

Dean Gilpin and Halifax Grammar School.

It was in 1870 that a committee of the House of Assembly reported the sum of £1,500 to be granted for the creation of a proper and convenient building in the town for a public school, and a sum not exceeding £100 per annum for a master, and £50 for an usher when the number of scholars shall exceed forty. The trustees were to be five in number, to be appointed annually by the government, and the £1,500 was to be raised by lottery. This lottery was carried into effect, but the building did not appear to be erected. How the proceeds of the lottery were disposed of was not mentioned. The Halifax Grammar School had its origin from this proceeding. It was established in the old building at the corner of Barrington and Sackville streets, from which, after many years, it was removed to the private residence of the Rev. Dr. Gilpin, the Head master. The High School, at the corner of South Brunswick and Sackville streets, absorbed its franchise a few years later—an institution, by the way, that to-day, under Principal Kennedy, Halifax is justly proud of. The old building, which was so much out of repair in 1829, was originally occupied as a place for the meeting of the legislature, and was previously at one time used as a Guard House. It appeared to have undergone very little alteration since 1780 until sold a few years ago. It is one of, if not the oldest, buildings in the city, except St. Paul's Church and the old Dutch Church on Brunswick street. The Rev. Wm. Cochran, afterwards Vice-President of King's College, was the first Head Master. He was succeeded by the Rev. George Wright, who was Garrison Chaplain and Minister of St. George's. On his death, in 1819, the Rev. John Thomas Twining received the appointment. He retired from the school in 1848, when the Rev. Edwin Gilpin succeeded him. The latter, now Dean Gilpin, can truly look back, through a long train of years, upon a glorious work in the cause of education.

It may be mentioned that while the incorporated name of the institution was the Halifax Grammar School, to the boys of the half-century now closing, it was always "Gilpin's School," and no teacher could possibly hope for greater respect and esteem from his pupils than was invariably exhibited towards Dr. Gilpin throughout his lengthy teaching career. It is a gratifying circumstance that Dr. Gilpin is still a familiar form on the streets of Halifax, and that his "old boys" have an opportunity of meeting him in their busi-

ness with a word of greeting from him, but yet there are many to whom he is, after all, but a memory, though an unfading one—those of the earlier days who have gone into other lands carrying with them, it is to be hoped, the higher principles of life that, along with the ordinary literary features of the school, it was the constant aim of Dr. Gilpin to inculcate. To these the portrait of the venerable Dean, as he appears in the advanced maturity of his days, cannot fail to be received with delight and to be appreciated with peculiar satisfaction.—*Halifax Recorder.*

An Advent Even Song.

Good fortune guided my steps to St. Luke's cathedral on Sunday evening last. One was pleased to find, in spite of the raging storm outside, a fair congregation, composed chiefly of men, assembled. The Choral Evensong was most devotionally and beautifully rendered. The psalms for the day were excellently sung to Anglican chants, as were also the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis.

The anthem to the words—"Watchman, what of the night?" composed of tenor solo, men's voices in unison chorus, proved to be an instructive and touching composition.

The rector preached from the text from Isaiah, "Come and let us reason together saith the Lord." The great and searching truths of the prophet were clearly and forcibly applied to the conduct of Christians in the present day.

The organist must be commended for the way in which he accompanied the choir throughout the service. The organ, while skillfully and artistically played, was not too much in evidence. The complaint might be made by the unlearned that the choir needs more support from the organ, but to one who has heard such musicians as Frederick Archer, Smart, Best and Guilman accompany, it is evident that St. Luke's organist has not only been well intrusted, but has learnt his lesson well.

One cannot gauge of the capabilities of St. Luke's choir by their work on this particular evening, but if the small choir present could sing so tunefully and well, I am led to expect great things from the full choir.

The writer of these remarks would like to put in a plea for the judicious use of the Gregorian tones for the psalms during Advent. The effect would be most telling if these grand old chants were sung by choir and congregation antiphonally.

The Dies Irae, to Dyke's setting, or to the new setting of the old music in Hymns A. and M. would bring the solemn Advent Evensong to a fitting close.—*H. Herald.*

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