

that lay in their power to sustain and strengthen one whom they felt had been sent to guide and direct them in the way that leads to everlasting life. Their earnest desire was that God's richest blessing might rest on his labors, and that his ministry might be the means of winning many precious souls to Christ.

DIOCESE OF ALGOMA.

The Bishop of Algoma having resumed his diocesan duties, requests that all official communications be addressed to him, as usual, at Bishophurst, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

Secure next number of THE CHURCH GUARDIAN containing A PROTEST by a member of the Birmingham Church Congress, addressed to the BISHOP OF WORCESTER, its President, as to his extraordinary statements regarding EPISCOPACY. Every Churchman should read it.

Correspondence.

To the Editor of the CHURCH GUARDIAN:

Dear Sir,—I have no doubt your "own correspondent" will furnish THE CHURCH GUARDIAN with a lengthy and happy communication about the Conference recently held at Yarmouth, N.S. It was, under the condition of being a new thing, a most decided success. The energetic and talented Rector of Trinity church, Yarmouth, is entitled to all the praise and all the thanks which are in order.

But I desire to act the character of a "candid friend" who desires to be a friend of Conferences to be born. We hope to have a Missionary Conference again and again in this Diocese, and some things new and strange will, by its recurrence and our familiarity with it, give less occasion to a candid friend to take up his pen and address you.

The first thing I wish to criticise is the sad absence of laymen from the Conference. The Rector of Yarmouth stated that he had sent circulars through the clergy to the church wardens, and had also addressed personal invitations and appeals to many prominent Church laymen in Halifax and other places, and that some of them were not even civil enough to acknowledge his letters. The laity who formed a part of the Conference were perhaps about one-fourth of the whole. Only two laymen were volunteer speakers, while not a paper nor prepared address was given by a layman. Under these circumstances the laity should not reflect upon the interest and energy of the clergy, but when in the mood to repine should take each one his stand before a mirror true and apostrophize the reflection.

Next, we feel constrained to remark that many of the clergy who took part in the proceedings of the Conference did not seem either to know just what they had been asked to do nor the character of the gathering or audience they were invited to address. Thus it happened that when the Right Rev. Chairman, with the printed order of proceedings in his hand, a copy of which had been sent to every member of the Conference, announced that the Rev. so and so would next read a paper, that the clergyman named would give an *extempore address*. There must be a considerable difference between reading a paper and delivering an address. Some of these efforts were certainly not worthy of the speakers, and were accorded either very faint praise or a loud cheer because they had reached their long drawn-out course. Again, two or three of the papers were too much like some old time sermon, and were read much after the manner of delivering a sermon.

Then, too, the matter of some of these addresses showed most plainly that the speakers did not know they were to furnish a feast of reason to the members of the Conference—an audience of Bishops, clergy, and the cream of our laity,—and not such a gathering as might assemble in a way-side or sea-side church, of simple folk and little children. I am sure a little thought given to the matter would have resulted in much more satisfaction to all concerned.

My last criticism will be concerning the unhappy disarranging of the order of the Conference. Much praise was accorded by many speakers to the very happy and closely connected order of the subjects, each distinct class being allowed a certain definite time on a particular day. The first change was that a very valued paper appointed for the first day, and connected with the first subject, had to be deferred to the next day. Then one clergyman who was present asked to be allowed to read his paper next day, i.e., the day after it was appointed to be read. This of course put another subject into confusion. But there is this to be said about such a change, that it takes the time intended to be given to the other subjects, and in this way a paper of less than ordinary power might shut out many effective speeches on the proper subject for that time. No doubt some will learn from these remarks how not to do it.

Yours truly,
CANDID FRIEND.

INTER-DIOCESAN S. S. EXAMINATIONS.

To the Editor of the CHURCH GUARDIAN:

Sir,—Will you please insert the enclosed examination circular in the next issue of your paper and oblige the Committee, by allowing me through your columns to ask those who have had bundles of these circulars sent them, kindly to have them distributed among the teachers in the schools with which they are connected?

CHAS. L. INGLIS,
Secretary of Committee.

69 Melbourne street.
Vigil of St. Simon and St. Jude.
The Annual S. S. Examinations for Teachers and Scholars, 1893.

THE INTER-DIOCESAN SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE of the Provincial Synod not having as yet arranged for the holding of Inter-Diocesan S. S. Examinations, representatives from the Sunday School Committees of the Dioceses of Toronto, Ontario and Niagara have undertaken to hold the annual examination on the Church Sunday School Lessons of the past year, viz.: the Prayer-Book and Lessons on Genesis and Exodus to Chapter XIX.

They invite the co-operation of the Clergy and S. S. Workers in other dioceses in making this examination a success. The papers for scholars will be based upon the "Institute Leaflets" and the "Teachers' Assistant."

The examinations will be held at local centres in this and other dioceses on **Saturday, December 9th, 1893.**

The fee for examination is twenty-five cents for each person; and the minimum fee for every local centre is \$1. On receiving a sufficient number (i.e., not less than four) applications from any local centre arrangements will be made by the committee for the appointment of a local examiner at such centre to whom the printed papers will be forwarded. The local examiner will act as "invigilator" at the examination, and, when the answers of the candidates are written, will seal them up and send them by post to the Secretary of the Sunday School Committee at Toronto, for examination.

The results will be published in the "TEACHER'S ASSISTANT." Diplomas will be presented to the successful candidates among the teachers,

and certificates to those scholars who obtain first or second class honors. To obtain first class honors, a candidate must obtain an aggregate of 75 per cent. on the two papers; for second class honors an aggregate of 50 per cent. on the two papers.

Applications from candidates will be received up to Wednesday, November 29th, 1893. They should be addressed to the Rev. Chas. L. Inglis, M.A., 69 Melbourne avenue, Toronto, and should be in the following form:

"Please enroll my name for the S. S. Examinations for Teachers and Scholars to be held on December 9th, 1893.

Yours,

(Name in full)
(P. O. Address)
Teacher (or scholar) in St. S. S.
Parish (or Mission) of"

N. B.—No fee is required to be forwarded with the above application.

It is earnestly hoped that the Clergy and Superintendents in whose Schools the "Institute Leaflets" and "Teachers' Assistant" have been in use during the past year will urge their S. S. Teachers and Senior Scholars to avail themselves of this most important aid to thorough and systematic study of the lessons.

To the Editor of the CHURCH GUARDIAN:

Sir,—Would you kindly allow me to make the following appeal for help through the columns of your paper:

We are a community along a line in the Townships of Glamorgan and Monmouth, in the County of Haliburton, with about three miles of continuous settlement, and of course outlying ones on either side. Services have been held for some years in the log school-house at each end of this line, but it was considered very desirable that a church should be erected in the centre, and we were encouraged to build one, but with the country only a few years settled, money was not obtainable from the residents, but they thought they could find many of the materials. They managed to get out logs, and these were taken to the mill, six miles distant, and sawed, producing sufficient lumber for the frame, roof, covering, and part of the dressed lumber. Unfortunately the mill was burned, and the rest of the material will have to be purchased and drawn from the next mill, 26 miles off. The church is erected so far as materials permit, and the money subscribed, about \$50, nearly expended. We have only part of the needful windows, and if it was possible to obtain old ones from some church undergoing alterations, or in fact any church furniture, it would be thankfully accepted by communicating with the Rev. H. Bourne, Parsonage, Essonville, Ont.

Yours truly,
S. KETTLE.

To the Editor of the CHURCH GUARDIAN:

Sir,—Will you kindly say in your next number of the CHURCH GUARDIAN if there is a branch of "The Mother's Union" in Canada, and the name of the lady President, for the benefit of a member of "The Mother's Union" in England, now residing in Canada.

[Can any of our readers give this information? We cannot.—Ed.]

[For New Books, see p. 15.]

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