchmen of Quebec not to wait till their clergymen were old and infirm before properly providing for their wants.

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

The announcement is made by cable of the Marriage a few days ago at the British Embassy, Paris, of the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, to Miss Leigh, an English lady well known for her large hearted philanthropic efforts. The Lord Bishop of Quebec officiated. We hope to have further particulars for next number.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

TORONTO.—The Committee on Church Buildings and Architecture has addressed a circular to *The Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Toronto* in which they say: The special committee of Synod on Building and Architecture desires to

secure your co-operation in attaining the ends to accomplish which it was appointed. The churches, Sunday-school houses and parsonages of our diocese are of more or less interest to all the members of our congregations. There are many such buildings which are highly creditable to those who erected them; others need alteration or enlargement; while there are congregations yet without necessary accommodation, or where new buildings are required to replace older ones. Through want of special experience in such work, much unnecessary expense is often incurred, through no fault on the part of the officials, building committees, or others concerned; and many advantages and conveniences in the planning and furnishing of parochial buildings are lost, which might be secured by having a central source of information within reach of parochial building committees or other parties. We hope to be permitted to co-operate with those contemplating either building or kindred work, and trust that any help which we can afford will be acceptable. The object of our committee is to secure a high standard in architecture, and to place before those concerned, in as practical a manner as possible, the latest and best features in the art of building, so as to make them available at the least possible cost. As soon as the arrangements of the committee are completed, plans and estimates will be furnished at a small charge (to cover the expense of printing, etc.), and information on church decoration also, if desired. Suggestions or communications referring to the objects or interests which the committee desires to advance will be thankfully received. Parties wishing to avail themselves of the advantages we offer are requested to address their communications to Rev. Jas. H. Harris, Brooklin, Ontario Co., Ontario, and to send therewith the accompanying form, filled in, as soon as possible. **JAS. H. HARRIS**, Chairman. P.S.—The committee consists of the following members: Barlow Cumberland, Alderman Verrall and Grant Helliwell, Esqs., and the Revs. Professor Clark, Rural Dean Swallow, and Jas. H. Harris." *Form to accompany application to the Committee on Building and Architecture:*—1. Name of parish or congregation concerned. 2. What building is required, with number to be accommodated, if a Church or Sunday-school house? If a parsonage, the number of bedrooms required, and whether it fronts on North, East, South or west? Also in city, town or country? 3. What amount is proposed to be expended? 4. What material (frame, brick, stone, or combined)? 5. If for Sunday-school, whether in basement or not? 6. If for church or Sunday-school, whether a bell will be required? 7. Any further information or remarks necessary.

DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

No Report.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

AMHERSTBURG.—At a meeting of the Vestry of Christ Church congregation, held on the evening of the 7th day of February, A. D. 1889, it was resolved:—

"That, whereas it has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to remove from our midst our beloved Rector, the Rev. Alexander S. Falls, A. B., Canon of St. Paul's Cathedral, London, and Rector of Christ Church, Amherstburg, after a painful illness, which he bore with meekness, humility and thorough confidence and reliance upon his Saviour, which characterized his walk in life amongst us; and whereby it may be said of him as of a prophet of old, and he was not, for God took him, leaving us and his bereaved family to mourn his loss.

"Now, therefore be it resolved, that we, the members of his congregation and individually, as well as the Church at large, by the removal from our midst our beloved spiritual guide and counsellor, and an ever ready, kind and sympa-