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To P. C. HILL, Esq.

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HAVING accomplished my business at Sydney, I left that place between 4 and 5 o'clock on Friday morning the 28th July, for Arichat, distant upwards of 80 miles, according to the most approved computation, but I have seldom been in a District where more contradictory accounts of distance are given, than here. However, we accomplished the route in 14 hours, with the same horses, under the guidance of a very civil and excellent driver rejoicing in the euphonious name of Ormond, whom, as well as his vehicle, I would recommend to any future traveller. Although in search of the substantial rather than of the picturesque, I cannot help noticing the natural beauties of the scenery, sometimes approaching to the grand. The road skirts the shore of the great Bras d'Or Lake, nearly all the way, there being not more than two miles of a portage from Sydney to Arichat. If we were to judge of the Island farming by what is to be seen on this line, our opinion of it would not be high. The general character presented to the eye of the passer by is that of slovenliness, and inefficiency. But in other quarters of the Island it is well known to be better. And as to accommodation for travellers there is none, except in the neighbourhood of St Peter's, and whoever expects to be hungry had better carry his basket with him, and make up his mind to rest plank for his night's repose. When arrived at St. Peter's, (60 miles from Sydney,) I found the local members of the Legislature, together with Capt. Barry, R. E. making arrangements for the speedy opening of the short but important canal, which is to connect the Bay of that name, with the waters of the Lake.

But this by the way.

On my arrival at Arichat, I was personally welcomed by the Rev. Mr. Brine, my former neighbour at New Dublin, but as to my object, he did not hold out much encouragement. And indeed things did wear a forbidding aspect. A subscription list was then abroad, for a Parsonage house, requiring hundreds not a few, - another had just been entered into for a liberal salary to himself, a house had just been fitted up, and the rent assumed, by the Parish, - several alterations and repairs in the Church were in embryo. So that, in his grave opinion, in which others agreed, and considering the very small number of Church families at Arichat, and their very recent initiation into the contributing system, King's College seemed to have a poor chance, and he did not scruple to hint that I might as well have left his parish out of the line of my visits. However the result was more pleasing than the beginning. Through some failure of the Post Office, my letter from Sydney, appointing a meeting, tho' paid for, had just reached him, and we therefore did not hold one, but adopted the more direct plan of personal appeal, from house to house, which was completely carried through, and before Saturday night I had upwards of £50 on my book. The next day I preached to a respectable congregation, and touched on the subject of the College, and in the course of Monday I succeeded in completing the amount of one certificate, and smaller donations amounting in all to £1126. Such was the generous spirit which I met with, and so strong the conviction of duty to support the College, on account of its connexion with the Church, and as a training school of our Prophets, that I am persuaded we would have trebled this sum, if local objects had not been in the way. Besides those already mentioned, there is a great want of a good female school, and also of an Academy, for the benefit of the Protestant part of the population.

When the circumstances of Arichat are considered—its great distance from Windsor—the general pursuits of the people not disposing them to a due appreciation of literary institutions of the higher class—I think you will agree with me that our friends have done well, and I hope some who are absent will do yet more. P. De Carteret, Esq., for many years a leading merchant of the place, W. R. Cutler, Esq. Barrister, once at the Collegiate Academy, C. F. Harrington, Esq. Barrister, and Edward Binet, Esq. Merchant, whose warm and ready liberality I shall not soon forget, are the four who have each given £25 for the Certificate. Among the other donors are some who gave their Sovereigns but hide their names. And while some have given out of ampler means and without much self denial,

others have felt the half dollar or the quarter to be something to them, and perhaps had nothing left behind. My first donation was 40s. from a kind old man who did not belong to our Church, but who, like several other Protestants here, is glad to unite in our services, having none of his own. Nor was his gift unaccompanied by prayer for a blessing upon it, which ever enhances its value.

Having thus wound up the affair at Arichat, my next aim was Guysborough, to which place I was kindly offered a passage, in H. M. Ship *Vestal*, which happened to be then in the harbour. I was thus saved a long round of upwards of 90 miles, and for the first time in my life enjoyed a delightful sail in one of Her Majesty's ships. I beg to return my cordial thanks to the Captain, Chaplain, and other Officers, for the courteous and most hospitable attentions thus extended to me. Their fine ship was an object of much attraction wherever she appeared, and was visited by several ladies of Arichat and Guysborough, where a ship of war had not been seen for twenty years.

I found the newly appointed Clergyman of Guysborough, the Rev. Mr. Jarvis, not yet quite settled in his Mission, but received from him all the assistance I could expect. I held a meeting, and also preached in the Church on Friday evening, and visited every family, some of them more than once, but I regret to say with very little success. Mr. Clark and another gentleman were absent, and it is to be hoped, that when they return, the credit of this, one of the oldest Missions in the Diocese, will be duly sustained, and a contribution made to the College of their Church, of which those who have so long enjoyed the ministerial services of one of our Alumni, need not be ashamed. I forbear to state what I did receive, until further exertion has been made. I ought not however to omit that among the females who chiefly composed our meeting, a good spirit seemed to prevail. One of them responded to a remark which I dropped, by taking from her finger a ring valued at ten shillings, and putting it into the collection, and it is still unredeemed in my possession.

The Rev. Mr. Morris, of Manchester, assured me that it was utterly useless to attempt a meeting on that side of the River, and I was therefore obliged to content myself with a brief visit to his prettily situated Parsonage, to which I was driven by Mr. Marshall, M. P. P., whom I endeavoured to interest substantially in our object. I trust something will yet be done in this Mission, where there is certainly the ability to respond to the call now made, quite as great as in some places which have given £100. I forbear, however, as in the case of Guysborough, to make a final report, awaiting the issue of promised exertion.

On Saturday, 5th August, I turned my back upon this naturally pretty and promising region, somewhat discouraged that I had accomplished so little in it, and I proceeded to Antigonisho, 35 miles distant, where the Rev. Mr. Milledge shewed me every attention. I preached twice the next day in his Church. I found that he had done here what had been done no where else, namely, got up a subscription list for the College, signed by every member of his Congregation, which he handed to me on my arrival. And what is better still, not one person had refused him! It is, moreover, worthy to be noted, that several members of other denominations added their contributions, and among them was the Hon. Solicitor General, who for years was foremost in the effort to repeal the Grant to King's College. This list amounted to £34, which may be regarded as a liberal contribution from a Parish numbering less than 40 families, none of them considered wealthy. However, creditable as it was, I thought I would yet try to increase it; and I am happy to say, that when I set the matter again before them, Messrs. Elisha Randall, (an uncle of the young man who lately distinguished himself at College,) W. H. Hierihy, E. H. Harrington, and C. W. Leacer, increased their subscriptions, so as to make up the sum of one hundred pounds. This certainly entitles the small Congregation of Antigonisho, which is but a handful in comparison of the other denominations of the Country, to an honourable position in the list of those who have come forward to rescue their College from destruction, and place it on a sure and permanent basis. The effort is the more praiseworthy, when it is remembered that those who thus stepped forward at my request, are men who are daily working with their own hands for their living. Let this stir up those numerous members of our Church, who out of their abundance of God's gifts, are yet holding back what they ought to give to an object intimately connected with His Glory, and the welfare of the land they live in.

Jas. C. COCHRAN.

Picton, Aug. 9.

KING'S COLLEGE.—In our last we briefly noticed the acceptance by the Rev. G. W. Hill, B. A., of the newly created Professorship of Pastoral Theology, at King's College, Windsor. We now congratulate the country, the College, and the Church of this Diocese, on this appointment, which we are persuaded will give general satisfaction, and which is one of many evidences, already given by the Government, that they have the best interests of the Institution deeply at heart. We are particularly gratified that the first holder of this most important Professorship (one which we have advocated for many years) is an Alumnus of the College in which he is to labour, and has been bred and ordained in this Province.

While we acknowledge the merit of some of our gentlemen who have come out to us from the Parent Kingdom, and whose labours have been, and still are, highly beneficial to the Church,—we have still ever been of the opinion, and are more and more confirmed in it every year we live,—that our own men, born and educated among us, with all their dearest associations in the country where they expect to live and die, are upon the whole, the best fitted for our ministerial duties, and for the departments of labour connected with them. We are, and long have been convinced, that we need not cross the Atlantic to find men amply qualified to fill all the situations, civil, ecclesiastical and educational, of this land, and we trust those in authority will be of the same mind.

The new Professor of Pastoral Theology has for several years been favourably known to the Church in this Province.

He passed through College with credit, and was immediately ordained about eight years ago to the Curacy of St. George's Halifax, where we have had good opportunity of knowing that he is greatly beloved, and where his labours have been much blessed. He was appointed Chaplain to the present Bishop shortly after his Lordship's arrival, and has in that capacity generally examined Candidates for Holy Orders.

He is well read in Divinity, and is still a daily student, in conformity with the apostolic precept, "give attention to reading," and "neglect not the gift that is in thee."

In doctrine, he is "uncorrupt," and sound without being extreme. As a preacher we need hardly say he is eloquent, fervid, and eminently practical, setting forth the great doctrines of the Gospel, with due clearness and energy, such as may well challenge a comparison with the best of his day. Himself a correct, impressive and animated reader of our beautiful Liturgy, he is well qualified to train others in that important part of clerical duty. A devoted pastor of the flock, as stranger to the abodes of the poor, the sick, and the afflicted, well acquainted too, with all the phases of missionary life, he comes to his office "thoroughly furnished" and qualified to instruct, practically and zealously the young men who are to go forth from King's College as labourers in the vineyard of the Lord. We therefore repeat our congratulations on his judicious appointment, and feel bound, tho' a hundred miles away and much pressed with other duties, to bear this laudable testimony in the matter. May God help our dear Brother, and prosper his labors as the teacher of the future Ministers of the Church, an office of which we know him to feel the responsibility in all its phases.

The article from *Hazard's Gazette*, in our last respecting Mr. Hensley's appointment as Mathematical Professor at Windsor, erroneously states that he has been educated in P. E. Island, and therefore does credit to that locality for the gentleman's success. We beg to remind the Editor of the well known fact, that the College of which he is now a Professor, has the best ground for such a claim, as being the place of his education.

We hope the good people of "the Island" will not forget when called upon, another "claim" namely, that of the College which has long been a liberal donor, to a liberal sum in aid of that Endowment fund, which is to enable the Institution to educate more of them in coming years.

PRAYERS,

Appointed to be used immediately after the third Collect at Morning and Evening Prayer, during the continuance of the Cholera in this Province, or in its Vicinity.

MOST Gracious Father and God, who hast promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto Thee, look down, we beseech Thee, from Heaven, Thy dwelling place, upon us Thy unworthy Servants, who, under an awful apprehension of Thy judgement, and a deep conviction of our own sinfulness, prostrate ourselves before Thee. Have pity O Lord, have pity on Thy people, and turn away from us that grievous disease, against which our only security is in Thy compassion. We confess with shame and contrition, that, in the pride and hardness of our hearts, we have shewn ourselves unthankful for Thy mercies, and have followed our own imaginations instead of Thy holy laws. Yet cast us not away. O