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The attention of the clergy has been of late more carefully turned to the subject (extracts upon which I will now read) of respect to the Liturgy and offices of the church...

In the celebration of solemn services, the introduction of novelties is much to be deprecated, and even the revival of usages which, having grown obsolete, have the appearance of novelties to the ignorant...

There is one point, however, of no little importance, in which material benefit would accrue to the public by a strict observance of the Rubric, which prescribes the quantity of service required in the church...

Let it not be supposed that any reproach is intended in these observations. I have great reason to be satisfied with the spirit that prevails in the diocese, and the general conduct of the clergy...

From the time when I was called to the station which gives me the right of addressing you, I have had the gratification of seeing a gradual diminution of non-residence...

I take this opportunity of mentioning that measures recommended by the Commissioners, and sanctioned by the Legislature, will give to the diocese a second Archdeaconry...

Relating with confidence on your co-operation in all works of piety and charity, and requesting the benefit of your prayers, I now humbly commend you to the guidance of that good Spirit who alone can give the will and ability to obey the commandments of the Lord...

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We direct the attention of our readers to the account of the ANNUAL EXAMINATION OF UPPER CANADA COLLEGE, furnished by a correspondent who witnessed the gratifying sight.

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In giving publicity to these acts of munificence, I feel conscious that I am not acting in accordance with the desires of any of the parties mentioned, and that they have been moved to the performance of good deeds by nobler principles than the love of fame; but it is surely right that we should let their "lights shine before men," and not allow them to be "hidden under a bushel."

Permit me, Reverend Sir, in conclusion, though rather foreign to my subject, to recommend to you, or any of your readers, possessed of sufficient leisure, to pay a visit to this favoured spot and these charming "Back Lakes." Your favorite Ontario, though ever sublime and beautiful, must have lost some of its attractive novelty: let us now come in for a share of the tourist's observation. I feel that he will hardly return without being gratified with his visit, if made at a least season of the year.

With many and continued prayers for your continued health and happiness, and for the success of your truly valuable journal.

I remain, Reverend Sir, Very respectfully yours, T. FIDLER.

Fenelon Falls, Nov. 30, 1840.

To the Editor of the Church.

REVEREND AND DEAR SIR: As every one of your intelligent readers must feel a deep interest in the prosperity of that excellent Institution, Upper Canada College, I feel convinced that an account, however imperfect, of the late Annual Examination, will give very general satisfaction.

Influenced by this consideration I take the liberty of offering you the following brief description of that pleasing occurrence.

As a regular attendant on the Examinations antecedent to the day on which the Prizes were distributed, and derived, from witnessing the various exercises by which the attainments of the Pupils were tested, the most lively gratification. In every branch of literature the most intricate questions were answered with astonishing promptitude, and the intimate acquaintance with all the subjects of examination, displayed by each class, said much in favour of the judicious plan of education pursued at the College.

Several gentlemen were present at the same time, and expressed their high opinion of the superior manner in which the Examination was conducted. It is, however, to be regretted that more, who are capable of appreciating a sight which, to every cultivated mind, must be a rich intellectual feast, are not usually induced to seize this opportunity of tracing the gradual progress of literature in moulding the human mind, manifested in the youth who is struggling to secure an acquaintance with his vernacular tongue, in regular gradation up to the classical scholar who has surmounted every difficulty, and, as the reward of his industry, can transport himself in imagination to a long since Aed, and hold converse, as it were, with the celebrated writers of antiquity.

To what cause this apparent neglect is to be attributed I am unable to determine, but certain it is, that it cannot be ascribed to any indifference with regard to the welfare of the Institution, for its friends are too sincere to suffer apathy to diminish their attachment or detract from their esteem.

But interesting as were the preceding examinations, yet they were far exceeded by the one that followed them, and formed the concluding subject. This was the contest between the competitors for the two prizes presented by the College for the most perfect Latin composition, and the Word of God as particularly applicable to the study of the Holy Scriptures is the most eminent characteristic of the excellent system of instruction adopted at the College, and is a noble trait worthy of an Institution whose chief ornament is the inculcation of loyalty based upon the principles of undefiled Christianity.

The replies elicited from the principal candidates proved how careful their preparation had been, and how well calculated the exercise was for adding to their stores of secular learning the priceless treasures of spiritual knowledge. In the higher branch of this department James Stanton (who obtained the first prize), Henry Boulton, and Richard Rutten, were deserving of great praise for their assiduity in collecting the necessary scriptural information; and in the lower division Thomas Nichol (the successful competitor), and Sidney Cosens, a youth of talent and great industry, though young in years, distinguished themselves.

On the day when the Prizes were distributed a large number assembled to view the pleasing ceremony. The boys who acquitted themselves most creditably in the delivery of their recitations were Robert O'Hara, Weller, Manie, and Rutten, who exerted himself with his characteristic perseverance, and obtained particular applause. I have already mentioned him as one who displayed considerable talent in the Scriptural examination, and indeed so great was his merit that it elicited from the Rev. Dr. McCaul especial commendation.

It will be satisfactory to every friend of this Institution to know that its prospects are as favourable as ever, and that it is continually acquiring additional strength under the vigorous administration of its present Principal. His predecessor had gained for it uncommon literary celebrity; and to sustain this honourable distinction abilities of no common order were supplied in the Rev. Dr. McCaul, and no better choice could have been made of a Principal to discharge the duties of a situation of such weighty responsibility, demanding high literary attainments, combined with indefatigable perseverance.

Upper Canada College has numerous enemies, who would employ all the means in their power to diminish its usefulness, and conceal its worth; enemies, malignant and unwearied, who would prostrate the Institution, and sing songs of triumphant exultation over its ruins. But ever victorious; nay, more than that, it has derived fresh vigour from every hostile encroachment.

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We mention this with the desire of correcting what is obviously a faulty custom, sometimes to be observed, namely, that of the people waiting, after the conclusion of the Lessons, until the Minister commences the Hymn of thanksgiving, before they rise from their seats.

The irregularity and impropriety of this is manifest; for in the noise and confusion caused by this general rising of the congregation, the words first uttered by the minister must be lost, or the attention which is due to them must necessarily be interrupted; moreover, as the people are supposed heartily to participate in the whole of such thankful acknowledgments, they should be ready, in the enjoined and becoming posture, to do so, before it is commenced.

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ECCLESIASTICAL INTELLIGENCE.

NEW CHURCH AT HERNE BAY.—On Wednesday morning the interesting ceremony of consecrating Christ Church Episcopal Chapel, at Herne Bay, was performed by his Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury. The fitness of the morning attracted a great concourse of spectators.

At 20 minutes before 11 o'clock his Grace, accompanied by his Chaplain and Mr. George Way, of Strove House, Herne (at whose hospitable mansion his Grace was entertained on the previous evening), arrived at the chapel, at the door of which he was met by the Rev. J. S. May, Vicar of Herne, and the Rev. Henry Geary, the Minister of the Chapel, attended by the churchwardens, the principal gentlemen of Herne Bay, &c., who conducted his Grace in procession up the aisle of the chapel to an elevated seat prepared for him on the north side of the altar. The preliminary arrangements having been completed, his Grace commenced the consecration service. The ceremony being performed, the morning prayers were read by Mr. May, after which the Archbishop proceeded to read the Communion Service. An eloquent and most appropriate sermon was then preached by the Rev. Mr. Geary, taking his text from Ezra vi. 14: "And they builded, and finished it, according to the commandment of the God of Israel, and according to the commandment of Cyrus, and Darius, and Artaxerxes King of Persia."

CONSECRATION OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, CLAYTON-LE-MOORS.—This Church was consecrated on Thursday last, the 8th inst., by the Lord Bishop of the diocese, assisted by nearly all the clergy of the parish of Whalley. The church is finished in an exceedingly neat and chaste manner, and is capable of containing 500 persons on the ground floor; it is so arranged that galleries may be erected at any future time to seat 500 more.

The church was dedicated to the Holy Saviour, who showed the gratitude to a stoning school room, large enough to accommodate 500 children, that the mental improvement of the rising generation in the principles of our beloved Church had not been overlooked. Neither have the advantages of a resident ministry been undervalued by the spirited proprietors of this pretty church, so far at least as we could judge from the comfortable-looking parsonage, in a nearly finished state, close to the church-yard walls. We understand that the building of the church, school, and parsonage has cost about 3000*l.*, in addition to an endowment of 2100*l.* The church appeared completely filled, and almost exclusively by the higher and middle classes of society, who showed their gratitude to a stoning Saviour by contributing no less than the handsome sum of 194*l.* After the sermon, which was preached in his usually happy and affecting manner by the Bishop, on 1 Kings, viii. 18. His lordship most strikingly pointed out, in the case of David, the effect of God's mercies on the hearts of the pious, by bringing them to consider how they can best promote his glory in setting forward the salvation of men; and painted to the life in bold contrast the conduct of the ungodly, as represented by Belshazzar (Daniel, v. 23).

It is now a year since I was sent to this new division by the Lord Bishop of Montreal, and in the intervening time I have experienced the effects of the benevolent spirit which actuates my congregation in a great many instances, but chiefly in the comfort found in a commodious and substantial Parsonage-House erected during the last summer, encircled by two acres of excellent land and commanding a most delightful view of Cameron's Lake and its ever-green shores. In addition to these noble efforts on the part of the few

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