

Correspondence.

SONGS OF THE CHURCH

No. 49.

CONSECRATION OF CHURCHES.

"And mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attent unto the prayer that is made in this place. For now have I chosen and sanctified this House, that my name may be there for ever; and mine eyes and my heart shall be there perpetually."—2 Chron. vii. 15, 16.

O God of glory and of grace,
Whose presence fills all time and space,
Unlimited art Thou:
Before whose high and radiant throne,
Of Jasper and the Sardine stone,
The holy angels bow.

All we possess, O Lord is Thine,
Then come, and with Thy pow'r divine,
This House with glory fill:
O come and take it for Thine own.
Record Thy name, erect Thy throne,
And bend us to Thy will.

O Saviour! gathered in Thy name,
The promise of Thy word we claim,
As dew on Gideon's fleece;
The fount o' living light unseal,
And to our souls Thyself reveal,
The source of life and peace.

'Tis good to feel Thy presence near,
'Tis good Thy "still small voice" to hear,
In Zion's loved retreat;
And day by day with joy prolong
The matin pray'r and even song,
Before Thy mercy seat.

And through our life's remaining hours,
To guard its gates and watch its towers,
And rest its courts within:
Beneath its shade to watch and pray,
Until by angels borne away
Beyond the reach of sin. W. B.

The Church Times.

HALIFAX, SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 1853.

HOUSE OF REFUGE.

We are happy to say that this subject, unlike the most of those connected with public improvement among us, does not seem likely to go to sleep.

Since our notice of it, a respectable and influential meeting has been held at Dalhousie College, the Rev. Dr. Twining in the chair, at which the sketch of a plan for the desired Institution was submitted and adopted, and referred to a committee for final adjustment. Their report is to be presented to another general meeting to be held on Monday evening next; so that we trust there is little doubt of something effectual being done, and that speedily. The Hon. H. H. Cogswell, and M. B. Almon, Dr. Almon, Messrs. A. M. Uniacke, J. W. Ritchie, Scott, Rev. Dr. Ritchie, &c., took part in the proceedings.

We are gratified to be able to say that the Reverend Mr. Maturin, one of the Curates of St. Paul's, performed Divine Service, by request, on board the U. S. steamer Princeton, on Sunday morning last, to a most orderly and attentive congregation. We imagine that this is the first instance of such a duty being discharged by a Church Clergyman, on board of a ship of war belonging to another nation.

We hope it may be numbered among the cheering signs of the times, that "peace on earth and good will among men," are in rapid and happy progress among the nations of the world.

OBITUARY.—We regret to have to record the death on the 15th inst., at Annapolis, of Mr. Alfred Gilpin, the son of the excellent Rector of that Parish. We sincerely sympathize with our highly esteemed Brother in this day of his affliction, and we earnestly commend him to that well known source from whence he has so often been able to draw consolation for himself and his people, in all time of tribulation.

COLONIAL CHURCH CHRONICLE.—In the number of this journal for August, we find the following notice of the Church Times:—

"While on this subject of Colonial newspapers, we may take this opportunity of observing that, from the infrequent mention of the *Society for the Propagation of the Gospel*, in the pages of the *NOVA SCOTIA Church Times*, we must infer one of three things; either that the venerable Society never bestowed a fostering care upon that ancient Colonial diocese; or else that it has

withdrawn its support from the Nova Scotian missionaries; or, lastly, that it holds a very inferior place in the estimation of the editor, who brings forward the claims of all the multiform Societies of the day, before the claims of one, to which, as we thought, his diocese is greatly indebted. We ourselves also think (though always glad to take a place in the pages of the *Church Times*) that the editor ought to do us the justice to quote the journal from which he borrows our reviews and articles."

The editor does us great injustice. We will not yield to him, nor to any other friend of the S. P. G. in attachment to that Society. We advocated its claims, and proclaimed its merits, and detailed its beneficial operations in this and other parts of the world, long before the Colonial Church Chronicle was born. This is well known in Nova Scotia. And we would be ashamed of ourselves if it were otherwise. We are personally under deep obligations to that Society. In childhood, youth, and riper years, we have enjoyed its bounty, and deeply felt its liberality. For nearly 30 years we have been spending our best strength in its service. We are going on still, as one of its missionaries, and hope to be found thus employed when the day of work comes to an end. The C. C. C. Editor therefore never was more mistaken in his life than when he conjectured that the above Society hold "an inferior place in our estimation."—His assertion, too, is most unfounded, that we "bring forward the claims of all the multiform Societies of the day, before those of the one to which the Diocese is so much indebted." We meet that with a flat negative, and defy him to the proof. Neither is it a fact that there has been scanty mention of the Society in our pages. The very number from which he quotes (4th June), makes copious extracts from one of the occasional publications.

If these papers were regularly sent to us, we would be glad to use them more largely. Their visits however to the C. Times office are few, and are far between. But we need only refer to the last year's file of the C. T. to show, that while other journals have seldom referred to the S. P. G. except for its disparagement, we have pursued a very different course, and have repeatedly vindicated its claims to the gratitude of every member of the Church in these Colonies. We trust that no defective management, and no patronage of erroneous teaching, may ever put it out of our power to stand forth in its behalf, agreeable to the feelings with which we have ever regarded the Society from our earliest years.

As to the other charges that we have appropriated articles from the Chronicle without acknowledgement, we have only to say that if such has been the case, it has been quite accidental.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CHURCH TIMES.

Sir,—

Having lately met with a copy of the Statutes of Windsor College, printed by Edmund Ward in 1821, I was much surprised to find under the title "Oaths" at page 34, one requiring students before obtaining their degree to take the oath of supremacy, and subscribe to the Thirty-nine articles of our Church, and the three articles of the 36th Canon of 1603.

I have been always under the impression that this was not requisite, and that dissenters had graduated at Windsor without being compelled to take these oaths. I have also seen it in print that this Statute had been originally passed by the governors, through the influence of the late Chief Justice, in opposition to old Bishop Chas. Inglis, who about forty years ago obtained its repeal. If this is the case, why was it reprinted among the Statutes in 1821. Can any of your correspondents give an explanation of this matter. As there is now an attempt to be made to popularise the Institution, the public should have full information upon all subject connected with the College, that Churchmen may be prepared to repel the attacks of the enemy.

Yours,

N.

The oath referred to by our correspondent was repealed long before the edition of the Statutes of 1821, and we can only account for the insertion of it therein, by the carelessness of those concerned in the printing of the book.

Several Dissenters have graduated at Windsor, and can now conscientiously go through the whole course—there being no oath required but that of allegiance. We fully agree with our correspondent that it behoves the friends of the College to shew the prejudiced that all the old iron bars have been long since taken away.

We hope soon to hear of the Royal assent to the new Bill, after which we presume immediate steps will be taken to re-organize the Institution.

THE new Baptist Chapel at Liverpool, built in the old English style, has cost over £2,000.

A MAN named Joshua Coolah, of St. Margaret's Bay, was found drowned at Mores's wharf, on Sunday, and another, a man of color, at Mr. Dewolf's, on the same day.

LUNATIC ASYLUM.—What is doing about this great and necessary work, at Halifax? It will be seen by the subjoined extract from a St. John N. F. paper, that Miss Dix's visit in that quarter has resulted most generously on her part, and most satisfactorily, as to the success of the humane object. The same lady has come and gone from among us. What encouragement has she met with, and with what impressions has she left us,—as to our sympathy for the afflictions of our three hundred insane, and our zeal in providing for their relief?

It behoves the Government or the Board of Works, if the matter be under that jurisdiction, to break the doleful silence that reigns on this subject, and tell us why, when Newfoundland has actually struck the corner stone of her noble institution, Nova Scotia still lags behind.

We implore them to rest not any longer, but to take measures for (at least) having the foundations laid before winter,—which, let it be remembered, comes on apace.

It is not generally known, we believe, that Miss Dix when here adopted one of the most practical methods that could be resorted to, with the view of carrying into effect the object of her mission to this place.

She executed the following engagement, to test the practicability of the undertaking proposed.

"Appreciating the importance to Society of establishing curative Hospitals for the insane, and acknowledging the obligations of all christian communities and individuals to promote every reasonable plan for alleviating the sufferings and troubles of the sick and the distressed, I promise to pay to the Commissioners for the "Lunatic Asylum," of Newfoundland, on or before the first day of January, 1854, (God sparing my life) the sum of Fifteen hundred Pounds, on the condition following, to wit, that the full sum of Two thousand Pounds be assured by, and from, the citizens of St. John's and its vicinity, before the first of August, 1853.

(Signed) D. L. E. DIX, of Boston, Massachusetts. St. John's July 11th, 1853."

This noble offer was responded to by an agreement to pay on demand to the above Commissioners for the purpose of constructing the intended Asylum here, the sums subscribed on condition that the entire amount of £3000 be made up by Subscription or donation by the 1st of January, 1854.

To this agreement the Governor, and two of our leading merchants, to their everlasting credit be it told, subscribed their names for one hundred pounds each.

We sincerely trust and earnestly pray that this great and good measure will not stop at this point; indeed it is to be hoped that others are not only pausing to consider how much it will require that each should give, to ensure the attainment of this object.—*St. John, N. F. paper.*

D. C. S.

The Secretary of D. C. S. has great pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of £150 stg. collected in England by the unwearied labours of the Rev. J. Stannago for the Endowment of his Mission at St. Margaret's Bay in this Province.

COLONIAL CHURCH BILL.—It will be seen by our Parliamentary intelligence that this Bill, which must have passed the Lords, had been postponed in the Commons until another Session, a delay which is to be regretted. We give to-day from the C. C. Chronicle a portion of the Bill—conclusion in our next.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.—Rev. E. Maturin, subscription to Turn's Bay Church, £1. J. C. C.

☞ We have not heard of any letters from the Bishop by the last mail, nor can we speak from authority as to the period of his Lordship's return. It is conjectured that it will not be before October.

The Rev. Mr. Hill is not likely to return sooner, not being willing to quit the field while there is any chance of success for the objects of his mission.

☞ The noble R. M. Steamer *America* arrived from Liverpool on Tuesday afternoon, with 150 passengers. There was no variation in Turkish affairs up to latest dates. No blow had been struck, nor was there any indication of an amicable spirit on the part of Russia. We refer to extracts in another column.

☞ We are requested to state that an adjourned Public Meeting will be held in Dalhousie College—on Monday evening next, at half-past seven o'clock, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Committee appointed at the last meeting—with reference to the formation of a House of Refuge for the reception of Penitent Females.

THE HOME FRIEND.—This is a "Weekly Miscellany of amusement and instruction" published under the direction of the Committee of General Literature and Education of the S. P. C. K., published weekly at 13d a Number of 22 pages. It appears to be filled with useful matter, and can be seen at Mr. Gossip's Book Store.

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