

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

KING'S COLLEGE ENCŒNIA.—The Encœnia proceedings of this time-honoured institution are, says the *Hants Journal*, annually looked forward to with the deepest interest, and this year perhaps more than ordinarily so, as the proceedings were to be honoured with the presence of Bishop Courtney, who by his ability, geniality, and courtesy, grows in favor daily.

The proceedings of the day, commenced with the celebration of the Holy Communion in the Hensley Memorial Chapel, King's College, at 7.30 a.m., the Lord Bishop being the celebrant, assisted by Archdeacon Stevens, the President and Dr. Willets. The procession, which was the largest witnessed for several years, was formed at 10 a.m., in front of the College, and proceeded to the Parish Church singing the hymn "The Church's One Foundation." The Convocation sermon was preached by the Rev. G. G. Roberts, M.A., Rector of Fredericton, N.B., from Ephesians iii. 17, 18, 19. The sermon, a most eloquent one, and pleasingly delivered—was on the importance to the individual Christian, to the collective Church, and to a University, of being rooted and grounded, and built up in the love of Christ, in its breadth, and length, and depth, and height. The offertory, which was for the Restoration fund of K. C. amounted to \$27. The Lord Bishop pronounced the benediction, and the service closed with a recessional hymn.

The Convocation attracted the largest gathering seen in Convocation Hall for several years, including a goodly number of visitors from points east and west, evidencing the deep interest felt in these annual proceedings. At 2 p.m., the proceedings were opened by an address from the President, Rev. Dr. Brock, in which he reviewed the work of the Institute in its several departments during the past year; and announced that the celebration of the Centennial of the College had been postponed till A.D. 1890; the Board of Governors having decided that what took place in 1788 was the opening of the *School*; and that the actual opening of the *College*, as a separate Institution, did not take place till 1790. The Centennial of the Collegiate School will this year be suitably commemorated by the erection and opening of an admirable gymnasium, which is already making considerable progress towards completion. He concluded his address with thanks to the Rev. G. G. Roberts, for the able, thoughtful, and exhaustive exposition he gave in his sermon of the great principles which underlie the building up and the growth of a Christian University.

The following Degrees were conferred :

D.D.—*jure dignitatis*—the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia.

D.C.L.—*honoris causa*—The Rev. C. E. Stevens, L.L.D., Ph. D., Archdeacon of Brooklyn, New York. The Rev. John Ambrose, Rector of Digby.

The Rev. E. A. Crawley—*in absentia*.

M.A.—*honoris causa*—Wm. Thompson, Esq., of Rothesay, N.B.

DEGREES IN COURSE.

B.C.L., and D.C.L., on the Rev. A. M. McClelland, Ontario.

M.A.—The Rev. Clarence McCully, and C. A. Saunders, Esq.; also the Rev. N. R. Raven (*in absentia*.)

B.A. and M.A.—The Rev. David Parker Morgan, B.A., (Oxford), Rector of the Church of the Heavenly Rest, 5th Avenue, New York, (*in absentia*.)

B.A.—Messrs. W. R. Chipman, J. P. Silver, and Rev. C. H. Fullerton

L.S.T.—The Rev. W. J. Lockyer, (*in absentia*.)

The Valedictory on behalf of the student was delivered by Mr. J. P. Silver: after which

R. J. Hodgson, Esq., Q.C., as the Alumni orator delivered an able and eloquent address concluding by urging the friends of King's to make a grand effort in her behalf, so as to place her beyond any difficulty which might arise in the future. He asked the Bishop not to make a Cathedral at Halifax the sole crowning act of his Episcopate, but to take King's College into his heart, and bring it up to a position second to no other educational Institution, a work worthy of his valuable aid.

The Collegiate School prizes were then distributed by Dr. Tremaine to the prize-winners. The proceedings closed with an able address from Bishop Courtney, in which he is reported to have said:—"A great change had come over public opinion all over the world since this Institution received its Royal Charter. People were becoming more and more imbued with the spirit of democracy—and high-sounding titles were not considered as possessing much value in themselves. No institution is to be held in high estimation simply because it was founded by Royal Charter, but only when sound scholarship was the result of its work. The change observed now as compared with the past is—that if people cannot get as good an education for their sons and daughters in their own denominational institutions, they will seek it elsewhere. The people have come to understand that their children must be well educated in order that they may be thoroughly equipped for life's duties in whatever sphere they may be performed. People preferred to send their children to their own educational institutions, and it is the duty of all interested in King's College to provide for it the best teachers to be obtained, for which the necessary funds should be forthcoming. An enlarged curriculum of study, he thought, was an absolute necessity. His Lordship said they must not look to him as a Bishop for all these things, as it was impossible for him to give them. He pointed out that they must not expect King's College to flourish by simply glorifying themselves in the fact that they were in possession of the Royal Charter, but now that they had become possessed of it, they must endeavour to live up to it. *Punch* once gave a sketch of a lady who became possessed of some rare blue china, and after obtaining it she remarked to her husband: "Now, my dear, that we have got the china let us live up to it." (Laughter). Well, we have got a College with a Royal Charter, and let us live up to it.

RESIGNATION.—We understand that the Rev. Canon Maynard, D.D., Rural Dean, and for over thirty-three years Rector of Christ Church, Windsor, has tendered his resignation to the Vestry—intelligence which will be heard with sincere regret by his many friends in the congregation. From all we have learned during a brief residence in Windsor, we think we can conscientiously say that no more faithful pastor ever ministered to the spiritual wants of a congregation than has the Rev. gentleman referred to.—*Hants Journal*.

LOCKEPORT.—We understand that the Rev. Simon Gibbons has accepted the charge of the parish of Parsboro, and severs his connection with Lockeport Sept. 30th. Lockeport is a compact parish and needs a man of good common sense and full of the spirit power to guide it. A good worker is needed to take the place of Rural Dean Gibbons.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

CHURCH SOCIETY.—The General Committee of the Diocesan Church Society met in Trinity Church School-house, on the morning of the 3rd July, when, on motion of Rev. Canon Brigstocke, Sir Leonard Tilley was unanimously elected Chairman. Sir Leonard thanked the committee for the confidence placed in him, and asked their indulgence in performing the

duties of the office. He regretted the absence of the Metropolitan and the Coadjutor Bishop, both of whom were engaged on an important Mission.

Prayers were offered by the Secretary, Rev. Canon Ketchum.

The roll-call was then read, after which the Secretary read an abstract of his report recounting the many difficulties experienced the past year in connection with the Mission work of the Diocese.

Reports from fifty-four of the Missionaries were submitted.

These on the whole showed satisfactory progress, though in some instances there appeared to be cause for anxiety through the removal of families to other parts of the Dominion or to the States.

At the Evening Session the Schedule of the Home Mission Board was taken up and considered item by item. The parishes were grouped under the Deaneries to which they are attached. The amounts passed were as follows :

Deanery.	Contribu'm.	Grants.	Giebs.	Stipend.
Chatham	\$2,849	\$4,820	\$276	\$5,096
Fredericton..	3,490	3,680	82	3,762
Kingston	4,230	5,930	1,005	7,165
St. Andrews.	2,250	2,780	94	2,774
St. John.....	5,420	4,288	250	4,538
Shediac.....	1,445	1,300	210	1,510
Woodstock..	3,390	6,158	116	6,274

Total..... \$22,984 \$29,656 \$2,033 \$31,689

The Schedule passed with scarcely a dissenting voice—rather an unusual occurrence. Only two parishes, Cambridge and Campobello, were asked to be referred back to the Board.

The Treasurer, on motion, was ordered to pay over the grants, on the usual terms being complied with.

The Executive Committee was then chosen as follows:—Hon. B. R. Stevenson, C. R. Parkin, R. T. Clinch, A. A. Sterling, I. Allen Jack, John Black, C. A. Macdonald, C. N. Vroom, G. E. Fenety, D. L. Hanington, C. B. L. Jarvis, A. F. Street, T. W. Daniel, Judge Wilkinson, C. F. Kinnear, R. P. Starr, C. W. Weldon, G. Sydney Smith, Hurd Peters, John Moore, Dr. Brown, H. L. Sturdee, W. K. Crawford, T. Barclay Robinson.

The report of the Book Depository Committee showed a falling off in the sales during the past year of \$91.35; the total for year ending 30th April last, being \$855.37.

Twenty-two importations of publications have been made during the year. The circulation of *The Dawn of Day* has increased from 636 copies per month in 1887 to 1,063 copies per month in 1888. The committee drew the attention of the clergy and others to the advantages which this Depository affords for supplying or replenishing Sunday-school libraries with the best and newest kind of publications at the same price as charged by the Society in England. Accompanying the report was a financial statement, showing the receipts to be \$1,933.14, of which there was a balance on hand of \$1,076.72. The stock on hand and imported was placed at \$2,551.40; sales to 30th April, 1888, \$845.25. The assets of the committee were estimated at \$2,215.47, which exceeded the liabilities \$1,415.47.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

EPISCOPAL VISITATION.—The Charlottetown *Examiner* says: "It is reported that His Lordship Bishop Courtney, confirmed more than three hundred persons while upon the Island. This encouraging fact seems to augur well for the future of the Church of England in P. E. Island. One thing is patent, that during his comparatively short sojourn in our midst Bishop Courtney has won the hearts of everybody, and very much encouraged those who have been brought under his powerful spiritual influence."