

BISHOPS COLLEGE SCHOOL, LENNOX-VILLE.

The Rector in his report to the Corporation, April, 1887, says:—

Of the 68 boys present in the School when my last report was made at the beginning of the Trinity Term of 1886, two left during the term, leaving 66 at the end of the term. In September, 1886, the school resumed with 66 boys; the number of boys leaving (23) were replaced by 23 new boys. The average age of the new boys was somewhat lower than in the previous year. The number of boys has continued the same throughout the Lent Term. We have now 65, of whom 10 are non-resident. The general health of the boys has been very good. The institution has been fortunate in obtaining the services of a man who has acted as attendant in many cases of sickness and delicacy. Though up to the present date, I am thankful to say, his services have not been required in the infirmary, yet in a general way he has been most useful in attending to the many petty ailments that are contingent in boy life. The engaging of this attendant was, in fact, carrying out a suggestion made by a medical man who attended cases here last year.

I notice a marked improvement in the School as regards conduct, and also as regards work.

In the Universities' Examination for A. A., in June, 1886, the three candidates who went up, passed. In the entrance examination for the Royal Military College at Kingston, two candidates went up authorised by the Rector. One of these was first in the examination, the other sixth. There were 36 candidates. The general work of the School has been tested from time to time by inspections and examinations, and generally it has been found to be satisfactory. Four boys have entered the College by matriculation since my last report. Others are preparing to do so.

As regards the Teaching Staff, we have lost the valuable services of Mr. Clinton, who has been promoted to the headmastership of a school in British Columbia. Mr. H. J. Petry, M.A., one of our old boys and a graduate in honours of Bishops College, has succeeded to the important post of Senior Resident Master. His services have been rendered with much enthusiasm and success. I have been able to entrust to him, with excellent results, much of the detail of administration of discipline. I have been fortunate in obtaining the services of Mr. Philip Ritchie, B.A., (of McGill College, Montreal), as Junior Resident Master and Teacher of German. The usual school curriculum has been increased by Drawing and Singing; Chemistry and Physics have been studied to a greater extent than before, under the successful tuition of Mr. Hudspeth, M.A. Book-keeping and Shorthand have also received close attention. One of the rooms in the School has been used as a laboratory.

We still feel the need of a large hall, also of a large recreation room for cold weather. The Bishop Williams wing has not been as yet commenced; a sum of \$3,000 has been paid and another \$1,000 promised. The work is a work of great desirableness; it may fairly be said it is a work of necessity. The domestic equipment of the school is admirable; the class rooms are good, but a central hall and a large recreation room, with a laboratory and a workshop, are regarded as necessities in schools of the rank of our own.

I commend the needs of the School to the Corporation, and to all the friends of liberal education that is also essentially religious education.

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

PRESCOTT.—The Ontario Diocesan annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary will be held (D. V.) in St. George's hall, Kingston, June 8th and 9th. All interested are most cordially invited to be present.

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

DEANERY OF PERTH.—The half-yearly meeting of the Rural-Deanal Chapter of Perth, was held in Trinity Church, Mitchell, on Wednesday afternoon, 25th inst. We regret to say that the attendance was not large. Rural Dean Patterson was unavoidably absent owing to sickness in his family, and on motion the chair was taken by Rev. Mr. Wright, of St. Mary's. Several important matters were discussed. The Rev. Mr. Kerr as a stranger in the Diocese, said that he spoke with considerable confidence, but it appeared to him that something was wanted to make the Rural Deanery an effective arm for the missionary and other work of the Church: in one department for example he felt that an immediate improvement was necessary, namely: in bringing the people into closer contact with diocesan missionary work; the annual missionary meetings were as a rule very badly attended and many of those who were asked to contribute did not know really what it was for and some radical change was necessary; when other churches found that a certain plan didn't work they changed it, whereas when they of the English Church found that a plan didn't work they stuck to it; he had no faith in this method of carrying on the important work of the Church. Finally it was determined to forward the following recommendations to the Executive Committee: First—that all missionary meetings be held in the month of October; Secondly—that a deputation be appointed and exchanged with a deputation from some other Rural Deanery, and Thirdly—that all the collections be made by envelopes.

A discussion also took place as to the present method of appointing the Executive, and the unanimous feeling of the Deanery was against the present method as unfair. For example, London with a church population of a little over six thousand has eight representatives, while Huron County with double the population, has only one-eighth of the representation. The figures speak for themselves:—

	C. pop.	rep.
Brant, Ch.	6,300	3
London (City)	6,502	8
Waterloo	2,446	2
Norfolk	3,800	2
Grey	12,600	2
Bruce	9,000	1
Huron	13,000	1
Lambton	9,000	1

It was resolved that action be taken as soon as possible, to have the Executive Committee elected by the Rural Deaneries.

Missionary Work.—A committee of Rev. Messrs. Kerr, Wright, and Turnbull, were appointed to draft an address on the subject of contributing to Church work through the offer-tory.

A resolution was placed on the table suggesting, with the approval of the Bishop, that in the future Rural Deans should be elected by their respective chapters, such a change not to affect the present incumbents, but to be put into execution in the case of deaths or resignations. The resolution was, however, held over till next meeting.

It was unanimously resolved that the next meeting of the Rural Deanery should be held in Listowell.

The usual service in connection with the Rural Deanery was held in Trinity Church at 8 o'clock p.m., the Rev. Mr. Wright, of St. Mary's, being the appointed preacher. He delivered an earnest and practical sermon on the duties of practical Christianity, from the text St. Matthew xiii, 3-18.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

ST. JOHN.—The eleventh annual conversation of the the Church of England Institute

was held on the evening of the 26th ult., in the Institute rooms, and like all other previous celebrations of the kind was a pronounced success. An efficient reception committee composed of the President, Rev. Canon Brigstocke, the Vice-Presidents, C. F. Kinnear and T. W. Daniel, Mrs. Brigstocke, Mrs. Daniel, Mrs. Kinnear and Mrs. Thomas Walker, looked after the comforts of the guests. After Harrison's orchestra had played several selections, a cornet solo was rendered by E. J. Harrison. Rev. Canon Brigstocke then delivered an interesting address. The second reading of the papers having been disposed of, it was followed by other selections from the orchestra and a piccolo solo by J. G. Hammond.—*St. John Globe.*

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

HALIFAX.—*S.S. Association.*—The monthly meeting of the Church of England Sunday-School Teachers' Association, postponed from the 2nd, was held in St. George's school-room on the evening of the 10th ult., at 8 o'clock. The president, Rev. F. Partridge, occupied the chair. A large number of teachers attended. Special hymns neatly printed on cards, appropriate to the death of the patron of the Association, the late Bishop, were sung during the evening. The president alluded to the loss the Church had sustained in touching and fitting terms. A motion of condolence to the bereaved widow and family was passed. During the evening, Mrs. Wallace conducted a model lesson, subject: "The Ark," and Mr. Wm. H. Wiswell gave an outline of his method of imparting instruction on the Eighth Commandment. The next meeting was announced as the "annual festival," at St. Luke's, on June 6th; preacher, Rev. Dr. Hole.

The following resolution was passed:—The President, Vice-Presidents, officers and members of the Branch of the Church of England Sunday-school Teachers' Association of Halifax and Dartmouth desire to express their sense of the very great loss which the Association has sustained by the decease of their Patron the late Bishop of this diocese.

Having taken the deepest interest in the organising and inception of this branch of the Association, having willingly accepted the position of Patron; ever ready, so far as engagements permitted, to honor with his presence and countenance its anniversary services, social gatherings and annual meetings; equally ready with counsel, advice and assistance at any time and in any manner which circumstances rendered necessary; we feel most acutely that his removal from our midst entails a loss which we cannot describe in words, and which now appears to us well nigh irreparable.

In common with all the other organisations in connection with the Church in this diocese, this Association will miss his guiding hand, invaluable counsel and advice. Whilst striving in faith to realise and confess that our Heavenly Father doeth all things wisely and well, we cannot but deeply deplore his removal from our head.

We would also desire to express our deepest sympathy for and with his bereaved and sorrowful widow and family, and to assure them that our prayers are continually ascending to God that in His tender compassion and love He will grant unto them that peace which passeth all understanding and which can and will in His own good time assuage their grief and heal their bruised and bleeding hearts, and that He will, after the waves of this troublous life are over-passed, again reunite them to their dearly loved one in that better land, where there shall be no more parting forever.

On behalf of the Association (by the unanimous request of the officers and members).

REV. F. PARTRIDGE, President.
J. GODFREY SMITH, Secretary.