

News from the Home Field.

Diocese of Nova Scotia.

WINDSOR.

THE CHURCH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS, EDGEHILL.—This Church Institution is acquiring a well earned and widely spreading reputation. It closed its fourth year on the 19th June. The press speaks highly of the progress of Edgehill, and the increasing number of pupils shows the appreciation of parents. We take the following details from the *Halifax Chronicle*, omitting the elaborate musical programme:

A large gathering at Edgehill gave eclat to the closing exercises. The history of this school shows what may be done in Nova Scotia. Here are figures taken from the calendar just published, which exhibit its progress from January, 1891, a short period of three and a half years:

Year.	Pupils.
1891, half-year.....	45
1891-92.....	93
1892-93.....	81
1893-94.....	90

The ninety pupils of this year are supplied from the different provinces, etc., as follows:—Nova Scotia, 33; New Brunswick, 23; P.E.I., 4; Newfoundland, 1; New York, 7; Massachusetts, 11; day pupils from Nova Scotia, 10.

It is noteworthy that not less than fifteen boarders come from beyond the limits of the Maritime provinces. If the school continues its work in the future as it has done in the past, a widening field is opening out for it, and we may add as a legitimate extension the West Indies, which ought to send pupils to the health-giving air of Nova Scotia.

Special critical attention was given yesterday to the proficiency of the pupils in music. The reputation already acquired by Miss Manners, who came from England last September to take charge of this department, secured a critical and anxious audience. It is scarcely within the limits of exact description to say that they were satisfied merely; they were surprised and delighted.

Miss Machin, the well-known lady principal, is to be congratulated on the happy selection of accomplished ladies she made in England last year.

A large number of drawings and paintings were exhibited in the school room, together with decorative work on china. They elicited admiration. The drawings of Miss Davies were highly commended, as well as the excellent paintings of Miss Sterns. Among so many illustrations of good work it is difficult to make special selections. Indeed it would require far more time than opportunity offered to do the art department justice, which is under the charge of Miss Hunter.

The prize list is always closely scanned, and the names of the successful competitors are given in the Calendar.

It would not be just to conclude this notice of Edgehill without some reference to the leading spirit of the institution, Miss Machin, the indefatigable lady principal. On this lady falls the responsibility not only for the domestic management of the school, but also for the selection of the staff. Last year she spent her vacation in England for the purpose of choosing trained governesses in the departments of music, voice culture, painting, drawing and English. That the selection was well made the present standing of the school testifies. The musical performance yesterday, the display of paintings and drawings, the orderly appearance of the girls, 75 in number, and above all the striking cleanliness of the dormitories, the bedrooms, the

class rooms, coupled with the beauty of the grounds and the healthy appearance of all the young ladies, bore visible record to thorough management, and was in the highest degree complimentary to the entire staff, which be it remembered, numbers thirteen in all. It is also well worth recording that all the examinations at Edgehill are conducted in writing, and parents and visitors are afforded the opportunity of seeing the examination papers and reading the answers. The number of boarders this year has been eight more than ever before, and a total of 67 resident pupils at one time in the building is sufficient proof of work well and faithfully done, and is warmly appreciated by parents and the friends of Edgehill. The Calisthenic exercises were conducted on the beautiful lawn at Edgehill. About sixty young ladies, dressed in the school drill uniform, white, with red trimmings, executed a large number of manoeuvres with exactitude. They showed too from their healthy appearance, how much physical training has to do, or ought to have to do, with school life. Some of the young ladies really appeared to be athletes, but graceful and charming in their movements. This school opens on September 1st, and the outlook for the coming year is very promising.

HALIFAX.

The Synod of the Diocese opened in St. Luke's Cathedral on Friday morning, the 22nd June ultimo, with service, at which the Rev. Canon Partridge, D.D., was the preacher. The business session opened in the afternoon at 3 o'clock under the presidency of the Lord Bishop of the Diocese. Upon motion, two official reporters for the newspapers were appointed, namely, Mr. Withycombe and Mr. A. Wiswell. The Bishop's address was very lengthy and able; he referred to the Consolidation of the Church; to free will offerings by the people, claiming that a Churchman was not doing his duty who gave less than one-tenth of his income to the work of the Church; condemned the "truck" system, by which workmen never handle a cent of cash for wages, but were compelled to take whatever they required from the store, which system was practical bondage and the employers little less than slave holders, and his Lordship enjoined the clergy and laity to use their best endeavours to have the evil removed. Touching references were also made to the late Metropolitan, Bishop Brooks, of Massachusetts, Revs. Dr. Nichols and Fitzgerald, and several laymen, deceased. His Lordship also noted approvingly the Conference held last year at Yarmouth, and recommended a continuance of such meetings. He also referred to the growth of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew with satisfaction; the prosperity of the Church depending upon young men, and he asked the clergy and laity to give the organization every encouragement. He referred to the continued prosperity attending the Church School for Girls at Windsor, N.S., and doubted the wisdom of attempting to establish a similar institution in New Brunswick, at least at the present time. He also spoke approvingly of the Collegiate School at Windsor for boys, and then noted the difficulties now being experienced in regard to the finances of King's College, in respect to which he was ready to do what he could, and would gladly second any plan formulated by the authorities of the Church for the continuance, on a sound basis, of an institution which has done so much for the spreading of true Catholic doctrine. He would never entertain the idea of the College falling into the hands of any one class or party in the Church. In connection with his references to education, his Lordship uttered a warning to those who send their children to Roman Catholic schools; they were little less than traitors to the Church of England. The Church of Rome teaches that

all outside her communion are lost, and therefore it is not to be wondered at if the teachers in her convents and schools endeavour to inculcate in the minds of Protestant children the belief which they think only can save the soul.

An important suggestion in his Lordship's address was the formation of another Diocese, if not of three new Dioceses, within the district now under his jurisdiction. He thought that Prince Edward Island should be one, Cape Breton another; and the stretch of country from Chignecto Bay, running in a southerly direction and comprising Cumberland, Colchester, Pictou, Antigonish and Guysborough, another. He would be contented, however, to see one formed for which an endowment of \$40,000 would be required in order to give an income to the Bishop of \$2,000.

His Lordship reported that over 2,000 persons had been confirmed by him during the past two years.

He closed his address by a reference to a letter received from the Secretary of the Dominion Alliance, asking the Synod to send a delegate to the coming Provincial Convention. His Lordship said that, personally, he was opposed to Prohibition, believing that such legislation would have a demoralizing effect. At the same time he enjoined upon all to use their best endeavours to promote the cause of Temperance; but thought the recent plebiscite did not voice the real opinion of the people, since a large number who opposed prohibition, through indifference and through other causes, did not record their votes.

Diocese of Quebec.

LENNOXVILLE.

BISHOP'S COLLEGE.—The annual Convocation took place on June 28th, Chancellor Heneker presiding. On the platform, were amongst others, the Lord Bishop of Quebec; the Right Rev. A. C. Hall, Bishop of Vermont; the Very Rev. Dean Innes of Huron; and the Rev. Dr. Lubeck, of Hobart College, Geneva, N. Y., besides a number of the Clergy of the Diocese. The following Degrees were conferred.

D. D. (*jure dignitatis*) Rt. Rev. A. C. A. Hall, D. D. Bishop of Vermont; Very Rev. G. M. Innes, M. A., Dean of Huron; D. D. (*ad eundem*), Rev. Dr. Ker, Grace Church, Montreal; D. C. L. (*honoris causa, ad eundem*), Rev. Dr. Henry Lubeck, Hobart college, Geneva, N. Y., M. A. (*ad eundem*), Rev. C. H. Brooks; M. A. (in course), Rev. G. Abbott Smith, Montreal; Rev. H. E. Wright; Music Bac. (*ad eundem*), P. J. Illsley, St. George's Church, Montreal; B. A. (in course) classical honors, Mr. B. Watson; mathematical honors, T. Donnelly and S. B. Dickson; with option, E. Clare Avery and J. Almond; ordinary degree, A. M., D. Ford and W. Barton. The matriculants were: L. McClinck, E. Burke, J. Thomas (2nd year); B. Planche, H. Blaylock, A. P. Aveling (1st year); C. W. Mitchell and W. G. Robertson.

The College prize list was as follows:—

Prince of Wales medal—B. Watson.
General Nicholls' scholarship—T. Donnelly.
Harrison prize—E. Clare Avery.
Mackie prize—Latin essay, B. Watson.
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Chancellor's prize, for best aggregate—T. Donnelly.

French prize [from Department of Public Instruction]—W. Barton.

Dr. Alnatt's Hebrew prize, Arts faculty, 3rd year—T. Donnelly and B. Watson. Second year—G. Pye.

Prizes for aggregate [first class marks]—T. Donnelly.

Prof. Wilkinson's prize for Greek test—F. G. Vial.