

to be unfair. The case, as I see it, stands thus. King's college exists the synod has approved it and directed an annual collection in its behalf to be taken in all parishes and missions throughout the diocese. If the college, or anything about or in it, requires alteration or amendment, let us alter or amend it accordingly; if it is hopelessly bad, or the synod has changed its mind and disapproves of it, let us discard it and have nothing to do with it. But as long as it retains our approval and is acknowledged as the divinity school of our diocese, let us stand shoulder to shoulder in its support, and make it thoroughly efficient for the important it has to do.

#### THE COLLEGIATE SCHOOL

for boys has been transferred from the control of the school committee of the board of governors of the college to that of the president, who is entitled the rector with full power over all persons and concerns, being himself responsible directly to the board. This is an admirable arrangement, particularly as Dr. Willets has twelve years' experience as head master, and therefore knows thoroughly the difficulties and requirements of the position. The new head, Mr. Handsombody, has in the school year which has just been completed, answered fully to the high expectations formed of him from the excellent record which he had made for himself in England. The number of pupils would probably have been larger but for the opening of two new schools for the same class of boys, one by the former head, in Annapolis, and the other by one of the assistant masters, in Halifax. It is reasonable to expect that when parents throughout the Mari-

time Provinces learn how thorough the instruction is imparted and how watchful and wise is the care that is taken of the boys in the collegiate school, the numbers sent there will steadily and largely increase.

The church school for girls has had to pass through something of a crisis. A year ago Miss Mackin sent in her resignation of the position of lady principal, to the great regret of all, and could not be persuaded to withdraw it, while no less than five of her assistants also decided to leave. No one who knows anything of human nature, especially parental human nature, could look for any other than a large withdrawal of pupils as the result of such action, and the only wonder, in my mind, is that the diminution in the number of our scholars is not much larger than it is.

I render thus publicly my thanks to Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, for directing us to choose as the new lady principal, Miss Lefroy, of the Ladies' college, Cheltenham, and for endowing her with the wisdom and discernment necessary for making so satisfactory a selection of five assistants, all of whom have proved themselves not only equal to the demands made upon them, but also pleasant companions to work with. Many and important changes have been effected, and no pains have been spared to make the education at Edgemoor second to none in any other school, whether in Canada or elsewhere. I can confidently say, parents may be quite sure that everything will be done for their daughters that the most improved methods of teaching by thoroughly competent instructors, combined with affectionate interest and skill in the de-

velopment of their characters and zealous regard for their religious interests, can effect. If only the board of directors can successfully cope with the financial question, we may anticipate a very bright future for our girls' school.

#### OBITUARY.

We are called upon to mourn the loss of three of our clergy since the last session of the synod, and must feel ourselves saddened by this removal.

The Rev. Simon Gibbons owed all that he became, humanly speaking, to the sainted Bishop Field, of Newfoundland. An Eskimo boy, cast upon the bishop's care, he was gradually advanced by him and educated, until at last he was fitted to be ordained. First in Newfoundland, and then in this province, he did much work for God and the church. Gifted with a mellifluous voice and ready utterance, he was an acceptable and persuasive speaker, and whether in the pulpit or on the platform, never failed to secure and keep the close attention of his hearers, who found themselves moved to tears or laughter by the pathos or humor of his words. He succeeded in building quite a number of churches in the various places where he labored, but perhaps his heart was most with the people of the Baddeck mission, and especially the fisher folk of Neil's Harbor for sustaining ministrations amongst whom he raised a large sum of money in England during Bishop Binney's episcopate, the interest of which is still paid to the missionary. He did a full days work on his last Sunday, though suffering much bodily pain, and died suddenly on the Monday morning, to the sorrow of his friends, the loss of the church and the deep