

BISHOP BETHUNE COLLEGE.

Those interested in this most important branch of our work will be glad to hear that the great financial depression now making itself felt every where, has not, we are thankful to say, materially affected our School. Our numbers are rather less than usual, but the vacancies are gradually filling up, and our family is a very healthy and happy one. Many of our "old girls" (if such a term may be applied to the members of so young an Institution) left us this year to take their place in the world, and to be, we trust, useful Christian women, wherever that appointed place may be. Though they have left us, we may hear from and see them from time to time; but one whose dear memory will live forever in all our hearts, may visit us no more. Within the last few days she has been summoned to her place in the "Many Mansions," and by a short and painful road has reached the Everlasting Rest. Dear gentle girl, the thoughts that follow her, alone of all we have loved and cared for here, may indeed be free from all anxiety and uncertainty, for she has

"Gone into that School

Where she no longer needs our poor protection,
For CHRIST Himself doth rule."

The grounds have lost their charm, neither sleighing nor skating is yet possible—bicycles are not encouraged, and find no welcome within these gates—the muddy roads preclude the possibility of driving parties, so that the only out-of-door pleasure left is the daily walk, which now that the apples are all gathered in, and the orchards along the country roads offering no attractions, are rather uninteresting. An occasional encounter with a cow does lend some zest to them—for here the streets are free to these useful animals, and they now and then favour the passer-by with a share of their personal attention. The scarcity of out-door pleasure, does not however, appear to have a depressing effect, and just now leisure time and thoughts are occupied with the preparation of costumes for the masquerade to be held on Thanksgiving night, and of which an account will be given below.

The Rev. Mr. MacNab, who preached here last Sunday on behalf of the Cathedral debt, paid our School a visit on Monday afternoon, and expressed great pleasure with all the arrangements. He gave the girls a very kind and instructive address, which greatly delighted them, and thanked them for their prompt and generous response to his appeal for the Church. Their donation, with that of the governesses, amounted to more