

inent resident of Iloilo, in the group of islands, and confirmed by a foreign Consul, was perpetrated it is stated by the rebel troops in revenge for cruelties suffered by the rebels at the hands of the Spanish soldiers.

—Mgr. Merry del Val, whose coming to Canada some weeks ago created quite a stir, is about returning to Europe. What influence his coming and going will have upon the political relations of the Roman Catholic prelates of Canada is a matter of speculation. If the papal delegate is as intelligent and clever a man as he is represented to be, he will doubtless have gathered much information as to Canada and Canadian affairs, which it would be impossible for one at a distance to acquire and will have formed opinions, which are not unlikely to have influence at the Vatican. The statements put forth that the papal delegate did not approve the action of the Archbishop of St. Boniface and certain other Canadian prelates in the matter of the Manitoba school question, may or may not be true. Certainly it is unauthorized, for the Monseigneur seems to have been a man who at all events knew how to keep his own counsel.

—Whether or not Mgr. Merry del Val has had anything to do with the matter, or whether it is a conclusion that follows in syllogistic sequence from the logic of certain events which have taken place in Canada, and especially in the provinces of Manitoba and Quebec, there seems to be some reason at least to believe that the attitude of the Roman Catholic church in Canada toward the Manitoba school law and the questions in connection with it has been modified. The Free Press, of Winnipeg, has information from a source, which it regards as trustworthy that the agitation will cease, and, relying on the assurance of members of the provincial government that the school regulations will be given a liberal interpretation, the dignitaries of the church will refrain from further opposition. On the same authority, that of gentleman who has taken a prominent part in the school controversy, it is stated that after the summer holidays Archbishop Langevin will nominate a representative of Roman Catholic interests for appointment upon the advisory board. If it is true that the archbishop has declared a truce in the matter, it is easy to believe the added statement that both Protestants and Catholics are showing themselves desirous of promoting every effort for conciliation. It is not the people but the prelates who are responsible for "school questions."

Personal.

Rev. J. W. Ilsey has completed two years of pastoral labor with the church at Wenham, Mass. During this time 14 young people have been baptized, five of them on June 6th. Mr. Ilsey has resigned at Wenham and would be pleased to accept a call to some church in Nova Scotia which is his native province. He is a graduate of Acadia and of Newton Theological Seminary.

Dr. T. H. Rand and Mrs. Rand, of Toronto, were in St. John on Thursday last on their way to Partridge Island, Parrsboro, where they will again spend the summer. We were glad to see them looking well, though somewhat fatigued with their journey. Dr. Rand will attend the closing of the Normal school at Truro next week, and later, will attend the meeting of the Canadian Royal Society in Halifax.

Our Educational Work.

To the Members of the Churches of the Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces.

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS,—As I am now entering upon work in behalf of the educational institutions at Wolfville, and shall shortly be assuming the duties of the Presidency of Acadia College, it seems not inappropriate that I should address a word to those to whom these institutions belong, and whose servant I now become.

I trust I am sensible of the important nature of the work before me, and of the grave responsibilities which the new position imposes. Only with the united sympathy and support of the governing bodies, the professoriate, and the people, and the abundant blessing of God, can I hope for large usefulness. It is matter of satisfaction to have learned that in the denominational history no fact has been more conspicuous than the loyalty of the body to the successive presidents of the College. Were it otherwise, one deeply conscious of his

deficiencies might well fear to take up the tasks which men so wise and capable have felt to be arduous and exhausting.

I shall desire to live in the most open relations with the churches in the administration of the trust confided to my hands. It is at once the privilege and duty of the churches to keep themselves informed as to the management and condition of their schools, and to co-operate in making the very most of these appliances for the ennoblement of the people in every walk of life and the furtherance of Christ's kingdom.

From the outset earnest co-operation will be needed in two practical directions, viz., in securing relief from the pressing financial embarrassments, and in seeking to enlarge the attendance of students.

This is not the time to discuss in detail the financial situation. Shortly, however, the Board of Governors will furnish full information to the Convention, according to usage, and will ask for the endorsement of an adequate financial policy. The exigencies of the situation will compel the Board to press the claims of the institutions upon the attention of the denomination. Substantial financial relief is absolutely necessary in order that the present work may be continued, to say nothing of future expansion. The recent bequest of the late Mr. Godfrey P. Payzant furnishes no relief whatever for the institutions as at present organized, but calls for the opening of a new department and for increased expenditures. When the situation is fully understood by the people, and the time comes for action, it cannot be doubted that those who have been blessed with larger means will lead the way in the consecration of generous gifts to the work at Wolfville, and that the many, as in former days, will follow no less certainly with their smaller gifts and prove once more their faith that this work is God's work, and their determination that it shall not be permitted to languish.

In respect to the matter of an increased attendance of students, there is no reason why the effort to realize this should be delayed: With the same plant, and the same teaching force, a considerably larger body of students could be handled, to the life-long blessing of the students thus added and to the large benefit of the institutions themselves. The attendance at the Academy is good, but, considering the advantages it offers, and the important part it plays as the chief feeder of the College, the attendance ought to be larger. Despite the work done by the County Academies, which we thoroughly appreciate and expect more and more to profit by, there must be a large number of young men who are out of reach of any such school, and who need precisely the advantages provided at Wolfville; and even where local schools are accessible, if parents or the young men themselves can command the means, they may well consider whether the inspirations of the life in Wolfville do not give special force to the claims of Horton Academy. The Seminary, with its splendid building, its large and competent staff of teachers; its wholesome life, its admirable supervision by Miss True, ought to have at least thirty more resident students than it had last year. Even in the College, we may reasonably hope that the limit of growth has not yet been reached. Among the intelligent and promising young people of our Baptist constituency are there not, in almost every community, those who could be stimulated to aspire after the advantages of a college course? And a share of others, also, who are not Baptists, may reasonably be expected to prefer Acadia.

In this matter of obtaining students, in addition to the activity of the College authorities, there must be large reliance upon the co-operation of the pastors, the alumni and alumne, the teachers in the public schools and academies, and all the members of the churches and other friends who are interested in the institutions. Calendars and particular information by correspondence can be obtained by writing to the Principal of the Academy, Mr. I. B. Oakes, at Wolfville; to the Principal of the Seminary, Miss Adelaide F. True, whose address for the summer will be Waterville, Maine, or to the President of the College at Wolfville. Correspondence will be welcomed and promptly responded to.

Representatives of the institutions will be present at all the Associations, and will be glad, not only to have the opportunity of speaking publicly, but of coming into personal relations with parents and prospective students. Professor the Rev. Dr. Keirstead will be the representative at the N. S. Eastern Association; Professor E. W. Sawyer at the N. S. Central and the writer at the N. S. Western, the N. B. Western, Eastern and Southern, and at the P. E. I. Association. Principal Oakes will be present at some of the Associations in the interests of the Academy. Other representatives will visit as many churches and communities in detail as possible. We bespeak for all these cordial and earnest co-operation.

In the case of persons who cannot come into touch with the representatives at the Associations, and who will need during June and July to write to Wolfville for in-

formation respecting the College, enquiries should be addressed to the Rev. Dr. Sawyer.

An excellent religious spirit has pervaded the institutions during the past year and many of the students have been converted. The churches may rest assured that in the future, not less than in the past, it will be borne in mind that a distinguishing characteristic of these schools is that they are Christian schools, and that all plans should be made, and all life lived, in connection with them, as in the sight of the Lord Jesus, in whose name they were founded and for whose glory they exist.

Encouraged by the thought of the noble history already accomplished, of the undiminished devotion of the people to this work, and of the multitudes who will continue daily to pray for those who are in charge, I am—

Your servant for Christ's sake,

Wolfville, June 9.

T. TROTTER.

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To the Graduates and Other Friends of Acadia Seminary.

The secret of success in this life is to make good use of the present. The days of this week, the hours of this day demand immediate attention; future days and weeks will have their turn. To-day is ours, and in it we have opportunities to do our best.

Our wish is to begin the new Seminary year on the first of September, with the building full of students. In many homes it is mainly lack of interest that keeps the boys and girls away from Acadia. The parents have not considered the matter; the children have not heard much of the school, so have little desire to attend. Were they told of the educational training to be obtained there, of the brave and sympathetic teachers, the new and interesting companions, the locality, beautiful for situation, and the comparatively small cost, many would be eager to join the number, who each autumn return to the place they have learned to love.

It is invariably the case that those who have enjoyed the benefits of the institutions, repair to their homes full of delight, and desirous that their friends shall share the same advantages. Many have become enthused in this way, and it is but right. Every person who has ever studied at Acadia should influence at least three others to attend. During these summer months many opportunities will come to each of us to encourage or assist some one to spend a happy and profitable winter at Wolfville. Much may be accomplished if only we bear Acadia's interests in our hearts; then we will ever advocate her claims. She has done much for us, and is always willing to open a wider view, give higher ideals and ennoble the lives of all who seek her assistance.

In some cases, is the cost a barrier? Surely that is a small consideration. If this is the only drawback to a bright scholar going to Acadia, the church or Sunday School or B. Y. P. U. of the place, were the matter presented to them, would gladly aid in sending one of their number.

Will the graduates, as well as those who have been students in earlier or later days, kindly look around their neighborhoods and speak inspiring words to the young people and their parents whose thoughts are turning towards intellectual progress? Your words just now will be invaluable to your youthful friends and to our Institutions.

Halifax, June 8.

MAHEL H. PARSONS.

PRES. OF ALUMNÆ.

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DIAMOND JUBILEE HYMN.

BY PASTOR H. F. ADAMS, TRURO.

Our Father, God and Friend;
On Thee our hopes depend
Through sixty years;
Through storm and sunshine clear,
Thine hand her helm did'st steer,
Our ship of state's career,
To Havens bright.

Thou our Queen did'st send,
To her Thy strength did'st lend
Through sixty years;
Her foes Thou did'st subdue,
Her friends Thou makest true,
Herself Thou did'st endue
With Heaven's light.

Thou did'st her rule extend
To earth's remotest end,
These sixty years;
Let future years all prove,
That Thy great sovereign love,
Was in her heart to move
Britain's sceptre right.

O Thou Almighty King,
We now Thy praises sing,
For Thy great gift,
On this great Jubilee,
We will from sea to sea,
Millions one family be,
Our praise unite.

To be sung on June 20th. Tune National Anthem.