

The Church Times.

HALIFAX, SATURDAY, JULY 12, 1856.

KING'S COLLEGE, WINDSOR,
July 1st. 1856.

ANOTHER Academic Year has ended with the customary solemnities of commemoration. The B. A. Examination was conducted in the College Hall by Jas. O. Cogswell, Esq. B. A. (Opt. 1837) Classics, June 10th. Revd. J. Robertson, L.L.D. Mathematics, June 20th. Revd. A. V. G. Wiggins, D. C. L., Divinity, June 21st.

The following Students received Certificates:

Almon, *satisfecit*.
Braine, "
Gray, "

On the same days the *Terminal Examinations* in the several departments were held in the Library by the Professors, who have reported favourably of all the Classes.

The Candidates for the *Alumni Prizes* were examined by the Revd. T. O. Leaver, M. A., assisted by J. O. Cogswell, Esq. and the other examiners for B. A., who declared

Braine, prizeman in *Mathematics*,
Storns, " *Classics & Mod. Languages*,
and J. J. Hill the testimonial for good conduct.

The Examination for the *Cogswell Scholarship* took place on Wednesday 25th, and GRINDON has been elected Scholar.

The Collegiate School was examined on the 25th, and the results appear to have been creditable to the exertions of the Head Master, Revd. D. W. Pickett, B. A. and his colleague Prof. Stiefelhaugen, as well as to the diligence and attention of the pupils. Fraser gained *Matriculation* exhibition, *Payne* " second prize.

On Thursday, June 20th, at 10 A. M. the Right Revd. The Visitor, and the Honorable the Governors of King's College, with the President, the Professors and Fellows, the Graduates, and other Members of the University, attended divine Service in Christ Church. Prayers were said by Revd. Prof. Hill, M. A., the Lessons were read by Revd. J. Owen, M. A., and Revd. J. M. Hensley, B. A. Prof. and Fel., and an excellent Sermon on the occasion was preached before the University by the Revd. T. C. Leaver, M. A.

On returning to the College, the Governors met in consultation and decided unanimously on conferring the Degree of D. C. L. *honoris causa*, on their illustrious countryman General Sir William Williams, K. C. B. of Kars.

Precisely at noon the Governors entered the Hall, and the usual commemoration required by the Statute was observed. At the close of his Oration the President read a poetical epistle which had been recently addressed to him by the Revd. Joseph H. Clinch, M. A., who, regretting his inability to attend the *Encenia* in person, took this happy mode of expressing his continued attachment to his College. It was received with loud plaudits by the whole assemblage amid many friends and classmates, who fully appreciate the genius of its amiable and imaginative author.

The Revd. Prof. Hensley, B. A. delivered in a clear and forcible tone an admirable discourse on *The Connexion of Natural Philosophy with Religion*, and the Revd. J. Ambrose, B. A. performed his exercise for M. A.

The Revd. T. Crisp then recited his *Prize Essay on the advantages of the Study of Classical Literature*, when the Right Revd. the Lord Bishop presented his prize with well chosen expressions of very deserved commendation of the Essayist, whose course through College has been most diligent and praiseworthy.

The following degrees were then conferred:

Masters.

Revd. J. M. Hensley, B. A.

Revd. J. Ambrose, B. A.

Bachelors.

Revd. T. Crisp,

H. Jarvis,

A. More,

R. J. Uniacke.

A. M. Uniacke, Esq. D. C. L. habited in the full robes of his degree, in a few but very emphatic words, expressed the thanks of the University to the Revd. T. O. Leaver, M. A., for his excellent Sermon. The Right Revd. Visitor then proposed the vote to Convocation and to the assemblage generally, and it was carried by acclamation. A similar vote was kindly accorded to the President, and the Convocation was dissolved.

The Governors subsequently met in the College Library, and passed a Resolution conveying their

thanks to the learned Examiners for their attentive and satisfactory discharge of their laborious duties.

The Right Revd. the Visitor gave much kind attention to the whole of the important business of commemoration week, interesting himself in the examinations both in the College and School, and inspecting the examination prize papers.

The following matriculations have been registered:

Henry Martin Gray,

James Fraser,

James Harris Van Buskirk.

GEORGE McCRAWLEY,

Pres.

EPISTLE FROM THE REV. JOSEPH H. CLINCH, M. A.

TO THE REV. GEORGE McCRAWLEY, D.D.,

President of King's College, Windsor, N. S.

DEAR PRESIDENT—

When your kind request I read,
Once more in *Alma Mater's* shades to tread,
To mingle with the great, the good, the wise,
At her *Encenia's* hospitalities,
And bid my muse, long absent, strike the string,
In those old Halls where first she plumed her wing;
What visions rose before my mental eyes!
How leaped to life long buried memories!
Backward in thought, I crossed the gulf of years,
Once more I stood among my young compeers;
Once more in thought rushed down the well-worn stairs
When chimed the bell for Lectures, Commons, Prayers;
Once more I sat where classic *Porter's* tone
Gave, e'en to Greek, a charm beyond its own:
Or marked his toils, not always crowned with fruits,
In aiding dunces dig for Hebrew roots.
Sage *Cicero*, too, in thought appeared once more,
Grown weak with years, but strong in learned lore;
Again I seemed his reverend form to see,
And heard his jokes, "for many a joke had he."
Nor failed my faithful memory back to bring,
The form, the look, the voice of studious *King*,
Exact the labyrinth of verse to thread,
And quick to ward the blows from *Priscian's* head.
Then, too, those "Polar regions" rose to sight,
Where Science shed her cold, yet brilliant light:
Where Fancy dared no flight sublime and free,
Dragged back to earth and fact by Q. E. D.
Oh! happy years that can no more return,
"Eheu fugaces anni" from the urn
Of buried hopes and memories that rise
To flush the lips with smiles, with tears the eyes.
For joy and pain on Memory still attend,
The lights and shadows in her pictures blend
The joys of College-life—the lights which cast
Their radiance o'er the picture of the past—
All Students know, and yet not all who bear
The Student's name those pleasures can declare.
The Students are the studios—they who make
Labor of pleasure—due precedence take;
Who to each duty faithfully attend,
And then—discreetly wise—the bow unbend.
They can look back with no regretful sighs,
When thoughts of vanished days before them rise—
Feel that those golden hours sped not in vain,
And live their College pleasures o'er again.
But ah! unmingled bliss to none belongs—
Some jarring discord mars our sweetest songs.
Some cloud across our brightest sunshine steals,
Some envious thorn our fairest rose conceals.
Though pleasant be the memory of the days
When in those Halls I sought scholastic praise,
Yet thoughts of sadness o'er my spirit fall,
As well-known forms and faces I recall!
Friends of my youth, where are they? Some I know
Are loved and honored. May they long be so!
Some I have met and questioned, eye to eye,
Long sermons, of the days gone by;
Some I yet hope to see, for still they stand
Among the living on Time's narrow strand;
But some there are, from human sound and sight,
Removed forever, by the veil of night;
Some sleep in quiet graves, where friends may come
And weep beside their mouldering dust; and some
Repose on distant shores; o'er some the main
Shall murmur till it yields its dead again.
Friend, almost brother! As these lines I trace,
How clearly thought recalls thy manly face
Lost *Trimingham*! I seem thy voice to hear,
Almost to feel thy presence hovering near.
Classmates and Chums within the College gate,
Beyond it brothers in things consecrate—
Our *curses* contemporaries—it seemed our way
Would hold united till life's closing day.
Brief hope! Bound homeward o'er the treacherous tide,
To meet and wed thy long affianced bride—
Thy home in sigh—thy heart with hope elate—
The tempest burst, and hurled thee to thy fate.
And thou, brave *Wellsford*! When the battle's ran
Rolled its red surges on the firm *Redan*,
Thou with the first, upon the rampart stood,
And bathed its stones with thy devoted blood.
Well I recall thee in thy youthful bloom,

Thy cap and gown were changed for sword and plume,
Nor thought I then, ere *lustra* five, to see
The Poet's verse applied with truth to thee—
"Dulce et decorum est,"—run the glowing line,
"Pro patria mori." Such a death was thine.

I fear, dear friend, that I too long detain,
Your wearied sense with this protracted strain,
My verse grows sad,—the chords of memory
Of late the muse to strike a minor key;
One pleasant word, then, though it serve to fill
My too prolix epistle fuller still,
Must yet be spoken, and that word shall be
CONGRATULATION—*Nate tridule!*
Hail to our nursing Mother! old, yet fair,
Her sons rise up and bless her for her care,
And feel, wherever scattered far and wide,
In her success a solace and a pride.
Joy fills my heart to hear that no decay
Palsies her limbs, or saps her strength away;
To know "age does not wither her" who taught
Her sons to drink from classic fountains of thought;
To know that still her means for good expand,
Her children bless her with a liberal hand,
And that, mild upon hate and friendship feigned,
She holds her course unchecked and unrestrained.
Long live our *Alma Mater*! at her gale
May anxious hundreds for admittance wait!
Still may she shine, and stand for countless days,
To crowds unborn a blessing and a praise!

THE CHURCH IN CANADA.

THE Act which follows, is that alluded to in *The Church Times* of last week, as having passed the Canadian Parliament without opposition, on the 13th June:

AN ACT to enable the Members of the United Church of England and Ireland in Canada to meet in Synod.

WHEREAS doubts exist whether members of the United Church of England and Ireland in this Province have the power of regulating the affairs of their Church in matters relating to discipline, and necessary to order and good government, and it is just that such doubts should be removed, in order that they may be permitted to exercise the same rights of self government that are enjoyed by other religious communities. Therefore Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows:

I. The Bishop, Clergy and Laity, Members of the United Church of England and Ireland in this Province, may meet in their several Dioceses, which are now, or may be hereafter constituted in this Province, and in such manner and by such proceedings as they shall adopt, frame constitutions and make regulations for enforcing discipline in the Church, for the appointment, deposition, deprivation, or removal of any person bearing office therein of whatever order or degree, any rights of the Crown to the contrary notwithstanding, and for the convenient and orderly management of the property, affairs and interest of the Church in matters relating to and affecting only the said Church, and the officers and members thereof, and not in any manner interfering with the rights, privileges or interests of other religious communities, or of any person or persons not being a member or members of the said United Church of England and Ireland; Provided always, that such constitutions and regulations shall apply only to the Diocese or Dioceses adopting the same.

II. The Bishops, Clergy and Laity, members of the United Church of England and Ireland in this Province, may meet in General Assembly within this Province, by such Representatives as shall be determined and declared by them in their several Dioceses; and in such General Assembly frame a Constitution and regulations for the general management and good government of the said Church in this Province; Provided always, that nothing in this Act contained shall authorise the imposition of any rate or tax upon any person or persons whomsoever, whether belonging to the said Church or not, or the infliction of any punishment, fine or penalty upon any person, other than his suspension or removal from an office in the said Church, or exclusion from the meetings or proceedings of the Diocesan or General Synods; And provided, also, that nothing in the said constitutions or regulations or any of them, shall be contrary to any law or statute now or hereafter in force in this Province.

Passed both Houses of the Provincial Parliament unanimously, on the 13th June, 1856.

Mr. Tray, of Sackville, is building a packet schooner to run between Windsor, and Boston. When the Railroad is completed to Windsor, they will need a steamboat on that line, touching at St. John, &c., and it will pay handsomely too.