

earnest prayers for a continuance of the Divine blessing upon their great work and labour of love.

Moved in his usual warm hearted and energetic manner by B. Zwicker, Esq., M. P. P.—seconded by Mr. Henry Kedy, and supported by Hon. W. Rudolf.

5th. That the following persons be the Office-bearers and Executive Committee of the Mahone Bay Branch of the D. C. S. for the ensuing year.

Patron—The Lord Bishop of the Diocese. President—The Rev. W. H. Snyder. Vice Presidents—B. Legge, Esq., John Kedy, Esq., Mr. Frederick Ernst, and Mr. Francis Zwicker. Secretary—Mr. Lewis Knaut. Treasurer—B. Legge, Esq. Delegates and Member of the General Committee—B. Zwicker, Esq., M. P. P. Committee—Messrs. Jas. Duncan, A. Zwicker, jun., David Stephenwhite, Adam Lantz, Peter Ernst, James Langille, Philip Heison, Benjamin Barry, John Jovrie, Edmund Vianot, John Geo. Jodrie, Jas. Vianot, Caspar Vianot, W. Nichols, Adam Feindal. Moved by Mr. Rupert Zwicker; seconded by Mr. Fawcett Morris.

6th. That the thanks of this Meeting be given to the several gentlemen from Lunenburg who have so kindly assisted us this evening.

Moved by John Kedy, Esq. in a short but interesting speech, and seconded by Mr. Lewis Knaut.

S. H. W.

N. B. The amount of our Subscriptions this year will exceed that of last year by at least seven pounds.

The Church Times.

HALIFAX, SATURDAY, FEB. 24, 1855.

OURSELVES ONCE MORE.

We deem it necessary to state explicitly, that the *Church Times* is now conducted entirely upon the responsibility of its Proprietor.

The arrangement for one year, by agreement, with the late Clerical Editor, terminated at the close of 1854, and the Proprietor did not deem it advisable to renew it. This simple fact will obviate any misconception that may have arisen in or been impressed on the minds of Churchmen with reference to this subject.

The supervision of a Sub Committee, appointed by the Executive Committee of the D. C. S., dependent also upon the above arrangement, ceased at the same time. As the Paper never can be made a special object of the D. C. S., it is presumed that the good offices of its members will be as valuable in its behalf, and as satisfactory to the Church at large, as any control which the Executive Committee could assume in its management. For the assistance rendered by the Executive Committee, in their endeavours again to establish the circulation of the Paper at the highest point to which it had reached soon after the commencement of the undertaking, and so to ensure him against positive loss, the Proprietor returns his thankful acknowledgments. If not completely successful, they have done good service in this respect, and he has never asked for nor desired that they should render him any other. He hopes that with their continued friendly aid in this way, he will be able to accomplish all that remains to be done to ensure to the Diocese a good medium of Church intelligence.

The Paper is now, and will continue to be, published according to the terms of the original Prospectus, from which the above arrangement was a deviation, as an experiment. It is recognised by the Lord Bishop as the medium by which all Ecclesiastical information and intelligence in which the Diocese is concerned, will be communicated. It claims from the Clergy the performance of those good offices, upon the faith of which it was established: and it asks of the Laity to do their part by their subscriptions, so make it equal to any other denominational paper.

It will be sufficient to state, that the *Church Times* never has been, and is not now independent of Clerical advice and assistance. As to who may at any period be its Clerical Editor, it will be a sufficient guarantee for the performance of his duties, that none will be appointed without the sanction of the Bishop. It is deemed unnecessary that his name should at any time be paraded on the title page. The Paper is the organ of the Church, and not of an individual, or a party: besides, the course is unsustained by English example or practice.

No exertion will be spared to make the *Church Times* a good Newspaper, in addition to its ecclesiastical and religious character, so that for all the usual topics of interest, a Churchman need take no other paper. But on the other hand, it will require a much more extended support than has been hitherto afforded, before it can reach to the highest standard of excellence. The smallest service connected with a Newspaper is attended with pecuniary outlay; and its appearance and management will be a sure index to the amount of patronage bestowed upon it. In this instance it is only asked of Churchmen that they will attach as much importance to the object as

other religious bodies do, who consider a periodical to advocate their views, a most essential appendage of their system.

SABBATH DESECRATION.

There are some indications, not a whit too soon, that Sabbath desecration is beginning to claim the attention of the community. The evil commences in youth—nay in childhood. It is rife at the corners of every street on the Lord's Day—it prevails largely within five or six miles of the city, wherever liquor is sold, or there is any inducement for the idle to congregate. Dartmouth is a favorite resort of young Sabbath-breakers—in winter the Lakes tempt the skaters—and in summer the angler—and the report of the fowling piece may be frequently heard in the woods, disturbing the solemnity of the day of rest and peace.

We do not hesitate to say that these things are owing in part to a defect in the organization of our social character, which if not soon attended to, will work an irreparable mischief. The root of the evil goes much deeper than can be reached by an example being now and then made of some notorious youthful profligate. It originates in the absence of all control over the wayward fancies of the young. A looseness of parental discipline prevails, and this follows the boy to his trade, and tends to prevent the wholesome restraint of his master. Ask any tradesman in the City dependent in his business, as many of them are, in some degree, upon the boys he is educating in it, and he will tell you they are a great annoyance—that they do almost as they please—that it is quite difficult to find a lad who entertains correct ideas of the duty he owes to his employer—or who looks upon him in any other light than as a convenience;—and what is worse, in many instances their natural guardians appear to connive at their bad conduct. This state of things is too general not to be severely felt. Such a thing as indenturing an apprentice is now rarely heard of—the consequence is, that the boy obtains as much freedom as the man, while yet the honorable principle is but ill defined in his mind. Companions tempt him to betray his employer—an offer of higher wages seduces him from his allegiance. His parents are satisfied. Tradesmen too, are to be found who encourage this system—and the work of demoralization goes bravely on, and the character is formed for vice, at the very time when it ought to be implanted with the seeds of virtue, and the precepts of religion.

The friends of youth will do well to bestir themselves to meet the evil. If they can bring about a union among tradesmen and a system which each would observe with reference to apprentices, their hours of work, remuneration, &c., a great advantage would be gained for all parties. But whatever they may do, it is high time that the City authorities had taken cognizance of one of the consequences of the loose practices that prevail, and enforced a proper Sabbath observance in the streets, and all the public houses and places within the bounds of their authority.

LENT.

During the Season of Lent, there will be morning service in St. Paul's every day; and afternoon service at St. Luke's on Tuesdays and Fridays.

SYNODICAL.

In answer to enquirers we are authorized to state, that the assembly of the Bishop, Clergy and representatives of the Laity of this Diocese, will be held at the same time as the general Meeting of the D. C. S., in October next; when the report of the Committee appointed to frame rules and regulations will be considered. In those Parishes which have not yet elected 2 Delegates, the Election may take place at the Easter Meeting, and whenever it is intended to propose such an Election, notice of the intention should be given at least three weeks before the day of meeting.

We observe with pleasure that the Mission of Piquash and Wallace, has contributed £20 to the D. C. S. for the present year. We are aware also, that the sum of £40 in money has been raised there during the past six months for Church purposes. This shows that the Churchmen in that mission, as well as the hard working Missionary, are alive to the increasing necessity for exertion in supporting our Church.

The body of Capt. McDonald, who has been missing for some months, was found drowned off one of the wharves on Monday last. A large sum of money was found on his person, which would take away any suspicion of his having, as was supposed, met with foul play.

KING'S COLLEGE, WINDSOR.

LAST TERM, 1855.

The Subject for the Prize Essay proposed by the Lord Bishop for this Year is,

"The Propagation of Christianity compared with that of Mahometanism, proving that, although the latter may be accounted for by human causes, the former can be attributed only to a Superhuman Agency."

The Essays are to be sent in to the President on the 10th day of May, and the Prize will be delivered to the successful Candidate at the ensuing Encomium, when he will read his Essay in the Hall.

The Prize is open to the competition of all Members of the University, whether resident or non resident, who have completed their 12th and have not entered upon their 25th term at this date. Each Essay is to be distinguished by a Motto and to be accompanied by a sealed paper bearing the same Motto, and containing the name of the writer.

The Subjects for Examination for the Prize in Hebrew and Biblical Greek in 1855, will be

The Book of Joshua, Heb. & Gr.

The first ten Psalms, " "

The Gospel of St. John and

The Epistle to Titus.

This Prize is open to all Members of the University who are below the Standing for M. A., and who have not already gained the first premium in Hebrew.

The Professor of Natural Science has commenced a systematic course of lectures on Chemistry and Natural History.

A Foreign Professor, who will give instruction in the German, French, Spanish and Italian languages and literature, has been recently appointed by the Government.

GEORGE McCRAWLEY,

President.

A FATAL ACCIDENT.—We regret to state that Thomas Harding, Esq., of St. John, N. B., lost his life on Saturday, at about 2 P. M., under the following melancholy circumstances. The Western Coach, when on the other side of the Gaspeaux River, met large banks of snow. Vall was driving. All the passengers got off the Coach but Miss Dill, who was inside. Deceased must have again got on the Coach, and was probably standing on the step, when it capsized, near Mr. Dimock's. All the passengers assisted to right the vehicle. No blame can possibly be attached to the driver, as all the passengers have signed a certificate to that effect. Deceased was highly respected in this and the Sister Province.—*Chronicle*.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.—The sixth lecture before this Association was delivered on Tuesday evening last, by the Rev. P. G. McGregor. It is represented to have been "a very able lecture, unequalled, perhaps, by any delivered in Temperance Hall this season." S. L. Shannon, Esq. is announced as the next lecturer:—his subject, THE CATACOMBS OF ROME.—*Wesleyan*.

The Baptist Church in this Province sustains an afflictive loss in the death of John Ferguson, Esq., whose assiduous discharge of the duties of Editor of the denominational organ had well entitled him to the earnest and lasting gratitude of the members of that body. His family and friends have our sincere sympathy in the heavy bereavement with which they have been visited.—*Ibid*.

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Received.		
January 30.	Piquash	£25 13 6
	Annapolis	43 7 11
	B. Smith, Esq., Rawdon	0 10 0
	Shelburne	£12 10 3 1/2
	Church Over	3 8 7 1/2
	Jordan	0 15 0
		17 0 0
February 3	Sherbrooke	0 5 11
	6. Piquash	0 7 6
	7. St. Margaret's Bay	20 0 0
	Tusket	14 0 0
	8. Yarmouth	20 0 0
	10. Antigonish	11 5 0
	12. New Dublin	20 17 2 1/2
	13. Liverpool	63 10 0
	Ship Harbor, East Shore	21 3 9 1/2
	Joseph Starr, Esq. Cornwallis (donation)	10 0 0
	Westport (Long Island)	0 1 3
15. Digby		24 0 0
16. Lunenburg		10 0 0
	Newport & Walton	10 14 0
17. Weymouth		12 0 0
	Cornwallis, the property of "St. John's" parish	50 0 0
	Sydney Mines	7 0 0
	Truro	25 10 0
19. Annapolis		1 10 0
21. Mahone Bay		17 0 0
	Liverpool	1 10 0
	New Dublin	4 15 3

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