

Worcester Church Society.

FOR THE CHURCH TIMES.

THE Annual Meeting of the Chester Branch of the Diocesan Church Society, took place in the Church School House, on the evening of Wednesday the 13th inst. It is not to be expected that in a Society like this, whose operations are becoming every year more uniform in their character, there can be much of variety to record. This however affords no just grounds of discouragement. On the contrary, it should rouse every remnant of the Church of Christ, especially in those days of lukewarmness and indifference, to renewed exertion. At about half past 6, a few verses of the Evening Hymn were sung, and the meeting having been opened with prayer, the Rector made some prefatory remarks, and then called upon the Rev'd. Mr. Smith to move the first Resolution.

Resolved.—That as we have received the Gospel freely from our Almighty God, and have hitherto had it freely propagated amongst us, through the instrumentality of noble and generous Societies in the Mother Country, so we ought freely to give according to our abilities towards planting it deeply and permanently in every portion of our own Province.

The Reverend gentleman addressed the meeting at some length, enforcing the duty which rested upon Christians "freely to give" towards the support of the Gospel, and upon Churchmen of this Province to do so, in support of an Institution upon which, humanly speaking, the existence of the Church in Nova Scotia must in future principally depend. This Resolution was seconded by Mr. Joseph Morgan, Church Warden.

The 2nd Resolution was moved by Mr. John Feader, Church Warden, and seconded by Mr. William Martin.

Resolved.—That we have heard with heartfelt joy of the increase of Missionaries, in our own Diocese, through the means of this Society, and desire especially to express our thanks for the grant continued to this Parish towards the salary of an assistant Missionary.

The 3rd Resolution was moved by Mr. Joseph Whitford, seconded by Mr. Thomas Whitford, and supported by Mr. John Hawbolt.

Resolved.—That as Christ Jesus the Saviour came not to seek his own happiness, but ours, so should every Christian follow His example, by using every proper means in his power, for the conversion of all men, and their ultimate sanctification through His great and only sacrifice.

The 4th Resolution was moved by Mr. Charles Lordly, seconded by Mr. Charles Walters, and supported by Mr. James Bond, Senr.

Resolved.—That we record our gratitude to Almighty God, for the success that has hitherto attended the efforts of the D. C. S., the objects of which Society claim our united sympathy and support, to the utmost of our ability.

Mr. Lordly addressed the meeting at some length, and with much earnestness, warmly recommending the D. C. S. to the support of all the members of the Church in this Province, and particularly to the Churchmen in this extensive Parish,—in which, he said, there was a large number who professed to be Churchmen, but who contributed very little of their means towards the support of the Church, and whose names had never as yet appeared upon the list of subscribers to the funds of this Society. He here mentioned the names of many, beginning with the A. the E. &c., down to Z., who had hitherto contributed nothing, although we were receiving so much annually for the support of an assistant Missionary, and other objects, while beside this, one-fourth of our annual subscriptions was funded, and reserved towards an endowment fund for our own Parish. He alluded to the assistance afforded by this Society towards the erection of the Fishermen's Church at Turn's Bay, the exertions of the Rev'd. Mr. Cochran, and the comfort which that clergyman's services afforded, as well to others as to himself, accustomed, as he always had been from early youth, to go to Church on the Lord's Day.

Several well selected extracts from copies of the *Churchman* published in New York, which had been kindly sent to the Rector, by a friend and fellow Churchman in that city, and likewise from the *Church*, published in Toronto, and from late numbers of the *Quarterly Papers* of the Society P. G. F., were in the course of the evening read by the different movers of the resolutions, affording pleasing information, and substantial evidence of the increase and prosperity of that portion of Christ's Church, to which we belong, and motives for greater exertion among Churchmen in this highly privileged Diocese. The officers of the past year were requested to hold office for the ensuing year. Many of the old members paid in their subscriptions, and some new ones were added to the list of subscribers. The Missionary Hymn was pleasingly sung in the course of the evening, and the interesting proceedings were closed by singing the Hundredth Psalm, and the Apostolic Benediction.

January 23th. 1851.

Correspondence.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CHURCH TIMES.

REV. SIR,

It may not be uninteresting to some of your readers, to be informed that a new Church was opened for Divine Service at Macan, distant eight miles from Amherst, County Cumberland, on Sunday the 1st instant. Notwithstanding the snow storm that prevailed, the little Church was completely filled by an extremely well conducted and attentive congregation. Prayers were read by the Rev. Donald Bliss, the Lessons and Communion Service by the Rev. T. N. Dewolf, and the Rev. T. D. Rad-

e. The beautiful Liturgy of our Church seemed to have a peculiar impressiveness in that retired spot, elicited by

"woodlands wild." Nor was the musical part of the service less impressive, nearly the entire congregation having joined in singing the fine old Hundredth. This part of the worship of God was rendered more attractive by the assistance of a Melodeon, handled with excellent taste and execution by Miss Hatchford, of Amherst. The sermon was preached by the Rev. the Rector of the Parish, and was listened to with marked attention. "One object (he observed) he had in view in building a Church where members of the Church of England were few in number, was to exhibit to the descendants of Churchmen, what the church of their fathers really was, and thus to enable them to judge of its merits from their own experience, and not by the representations of the prejudiced."

The Church though small, is a model of architectural taste, and reflects great credit on the Rev. George Towne, the architect, by whose exertions it has been erected. Its peculiarities are, an exceedingly high pitched roof, with open timber work on interior—narrow lancet windows, which however afford quite sufficient light. The chancel window (in a three-light form, is filled with stained glass. The walls on the outside are not formed of clapboards in the usual style, but of planks placed vertically, the joints being covered with battens, this gives a less wooden-like and a more substantial appearance to the building. Among the contributors for the erection of this place of worship, I have heard honorable mention of Mr. Long, who gave the site, Mr. Hill of Amherst, and the Rev. Messrs Simonds and Bliss. The Church is, I understand, to be consecrated by the Bishop of Nova-Scotia, early in summer.

I am, Sir, Editor,

Yours truly,

A SOJOURNER AT AMHERST.

KING'S COLLEGE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CHURCH TIMES.

SIR,

As the Incorporated Alumni of King's College will shortly be called upon to exercise the important right of electing eight new Governors, who with the Bishop, the Chief Justice, Rev. D. McCawley, the Hon. J. B. Uniacke, and Lewis M. Wilkins, Esq., will form the governing body of the Institution at the more important era in its history, I wish through your columns to address a few words to the electors on the subject.

It is admitted by all, without any disparagement to the present Professors, that the College, to keep pace with the progress of the world, and to meet the requirements of those who must be educated up to its highest advances, to be fitted to contend on equal ground with every rival, in their respective professions, needs a large and immediate extension in the staff of Professors, and the scope of the education afforded by it.

The present income of the College is utterly inadequate for this purpose, being barely sufficient to maintain it in its present state. It will devolve upon the new Board of Governors to grapple with the case with energy and determination to adopt such plans for increasing the resources of the College as shall be at once judicious and feasible, and to persevere in the task with such determination to succeed as shall carry them unwearied through all its trials and difficulties. It becomes then a matter of the deepest importance to select such men as shall be both fitted and disposed to enter heartily into these views, men of practical and business habits, who have the interests of the College at heart, and who will not shrink from a large amount of labor in its cause. It cannot be disguised that for many months the new board of Governors must meet frequently, and exercise much thought and judgement in making the most of the present resources of the College, and carrying out the plans of extension and improvement at which I have already hinted. They should therefore be as much as possible residents in Halifax, for the urgency of the case will not admit of long intervals between the meetings of the board, and we cannot expect gentlemen from a distance to make such frequent journeys to the metropolis.

It will be but a proper compliment to the New Brunswick Alumni to elect either one or two from that Province. Windsor itself is well represented by two of the Governors for life, the Rev. Dr. McCawley and Mr. Wilkins—and as none either of the latter or the New Brunswick Governors can be expected to attend the meetings, except very occasionally, it becomes almost a matter of necessity to appoint such gentlemen as can attend constantly.

As evidence of what may be expected from any gentleman to be elected to this office, I know none better than what has been already done by those members of the Associated Alumni who have been most active and zealous in aiding the Institution in that capacity.

If such persons in all other respects suitable can be found in the ranks of that body, let us lay aside every other feeling than that of a desire to promote the real interests of the College, and with a determination to vote for none who will not give themselves heartily and vigorously to the work, elect the men best fitted to carry out our plans, without regard to age or official position, or indeed any other qualifications than fitness for this important office.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,
A GRADUATE.

January 23th. 1851.

FOR THE CHURCH TIMES.

MR. EDITOR,

In compliance with a request you some time since made, I now forward to you the *Notitia Parochialis* of

the Parish of St. Stephen, Chester, for the year 1850. Baptisms 108 Infants, and 1 Adult. Marriages 77 Burials 27.

The present Incumbent has had charge of the Parish for well nigh thirty-two years. During that period there have been, Baptisms 2,502 Infants, and 1 Adult. Marriages, 406. Burials, 461. Number of persons confirmed in the Parish by the late Bishop 628. By the present Bishop of the Diocese 162. Total 690. Present number of communicants 243. Greatest number present at one time in the Parish Church 86. In the Church at Sherbrooke 34.—Comp

SONGS OF THE CHURCH.

No. 69.

BURIAL OF THE DEAD AT SEA.

"And the sea gave up the dead which was in it."—REV. xx. 13.

ALTHOUGH no friends were near,

To watch thy fleeting breath,

And weep upon thy bier:

Thy Saviour in His love was nigh,

To hear and grant thy suppliant cry,

And angels watch'd thy death.

The scenes of troubled life

Awaken no alarm

To thee, though storms are rife,

Though tempests rend the frowning sky,

And ocean fling her waves on high,

The wind and sea are calm.

The fathomless profound

Shall be thy quiet bed:

Thou'rt rest until the sound

Through all the ocean-caves shall ring

The summons of thy God and King—

"O sea give up thy dead!"

News Department.

From Papers by R. M. Steamship Niagara, Jan.

ENGLAND.

On Saturday the 17th, Sir R. H. Inglis, as treasurer, presided at the annual distribution of the benefactions to poor curates and clergymen of the Established Church, given at this season by the Corporation of the Sons of the Clergy.—

"The cases of ninety three poor clergymen in England and Wales were investigated, and sums of £10 to £20 were given to 80. The benefactions reasonably distributed are mainly limited, by the benevolent persons who bequeathed them to its corporation, for curates in actual duty, but as there is always a large number of clergymen applying who are not eligible for assistance from these benefactions, consequence of having temporarily lost their curates, or being incapacitated by mental or bodily disease, superannuated, or in possession of small benefactions, governors have recourse to a 'special fund,' which established some years ago to meet such cases. In the present occasion, whilst £817 was given for the appropriate funds to fifty-six curates in actual duty, £235 was awarded from the 'special fund' to forty other clergymen. The applications came from parts of England and Wales, and disclosed the sources of distress, to which so large a body of the clergy must ever, in many of its members, be unavoidably exposed. Numerous other applications which arrived too late for consideration in the present case, will be submitted to the governors in January, which time we cordially hope the funds may be replenished.

"In June next, another class of benefactions, for benefited clergymen with small incomes and families, will be distributable.

"Having thus relieved, as far as the funds will allow, the several cases of distress amongst the clergy, the governors proceeded to consider applications for the widows, aged single daughters, and other dependent clergymen, and appropriated amongst them £11,000 for donations, educational grants, outfit, and apprenticeship."

On the 21st inst., the somewhat novel ceremony of consecrating an English abbot was performed by Cardinal Wiseman at the church of St. Gregory, Burder, the abbot elect, abandoned the Continent about eight years ago, and entered the Trappist monastery of St. Bernard, in Leinster, where he rendered himself so acceptable to his brethren that at the end of three years they elected him Superior. The provincial-general of the order, however, would not ratify the election, on account of the short time the doctor had served in the monastery, and he was therefore obliged to content himself with the four years more with the secondary dignity of Prior. On Wednesday Cardinal Wiseman installed him in his full rank, and Dr. Burder, as Abbot of St. Bernard's, with shaven crown and Carmelite gown, knelt up and down the church between two Italian monks, all with their croziers before them, and the choir thundered out an impressive "Te Deum." Another Trappist monk took part in the ceremony, acting as the Cardinal's deacon, his powerful brass