

The Church Times.

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[Continued from last week.]

COLLEGE AGENCY.

THE day after my last communication I spent in visiting the friends of the College in the neighbourhood of Windsor, preparatory to the Public Meeting before alluded to. On Friday I visited the Forks, and Falmouth, where Church people are scarce, but where some donations were promised. That District has now the benefit of Judge Debarros' residence within it, at Castle Frederick, on one of the forks of the Avon. I called on the Judge, tho' a good deal out of my way, and met a kind reception, and a promise to contribute. Col. Shey is one of the oldest inhabitants, a strong Churchman, and highly respected wherever he is known. He resides in the lower part of Falmouth, and I was sorry to find him on a bed of sickness, which is an unusual thing for him, tho' in his 82d year. I could only commend my object to his worthy Lady, assured that by neither will the College be forgotten. Saturday was a boisterous day of wind and rain, such as none would venture out in, except under circumstances of strong necessity. Yet my friend, Rev. Geo. Hill, braved its pitiless peltings for the sake of King's College, having travelled all day in an open waggon, to fulfil his appointment for Monday. The roads in many places were much injured by the floods. On Sunday I went to Newport, where the state of the weather operated against the attendance. Yet there were a goodly number present. Mr. Spike was at Walton. By the time the subscription list in this Parish is closed, I have little doubt that it will show £200 for the College, which certainly will be highly creditable to a Parish with its full proportion of local burdens, and not numbering a very large body of members. I left the list in good hands to gather up farther contributions.

On Monday evening a very large and respectable meeting gathered in the neat Temperance Hall, the use of which had been kindly given for the occasion, at some inconvenience to the Division. The Chair was taken by the Rector, who opened the business of the evening by singing part of the 100th Psalm, and by prayer for the Divine blessing. He then set forth in a long and earnest address, the objects for which the meeting had been called, and in which he warmly invited the zealous co-operation of all present. He then called upon A. M. Uniacke, Esq. to propose the first Resolution, expressive of a sense of the benefits conferred by King's College on Society at large, and on this community in particular, from its formation to the present time. I need not say that this subject was ably handled. He went fully into the past history of the College—detailed its various ups and downs—gave a clear statement of its financial position—and concluded by enforcing its claims, with all that energy and eloquence for which he is so distinguished, upon those around him. The Resolution was seconded by H. King, Esq., D.C.L. The Chairman then called on Rev. Geo. Hill to move the next Resolution, which spoke of the absolute necessity of the College, as the source from which the Ministry of our Church is to be supplied. I wish that a Reporter could have attended to take down the excellent and animated address of both these sons of the Institution, whose cause they so ably advocated.

They were both listened to with marked attention, and I believe their appeals will have a good effect. So may it be. The Resolution was seconded by Major Myers.

A very general feeling was expressed, especially by those gentlemen who have tons to educate, for the revival of the Academy at the earliest possible period, and the Governors present agreed at the meeting that such was the wish of the Board. If those concerned would guarantee a certain sum for a definite period, to the Principal, it would facilitate the matter.

The noble example of Liverpool was dwelt upon by several speakers, and I am happy to say not without effect. A good imitation of the "Darrow" speech, and a gratifying repelition of his argument, was given by Hon. Dawelle, Esq., who came into the middle of the room, and with some interesting notices of the early history of the Institution, requested to be allowed to show his good will towards it by a subscription of ONE HUNDRED POUNDS. This announcement was received from one end of the room to the other with loud applause. It is to be hoped that this example of a gentleman who does not profess himself to be a member of

the Church of England, will be quickly followed by others who are so. Benj. Fraser, Esq., M. D., Presbyterian, also came forward, and in conjunction with some relatives, subscribed for another £100.

Some smaller donations were then handed in, and a Committee was appointed to make general application to the community. After singing the Doxology the assembly dispersed. Upon the whole this first meeting (at Windsor) in behalf of a College which has stood in their midst, for more than sixty years, was a gratifying one. There was a pleasing array of female friends to give zest to the proceedings, and I doubt not they have each already set aside a handsome contribution to await the arrival of the Committee.

Windsor, April 4. JAS. C. COCHMAN.
To P. C. HILL, Esq.
Secy. of Incorp. Alumni.

WE have much pleasure in publishing the following Addresses to the Revd. JOHN GRIFFITHS, a young Clergyman recently sent to this Diocese as a Missionary, by the S. P. G. Such testimony is highly complimentary to his ministration, coming from Churchmen, but where there is superadded a graceful tribute on the part of Dissenters, who have felt themselves benefitted by his services, it is if any thing a more convincing proof of the value of his labours, and of the estimation in which he is held, as a Christian pastor and sympathising friend. We add our prayers to those of the Addresses, for a prosperous voyage to his native land, and a speedy return to the duties of that sacred office he has so worthily filled:—

ADDRESS.

To the Rev. JOHN GRIFFITHS, MISSIONARY.

We, the Church Wards and Vestry of the Westport Church, cannot permit you to depart without a public expression of the regard and esteem we entertain for you as a Clergyman, and so feel sincere regret that we are to be deprived of your services for the next two months.

We gratefully call to mind the manner in which you have laboured amongst us the past eighteen months, for the spiritual welfare of your little flock. The sick have received comfort and consolation at your hands, and bear witness now devoutly and joyously your duties have been discharged.

In parting, our best wishes are with you, and that your fondest hopes of being conducted in safety to your native shores, and a happy meeting with those near and dear to you may be fully realized, is the fervent wish of your much attached friends.

EDWARD A. JONES.
JOSEPH B. HAYCOCK.
Wardens.

WM. B. VAIL,
B. P. LADD,

Westport, N. S. 27th March, 1854. For Vestry.

To the Reverend JOHN GRIFFITHS.

Rev. and Dear Sir.—We the Inhabitants of Sandy Cove, attached to the Church of St. Andrew, beg to assure you on your contemplated departure from the Land of your nativity, of our warm approbation of your clerical labours since you have been called to this station, and of the Lord's vineyard.

Your pulpit teaching has been in strict accordance with the pure and scriptural principles of our Church, which you have rendered more impressive by your example in the daily practice of those virtues that should adorn the Christian Minister.

Your indefatigable labours in relieving the sick and afflicted of all sorts, assures us you will be accompanied with the good wishes of the whole community.

We beg you to accept of this sincere expression of our esteem, and may it that rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, peace, be so, convey you to your parental home, and return us to this your home of adoption, is our earnest prayer.

(Signed by John Baillie, Esq., John Morhouse, Esq., Geo. Caird, Esq., Wm. Gidney, Esq., Joseph Gidney, Esq., Calvin Gidney, Esq. and others.)

Sandy Cove, 29th March, 1854.

To the Reverend J. GRIFFITHS.

Reverend and dear Sir.—We the Inhabitants of Rossway, beg leave to approach you on the eve of your departure for your native land with the assurance of the high esteem we entertain for you personally, and our cordial approbation of the zeal, ability, and discretion which you have ever shown in the discharge of your duties as a Minister of the Gospel, since you have been appointed to this Mission.

Altho' your ministration among us has not been of long duration, yet there are feelings connected with it which are deeply impressed on our hearts, such as should ever exist between the Pastor and the people over whom he has been called to watch, and we trust the words spoken by you may be like the bread cast upon the waters.

While we deeply regret the necessity of this short separation, you have our earnest prayers for your health, and a pleasant voyage across the great waters, and a speedy return to your affectionate flock.

(Signed by John A. Timpany, Esq., R. K. Timpany, Esq., James Timpany, Esq., Mr. George McKay, Mr. Isaac Burns, Mr. Thos. Burns, and others.)

Rossway, 29th March, 1854.

REPLY.

My dear Brethren.—I desire to return my heartfelt thanks to you all for your kind and graceful Addresses. Such tokens of satisfaction and esteem from the subjects of my first ministerial care, lead me to conclude that my "day of small things" has not been altogether unprofitably spent among you, whilst your high estimation of the ministrations of Christ's Church, teaches very forcibly how those who stand on its holy things should study to show themselves approved unto God, workmen that need not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. When I meditate upon my insufficiency for the work of the ministry, my only way of escape is through the merits of Him "who died for all." And under the trials

of a laborious and responsible office, my only encouragement is the hope that the labour of the Christian Missionary, however humble, if it is undertaken and discharged with a single eye to the glory of God, and with a firm reliance on his grace, shall not lose its reward.

If in the course of my ministering among you, when we took sweet counsel together and walked to the house of God as friends, you have derived any benefits of religion: not unto me, but unto the Lord give the praise.

I am happy to find you are convinced that, in advocating the great truths of Christianity as they are maintained by our holy and wise Church, my great aim has been to win souls to Christ, and to teach his people holiness.

And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.

With unmingled gratitude for your good wishes and prayers,

Believe me,
My dear Brethren,
Your sincere friend and affectionate Pastor,
JOHN GRIFFITHS.

ADDRESS.

To the Reverend JOHN GRIFFITHS.

Reverend Sir.—Having understood that you are about to leave us for a season to visit your native land, we cannot, on the eve of your departure, refrain from expressing our respect for you as a Gentleman, a Christian, and a servant of Jesus Christ.

Although, as Dissenters, we do not worship in the same sanctuary, or kneel at the same altar yet we have occasionally had the privilege of listening to your proclamation of the Gospel from the pulpit, and it has been gratifying to us to hear from your lips the announcement of those evangelical truths, which constitute the spiritual elements of our common Christianity.

When sickness has visited our families, you have ever been ready not only to administer the consolations of religion, but also gratuitously to afford valuable medical assistance, which we could not otherwise easily obtain, and for which we take this opportunity of expressing our high appreciation, as well as our gratitude.

Though differing from us in opinion with regard to some of the external characteristics of ecclesiastical observances, conscientiously entertained by you, we doubt not, as well as ourselves; and though you have never officially assailed others, or manifested those denominational asperities, which other professed preachers of peace and righteousness have too often exhibited.

You have indeed seemed to us to be imbued with the spirit of that angelic anthem which announced to the shepherds of Bethlehem the Saviour's birth: "On earth peace, good will towards men."

In conclusion, Reverend Sir, we wish you a pleasant passage across the wide ocean; and we pray your heavenly Father to give charge to the winds and the waves, that your voyage may be prosperous, and that in due time we may hail your return to this community.

(Signed by Revd. John C. Morse, (Baptist Minister), W. Saunders, Esq., Capt. Wentworth Saunders, Mr. Saml. Young, and others, Inhabitants of Sandy Cove.)

Sandy Cove, March 29th, 1854.

REPLY.

My dear Christian Friends.—Accept my sincere thanks for the pleasing Address which I have had the honour of receiving from you. Whilst I apprehend that your recommendations of my services are of too high a standard, yet it cannot but be gratifying to me to learn from the terms of your affectionate Address, that in discharging the sacred functions of my calling, at least I have not been found advocating any teaching that may not be received and appreciated by all who profess and call themselves Christians.

As regards any "medical assistance" I may have been able to render you, my dear Friends, I wish no other reward for it than your testimony that it has proved beneficial to those on whom it was bestowed. For the medical education which I had the pleasure of receiving at College, is designed to be subservient to my ministerial office—so that it is my privilege to use the sacred art of medicine "really as the handmaid of religion, for the purest and the holiest objects."

In return for your kind mention of my endeavours to preserve a friendly and peaceable relation with all those who differ from me in their mode of worship, I want to say that your conduct as well as as Christians, has ever appeared to me both consistent and consistent. And as I feel for me to observe, not only that I have never seen in you anything that tends to weaken or destroy the bond of peace which should unite all true Christians to their common Head; but that you have always endeavoured to encourage that "brotherly love" which is the fruit of genuine religion.

That we may never "fall out by the way," let us strive to "live peaceably with all men." Thus shall we be disciples of Him who, with the blood of His cross has purchased our pardon and peace, and our eyes having seen the Lord's salvation, we shall depart in peace, and shall be received into "the holy Jerusalem" where perfect everlasting peace for ever reigns.

Commending you and yours to the Grace of God,
I remain, my dear Christian Friends,

Most sincerely yours,

JOHN GRIFFITHS.

D. C. S.

Received

March 17—Weymouth,	£2 15 0
30—Mahone Bay,	0 7 6
30—St. George's, Halifax,	5 0 0
31—Chester,	10 0 0
31—Albion Mines,	12 10 0
April 3—Tusket,	6 8 2 1/2
6—Amherst,	0 8 1/2

EDWIN GILPIN, Jr., Secy.

THE following is a Memo. of the remittances received from Revd. J. STANNAGE, towards an endowment to provide for the services of an additional Missionary in his Parish:

1853—May 2	£ 40 Sterling.
August,	150 do.
October 26,	130 do.
December 31,	200 do.
1854—February,	270 do.

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