

## News from the Home-Field.

### Diocese of Nova Scotia.

The CHURCH SCHOOL for girls at Windsor, N. S., under the able principalship of Mrs. Macbin formerly of Quebec, opened this fall with sixty-one boarders and twenty-three day scholars.

PERSONAL.—Mr. C. G. Abbott, B. A., has been appointed French Master at the Collegiate School.

LONDONDERRY.—The following donations towards building our new church, in answer to the appeal in the CHURCH GUARDIAN, are thankfully acknowledged:—Two Church women, St. Andrews, N.B., \$2; For Church building, Province of Quebec, \$1; H. A. E., Sherbrooke, Que., \$10; Old friends, Niagara post mark, \$2. Will more kind friends please send us a dollar each, and thus show the reality of their belief in the Holy Catholic Church, and that they are not mere congregationalists? Money can be sent to Rev. W. J., Ancient Acadia Mines, Londonderry, N.S.

### Diocese of Fredericton.

ST. JOHN.—The Young Men's Association of Trinity Church opened its lecture course for the season on the evening of the 5th Nov. when a most interesting, thoughtful and scholarly lecture was delivered by Rev. Canon Brigstocke, on "Books." There was a good attendance and much interest manifested. In speaking of books Canon Brigstocke referred to the amount of labor, mental and mechanical, involved in the production of a book, and therefore the value which ought to be placed on a library well filled with profitable and healthful works. He referred to a number of works which should have the pre-eminence after the Holy Scriptures: such as Thomas A. Kempis' "Life of Christ" Jeremy Taylor's, "Holy Living," Keble's "Christian Year." He thought that in the study of history, "The early Fathers of the Christian Church" should not be overlooked, since in these will be found events recorded which are not recorded in any secular history. He urged them also to study the history of their own country and of England. Canon Brigstocke also spoke of correspondence in newspapers, which as a rule was not satisfactory as reading matter, but he specially referred to the controversy which had taken place in their own City and which had now been published in the form of a pamphlet under the title "Messiah,—not Messiah's Mother—the Bruiser of the Serpent's Head," regarding it as a valuable contribution; the result of the controversy being in his opinion the complete defeat of Rev. Mr. Davenport's opponent.

ST. JOHN (STONE CHURCH).—The talented organist of this church, Mr. James S. Ford, having been appointed conductor of the Oratorio Society of St. John, the Rector and Choir presented him with an address and a beautiful Conductor's Baton, of ebony with ivory tips and inlaid with pearl and silver. The presentation was made by Rev. J. de Soyres the Rector who expressed his own and the choir's gratification at the well merited honour.

DALHOUSIE.—The Chatham Ruri-decanal Chapter met in St. Mary's Parish on Nov. 3rd and 4th. Owing to various unfortunate circumstances, only Rev. Canon Forsyth, Rural Dean, and Rev. Hubert Beers, B. A., of Campbellton, were able to leave their parishes. The first service was a celebration of the Holy Communion at 8 a. m., on Tuesday, with the Dean as celebrant. The processional hymn was 299

A. & M.: Kyries, Griffiths: Sanctus, Taylor: hymn after Consecration, 322: Gloria in Excelsis, old chant: Recessional, Nunc Dimittis. The Gloria and Gratia were also sung before and after the Gospel.

At 10 o'clock the Chapter convened and the Dean having said the opening Office, the Rev. J. Simonds was appointed Secretary *pro tem*.

I Cor. v and vi. were read in Greek, and the remainder of the session was occupied with discussion of the subject matter. At 2 p. m., the Sunday School Teachers' Association of the Deanery met in the Church when considerable business was despatched, including the adoption of a programme for work and meetings for the ensuing year. A paper was read by the Rector of the parish on "The encouragement of Sunday School Teachers," and Rev. Canon Forsyth read his valuable paper on the "Qualifications of the Teacher."

Shortened Evensong was said at 7 p. m., when interesting addresses on subjects bearing upon Sunday School work were delivered by the Dean and Rev. H. Beers. The offerings for the Sunday School Teachers' Association amounted to \$2.17.

On Wednesday Mattins was said at 9.30, and the Chapter met again at 10. Rev. H. Beers read a carefully prepared paper on "Preaching, its use and abuse." After other business it was arranged that the next meeting should be held at Campbellton on the Feast of the Purification: that I Cor. vii. and Ps. xx. be read in Greek, and Ps. xxi. in Hebrew. Rev. J. H. S. Sweet and Rev. J. Simonds were appointed to read papers at the next meeting. Rev. Mr. Sweet was also appointed to preach the next Deanery sermon, with Rev. C. Lutz, Rector of Bathurst, as substitute.

After adjournment the Clergy and Wardens were the Rector's guests at dinner.

The regular Deanery service was held at 7 when after Evensong the Rural Dean delivered a very able and exhaustive discourse based upon S. Luke, v. 5-6 and 7. The offerings of the people for Deanery expenses was \$2.25.

On both evenings receptions were held at the Rectory after service when the parishioners had the opportunity of meeting the visiting clergy.

The debt on St. Mary's Church has recently been paid off.

### Diocese of Montreal.

ST. MARTIN'S.—The parish pamphlet "Notes by the the Way" for 1891, giving an account of the various organizations connected with the Parish, has just been issued, and shows, as might be expected, earnest and vigorous Church work. During the year 52 persons had been confirmed and the Sunday School had had steadily advanced in number and efficiency, under the able superintendence of Mr. W. McF. Notman. The surpliced choir introduced on Advent Sunday 1890 seems to be working satisfactorily, and there are now nearly 50 men and boys enrolled under the care of Mr. James Campbell, the pain-taking and faithful organist. In connection with the parish there are four ladies's associations, viz., the Ladies Aid, St. Monicas Guild, St. Andrew's Sisterhood and the Girls Friendly Society, all of which report good work done and progress made. The St. Andrew's Sisterhood works on the same line as the Brotherhood of the same name. The Rector reports ever increasing claims upon the Relief fund for the relief of the poor of the Parish. During the year \$2000.00 have been paid off on the mortgage debt, leaving it now \$20,000.00 in all—\$15,000.00 on the Church and \$5,000 on the Rectory.

ST. STEPHEN'S.—St. Stephen's church was crowded Sunday evening 8th Nov. on the occasion of the annual harvest thanksgiving services. The altar and the transept were tastefully decorated with cut flowers and potted plants. The service was read by Ven. Archdeacon Evans, the rector, and the sermon was preached by Very Rev. Dean Carmichael, who took for his text the words: "The Lord of the harvest," St. Matthew, ix., 38. The prosperity of this and all countries depended, he said, upon the harvest, and, in fact, all wealth was simply an accumulation of many harvests. It came from the harvest of the earth and the sea. He then briefly showed how, if a food-failing period should arrive, all the money in the world would not be worth one bag of flour. This gave rise to the questions, whence came the harvest, what caused the rotation of the seasons, who formed the grand laws of nature, which work together for the good of man? He traced these all to God, and said that that meeting and the national one on Thursday were an acknowledgement of the guiding hand of God. He then proceeded to show that we should thank God for other blessings. Life should have its harvest, just as the fields, and he pressed upon his hearers the necessity of seeing that their life was yielding a good harvest.

The offertory was a generous one. The singing was appropriate and well rendered, and the service as a whole was hearty and in keeping with the occasion.

ST. GEORGES.—Dean Carmichael brought before his class on Sunday 8th inst., the days of creation mentioned in Gen. i. He showed the varied scriptural uses of the word "day," and how in the account of creation in Genesis it was used in two senses, *i.e.*, as covering a distinct period, and as covering the whole history of creation (Gen. ii., 4). He also dealt with the scriptural uses of the words "night and morning," and finally claimed that the three words may have been used as descriptive of advancing periods of creation, with defined beginnings and endings to them—periods of progression making towards the ultimate object of the great divine mind. Creation as a divine act was, no doubt, carried on under the mechanical action of divine laws, law being the agent of the Creator in all the acts of His creation. The Dean then entered into the subject of historical geology as bearing on the question of creation, and claimed that the accordance was sufficiently striking to strengthen the faith of the Christian in the Mosaic record. The broad fact that geology divided the history of the earth into periods was in itself a wonderful confirmation, and the testimony of the periods themselves was equally so. The nebular theory was fairly confirmatory of the Mosaic description of the first day. The discovery of vast carboniferous effects and of magnetic iron in the oldest known rocks (Laurentian) demands an equally vast vegetation on the early earth, thus bearing out the Mosaic statement in connection with the third day that vegetation was characteristic of the earliest land. The fifth day of Genesis described the creation of vigorous animal life on earth, in sea, in air, creeping forms, flying forms, great sea monsters, etc., and this day seems fairly covered geologically by the Paleozoic and Mesozoic times; and the sixth day of Genesis, which describes the appearance of modern forms of animals and man, seems covered by the Neozoic time of geology. Whilst one would naturally shrink in the present state of knowledge, from speaking with imperious dogmatism on the reconciliation of the two records—each in the lecturer's mind alike divine,—yet no unprejudiced