

instructions and your counsels. We could have wished that our country, whose literary and scientific history has scarcely commenced, might not have been so soon deprived of one to whom she is already so much indebted; but since this cannot be, we rejoice, that in leaving us, you enter upon a wider and far more favorable sphere of action for your success in which, the good which you have been enabled to effect here is no light guarantee.

And now, sir, in taking leave of you, permit us to offer you our best wishes for your continued prosperity and happiness wherever you may be, and in every relation of life; and be pleased to accept at our hands this slight testimonial of the esteem and affection with which we shall ever regard you; may it sometimes serve to remind you, not disagreeably, of the period of your residence here; and be assured that, if the recollection of Canada should ever induce you to revisit our soil, you will receive from none a more cordial welcome than from those who have been associated with you.

ANSWER.

GENTLEMEN,—I beg to return you my most hearty thanks for the very handsome present you have made me, and for the kind expressions you have used in the address, which has just been read. I wish, indeed, that I could feel that I deserved one half the praise you have bestowed upon me. I wish I could feel that I could fairly appropriate the share which you seem disposed to attribute to me in the success of this College. On that success I cannot but look with pride, not only as having held office in the society, but as being still a member of it. When I think of the contrast which our present position presents to that which we occupied when we commenced operations, nearly five years ago, there is, indeed, great cause for satisfaction. We had then to ask students to join this College for the probable advantage of a Degree in a University, which did not then exist; we had to begin with scanty numbers, and under many unavoidable disadvantages. All the daily routine which now seems so natural had then to be arranged, and it remained still to be seen whether the tone of this Society should become that which it happily has become—a help to those placed over you—or, as it very easily might have become, a grievous hindrance. I can assure you that coming here, as I did, without experience, to a post of such responsibility, I did feel no little anxiety for the future, and that, as you have said, the position was one of no ordinary difficulty. But, I cannot forget either—I should be very ungrateful if I did forget—the advantages which I possessed to enable me to bear my share of this responsibility. I have always felt, and I still feel, that I owed much personally to those among you, who were with us, when the College opened—to their cheerful submission to discipline, to which they were unaccustomed, and the way in which the many inconveniences of those first two terms were borne. Moreover, I had a colleague, the memory of whom is, I know, gratefully cherished by those of you who were acquainted with him, with whom it was always a pleasure to co-operate. And above all, I had to work under one to whose kindness and firmness both you and I owe more than we should be easily able to express. And remembering this, I can take but little credit to myself for any share that I have had in the success of this college. Any good that I may have done is merely a proof of what a man may effect by the daily discharge of routine duty.

But although I must thus almost protest against the undue importance which you have given to my exertions, I must assure you that

all the kind expressions you have used, as well as your good wishes for me for the future, have given me very sincere pleasure, as being an evidence of your kindly feeling towards me on my departure. I confess I would rather believe that I carry that away with me than that I deserve all your praises. And I can assure you also that I do most unaffectedly return that kindly feeling. Your very kind present would of itself prevent my forgetting this college, but, indeed, without that reminder there was no danger of my forgetting it. You will not expect me to tell you that my return to England is a cause of sorrow to me. You will remember that England is to me what Canada is to most of you; but I can assure you that in spite of the pleasant prospect of rejoining friends, from whom I have been so long separated, I cannot leave this place without a sharp feeling of regret: and I only trust that in whatever situation I may find myself hereafter, I may not have cause to wish myself back in my little lecture-room in Trinity College, where, at any rate I should be sure of meeting with no conduct towards myself, which would not be courteous and respectful.

And now I will only add that it will ever be my most earnest hope and prayer that it may please God that this College may go on and prosper. It is very pleasant to feel that its conduct is in such good hands. That there is every reason, humanly speaking, to expect that it will do so. "A seminary of sound learning, and religious education," we may safely say it is; where motives for diligence and obedience may be drawn from the highest authority, and where real mental training has not been made to give place to the acquirement of superficial information. That it may long continue to be so, and all of you its members may ever do honour to the principles on which it has been founded, is, I think, the best wish which I can express to you in wishing you good bye.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

KING'S COLLEGE.

THE WELSFORD TESTIMONIAL.

Dr. Almon of Halifax, has taken a generous and liberal way of celebrating the fame of a Crimean hero, by uniting his name for all time coming with the diffusion of sound education. The following correspondence we find in the *Halifax Church Times*:—

To the Governors of King's College, Windsor.

GENTLEMEN,—It is my intention to endow King's College, Windsor, with ten shares in the Preferential Stock of the Halifax Water Company, the annual income accruing from which I wish to be appropriated as a prize, to be called the "Welsford Testimonial."

The prize to be competed for in the month of June, by all students who have not kept more than three terms.

The examination to be conducted by the President and Professors of the College, and by an equal number of examiners appointed by the committee of the incorporated Alumni.

The candidates shall be examined in all the branches learnt by the first year's students.

The prize, either in money or in books (at the option of the President) shall be presented in the College Hall to the successful candidate, upon the anniversary of the attack upon the Redan, in which Major Welsford fell, and the President or some one of the professors or students deputed by him, shall pronounce a Latin oration in commemoration of Major Welsford's gallant and loyal death.

If at any examination, none of the candidates shall be deemed by the examiners deserving of the prize, it shall be appropriated to the purchase of books for the College Library, under the direction of the committee of the Association Alumni. The shares in the Water Company shall be held in the name of the Governors of King's College, Windsor.

Your obedient servant,
WILLIAM J. ALMON.

Halifax, Sept. 26, 1856.

DEAR SIR,—I beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th instant, which was laid before the Governors of King's College, at a meeting of the Board held this day.

I am directed in reply to inform you that, on motion of the Hon. the Chief Justice, seconded by A. M. Uniacke, Esq., D. C. L., it was unanimously resolved, that "the Governors most thankfully accept the offer of Dr. Almon to endow a prize at King's College, Windsor, in memorial of the late gallant Major Welsford (an alumnus of the College,) to be called the 'Welsford Testimonial, and that the Secretary be desired to communicate this resolution to the generous donor."

Permit me to add, that it affords me, personally, sincere pleasure to be the channel of this communication.

I am, dear sir, yours faithfully,
JAS. C. COCHRAN, Secretary.

To W. J. Almon, Esq., M. D.

The *Halifax Church Times* of October 18, supplies us with the following report of the Annual Meetings of the Church Society, and of the Diocesan Assembly of that Diocese:—

The past week has been occupied by the majority of the Clergy of the Diocese in attending the business connected with the Annual Meeting of the Diocesan Assembly, which commenced its first regular meeting, or Convention of the Clergy and Laity, on Thursday morning at the Bishop's Chapel. The whole proceedings are of much interest, and will have consequences of great importance in the future history of the Provincial Church.

The Rev. J. M. Campbell delivered an excellent discourse on Sunday morning in St. Paul's, on behalf of the Diocesan Church Society, after which a collection was taken in aid of its funds, which amounted to £18 19s. 8d. The sermon in the evening was preached by the Rev. T. H. White—and the collection taken amounted to £6 19 7d. The Rev. H. Deblois preached at St. Luke's in the morning, in the same behalf. The collection realized the sum of £10 19s. 3d.

On Tuesday the Business Committee of the Diocesan Assembly met at the Episcopal residence, to prepare the business proceedings for the deliberation of the Assembly on Thursday.

Pursuant to previous notice, the Holy Communion was celebrated at St. Paul's on Wednesday morning, the Clergy and many of the Lay representatives of the country parishes being present. In the afternoon, at two o'clock, the Annual Meeting of the Diocesan Church Society, for the despatch of business, was held at the National School. The meeting was numerously attended by the clergy, all of whom are members by right of their office, and by the laity of the rural parishes, who had come to town purposely to take an interest in the ecclesiastical proceedings of the week.

The business of the meeting was opened with prayer by the Lord Bishop. The Annual Report was read, received and adopted. Various subjects of an interesting nature concerning the operations of the Society were discussed. Five