News from the Home Field.

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

The Synod of this Diocese met in Kingston on Tuesday, the 17th ult. A large number of the clergy and lay delegates were in attendance. The Bishop's address was able and eloquent. From it we gather that nearly 1,700 persons have been confirmed since his previous Charge. From the Kingston papers, kindly sent us by the Rev. S. Tighe, B.A., we gather that an exciting debate, which occupied part of two days, arose on the discussion of certain charges which have appeared in anonymous letters in the *Evangelical Churchman* reflecting upon Archdeacon Parnell's management of the funds of the Diocese.

A select committee having been appointed, brought in a report entirely exculpating the Archdeacon, but admitting that a few irregularities had arisen, although causing no loss to the Church. The Diocese, it appears, has nearly $300,000 of funds in hand.

Efforts are being made to divide the Diocese and form an additional one, to be called the Diocese of Ottawa. A committee has been appointed to report upon the subject.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

Gagetown.—This parish, of which the Rev. James Neales is Rector, proposes to erect a new church in the village of Gagetown, to replace the present old structure. The late Charles W. Smith has left a bequest of $1,000 for this purpose.

D. C. S.—*Estimate of income and expenditure for* 1879–80:

May 1, 1879.

Balance	$2,000	
Less arrears interest	560	$ 1,440
Required during the year:		
Salaries of officers		400
Contingencies		350
S. P. G. Pensions (including Mrs. N. A. Coster)		976
Balance available for next year		18,264
		$21,430

May 1, 1879.

To receive:	
Subscriptions and collections	$ 7,000
S. P. G. grant	10,000
Interest, say	500
Miss Hazen Trust, net income	800
Chipman " " 15,000 @ 7 p. c.; 21,000 @ 6 p. c.	2,590
S. Scovil Trust, bal	240
Merritt do. say	200
Other investments, say	100
	$21,430

The following new Missions are placed on the D. C. S. list for the first time: Baie des Vents—Rev. E. P. Flewelling, Missionary; grant from D. C. S., $400; to be raised by Mission, $300. Restigouche—From D. C. S., $480; from Mission, $240. Grand Lake — From D. C. S., $300; from Mission, $260; glebe, $48. Richibucto receives a grant of $200.

We hope to give a full report of the Synod and D. C. S. The session of the Synod will be a most important one, as the proposed Canon for the election of a Coadjutor Bishop will be brought forward.

Woodstock.—This parish relinquishes its grant from the D. C. S., and becomes self-sustaining. We congratulate the Rector on this evidence of success. It is probable that Rothesay, Chatham and Dorchester will follow this example next year.

Kent and Aberdeen.—This Mission will receive the services of the Rev. W. Hoadley, Deacon, as its first Missionary.

Stanley.—The Rev. W. O. Raymond, the popular Missionary at this place, was recently married in the "Stone" Church, St. John, by Rev. G. M. Armstrong, to Miss Julia Nelson of that city. We tender our congratulations.

DIVINITY SCHOOL.

We call attention to the following important appeal on behalf of the proposed Divinity School, and hope it will be liberally responded to:

The Committee of Synod appointed, in conjunction with the Lord Bishop, to take such steps as may be necessary for the establishment of a Divinity School at Fredericton, in connection with the Cathedral, the students at which might, if required, take their Arts Course at the University of New Brunswick, issued, in March last, certain regulations for the general government of such school, to be submitted to the Synod at its next meeting.

The committee, in appealing to the members of the Church throughout the Diocese for their cordial co-operation in carrying out the decision of the Synod, commend to their consideration the letter on this subject addressed to the Synod by the Bishop, and published in the last Annual Report, pp. 8 and 9. They would draw attention to the fact that the Bishops of our Communion are acting more and more on the conviction that it is necessary to provide, in each Diocese, for the instruction of candidates for the ministry, and their training, in harmony of feeling and association with that Diocese, under the direct supervision of its Bishop.

They would point to the great advantages which would be enjoyed by Theological students at Fredericton, not only in the presence and teaching of the Bishop, but also in the constant services at the Cathedral and the Parish Church, and in the admirable libraries to which they would have access.

The committee believe that the service of a competent Theological Instructor could be obtained, whose salary, together with the rent of a house for him, would require an annual sum of about $1500.

Towards this sum the Bishop will guarantee $200, and a few members of the Church not less than $40 each, per annum, for five years.

The committee have grounds for expecting that at least twenty-five persons will guarantee $20 each, as many $10 each, and as many more $5 each yearly for five years.

The Committee would suggest to the Synod the desirableness of Special Collections in Churches for this object, and would draw the attention of the General Committee of the Diocesan Church Society to the claims of the Divinity School upon its funds.

If the reasonable expectations of the Committee, as to the amounts procurable from these various sources, are realized, there will not only be enough to carry on the School efficiently for the present, but also a considerable sum to be reserved annually for an Endowment, towards which the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge has promised a grant of £500 on condition that £2,000 be raised by the Diocese, within five years.

The members of the Church are therefore earnestly requested to respond promptly and liberally to this appeal, in order that the Committee may be able to report to the Synod, at its approaching meeting, that the establishment of the Divinity School can be at once accomplished.

By Order of the Committee.

June, 1879.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

Halfway Cove, Guysboro' Co.—The Rev. W. L. Currie of Dartmouth, recently visited this, his former Mission. On Sunday, June 22d, he held service, when a very large congregation attended and reverently joined in the worship of the Church. On Monday, Mr. Currie baptized six children, and paid many visits. Everywhere the people were delighted to see a Church clergyman again among them, they not having had a minister since Mr. C. removed to his present charge, four years ago, and have had no church service since the visit of the same gentleman a year ago. There is certainly something wrong somewhere, where a section of country, embracing nearly a thousand people, two-thirds of whom profess to be Church people, are thus left without a shepherd. We understand this Mission belongs to the Colonial and Continental Church Society. We appeal to his Lordship the Bishop, Can nothing be done for these people?

Bayfield.—As Tuesday of Rogation week could not be observed in this parish as the day of Intercession for Missions, its observance was transferred to the following Sunday. The result was as follows:—

Morning service, out-station, offertory,	.40
Evening service, parish Church, offertory	3,32
Contribution from a lady (in gold),	1.00
	$4.72
Besides the Christmas offertory,	1.16
Making a total for Algoma Mission of since last return was sent in.	$5.88

Ascension Day was duly observed, as it has been for the three or four years last past, by Matins and early celebration, at 8 o'clock, this hour, with other just and weighty reasons, being very suitable for a rural and farming population, at this season of the year. Our very beautiful memorial window of stained glass, valued at 30s. sterling per foot, has been purchased by offerings raised on Ascenday Days, the sum now aggregating over $107. This year there were eighteen Communicants, and the offertory amounted to $5.57, on the Festival of the Ascension. The worthy Rector of Sydney Mines, a former Missionary of this Parish, has cheered our hearts by offering to supply the Church with a font. It is being prepared by Mr. Sanford of Halifax, and will no doubt soon be ready for supplying a want felt in the Church for the administration of the ordinance of our new Birth. The revival in the parish church is rapidly extending to the out-stations, particularly to that of Antigonish. An organ will, at an early day, be procured for the Church there, funds having been obtained principally through the exertions of sister Jarvis, who is well known in the Diocese for her energetic Church work. A lady in England has also generously used her influence, and is contributing of her means to supply the wants of this Church. This, combined with the exertions of a layman of the parish, who has planted a pretty hedge around the Church, and who is now planting trees and otherwise beautifying and adorning God's acre, are most cheering signs of progress and active Church work. Who can doubt but that these outward exertions are the outgoings of the heart and the affections controlled by the blessed Spirit who is not only "the Lord and Giver of Life," but who is also inspiring the regenerate to the practice and profession of order, beauty, and reverence for holy things and holy places. "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord."—Acts iii. 29.

St. Margaret's Hall.

The annual exhibition and distribution of prizes at St. Margaret's Hall, Rev. J. Padfield's seminary for young ladies, took place last night. A large number of guests were present. The following was the programme of proceedings:—

PROGRAMME.

PART I.

Chorus—"Down among the Lilies," *Glover.*
The School.

Piano Solo—"Sonate Pathetique," *Beethoven.*

Recitation—"Isandula," *Buchanan.*

Solo and Chorus—From "Eli," *Handel*
The School.

Song—"Judith," from "Holofernes," *Coconi.*
Miss M. Keating.

Solo and Chorus—"Carita," *Rosini.*

There was an interval here for the distribution of prizes.

Out of eleven sent up for the King's College University local examination, corresponding with those at Oxford and Cambridge, eight passed. Five of these took first-class certificates and three second-class. The names of those who passed were Misses A. McCormick, Mary F. Forbes, Emma A. Conrod, Catherine E. Ambrose, Margaret A. Hanington, first-class, and Misses Sophia A. Forbes, Susannah Morrow and Caroline B Johnston, second-class.

Certificates were distributed to those whose names are above mentioned.

Three medals were given, one for elocution to Miss Millie Keating; for deportment to Miss K. C. Moody, and for classical music to Miss Hanington.

The prizes were distributed as follows:—

1st prize (general)—Miss A. McCormack.
For Elocution—Miss Lena Johnstone.
For Music—1st prize, Miss Daisy West, 2nd, Miss Minnie Johnstone.
Literature—Miss Louise DeMille.
Scripture—Miss Florence Meynell.
Geography—Miss Florence Meynell.
French—Miss Florence Crowe.
History—Miss Florence Crowe.
English Language—Miss Florence Crowe.

JUNIOR CLASSES.

English Language—Miss Nellie Morrow.
General Knowledge—Miss Nellie Morrow.
Arithmetic—Miss Ella Vose.
General Improvement—Miss Jessie Brown.

Before distributing the prizes the Rev. Principal briefly addressed the company, saying that as a school they were to be congratulated upon the introduction of a local examination for King's College University, the first examination of the kind ever held in this Dominion, and also upon the success achieved.

After the distribution of prizes His Lordship the Bishop addressed the company, congratulating the Principal and scholars upon their success, and referred eulogistically to the entertainment as far as it had gone.

The programme was then proceeded with. * * * * *

Want of space prevents our giving a fuller notice of the entertainment, which certainly was one of the best amateur performances given here for some time. In music and elocution, Mr. Padfield's pupils show a marked ability. The dialogue in the second part was encored and deservedly so. The scene from Shakspeare, a very difficult selection, was capitally rendered. On the whole, a very pleasant evening was passed by all present.—*Chronicle.*

Spring Hill.—The Mining Company have given a site for the new church in the centre of the town. We are glad to know this, for very much depended upon securing an eligible locality. The building will now, we hope, soon go up.

THE CROSS,

A course of (six) Sermons, preached in Holy Trinity, Halifax, N. S., by the Rev. W. J. Ancient.

Price, 20 cents, post free.

"We have read these discourses carefully over; they are, as the author represents, "plain and practical," and breathe everywhere the spirit of earnest piety, exalting Christ, and the completeness and all sufficiency of the sacrifice which He offered."—Church Guardian.

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