

Moved by George Reading, Esq. seconded by Mr. Walter Dantell.

No. 3. The destitution which prevails to so great an extent in our own country, and to a still greater in other lands where the Gospel light is hardly felt; these so constantly coming to our ears from every quarter, are most urgent reasons why we should contribute with liberal hands to the diffusion of Gospel blessings.

Moved by John Burney, Esq. seconded by Mr. Michael Ambrose.

The Rector, Churchwardens and Vestry Clerk were appointed as a Committee, and C. G. Wiggins, Esq. Secretary. A very great interest was taken in the affairs of the Society. Several addresses were delivered by members, and in them they evinced their increasing willingness to forward (subsidy) objects, to the furtherance of which the means of the Society had been expended. And the best proof that could be given that all present heartily co-operated with them in these laudable feelings, consisted in the amount of the subscriptions, which was much larger than it had been at any previous meeting.

After the subscriptions had been received the Dismissal hymn was sung, and the meeting concluded by prayer and the Apostolic benediction. C. G. W.

Tuesday, Jan. 18, 1854.

DARTMOUTH.

The Annual Meeting of the Dartmouth Branch of the D. C. Society, was held on Friday the 27th ult. in the School house lately erected on the Church grounds. The Chair was taken by the Rev. the President, at 7 p. m. The Meeting was opened by singing and prayer. After which the President delivered a short address, advocating the claims of the Society, pointing out the necessity of renewed exertion and further aid towards the support of an Institution upon which the Church in this Province must for the future mainly depend. The following Resolutions were then moved:

1st Resolution.—That whereas the progress of the Church in this Diocese mainly depends upon her Missionaries, and her stability upon their permanent support.—Therefore, Resolved, that the meeting will use its utmost endeavours to further these two objects of the Society.

Two resolutions were moved by James B. Smith, Esq. and seconded by David E. Gilpin, Jr.

Before proceeding to the 2d Resolution, the President gave out the hymn "Arm of the Lord awake," which was sung by the choir.

2d Resolution.—That it would be highly gratifying to this Committee if means could be devised by the Church Society of this Diocese, to create a fund for the support of the widows and orphans of those Missionaries whose limited stipends afford but a bare support whilst living, and preclude the possibility of providing for those near and dear to them, who must consequently be left destitute after their death.

Moved by Lawrence Hartshorne, Esq., seconded by Rev. Jas. C. Cochran.

3d Resolution.—Whereas the Members of the Committee in furtherance of the 6th and 9th objects of the Diocesan Society, have during the past year erected on the Church grounds a commodious and suitable building for a School, to be under the control and superintendence of the Missionaries and Churchwardens of the Parish. Resolved, that this Meeting will zealously unite in endeavouring to advance and support an efficient institution having for its object the instruction of children in sound religious and practical knowledge—and this Committee have full confidence that their humble endeavours will be generously aided by the Diocesan Society, should the state of its funds hereafter enable it to do so.

Moved by E. H. Lowe, Esq., seconded by Robert Halliburton, Esq.

Delegates were then appointed to represent the Members of this Committee at the General Meeting, and a collection taken amounting to £3 5. Bishop Haber's Missionary Hymn was sung, and the Meeting then closed by the Blessing.

In conclusion it is to be hoped that the number attending the meeting being larger than usual, is a proof that a warmer interest is taken in the objects of the Society.

The Resolutions were ably advocated by the respective speakers, and left, it is to be believed, an impression upon the minds of all present, that every Christian is bound to aid by all possible means, the labours of the Church, the Diocesan Church Society.

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HALIFAX, SATURDAY, FEB. 4, 1854.

KING'S COLLEGE.

We have pleasure in transferring to our columns from the last Church Witness, the following excellent remarks from a long and well timed Editorial on the subject. We are glad to find him taking up the cause of the College so warmly, and it is to be hoped that the influence which he so justly possesses in the sister Province, may tell favourably when an agent shall go thither for help in our time of need. We call particular attention to the figuring of our Mother Editor, by which he so plainly proves that there is among us the ability if there be only the will, to accomplish the object proposed in the Appeal of the Alumni. If

however, there shall turn out to be any difficulty in "doing the sum" on this side of the Bay, we hope that he and the rest of the N. B. Alumni will help us in ciphering it out on the other. It must not be forgotten that much of the light that now shines in New Brunswick has been kindled upon College Hill at Windsor, for which we thank, others in that Province, who are not of the Alumni, will remember us for good.

After speaking with approval of the recent change in the government of the College, effected by the Act of last Session, the Editor thus refers to the approaching meeting of Alumni on the 10th:—

"We hope it may be well attended, and the results as favorable as the warmest friends of the College can desire. To find men among the Alumni who are qualified for the office, and who have the interests of the Institution at heart, will not be difficult; but to find men who possess these qualifications, and, at the same time, have leisure to attend to the duties that will devolve upon them, will not be so easily accomplished. One of the great evils of the progress of the age, for rapid progress has its evils as well as its benefits, is, that the whole machinery of Society has become too complex, the engagements of men too multiplied; that more is required to be done than can be done well; that the mental energies have to be served out in infinitesimal globules, where homeopathic treatment cannot be resorted to. Systems have to be conceived, details arranged, and action taken upon them now in less time than our predecessors took to tell upon a day of meeting to take them into consideration. They march on with even pace, great precision, and performed various exhibitions on their way, which were, no doubt, useful as well as graceful. Our lot is to advance as 'quicker than the wind' without a moment to do anything but 'look ahead,' and that often very imperfectly. Heretofore at least one difficulty in selecting men from the busy ranks of Society, to direct the affairs of public institutions, and it is to be felt, we presume, in the instance before us.—The Governors of the Institution in question will have, for some time to come, no easy task to accomplish, no small difficulties to encounter. The Statute Book of the Institution will have to be revised. It has too much in it that is obsolete, for present times. The course of studies while retaining those parts which time and experience have shown the value of, should be adapted to a Colony and to the special demands of the age. Great would be the advantage, if, during the term of collegiate residence, men could not only acquire a proficiency of classical or mathematical learning, but also lay the foundation of an acquaintance with their future professions. The one is a practical one. Those who are to take part in its active pursuits cannot afford to spend several of their most important years in acquiring what does not directly bear upon their subsequent occupation. But the chief difficulty, we apprehend, both for the Governors and the Alumni in their corporate capacity will be, to command funds sufficient to sustain the building and its staff, in a state of efficiency. And yet, why should this be a difficulty? £10,000 are wanted. Why should not the Churchmen of Nova Scotia subscribe the sum? What difficulty would they find in it? What sacrifice would it require? Are there within the Diocese of Nova Scotia, including as it does Cape Breton and Prince Edward Island, 20,000 adults who call themselves Churchmen? Set aside from the number 4000, who may be too indigent to give anything; and then enquire, are there not among the remainder four churchmen who would give £250 each? twenty who would give £50 each? fifty who would give £20 each? a hundred who would give £10 each, two hundred who would give £5 each, five hundred who would give £2 each? one thousand who would give £1 each? two thousand who would give 10s. each? four thousand who would give 5s. each? and eight thousand who would give 2s. 6d. each? Cannot we repeat the question, the whole Church population of the Diocese of Nova Scotia, or the major part of them, give £10,000 to sustain in a state of practical efficiency, the University, which is to educate their youth for all the different professions, and to supply such Churches with Clergymen, throughout the Diocese, and throughout successive generations? To suppose they cannot is preposterous, and to assume that they will not would be an impeachment of their zeal and generosity, which we should not venture to make. We are aware of the 'vis inertia' that pertains to human nature, especially in giving money to public objects; but the age is rapidly developing the power of mind over material agents; and we believe it is quite necessary for the ardent friends of the Institution under consideration, to exert the former, with sufficient energy, in order to command the 10,000 required. A plan has been suggested of giving to individuals, towns or counties, who contribute the sum of 100l. the privilege of sending, forever, one scholar to College; free of the yearly fees. We do not condemn this plan; or, in the slightest degree, impeach the wisdom and practical acquaintance with human nature, from whence it emanated; but we confess, that, viewing the subject in its paramount importance, we would not give to the donors of the sums named, one single privilege beyond that of transmitting to their posterity what their predecessors have conferred upon them, an inheritance, where their children, and their children's children, may learn to fear God, honor their sovereign, do good in their generation, and live for a better world."

Before our next paper comes out, the important step will have been taken; on which the future welfare, perhaps the very existence, of the Institution may de-

pend. We earnestly hope that those who have the privilege of voting for the new Governors of the College, will be guided from above, to that result which will be for the benefit of the Church, and for the promotion of the great cause of sound Scriptural education in this land.

Quarzo.—Agreeably to the summons of the Bishop a Diocesan Assembly met at Quebec on the 12th January, consisting of 36 Lay delegates and 20 clergymen. The meeting seems to have been harmonious, and the Session was confined to one day. We subjoin the Resolutions adopted on the occasion:—

The following are the Resolutions, as finally agreed to:—

1.—That a Petition be presented to Her Majesty the Queen, and the two Houses of Parliament, praying for the passage of such a measure as shall remove all doubts as to the legality of the holding of Diocesan and Provincial Synods, in the Colonies of the British Empire, and shall leave it to the respective Synods to adopt such Rules and Canons as they may think proper, provided that the same be not repugnant to the laws of the Colonial Legislatures, or the Articles and Liturgy of the United Church of England and Ireland.

2.—That a Petition be presented to the Provincial Legislature, praying for the passage of a Bill to give legal effect to the action of such Synods, so far as the Members of the Church of England in this Province are concerned; and

That the Diocesan Assemblies in the Dioceses of Montreal and Toronto be requested to concur in the Petition.

3.—That the secularization of the Clergy; Reserves would be an act of gross injustice.

4.—That whereas the present Common School Law confers exclusive privileges upon one religious body, it is but just that all should be placed upon an equal footing:

That such alterations therefore are needed in the existing Law, as will both enable the Church of England, or any other religious body, acting singly or unitedly, to form Schools, where it is so desired, similar to those which are now recognized as "Disseminatory," and also exempt Protestants from the payment of taxes for Education, where they do not in any measure benefit by those taxes.

5.—That the Church of England in this Province labours under a heavy grievance in being practically debarred from the right of issuing Marriage Licenses by its own Bishops to its own people, while the privilege is enjoyed in full by the corresponding authorities of the Church of Rome.

That there are evils resulting from the Law respecting Marriage in this Province, which cry aloud for immediate relief and remedy.

6.—That a Petition embodying the complaints set forth in the above resolutions, and praying for relief be presented to the Provincial Legislature at its next Session; and

7.—That the Diocesan Assemblies in the Dioceses of Montreal and Toronto be requested to concur in the Petition.

8.—That the Committee appointed to consider the objections against those persons attending as Lay Delegates, whose election has been questioned, be now discharged.

9.—That the Lord Bishop be requested to leave the chair, and the Rev. S. S. Wood do take it.

10.—That the cordial thanks of this meeting be given to the Bishop for his able and dignified conduct while presiding on this occasion.

The coming week will be a busy and important one among the friends of the Church and College. On Thursday the 9th, agreeably to announcement, the business meeting of the D. C. Society, will be held according to the Act of Incorporation at 11 a. m. in the National School House. On the evening of the same day at 7 o'clock, will be held in the Temperance Hall the usual Annual Meeting, when Addresses will be delivered by several eloquent speakers, on very important subjects. We hope there will be a large attendance of the brethren and lay delegates from the country.

On Friday 10th will come off the General Meeting of the Alumni of King's College, for the election of the new Governors, to which we have so often called the attention of our readers.

We are requested to remind the members of the Alumni Association, that, under the Rules of the Corporation, none are entitled to vote at the approaching election of Governors of the College, who have not paid up all arrears.

Dartmouth.—There was a very good meeting of the Local Committee, D. C. S., on Friday evening last, Rev. Mr. Morris the Rector, in the chair, assisted by Rev. Mr. Stewart. It was held in the