

party to go and get the rations, which were brought down by the Lily every morning at 6.30; cooks' fatigue to get water, wood, and generally assist the cook; picket duty, orderly work, etc., in all of which the boys were duly instructed. Corporal Crowhurst, R. E., the drill instructor, was the life of the whole camp, not only drilling the boys, but looking after their rations, discipline, and even their amusement. Nothing could exceed his devotion to and interest in the boys.

On Friday, September 1st, General Moore and aides in full uniform came down to inspect the camp in the afternoon, accompanied by Col. Leach, R. F. Col. Saunders, R. A. Capt. Boileau, R. A., Bishop of Nova Scotia, the Rev. Norman Lee, Rev. D. P. Allison, Mr. Walter Courtney, Mrs. Montgomery Moore, Mrs. Leach, Mrs. Apsley Smith and the Hon. Misses Colborne. The General was received at the wharf by a guard of honor, under command of Lieut. Partridge, and after inspecting the camp, the brigade was put through physical drill by the camp instructor. At the close of the drill General Moore made a brief but practical and admirable address to the boys, in which he impressed upon them the value of discipline and obedience, and then calling out from the ranks those who had been recommended for promotion, he confirmed their rank in the brigade. After inspection the party were entertained to a camp tea at 5 o'clock at the chaplain's tent.

On Saturday, in the midst of a heavy rain, camp was struck and the brigade returned to Halifax on the Lily in the afternoon, having had a very pleasant and, it is hoped, also a profitable week under canvas. The Rector of St. Luke's acted as chaplain, and remained at the camp throughout. The officers in camp were Lieuts. Mitchell and Bowman, of St. Luke's company, and Lieut. Partridge, of St. George's company. There were a number of boys belonging to St. Stephen's and St. Paul's companies, but these had only non-commissioned officers with them.

Diocese of Toronto.

TORONTO.

On the evening of 13th September the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of D. and F. Missions gave a reception to the members of the General Synod in St. James' school-room, which was tastefully decorated for the occasion. During the evening refreshments were served and a musical programme carried out. The Lord Bishop and Mrs. Sweatman, and Rev. Canon and Mrs. Dumoulin received the guests.

During the session of the General Synod in this city an excellent luncheon was provided each day by the Churchwomen of Toronto in Trinity College Dining Hall.

TRINITY COLLEGE.—At a special Convocation held on Friday afternoon, the 15th September, the degree of D.C.L., *honoris causa*, was conferred upon the Most Rev. the Metropolitan of Rupert's Land, their Lordships the Bishops of Fredericton, New Westminster and Athabasca, the Very Rev. the Dean of Montreal, and the Very Rev. the Dean of Rupert's Land. Chancellor Allan presided; and there were a number of distinguished persons present, amongst them being the Lt.-Governor of Ontario and Mrs. Kirkpatrick, and the Hon. the Minister of Militia.

It is understood that the like honour was to have been conferred on the Lord Bishop of Montreal had he been able to be present, the Statutes of the University not allowing the bestowal *in absentia*.

Diocese of Niagara.

ST. CATHARINES.

St. Thomas—We have given every year a short statement showing the position of St. Thomas' Church when compared with other churches in the Diocese, according to the returns furnished to the Bishop and published in the Journal of the Synod. We stand second in the Diocese in regard to the number of candidates prepared for Confirmation. Our Class last year numbered 51. The largest class in the Diocese numbered 53. We stand tenth in the Diocese in the number of Baptisms. In Church population, we are fourth, or fifth at least. We stand fourth in the number of Communicants on the roll. We stand seventh in the number of Sunday School Teachers, and fourth in the number of Sunday School pupils. We stand third in the amount of contributions for church purposes for all sources, and sixth in the amount of Contributions for Missionary and other objects. Taking the returns as a whole, our position in the Diocese is very creditable, especially when we consider the heavy burdens the congregation has borne for many years.—*Parish and Home.*

The Churchwardens have secured the services of Mr. Charles Johnstone, of Picton, late of Manchester, England, as Organist. Mr. Johnstone comes highly recommended for the position. R. R. Thomas Steele, one of our most successful Teachers of Vocal Culture has been secured as Choirmaster. Mr. Steele is also Director of the Cathedral Choir in Hamilton.

Ridley College here held its annual distribution of prizes, in connection with its Midsummer Examinations, on Friday afternoon last, instead of, as heretofore, at the close of the summer term. There was a large attendance of friends of the Institution. Mr. T. R. Merritt, of St. Catharines, presented the first of the prizes and gave a short address. Rev. Mr. Desbarres presented the Bishop of Huron's Divinity prize to F. M. Perry, expressing the wish that he might some day become a *Bishop*; but the recipient happened to be a Presbyterian! The winner of the President's gold medal was W. R. Wadsworth, who also received the Bishop Strachan Scholarship of \$200, and the Blake gold medal—awarded on vote of the School for true manliness. The Griffith silver medal was taken by A. A. Allan.

Diocese of Algoma.

To the Editor of the CHURCH GUARDIAN:

Sir,—I crave space in your columns for the following: The Church people of Burk's Falls have realized the truth of their Bishop's words in his decennial charge, that "A parson without a parsonage is a visitor—a pilgrim and sojourner; he never 'continueth in one stay.' Liable to frequent fluctuations and removals, and largely at the mercy of circumstances, he lacks that home feeling which plays so large a part in domestic comfort and parochial efficiency."

Knowing how true this is, the people here have strained every nerve to provide a home for their clergyman. The cost of land, house (yet unpainted) and stable has come little short of \$900, and a debt exists of almost \$400. The work could not have been done cheaper, and, having done their utmost, they look hopefully to their brethren who live in comfortable homes and amid the comforts that belong to an older settled country to help them pay off the debt, which is so serious a weight. Believing that

an appeal would not be in vain, they did all they could, not asking help until their own resources were dried up. As they are now hard pressed, they appeal for funds from all your readers who are able and inclined to assist them. If some friend would give the time necessary to gather a little from his or her friends, or from the residents of their neighborhood, our immediate necessity will soon be supplied. Contributions may be forwarded to Rev. Rural Dean Llwyd, Commissary, Huntsville; to the Diocesan Treasurer, D. Kemp, Esq., Synod office, Toronto, or to the undersigned incumbent of Burk's Falls, who will acknowledge them in this paper and in the *Algoma Mission News*.

Yours,

CHARLES PERCY.

Burk's Falls, Diocese of Algoma, Sept. 5, 1893.

Contemporary Church Opinion.

The Church Eclectic:

The Churchman quotes largely from the very earnest address, before the Diocesan Council, of the Bishop of Pittsburgh. The following extract is of general application:

As to questions arising under the canon concerning Marriage and Divorce, the ordinary must necessarily decide strictly in accordance with the mind of the Church, which in this matter has been incontestably unswerving as to the main points. Because this is the nineteenth century, is no reason for relaxing in the slightest degree the law of God as it has always been understood and obeyed in the historic Church. Why do not the clergy occasionally instruct their people in this most important matter? Have they declared the whole counsel of God if they never preach concerning the divine law of marriage, its indissolubility, its sanctions, its significance.

In a community where separations and divorces are becoming more and more alarmingly frequent, are you free from responsibility, brethren, if you bear not witness, by life and lip and pen, openly and manifestly, against the laxness of the times? I suggest that among the instructions commonly given in Lent the clergy would do well to include lectures upon such canons and rubrics as particularly concern such matters. The laity would be grateful for information, and the whole result would be most beneficial to the whole Church."

The Church Standard says: Wherever the sin of Protestant dissent from the Church of England may have lain in the first instance, Protestant dissenters of the present time are not responsible for that sin, nor are they responsible for any of its consequences, unless they advisedly and wilfully approve them.

[As to "advisedly and wilfully approving," we are not aware of any "Protestant dissenters" that make a principle of the original grounds of separation to-day. The public rule of distribution, and curiously enough the principal means of proselytism from the Church or preventive to entering it is the question, "How were you brought up?" All sectarian ministers, as well as all civil authorities, seem to adopt this rule, as if the only sin of Schism is in changing the religious communion of their immediate ancestors.—*Ed. Church Eclectic.*]

THE enemies of the Church well know the importance of spreading their literature broadcast among the people. Let Churchmen do the same; the newspaper is now one of the most important weapons both for offence and for defence. It would surely be well to see that the public libraries, institutes, or working men's clubs are regularly supplied with Church papers and other Church literature.