

News from the Home Field.

Diocese of Nova Scotia.

A GREAT MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.

Arrangements are being completed for holding a great Missionary Conference for the Diocese of Nova Scotia in Holy Trinity church, Yarmouth, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the 17th, 18th and 19th of October next. A general desire prevails in the diocese to increase missionary zeal and to extend missionary work; and with his characteristic promptitude and energy, Bishop Courtney has responded to the suggestion for a Conference, and is making the necessary arrangements for its success. The programme, so far as at present prepared, promises a series of the most attractive services and meetings, the effect of which cannot be otherwise than beneficial.

The opening service will take place on Tuesday evening, Oct. 17th, when an appropriate sermon will be preached by one of the Canadian bishops. On Wednesday morning, Oct. 18th, there will be a celebration of the Holy Communion, followed by an inaugural address from the Bishop of the diocese. The day will then be spent with papers, addresses and discussions on subjects of vital and practical importance affecting the Diocesan Mission work. In the evening a great public missionary meeting will be held in the Boston Marine Music Hall, over which the Bishop will preside, and at which addresses will be delivered by other bishops and clergy. On Thursday morning, Oct. 19th, there will be another celebration of the Holy Communion, followed by two sessions, as on the previous day, for papers, addresses and discussions. In the evening the closing session will be held, when a sermon will be preached by one of the bishops. Among the subjects to be discussed will be "The Spiritual and Financial Condition of the Diocesan Missions;" "The Missionary Needs and Opportunities of the Diocese and the Province;" "How the Missions of the Diocese may be Strengthened and Extended;" "The Proper Support and Management of the Mission Fund;" "The need and value of the Woman's Auxiliary Association;" "The scope and claims of our Domestic Missions;" "The basis and motive of Missionary Work," etc. These various topics will be introduced by men of ability, and will be freely discussed. It is hoped that a great impetus to the Mission cause will be the result. The experiment is a good one. If it succeeds in Nova Scotia it may be tried in other dioceses. The clergy of other dioceses are invited to attend. If they will communicate with the Rector of Yarmouth he will provide for their accommodation.

HALIFAX.

The one hundred and forty-third anniversary of the opening of this the first church of The Church of England, in what is now the Dominion of Canada, and the oldest Protestant Church in the whole country, was celebrated on Sept. 3rd by special services, at which the Rev. G. Osborne Troop, M.A., of St. Martin's Church, Montreal, preached. Further reference will be made to this in our next number.

Diocese of Quebec.

COMPTON LADIES' COLLEGE.

The following circular has been issued by the Lord Bishop of Quebec to the clergy of his diocese:

Reverend and Dear Sir,—The Ladies' college

at Compton in this, the sixth year since its re-opening, under the direct management of the trustees, is advancing hopefully towards the position it ought to occupy as a permanent institution of the diocese.

In order to secure the comfort of the pupils the trustees are obliged every year to expend no inconsiderable sum upon the improvement of the building.

Although there are fair prospects of its being, at no distant date, sustained by its own resources, yet that the college may establish itself in the desired position, permanence and stability, some extraneous assistance is still very much needed.

By a resolution passed at the last synod (see page 88 of journal) the annual offertory on the fourth Sunday in Lent is to be given towards the support of the college. The effect of this resolution will not benefit the College during the year. I ask you, therefore, to read this letter to each of your congregations on some Sunday during the present month, and to cause a collection to be made in aid of the college on the Sunday following, and to forward money to the Rev. G. H. Parker, of Compton, the treasurer.

Faithfully yours,

A. H. QUEBEC.

Quebec, September 1, 1893.

MARBLETON.

The Rev. Edwin Weary has been appointed and accepted the Incumbency of the Parish of Dunsdell, and will enter upon his work on Sunday October 1st. This gentleman is highly spoken of as an active and energetic clergyman and will doubtless be the right man in the right place.—*Sherbrooke Gazette*.

Diocese of Montreal.

MONTREAL.

The Bishop of the diocese has continued to improve in health since going to the Crawford House, in the White Mountains, and expects to be able to return to the city about the middle of the month. His absence from the coming meeting at Toronto for the formation of the General Synod will be very generally regretted, and his wise counsel and experience will be much missed. His medical advisers, however, are strongly opposed to his going in his present state of health, and his Lordship himself feels that he is not strong enough to endure the fatigue of the journey and the necessary strain of the Session.

The delegates appointed by his Lordship at the last meeting of Synod to represent this diocese at the Toronto meeting, will all attend.

Several vacancies exist in the diocese at present, amongst them the Rectory of Dunham and of Aylmer.

On Sunday week the Rev. W. Beaven, of Montreal, took duty in the old Crown Rectory of Phillipsburg. Owing to the prolonged absence of the Rector, Church life in this neighborhood does not appear to be very vigorous.

The Rev. F. A. Smith, one of the superannuated clergy of the Diocese of Quebec, now residing in Montreal, kindly visited the Mission of Cote St. Paul (under charge of a Lay Reader) on Sunday, 3rd September, and administered the Sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion.

The city is growing very rapidly in the south western and western sections: and there would appear to be need already for further church

accommodation in the parish of Grace church, and between St. Stephen's and the new church of St. Simon and St. Jude. Mission hall services in these districts have been suggested.

An opening for a new church and parish would appear to exist also in the neighborhood of Outremont, where there is a rapidly increasing population. Services have been held for some time past on Sunday evening in the Town Hall by students of the Theological College, but this can hardly be regarded as a satisfactory arrangement much longer. The place of meeting is not inviting, and the true interests of the Church demands the services and care of one in Priest's Orders.

According to the Synod Report for 1892, St. George's parish leads in the number of Sunday school scholars, there being 661, with 50 teachers. Grace Church makes a good second, with 621 scholars and 40 teachers. St. Jude's comes third, with 400 scholars and 41 teachers; Christ Church (Cathedral) fourth, with 390 and 35 teachers; St. Luke's fifth in order, 379 and 24 respectively; St. Stephen's sixth, 375 and 29; and St. Martin's seventh, 320 and 27. The other schools are falling under 300 scholars each. In some parishes there would seem to be room for a "revival" in Sunday school work.

The regular monthly meeting of the Lay Helper's Association was held on Tuesday evening, the 5th inst., in the Synod office, Dr. Davidson, Q.C., President, in the chair. Reports of services carried by members of the Association in different places were received, and some discussion followed as to course of action for the winter. The Very Rev. the Dean of Montreal, Commissary of the diocese, was present and received a hearty welcome.

Christ Church Cathedral.—There was a very large congregation at Christ Church Cathedral last Sunday night, when the Bishop of Nova Scotia preached a masterly sermon upon the text, Jeremiah ix., 23rd and 24th verses. The sermon was a practical exposition of the error of human glorification, or boasting, of the three possessions, wisdom, strength and riches, mentioned in the texts, and the duty of cultivating the higher spiritual qualities, loving kindness, justice and mercy.

PERSONAL.—The Lord Bishop of Fredericton and the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia spent Sunday last in Montreal, en route to Toronto. The former preached in St. John's church in the evening, and the Rt. Rev. Dr. Courtney in the morning.

The Rev. Canon Partridge, D.D., of Halifax, N.S., was in town last Sunday on his way to Toronto as one of the delegates to the meeting for the formation of a General Synod.

The Rev. Canon Robinson, M.A., one of the oldest of the clergy of the Diocese of Montreal, and one of the Senior Canons of Christ Church Cathedral, entered into the rest of Paradise on Friday, the 8th Sept. inst., and his funeral took place on the 10th inst. at Abbotsford, P.Q., of which place he had been Incumbent for many years. He was a leading member of Synod; a graduate of Bishop's College, Lennoxville, and an earnest supporter of that deserving institution, and one of its governing body; a widely known and much beloved Priest in the Church of God, and a valued friend and Pastor.

ARUNDEL, P.Q.

At a vestry meeting, held on August 14th, the following officers were appointed: Wardens, John B. Boyd and Archibald Smith. Delegates to Synod: William Morrison and William C. Higginson, jr.