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DOMINION.

NOVA SCOTIA.

PROFESSOR CLARK SPOKEN OF AS BISHOP.—We are not surprised to find Professor Clark, of Trinity College, spoken of, in connection with the Bishopric of Nova Scotia. Professor Clark has very few rivals in this continent in literary culture, he has great gifts as a preacher, is a splendid organizer and manager of men, and his winning manners and refinement of speech render him most popular with all with whom he is brought into contact. As a Churchman he stands high above party, having the gift of conciliation in a remarkable degree, and the power of presenting Church truth, so as to make all sides regard his teaching with satisfaction. His pulpit deliverances are marked by the results of scholarly research expressed with great plainness of speech. We doubt whether Prof. Clark would accept the Bishopric, even if offered, but of his pre-eminent qualifications and fitness for the office there can be no question.

We have authority to say that Professor Clark has distinctly declined to be nominated. It is at least twelve years since Mr. Clark first said "*Nolo Episcoparia*," and he has no intention, we understand, of changing his mind.

QUEBEC.

UNIVERSITY OF BISHOP'S COLLEGE.—Convocation.—The annual Convocation of Bishops' College, was held on the 17th June. Chancellor Heneker made an able address, dealing at length with the controversy in regard to higher education in Quebec, which has arisen from a movement intended to give a monopoly to the Roman Catholic Schools and Colleges. The Chancellor said: "We claim that privileges granted to the professions were granted to serve the public interests, and that in this instance the attempt to enforce a curriculum of study based on the French collegiate system, and which is not in accordance with the system under which the English minority is educated, is, in fact, a breach of the compact as to the rights of minorities entered into at Confederation."

He urged with much force the claims of the College upon the aid of the State, and thanked Dr. Hamilton and Rev. Dr. Mountain for gifts each of \$3,000, towards endowing the chair of pastoral theology.

Rev. Principal Adams then read his report which contained the following:—We have at present twenty-four students. The number during the Michaelmas term was twenty-one, and during Lent term twenty-five. There are four students in the divinity faculty; of the other twenty, one is already a deacon, sixteen are preparing for holy orders. Our present clerical students may be classified by dioceses as follows:—Quebec eleven, Montreal four, Ontario two, Niagara one, Fredericton one. Two others came from the American Church to us. As regards the teaching work, that of the divinity faculty has remained unaltered. In the arts faculty the help of a Cambridge graduate (Mr. F. W. Frith, B.A., King's College, Cambridge, classical honors, 1886), has been obtained.

Degrees were then conferred as follows:—

Hon. D. C. L.—Hon. L. F. R. Masson (in absentia), Hon. H. G. Joly.

M. A.—Rev. F. L. Stephenson, Rev. L. N. Tucker, J. A. Shaw, F. E. Meredith, Rev. A. B. Stevenson (in absentia).

B. A. with classical honors—A. Sharpe, G. H. A. Murray, E. A. Robertson, R. W. Wright, Rev. J. R. Williams.

B. A. Ordinary—C. P. Green, (ad eundem), Rev. C. D. Macdonald (Queen's, Kingston).

LL.B.—Victor Earnest Fontaine and Charles H. Langlois.

The title of licentiate of sacred theology was conferred upon the Rev. A. H. Robertson.

The matriculants were Messrs. H. E. Wright, J. M. King, H. A. Dickson, A. D. Von Iffland, F. Fothergill, G. F. Hibbard, H. A. Brooke, and H. Lloyd. After they had taken the oath of allegiance, the large audience sang "God Save the Queen."

A. A. diplomas (with prizes) were granted to Messrs. McLeod, Montgomery, Paterson, G. C. Smith, P. Smith, and B. S. Smith, and Miss Outting, of Coaticook, and a junior certificate to Mr. Burstall.

Distribution of prizes.—The distribution of prizes for both the college and school then took place, the following being college prize list: Prince of Wales' medal, A. Sharpe; S. P. G. Jubilee scholarship, G. H. Murray; Harrison prize, Murray; Long prizes, Murray and Williams; Haensel prizes, A. H. Robertson; Mackie prize (Latin), R. W. Wright, (English), (1)

Murray (2) King; bursaries, King, Brooke, and H. E. Wright; Chancellor's prize, Sharpe; French—Leray scholarship, Fothergill and Hibbard; Quimet prize, P. Stone; Principal's prize for Greek testament, J. M. King; Dr. Roe's Hebrew prizes, (1) R. Wright, (2) H. E. Wright; divinity class prizes, Rev. A. H. Robertson and C. E. Belt, B. A.: arts, third year, first class, aggregate, Sharpe and Murray; law prizes—V. E. Fontaine, chancellor's prize; Leonard, dean's prize.

School prize list.—Walker scholarship, G. B. McLeod; Governor-General's medal, G. B. McLeod; Lieut. Governor's medal, S. L. Paterson; mathematics, upper school, Baker McLeod; Hon. G. Quimet's French prize, P. Smith; French B., Buck; C., J. Baker; D., M. A. Montgomery; German, Buck; Divinity B., Sewell; C., Dickinson; D., Montgomery; Chancellor Heneker's prize (English), Taylor; Canon Norman's Latin prose, S. L. Paterson; English (C. and D.), Garden; old boy's prize (literature C.), Back; Irving prize, mathematics C. and D., J. Baker; good boy prize, Parker; classics, B. Sewell, C. Heneker, D. Carter, maj.; classical progress, Taylor; chemistry (Mr. Farwell's), Bacon, Mr. Hudspeths, Troop; aggregate, B., Ward, C. Laurie; D., (1) M. A. Montgomery, (3) Debbage; drawing, Potter, Fleming; shorthand, Tofield.

MONTREAL.

COMPTON, P. Q.—The Ladies college was on Monday last the scene of the closing exercises of a very successful term, and an essay by one of the pupils was of more than usual merit, and the readings and music showed a high order of tuition. The culture and refinement of the pupils reflected upon the management and the exhibit of oil paintings, studies, art decorations, etc., indicated the high position in these matters the college is attaining. A considerable number of the surrounding clergy and gentlemen interested were present, and the large school-room well filled with friends. After the report, Dr. Adams, president of the Lennoxville (Boys) College warmly congratulated the corporation upon their very successful work, and particularly commended the essay. Rev. Mr. Waddington, of Quebec, thought it extremely satisfactory to see and believe the present success in offering a really good education to daughters of English Churchmen. Rev. Messrs. Foster and Porter expressed their pleased surprise and satisfaction at the progress, and a very pleasant evening was closed.

The prize and honour list, with number of marks out of a possible 300, is as follows:

Senior Division.—Miss S. Carter, 259, silver medal, hon. mention in arithmetic, algebra, euclid, English, map drawing, history, elocution, painting, music. Miss L. Pomeroy, 242, hon. mention in euclid, English, French, literature, history. Miss M. Shurtleff, 239, hon. mention in arithmetic, algebra, French. Miss C. Carter, 235, hon. mention in arithmetic, algebra, English, classics, French, history. Miss H. Adams, 191, prizes in reading and painting, and hon. mention in English.

Intermediate Division.—Miss Elsie Pomeroy, 223, silver medal, hon. mention in French, Latin, geography, history, map drawing, composition. Miss M. Childs, 220, hon. mention in arithmetic, English, French, dictation, painting. Miss F. Richardson, 220 (equal), prizes in music, composition, Latin, hon. mention in French, English, reading, literature. Miss J. Broughton, 218, hon. mention in arithmetic, Latin, map drawing. Miss Gertrude Parker, 215, prize in map drawing, hon. mention in history, dictation, composition, French, English. Miss L. Holliday, 207, hon. mention in arithmetic, French, Latin, dictation. Miss M. Tams, 191, hon. mention in English, music. Miss H. Cole, 187, hon. mention in reading, dictation, geography, arithmetic. Miss G. Terril, 165, hon. mention in arithmetic, reading, map drawing, painting. Miss J. Dunn, 161, hon. mention in reading, painting.

Junior Division.—Miss L. Parker, 267, hon. mention in reading, spelling, dictation, recitation, arithmetic, music. Miss H. Haynes, 243, hon. mention in reading, spelling, recitation. Miss V. Brown, 240, hon. mention in geography, arithmetic, music. Miss E. Parker, 217, hon. mention in reading, recitation. Miss M. Parker, 189, hon. mention in recitation. The college reopens September 13th. Rev. G. H. Parker, rector of Compton, is honorary bursar.

The twenty-eighth annual session of the Anglican Synod of the diocese of Montreal opened Tuesday, with a celebration of the Holy Eucharist in Christ Church Cathedral at 10.30 a.m.

Very Rev. the Dean of Montreal was the preacher. He chose for his text 1 Kings iii. 7, and began: "Kings as well as common men must, in the very nature of human life, stand at the bar of public opinion, and I doubt if ever a sadder figure stood at that awful bar than the figure of King Solomon. For never, I think,

did a young life of royalty rise above the horizon of boyish obscurity more nobly, and never did a life of magnificent opportunity and freighted with unequalled gifts sink more wretchedly into the gloom that envelops the evening of a distracted lifetime." After depicting in eloquent terms the neglected opportunities, the vain regrets and the final penitence of Solomon, the preacher continued: "Well, there are monarchs and there are monarchs, and to-day we may say a happier one than Solomon is here, for I do not believe that the closing words of our Queen's life will re-echo the awful words of the broken-hearted yet tearless king: 'Vanity of vanities, all is vanity,' and yet the outward circumstances of the lives of both, when you come to compare them, are strangely alike up to a certain point. The boy called suddenly out of boyish obscurity; the girl the same. The boy, king enthroned in an hour of political division; the girl-queen introduced to public life amidst the heat of party feeling; the boy called to rule over a magnificent kingdom; the girl awakened out of girlish sleep and dreams, may be of girlish things; to learn that she was Queen of England—Queen of the greatest Empire on God's earth. 'O, God!' cried the boy, 'give me wisdom to rule this so great a people.' We have not the girl's prayer, but we have the head of the girl bowed in prayer before the crown rested on it, and we have the girlish knee bent in homage to the living God before the greatest powers in the Empire bowed in homage to the girl. Strike out the centuries, and boy and girl might have knelt side by side as far as heart thirsting for the help of God went, and the same sunshine from the throne of Heaven might have rested on them—God's anointed ones." And yet the boy summed up all life by writing 'Vanity of vanities, all is vanity,' whilst the girl sits to-day the most constitutional monarch that ever ruled; the model wife for all wives to emulate, the model mother for all mothers to copy, the bearer of the best known and most spotless public name in the world, the one solitary woman who, standing before her people after fifty years of service, brilliant once more in robes of royalty that never have been stained, can draw forth from the hearts of almost 200,000,000 of her people the one united shout that seems as if it came from one heart 'God Save our Gracious Queen.'"

After pointing out what caused the difference in these two lives, the preacher concluded, "And so to-day we have joined our prayer to God in world wide supplications to pour His blessings on her royal head and spare her long to rule and reign. 'Long live the Queen'—every loyal heart will feel it, every loyal lip will pray it—for in her stainless and unobtrusive piety, and boldness in the cause of right, and pity for the woes of others, and true example of high nobility of soul, in public acts and private deeds, she stands alone—Britain's greatest queen and spotless, and so for her we pray this day, 'God save the Queen.'"

In the Synod Hall.—The Synod met in afternoon session in the Synod Hall, his Lordship Bishop Bond in the chair. After devotional exercises the rolls were called by the secretaries.

Rev. Canon Empson was elected clerical secretary, Mr. Alex. Robertson, lay secretary, Mr. James Hutton, treasurer, and Messrs. Y. W. Simpson and S. C. Fatt, auditors.

The Bishop's Charge.—His Lordship the Bishop, in delivering his charge, after giving statistics of the year's progress in the church and calling attention to the inadequate remuneration received by the clergy, some of their grievances and suggesting reforms therefore, closed an earnest and practical address thus: "I must not pass over in silence the great national event of the year—the Jubilee of our dear and honored Queen. Seldom has a people been so favored as the English nation under Victoria. I suppose that nowhere in history can a reign be found so long in duration, so full of stirring incidents, so prosperous on the whole, as the reign of our beloved Queen. And if I were asked how this has come about I should answer that our Queen has known how to govern her people because she has known how to govern herself. A daughter, wife and mother she has been a pattern to women, and in her relations to men she has taught men what virtues women have a right to expect from them. She has made her people feel that she loves them, and love is the secret of true power. What nation is more free than the British nation—both at home and in her dependencies? Ours is not the freedom of license, where might is right, but the freedom of mutual trust and protection, where virtuous men should stand shoulder to shoulder for the maintenance of law and order. We have true freedom of speech, for we may speak of all true things without respect of persons, the only freedom denied us is the freedom of vice, the freedom of ignorance, the freedom of selfishness. Only those who realize how bad an influence is the bad influence of kings and princes can estimate the blessings we enjoy in possessing such record for our daily instruction as the simple, dignified life of our widowed Queen, the centre of a useful, virtuous family, with sons and daughters to the second and