

required by the Archbishop of Canterbury to call to gether a similar Convention on the subject of the vacant Bishopric, that scarcely 25 laymen made their appearance from the country in consequence of the difficulties above stated, and that the Executive Committee of the Diocesan Society sat with them (tho' not voting) and the Clergy were thereby enabled to have the opinions of such men as the Chief Justice, Mr. Almon, Judge Bliss, and others, on the matters under discussion.

A LAYMAN.

Reverend Editor of the Church Times:

SIR,—As you occasionally notice examples of generous consideration on the part of the people toward the Clergy, occurring abroad, I am gratified at being able to acquaint you of a similar instance nearer home. The Rev. P. J. FILLBUL, Rector of Weymouth, was lately presented with a very handsome and substantial light Carriage. The cost of this appropriate mark of esteem and respect was sixty dollars, which was contributed by a few zealous and praiseworthy members of his flock. I request publication of this, in the hope that other parishes may be led to evince the same commendable spirit. S.

The Church Times.

HALIFAX, SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 1854.

COLLEGE AGENCY.

No. 14.

To P. C. HILL, Esqr.

Sec'y Incomp. Alumni K. g's Coll.

I left Pictou on the 17th inst, for this place, much cheered and encouraged by the success I met with there, as communicated in my last.

On the way hither I stopped at Pugwash, (64 miles) sufficiently long to see all likely to contribute to the College.

The Rev. Mr. Stamer had been absent for a few weeks, preparing for the removal of his family; but Mr. Chandler (Barrister) and Mr. Dewolf, both of them Churchwardens, kindly assisted me in my work. From them, Mr. Pinco, Mr. Bent and Mr. Ferguson, (once at the Collegiate School,) I received subscriptions amounting to about £10.

I hope however, that when the Missionary returns more will be done both here and at Wallace, which I was reluctantly obliged to pass through without stopping.

I trust the members of our Church in that place will not look upon it as a slight, but will kindly hand over to Mr. Stamer, or forward to me, some contribution to the Endowment. There need be no fear that in so doing their local objects will suffer. I have frequently heard from my Brethren, while on this Agency, the confession that the fears they once entertained on this score are groundless, and they are now convinced that the hearts and purses of their people will be more freely opened, in consequence of the College movement, than they were before.

I arrived at Amherst on Friday evening, and have since received from Rev. Mr. Townshend and his people the utmost attention, and the most ready co-operation. I preached in the Parish Church on Sunday morning to a good congregation, well ordered, and having an excellent choir. I called the attention of the people to the object of my visit, in reference to which notices had been put up in the town, as well as given out in the church, for a public meeting in the Court House on Monday evening. In the afternoon I again preached in the new and very neat church at Afton. On the morning of Monday, we availed ourselves of a cessation in the gale which had been blowing for two days, and passed over to Sackville N. B. for a few hours, in the course of which, I paid my respects to the venerable Judge Botsford, now 82 years of age, but still bright, cheerful, and erect, and still disposed to help in every good work, as he testified by handing me a donation for ours. The Rev. T. N. Dewolf, Dr. Knapp (once at the Academy), and Mr. Henry Allison likewise assisted me.

Christopher Wilson, Esq., kindly undertook to follow up the matter by seeking further offerings, and I have left a list with him for the purpose.

I then hastened back from this little predatory incursion across the border, to attend our promised meeting at Amherst.

We were favoured with a pleasant evening, and a good attendance.

Mr. Townshend introduced the business of the evening, by suitable remarks, and by very earnestly inviting his people to respond liberally to the call which I came here to make.

After my statement was finished, R. B. Dickey, Esq.

gave us a very pleasing address, in the course of which he expressed in a very feeling manner his regard for the Institution at Windsor, and paid a warm and gratifying tribute to the memory of its first Instructor. He also eulogised our present scheme, and recommended to all around him, of whatever denomination, to give it their hearty support. He was followed by C. J. Stewart, Esq., in a warm and animated appeal, couched in terms of affectionate regard for the seminary in which he had passed several happy years.

Mr. Dolaney then came forward, and in a plain and earnest manner, gave several sound and sufficient reasons why he felt bound to help us to the utmost of his power. All these gentlemen at once gave practical proof of their sincerity, by putting down their names on the subscription paper. Mr. Dickey headed it with the noble donation of *One Hundred Pounds*, which at once gave an important and powerful impetus to our movement. The other three, together with Mr. Townshend, made up on the spot the hundred No. two.

A third hundred was forthwith commenced, by Mr. John Stubbs, who gave £25, which on the following day was readily increased by the like contribution from Messrs. Ester, (a worthy farmer living sixteen miles away,) W. Moore and John Hillson. Besides which, upwards of £30 was taken in smaller sums. I ought not to omit to mention, that the very first donation I received here was £5 from Dr. Tupper, a highly respectable gentleman of the Baptist denomination.

Another pleasing item in our collection, is the offering of the young ladies in Mrs. Hatchford's Boarding School, an excellent establishment, well worthy of more general support.

These young girls, all sitting together in the freshness of their early prime, with their Preceptress at their head (now I am sorry to say clad in the garb of mourning, in consequence of a recent and most heavy bereavement) were, in my eyes, and to my heart, the most attractive and interesting portion of the assemblage that evening. May the grace of the Holy One rest upon them all, and make them as "polished corners of His Temple." Their contribution was entirely their own, out of their private allowance of pocket money.

It would be well, if in other schools, and families likewise, this example were followed, and the young hearts were thus early trained to feel the blessedness of giving. James S. Morse, Esq. was present at the meeting, and pledged himself to follow in the good track of his neighbours, who so handsomely stepped forward in behalf of the College. I hope in my next to be able to state that he has redeemed that pledge.

You will thus see that in Amherst and the vicinity, I have already secured about *TWENTY HUNDRED AND FIFTY POUNDS*, and I hope we are not yet at the stopping point. A very wholesome spirit of enquiry has been aroused among persons of various denominations in reference to the College. Prejudices have been dispelled. Interest has been awakened, and attention directed, more than ever, to Windsor, as the place where all classes may now obtain a liberal education, and to which especially Churchmen should look for the supply of the Ministry in this land.

Aug. 22, 1854.

JAS. C. COCHRAN.

By telegraphic communication from the Rev. Editor, dated Aug. 23, we are requested to state as what took place at the meeting, that—"Mr. Hatchford, among the speakers, made appropriate and useful remarks—and is one of the four subscribing the second hundred."

Another telegraphic despatch dated Aug. 24, from the same source, states,—“We have reached Five hundred and Fifty Pounds here.” Verily, the work goes bravely on.

In answer to “A Layman” we have not time to spare for more than a few words at present. We believe that the Delegates ought to be Parishioners, and this seems to be implied in the requirement of a Certificate from the Clergyman of the Parish which they represent, that they have been communicants for twelve months. We should have supposed that the expression “separate Cure” could only be interpreted in one way. The whole of the congregations under the charge of any one Clergyman form but *one Cure*. Of course the representation will be unequal, the two delegates will in some cases represent a large and in others a small number of constituents, but this occurs under every representative system, and on the plea that it contains a large proportion of the wealth and intelligence of the Province, Halifax might as reasonably expect to have a large number of Members in the Legislature, as in the Church Assembly. We know that there

must always be a difficulty in finding qualified men able and willing to bear the expense of coming to Halifax, but the difficulty is likely to be less at the proposed time than at any other; for it is to be observed that his Lordship has selected the Exhibition week for holding the Assembly, and we understand that he has done so because a larger attendance of Country Members may then be expected. Moreover this impediment is overcome in every Diocese in the United States, even in the poorest and most extensive. If the periodical Meetings mentioned by the Bishop are decided upon, the Meeting will of course make its own regulations for future Elections; but we do not believe that the Country Parishes will be inclined to admit that they cannot find fit representatives amongst their own communicants.

Fires.—On Sunday morning last, at the commencement of Divine service, the fire bells rang an alarm which summoned the citizens, as it happened, to a series of accidents, all in their nature sufficiently alarming. The people of the north end of the city, ran with the engines stationed there, to Mainland-street, south of St. George's Church, where a fire was discovered on the roof of a cooper's shop, which they soon succeeded in quenching. The bells still continuing their ominous peal, it was then ascertained that another fire was raging at Government House, and on proceeding there, a concourse of persons and nearly the whole force of the fire establishment, were collected, endeavouring to arrest the progress of the disaster. The soldiers too, as fast as they could be gathered from Church, and had changed their best uniforms, arrived at the scene. Flames were bursting from the roof of the body of the house, caused by a defective chimney, which had taken fire. About an hour afterwards an alarm was given that another fire had broken out in Water-street, and on proceeding there, the roof of a house was discovered in flames, occasioned it is supposed, by flakes of fire which had been wafted from Government House, having rested thereon. This after considerable exertions was soon subdued. About an hour thereafter the fire at Government House was also got under, altho' not until the roof of the main building had been consumed, and great damage had been done to the upper story of the edifice. The furniture lay about on the grounds, and in the old grave yard, in promiscuous confusion, guarded by the soldiers. His Excellency was absent on an excursion alongshore, and received intelligence of the fire by telegraph at Liverpool, on Monday morning, and left soon after in H. M. Steamer *Argus* for the city, where he arrived the same evening. Lady LeMarchant on the alarm of fire, first proceeded to the residence of the Master of the Rolls, and subsequently to the Waverley House, where the Governor and his family now temporarily reside.

From a misconstruction of the Telegraphic Despatch from Lunenburg, His Excellency's reception at Liverpool did not to the seeming show much cordiality on the part of the inhabitants, and a series of *contre tems* interfered with what was intended to be a burst of enthusiasm. His Excellency, (like his Royal Mistress at Edinburgh,) nearly caught the good folks of Liverpool, napping. They will be wide awake next time, we dare affirm. An Address was presented, however, and replied to, and a cavalcade accompanied him to the Falls.

The Legislature of Canada is summoned to meet for the Despatch of Business on Tuesday the 5th September next.

NOVA SCOTIA INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

1. The Exhibition will open in the Provincial Building, Halifax, on Wednesday the 4th day of October next, at 2 o'clock, p.m., and continue open for that and the nine following days (Sunday excepted.)

2. All Live Stock intended for Exhibition must be entered and on the ground on Wednesday the 11th day of October, at 8 o'clock, a.m. Prizes for this department will be awarded on the following day.

3. A List of all other articles intended for Exhibition must be forwarded (postage prepaid) to the Secretaries during the week previous to the Exhibition; and the articles themselves will be received at any time up to Tuesday the 3rd day of October, at 12 o'clock, noon.

5. No articles will be entitled to compete for prizes, but such as are the production, growth, or manufacture of the Province.

5. Live Stock entered for competition must have been owned and kept within the Province not less than three months prior to the Exhibition.

6. Articles from other countries are earnestly solicited, and a sum will be devoted to providing Diplomas or honorary prizes for all such foreign articles.

7. Since publication of the Premium List, a prize