

THE CALCUTTA ORPHANAGE.

The following Church Sabbath schools in Canada have assured the care of children in the Calcutta Orphanage.

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| St. Andrew's Church, Kingston..... | 3 orphans. |
| Do Hamilton..... | 1 " |
| Do Toronto..... | 1 " |
| Do Fergus..... | 1 " |
| Do Montreal..... | 1 " |

Letters or remittances in connection with the above to be addressed to the 'Editors of the Presbyterian' or to Mr. John Paton, Kingston.

THE LATE DANIEL WILKIE, L. L. D.—A monument, to be erected in Mount Hermon Cemetery to the memory of the late Rev. Daniel Wilkie, L. L. D., by his pupils, has arrived here from Scotland. It is of Aberdeen granite, an of pyramidal form. The cost will be upwards of £100. An application was made to the Government to admit the monument free of custom's dues, and, in consideration of the services which the late Dr. Wilkie had rendered to the Province in his capacity of Teacher, the Government has liberally remitted the duty, or in other words has contributed the sum of £17 to the Wilkie monument.—*Quebec Chronicle.*

THE CHURCH IN THE LOWER PROVINCES.

NOVA SCOTIA.

OPENING OF THE PROVINCIAL NORMAL SCHOOL.

—This Institution was opened in due form on the 14th inst. It is to be regretted that there was no newspaper reporter present to catch the "winged words" of the many eloquent and interesting addresses delivered on the occasion, and to give them publicity and permanence. It would also have required the artist's pencil to enable those absent to form any adequate idea of the occurrences of that day. To us, to whom occurrences of a similar kind have not been unusual, it was interesting in the extreme, and a journey of 160 miles over roads rough and miry, with a thorough drenching toward the termination of the journey, did not excite a single regret that it had been undertaken. We arrived at the Normal School about half an hour before the time appointed, and on entering the building we were surprised at the appearance of the interior. The modest and unpretending appearance of the outside of the building did not prepare us for the elegant internal arrangements of accommodation, furniture and apparatus; and our utmost expectations did not equal the interesting sight of 60 pupils, seated two by two at the elegant desks—the females occupying the front desks, and the males those in the rear. At about 12½ o'clock the proceedings of the day commenced. The audience of ladies and gentlemen was large and respectable. On the platform and in front of it were the Rev. Alex. Forrester, the Principal, in the chair; his colleagues, Messrs. Mulholland and Randall; the Hon's. the Attorney General, the Provincial Secretary, the Financial Secretary, and the Hon. Hugh Bell; Adams G. Archibald, M. P. P.; G. W. McLellan, M. P. P.; the Rev. Messrs. Leaver, McCulloch, Dymock, Roy, Honeyman, Waddell and Wyhe; A. Mackinlay, A. Carmichael, Robert Romans, Esquires, &c. The band in attendance opened with a prelude. The Rev. Alex. Forrester engaged in prayer. An apology was read from his Excellency the Lieut. Governor, expressing his deep interest in the Institution, and his extreme regret that he was prevented from being present on account of indisposition. Apologies were also read from Bishop Binney, Dr Cramp of Acadia College, Dr Evans of Sackville, and others. A. G. Archibald, Esq., then read the Report of the Directors of the Institution, giving an account of its origin and progress till its completion, in which honourable mention was made of the efforts of J.

W. Dawson Esq. (now Principal of McGill College, Montreal,) in its establishment, and of his counsels in the matters of design and arrangement.

The Principal then read an admirable paper, explaining the nature and objects of the Institution. Addresses were then delivered by the Attorney General, Provincial Secretary, Financial Secretary, Hon. H. Bell; A. Mackinlay, Esq., the Rev. Messrs. Roy, Honeyman, Waddell, Leaver, and Dymock, and G. W. McLellan, Esq. Many of the addresses were exceedingly eloquent. All were varied and interesting, and, although the meeting was protracted till 5½ o'clock, the audience exhibited no symptoms of impatience, but, on the contrary, of the deepest interest. The band then played the National Anthem. The Principal pronounced the Apostolical Benediction, and all parties separated highly gratified with the day's proceedings. It must have been very gratifying to Mr. Forrester to receive the oft repeated expressions of confidence and esteem made by the various speakers on the occasion, and it is matter of congratulation to the Province that there is a man of Mr. Forrester's known energy and ability at the head of the Institution, and that he has associated with him Messrs. Mulholland and Randall, who are well known as able and successful instructors. The Institution was hailed as the morning-star of a better day about to rise on Nova Scotia.—(*Communicated*) *Halifax Presbyterian.*

PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU.

STUDENTS IN THE UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW.

WITH a view to provide a supply of Pastors for the Gaelic congregations in the Eastern parts of this Province, and at the same time afford encouragement to promising young men to qualify themselves for the office of the sacred ministry, it is well known that the Presbytery of Pictou sought out with much anxiety and care, and sent home to Scotland, several years ago, a number of hopeful scholars to prosecute their studies in the University of Glasgow, who on receiving license would return to Nova Scotia, to preach the Gospel to their fellow-countrymen.

The object is highly praiseworthy in present circumstances, when we have neither a Provincial University nor a Divinity Hall to afford the regular course of education for the Ministry prescribed by our Church.

The proposal, first made, we believe, by one of our Nova Scotian clergymen, who had himself studied in Scotland, has all along met with much encouragement; liberal sums have been subscribed in the different congregations to assist the young men in prosecuting their studies. Much interest is felt in the advancing progress of their literary and philosophical as well as theological education; and high expectations are entertained of their future success and usefulness as Ministers of the Gospel. They are all young men of most respectable talents and excellent character; they have all distinguished themselves in the classes through which they have already passed, and some of them, on the strictest test and on undoubted authority, are among the brightest scholars of the age. Nova Scotia has no reason to be ashamed of the attainments of her ingenuous youth, if they do justice to their talents, and find a sufficiently large and conspicuous sphere for their development. We have again and again had an opportunity of directing the attention of our friends to the proficiency of these students, when recording the rewards which were bestowed on them, and publishing extracts from their letters to their relatives and friends in this Province; and it affords us much satisfaction to lay before our readers another very pleasing

extract from a letter, addressed to the Rev. Allan Pollock, of New Glasgow, by one of these students from the East River of Pictou, who received, if we are rightly informed, last season one of the highest prizes in the Logic class. The letter was written some time ago; and long ere this he and his fellow-students have entered on the study of Moral Philosophy and other kindred branches, to enable them to complete their preparatory education for the Christian Ministry three or four years hence.

SOMERSET HOUSE, GARELOCH HEAD,
11th October, 1855.

Rev. and Dear Sir,—As long as we remained together, I did not feel that there was occasion that we should be writing individually, the one having nothing to communicate more than the other; I have been, accordingly, more in the habit of writing to Mr. McLean, while the others did so to some other member of Presbytery. But now that we are separated I think otherwise, and I know that the Presbytery have a right to know how we are engaged, that they severally have a claim upon each of us to an extent that we can never requite them for.

Although I have been long in writing, I certainly do think and believe that I am deeply indebted to you and the other members of Presbytery as well as to the people, my own dear countrymen, for their exertions on my behalf; and, when I speak for myself, I presume to do so for us all. I hope and I must say I am not indifferent to the many blessings that have been showered on and around me, mainly through your exertions. I owe you a debt which I feel to be a heavy burden; yet, methinks, in it I can trace the finger of God, as having opened up this channel, wherein His goodness might flow to me; and accordingly I am strengthened and enabled to look up to Him and thank Him for His unbounded goodness; and I trust that, ever deeply impressed with my responsibility to my God and my Country, I will be enabled to use every opportunity, that may present itself, to fit and prepare me for that arduous task and high calling, in which I profess to be engaged; and so returning, if God spares my life, to my native country in the fulness of the Gospel of Christ, I may testify in word and deed that the glory of God is the only motive that actuates my whole conduct.

All summer I was in a gentleman's family in this place. I was extremely glad to get the offer, as I had nothing to do in Glasgow, and wished very much to leave it in the hot weather, but did not know very well where to go. It was merely accident that brought me to this place, and I am sure I don't regret it in any way. Last session was a tremendous hard one. Logic and Middle Greek, I am told, taken together are the most difficult classes in College; if so, they are now past. I stood it, notwithstanding the toil and anxiety, very well, and was quite as healthy, when the session ended, as when it commenced; but not quite so strong. I did not study much in summer. I thought it advisable not to do so—better lay in a good store of health whereon to fall back in winter. I am now quite strong.—*Halifax Monthly Record* for January.