

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

HALIFAX.—The closing of Miss Forbes' school for the summer vacation took place on the evening of the 23rd June. The exercises consisted of recitations in French as well as English, which were done in a manner reflecting the highest credit upon both teacher and pupil. There were also songs with piano accompaniment by the teacher. The play 'Queen of the May,' was excellently given by the young ladies, clad in the purest white dresses, which were also decorated with choice flowers, the May Queens with floral crowns; the sweet singing and graceful acting of all of various sizes was enjoyed by those present.

A number of prizes were presented to those pupils who had obtained the highest number of marks in Scripture and good conduct, as well as in sewing and other important branches. The room was filled with the elite of the city, comprising the parents and patrons of the school.

At the close of the exercises Miss Forbes received the sincere congratulations and thanks of parents of the pupils and their friends, and with a kiss from the teacher each little one went home to enjoy a few weeks of rest and refreshment.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

CHAMBLY.—A special meeting of the vestry of St. Stephen's Church was held on the evening of the 30th June, to receive the resignation of the Rev. E. McManus Rector of this parish, who has accepted the position of City Missionary in Montreal. After accepting his resignation and passing a resolution of regret at his departure it was decided that the Church Warden procure the services of a clergyman or student until such time as a successor can be appointed.

The vestry invites applications for the position of Rector. Address Wyndham B. Austin, Esq., Chamblay, Canton.

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

The Bishop of Ontario sails for England in the S.S. 'Lake Huron' this week, and has appointed the Archdeacon of Kingston, Dr. Bedford Jones, his commissary during his absence. His Lordship hopes to return in time to attend the Conference in Winnipeg in reference to the Union of the Provincial Synods in the Dominion.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

Church Bells, Eng., says: Sir Horace Davey, Q.C., has been consulted by the Rev. Provost Body in regard to the right of Trinity College, Toronto, to confer musical degrees in England, and that Sir Horace has given an opinion, declaring that the College is well within its rights in giving such degrees. We are not at all surprised, as we have always been of the opinion that the College charter gave it the powers which have been questioned. The opinion of counsel and a counter-memorial traversing the memorial which brought Provost Body to this country, and meeting all the allegations in that memorial, have now been presented to Lord Knutsford, the Colonial Secretary, and a request was made for a formal interview, which will probably have taken place before this appears in print.

DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

ORDINATION.—On the 24th, being the festival of John Baptist, the Bishop of Niagara held an ordination in St. Mark's Church Orangeville. There were Morning prayers at an early hour, and the ordination service commenced at 11 a.m., with an able sermon by the Rev. Canon Sutherland, on the subject of the 'Christian Ministry.' There were some thirteen or four.

teen clergyman present, including a few from the Diocese of Toronto. The candidates, the Rev. T. F. Marsden, from St. Augustine's College, Canterbury, was admitted to the priest hood, and Mr. Hodgins, B. A., of Toronto University, and student of Wycliffe, as deacon. Both were presented by Venerable Archdeacon Dixon. The musical portions of the services were rendered in excellent style. Mr. Hodgins is going to St. Catharines, as chaplain and assistant in Ridley College. It is not yet decided where Mr. Marsden will take duty. Among the clergy were the Rev. E. A. Irving, who bore the pastoral staff, Rev. Mr. Swallow, E. Radcliffe, J. Fennell, J. Morton, C. Scudamore, and others. The ladies of the congregation provided a very handsome entertainment for the guests in the afternoon, and a second in the evening. Among the visitors were the father of the candidate for Deacon's orders, Mr. Hodgins, Deputy Minister of Education, and for twenty years Hon. Lay Secretary of the Diocese of Toronto, Mrs. Hodgins, and other members of the family. In the evening several candidates were presented for Confirmation by Rev. A. Henderson, incumbent of Orangeville.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

LONDON WEST.—The corner stone of the new St. George's Church, London West, was laid on June 25th, by Rev. Canon Newman, the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, Very Rev. Dean Innes, Ven. Archdeacon Marsh, the Revs. Canon Davis, Canon Smith, N. F. English, T. F. Kingsmill, J. T. Wright, G. B. Sage, Canon Richardson, W. Short, W. M. Seaborn and S. F. Eddleston also being present and took part in the proceedings.

The clergy were attired in full canonicals, and the Bishop read the usual service pertaining to the laying of the corner stone of a religious edifice.

In addressing the people, His Lordship said the stone which had now been embedded was symbolical of the Chief Corner Stone of the great spiritual edifice, which their Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ represented. To the good work of Canon Newman, their worthy co-laborer, might be attributed the present advancement in the work of the Lord which they now saw before them in this new church in London West.

Canon Newman made a feeling and pathetic address on the good work that had been accomplished in London West.

Dean Innes said there was one worthy man who should be held in remembrance in connection with the work of Christianity in London West, and this was an old soldier of the Cross, the late John Dyas. He could recollect when they only had eleven children in the Sunday School in the old school house, yet by perseverance and the grace of God the Church of England had not only advanced from teaching a small band of children in a school house, but they had built one church. This was too small, and now they had to build a second one, of which they had now witnessed the laying of the corner stone. He hoped the good work would continue, and that the blessing of God would rest on the labors on the London West people.

The choir rendered some choice and appropriate selections of music. There was a good representation of all denominations, and a great interest was taken throughout. On the platform were Messrs. D. C. Macdonald, H. Kingsmill, R. A. Jones, J. H. Lings, W. W. Fitzgerald, Q.C.; J. Wattam, Wm. Peters, R. Rookett, T. F. Kingsmill, J. Adams, J. Ward, J. Joly, M. Gibson, J. Wade, and a number of other prominent citizens. The building will be of handsome design, and will cost some \$6,500.

DIOCESE OF ALGOMA.

HUNTSVILLE.—Subscriptions received by the Building Committee of All Saints', Huntsville,

since Easter, 1880:—Mrs. Dykes, Mr. Reeve, C. E. Hooper, Wm. Ince, C. Robinson, J. L. Morrison, A. R. Boswell \$5 each; Trinity S.S., Galt, per W. A. M. A., and All Saints', Toronto, \$10 each; Class in All Saints', Toronto, per T. D. D. L. \$1 61; Anon. per Rev. J. D. C. \$1; Elmes Henderson \$20; J. W. Young \$4; Friends in England per Miss Down \$13 89; St. Paul's, Toronto, off. \$27 50; Miss Dorien per D. Kemp treasurer \$48.33; Church of Redeemer, Toronto, \$13 75; R. B. Street, \$2. Amount in the Treasury of Building Committee last Easter, \$535.44.

DIOCESE OF QU'APPELLE.

[Report on the Consolidation of the Church continued]

The proposal of the Synod of the Diocese of Toronto is that:

1. Ecclesiastical Provinces should be formed coterminous with the civil Province.

2. A Synod should be formed for the whole Dominion, to meet every five years.

3. The Provincial Synods should have power to act in matters generally relating to the temporalities of the Church with the Province. All matters "affecting the standards of worship or discipline of the Church" and "the oversight of spiritual matters" being reserved for the Synod of the whole Dominion.

4. The Bishop of each Province to elect one of their number, who should be called Archbishop, and the Provincial Archbishops to elect a President of the Dominion Synod, who should be Primate.

Theoretically, if there are to be three grades of Synods—Diocesan, Provincial, and General—it would seem to be right that the Ecclesiastical Provinces should correspond with the civil divisions of the country; but, practically, your Committee consider that the conditions of the country are not yet suited to such a division. A glance at the table that we have drawn out, giving the comparison of the Ecclesiastical and Civil Provinces as now existing, will show that the Civil Provinces of Ontario and British Columbia are the only ones where there would be more than two Dioceses to form an Ecclesiastical Province according to the Toronto scheme. This seems fatal to the proposal. Your Committee, however, consider that a modification of that scheme might be adopted, and that it might be the best arrangement if One Province is not considered practicable.

They, therefore, submit the following recommendation for the consideration of the Synod, as an alternative scheme:

1. That the Church in British North America should be formed into four Provinces, viz:

i. Quebec and Maritime Provinces including Diocese of Newfoundland.

ii. Ontario—coterminous with civil Province.

iii. Rupert's Land, as at present constituted—Manitoba and Northwest Territories.

iv. British Columbia.

Your Committee would point out that the effect of this division would be as follows with regard to number of dioceses, population and clergy in each Province.

i. Maritime Province (Five Dioceses)—

Diocese.	Population.	Clergy.
1. Quebec	740 000	64
2. Montreal	620 000	100
3. Nova Scotia	549 000	107
4. Fredericton	322 000	79
5. Newfoundland	208 000	63

Total..... 2,439,000 413

ii. Ontario Province (Five Dioceses)—

1. Ontario.....	446 000	128
2. Toronto	459 000	156
3. Niagara	200,000	70
4. Huron.....	800,000	136
5. Algoma	85,000	26

Total..... 1,990,000 516