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COLLEGE AGENCY.

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HAVING a few days to spare before the Enckenia at Windsor, I availed myself of the opportunity to complete the visitation of Hants County, and accordingly went over to Rawdon on Saturday the 24th inst., proceeding that evening in company with Rev Mr. Taylor, who has the interests of the College much at heart, to the Gore settlement, where a meeting had been appointed. It is a scattered settlement with but few Church people, so that we accomplished little more than making known our case to the few present.

The next morning I went on to fulfil two appointments made for the day, namely, at Five-mile River Church in Douglas, and at Maitland, distant from the Gore, respectively 13 and 20 miles.

At the former place I met a large congregation in their newly finished Church, erected a few years since amid the stumps; and after the usual morning service, I called their attention to the object of my mission, deferring more particulars until a meeting to which they were invited for the following day on my return. Mr. Taylor here separated from me, diverging to a place in the woods, appropriately called "Hard Scrabble" which a worthy Churchman named Miller had begun, with his single axe a few years ago, and where he has now 100 acres of land cleared, (50 under the plough,) and is surrounded by several families. I next proceeded to Maitland, where I was most hospitably and kindly entertained by A. M. Cochran Esq., a zealous and exemplary member of our Church, and, in consequence a warm supporter of the College. We have but a handful of members in this quarter, and it is therefore the more happy to find them zealous and united.

Divine Service was held in the Temperance Hall, a neat Building, which was well filled at 4 o'clock, chiefly by persons of other denominations. We had good singing, and the most decorous and encouraging attention, not only during the proper services of the day, but also while I endeavored (in harmony, as I trust, with the sacred character of those services), to interest them in behalf of the College of our Church. Nor was the effect without success. Dr. Sam'l. Brown, an alumnus of King's, readily gave £25. Mr. Cochran had previously given the like sum, in conjunction with his worthy brother James, of Newport, and their two nephews George and Alexander, who have each given £25, to obtain a COCHRAN CERTIFICATE for their respective families, altho' some of them are as yet unblest with these. This, by the way, is a convenient example, which, it may be hoped, other families will follow, at once securing a lasting privilege to themselves and also benefiting the Institution. A few more pounds may be expected from Maitland, as part of the Parish of Rawdon and Douglas. This village is beautifully and advantageously situated, at the point of the junction of the Shubenacadie with the waters of Cobequid bay, which, especially when the Canal shall be completed, must increase the importance of the place. The view of the Bay and the opposite shore of Londonderry, and the fine blue mountains in the distance, is magnificent, and I hope I shall be excused for occasionally dropping the subject of pounds, shillings and pence, and for recording the pleasure I have derived here and elsewhere, from the natural beauties of our scenery, not sufficiently prized by our natives, but yet not often surpassed by what they are in foreign lands, to which they too often roam. Our meeting at Five-mile river Church, at eleven, was attended as well as could be expected on a Monday and at such a season, and after Divine Service they contributed according to their ability.

And so, at the other Church at 3 o'clock, where I again preached, and where we had a still larger number, they came forward in a very free and pleasing manner; not hangers back as the manner of some is, and waiting for every body to go first, but at once, without waste of time, advancing like cheerful givers, to "do what they could."

The contributions, tho' in no case very large, were thus more general than at most of the meetings I have held.

I went on that evening 14 miles to the pleasantly situated residence of Benj. Smith, Esq. M. P. P., on the banks of the Kenetcook, where I passed the night, and from whence I departed next morning, after hospitable entertainment, and with £5 as a donation to the College.

Divine service and a meeting were appointed for eleven o'clock on Tuesday, at Rawdon Church.

This was the smallest gathering of them all, altho' some came more than 4 miles. I would not however, omit the opportunity of stating our case as strongly as I could, answering also sundry questions that were put to me, as to the working of the College, and the application of the funds raised.

W. Murphy, Esq. offered £25 towards a Parish Certificate, and this, together with Dr Brown's and smaller sums, I think will secure that privilege, and give £100 to the Endowment.

This, under the circumstances, is as much as we can expect. Perhaps in no Parish of the Diocese is there a greater equality in the means of the inhabitants, all, with one or two exceptions having "enough to do to get along," and being, moreover, as is the case everywhere, but little trained to the duty and the privilege of giving. I hope that, among other good effects of our present movement, it may tend to greater proficiency in this art, and may produce more faith in that saying—"There is that scattereth and yet increaseth, and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, and it tendeth to poverty."

If my journey into these Townships has not been so rich in its results as we could have wished, it will yet, I trust not be without lasting good. It is interesting ground to me, being that which my father trod some 60 years ago—and on which, while engaged during the week in our then infant seminary, he endeavored on the Sunday, to sow the seeds of Gospel truth, and make "the wilderness and the solitary place glad" with the ordinances of our holy Religion.

I met several who remembered the very first steps towards the erection of our present College Buildings, one who was an inmate of "Governor Franklin's house," now Rev. W. C. King's, where the academy was first opened in 1788, under the Rev. Archibald Inglis. These witnesses of old things are, however, few, and will soon be gone. May the generations to come be able to tell of still better things done for our Church and her kindred Institutions, by those of the present day.

JAS. C. COCHRAN.
Windsor, 28th June, 1854.

To P. C. HILL, Esq.
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THOSE THAT ARE GONE.

It is much to be regretted that the early Missionaries of our Church in this Diocese, did not leave behind them some records of their labours, such as those of the present day are required to keep. It would be interesting to compare their rough notes, by the rougher ways which they had to travel, with the journals of their successors.

We are all apt to think our hardships and privations worthy of special note, and perhaps our trumpets sometimes sound a louder blast than befits the occasion. But in most cases, what the Missionary in Nova Scotia has to undergo, at the present time, is a trifle to what our fathers went through. Those pioneers of the Church walked on snow shoes where we fly along in our handsome sleighs, wrapped in ample buffalo robes. They thrashed their way among stumps and roots of trees, to minister in the barn, or the log cabin of some poor settler,—perhaps with no "creature comforts" to stay the stomach, and no bed to rest the weary limbs after their hard day's work was done. We can rattle over the same ground, at the rate of seven miles an hour, in an easy waggon, finding a well appointed church to receive us, and a well furnished house with good cheer to refresh us, and perhaps intelligent converse to beguile the hours of absence from home. If rivers lie in our way they are generally well and safely bridged, where the men of old risked their lives in the rushing torrent, or the deceitful quicksands.

Some of our predecessors had four whole townships on their hands at once, while now the same fields are subdivided under several shepherds, and involve labour comparatively small. And yet, notwithstanding all this, the Society's reports of those ancient times may be searched in vain for any proof that Missionary work was not as smooth then as it is now. Those good men might teach us one lesson at all events,—not to speak "great swelling words" about what they would have called pleasant recreation—and to magnify the grace of God that hath called us to tread pastures prepared to our hands, rather than make much ado about trifles—"Our Fathers where are they?" Honour and peace to their memories!—"Their works do follow them." We may still hear their names mentioned with reverence where what they saw as a wilderness "has

now become a fruitful field." We may still see the tear on the furrowed cheek of some aged lingerer on the borders of the grave, whose heart yet retains the good seed which they sowed. We may yet hear those whom they baptized, or married, or visited in the day of trouble, now in the closing period of their pilgrimage, bless God for their labours of love, and tell of the difficulties they braved in order to do the will of their Master,—how they "cast the bread upon the waters," which is found "many days" after those who cast it have mouldered in the dust. Again, then, we say, let the names of these early sowers of the cross, in the Church's "day of small things," be had in honour, and not be smothered in the self glorification of the present day, when no one is content to have his light under a bushel.

We would here add, that we would be glad to collect from the remaining families of the first clergymen of this Province, any information as regards the Missionary work, which their private papers may supply.

The Bishop of Nova Scotia, accompanied by the Rev. G. Townshend, arrived in Pugwash on Thursday the 22nd inst., and without making any delay proceeded to Wallace, where he inspected the new church in course of erection, with which he expressed himself much pleased.

His Lordship remained to dinner with C. C. Jordan, Esq., at whose house he was introduced to a few of the members of the Church at Wallace, and returned same evening to Pugwash.

On the following day, although at a hurried season, a large and attentive congregation assembled in the church at Pugwash. Thirteen persons were confirmed, the Bishop's impressive address to whom, and also his sermon, gave, I understand, much satisfaction, and evidently made a deep and not soon to be forgotten impression.

By a letter from Amherst we learn that the Rev. G. Townshend conveyed the Bishop part of the way to Parraboro in his carriage, on Tuesday the 27th inst.

QUEEN'S CORONATION.—Wednesday the 28th inst., the anniversary of Her Majesty's Coronation, was celebrated in Halifax with the usual honours. There was a rich display of flags on Citadel-hill. The vessels in harbour hoisted their colors. At noon royal salutes were fired from the Admiral's Ship, and from the Citadel.

Holloway's Ointment and Pills, the best Medicines for the Cure of Bad Legs.—Mr. Dingle, of St. Stephen's near Salisbury, Cornwall, was afflicted for a considerable time with a bad leg; it had three or four large wounds in it, attended with continual pain and generally loss of health. He tried many remedies, prescribed by surgeons and others, but obtained neither relief, nor any mitigation of his sufferings. At length, from recommendation, he tried Holloway's Ointment and Pills, and these invaluable medicines effected a perfect cure in a very short period. Mr. McKay, chemist, 40 Catherine-street, Devonport, vouches for the truth of this statement.

LETTERS RECEIVED.

J. Smith, Esq. with remittance, viz.—Misses. Lee & Trider £1; John Bates 10s.; J. Hill, 10s.; J. Dugg, 5s.—in all £2 5s. Rev. G. Townshend—have sent the only kind of Conf. T. on hand. Rev. T. D. Roddle—directions will be attended to. Rev. Mr. Abrose—have no such bible—other books will be procured and sent—further directions will be attended to.

MARRIED.

On Wednesday morning, 28th inst., by the Ven. Archdeacon Willis, Capt. HENRY D. SMART, 26th Regt., and A. D. C. to Major General the Hon. C. Gore, to Louisa, daughter of John Wallace, Esq.

At Caledonia, Queen's Co., on Sunday, 11th June, by the Rev. E. F. B. Nichols, Mr. JAMES H. FADER, and Miss DOROTHY L. SELDEN.

At Sydney, C. B. by the Rev. Charles Inglis, FRANK WALTER KNOX, Esq., Assistant Surgeon of H. M. 24th Regt. of Foot, to ELIZABETH FLORENCE, daughter of the late Wm. Richard Bowen, Esq.

On the 21st inst., at Windsor, by the Rev. Edwin G.plin, A. M. FOWDER HALIBURTON, Esq., of Wicks near Wigan, England, to ANNE LOUISA NEVILLE, daughter of the Hon. Mr. Justice Haliburton, of Cillesnear Windsor.

At Sackville, N. B., on the 21st inst., by the Rev. H. Pickard, A. M., Mr. ARTHUR McNUTT PATTERSON, teacher in the Wesleyan Academy, to Miss ANNIE M. ALLISON, niece of Charles F. Allison, Esq.

At Milton, Queen's Co., on Saturday, 18th inst., by the Rev. Henry Angel, Mr. WILLIAM WRIGHT, of Halifax, to Miss ROXANA FREEMAN, of Milton.

DIED.

On Tuesday evening, 27th inst., at 6 o'clock, after a long and painful illness, WM. CALDWELL, Esq., aged 61 years.

On Monday last, after a short illness, JOHN S. JORDAN, son of the late Samuel Jordan, in the 43rd year of his age.