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NOVA SCOTIA.

(Correspondence of the Church Journal.)

MR. EDITOR.—A long time has elapsed since I sent you any account of our church doings in Nova Scotia, and therefore, encouraged by your ready insertion of my former communications, I snatch a few minutes from manifold engagements to enable you once more to head a column with the name of our quiet corner of the world, with some items subjoined which may interest some of your readers. Would that the land in which you dwell were as quiet and peaceful as that where my lot is cast; but the lamentable reverse, we regret to see, continues to be the case. May He by whose all-wise providence all things in heaven and earth are ordered, in mercy stay the progress of this fearful conflict upon which we are gazing with painful anxiety, and may He restore to your distracted country the blessings of peace—a prayer which I fully believe ascends from the hearts of millions here and over the civilized world.

Our Bishop was called home by domestic affliction in February last, and remained there until September, when we were all glad to welcome his

return. When in England he was not idle, but preached almost every Sunday, often in advocacy of the claims of our church societies. The Bishop of Fredericton was also in England at the same time, returning a little before ours, and immediately after holding his visitation.

Our College Encenia was held as usual about the end of June, and was well attended. The institution has never been more flourishing than at present, and its prospects for the future are encouraging, if I except the critical position of a portion of our funds which is invested in Tennessee bonds, and Massachusetts and New York securities. It would be a terrible blow upon our treasury if any part of our moderate endowment should be lost, and even the suspension or diminution of payments from dividends embarrasses us greatly. Repudiation, I trust, will never be the word in respect to any of those matters, and least of all where religious or educational interests are concerned; and it is to be hoped that our honest Nova Scotia money, which we confidently entrusted to your then flourishing and united country, will not be mistaken for North or South, but be held sacred, and restored to us safe and sound when the fury of war shall cease. A much needed addition to the college buildings is in forwardness, for the purposes of a hall, library, &c. built of stone in handsome style, and (to their honour be it said) at the expense of the Alumni, the cost being about \$10,000. It is expected that the next Encenia will be celebrated within its walls, and I wish that some of our clerical brethren in your country will be there to see, on the last Thursday in June, what will probably be a large gathering, with as beautiful surroundings as any they may have beheld before. The collegiate school, which has been vacant more than a year, is about to be re-opened after Christmas, by the Rev. T. I. M. W. Blackman, D.C.L., late rector of a parish in Hamilton, C.W., a gentleman highly recommended, and moreover, an Alumnus of King's. This academy has always been an auxiliary to the college, and its long suspension (owing to the want of a certain stipend for the principal) has no doubt been a loss to the higher institution. You are aware that our church has always derived her chief supply of ministers from this university, which is indebted for a long course of fostering care to the good old S. P. G., which still continues to help us in various ways, notwithstanding many warnings that we must learn to walk alone. We are trying to do this, but we have so long been accustomed to be held up, that our steps are as yet feeble and slow. The church endowment scheme has been much hindered by the state of things arising out of the war, but some \$36,000 has been paid in, out of \$80,000 subscribed to be paid by instalments. The original plan aims at an endowment of twice that amount.

A series of very interesting church meetings has just been concluded, of which I must give you a brief account. Our Bishop, soon after his return, summoned the clergy to a visitation in Halifax, which was accordingly held on the 29th ult., and was attended by between 50 and 60 ministers, including Archdeacon Read, and two presbyters from Prince Edward's Island. The services began at St. Luke's Church, at 10 a.m., the prayers being read by the Rev. W. Bullock, rector, litany by the Rev. T. H. White, of Shelburne, and the lessons by the Rev. J. Abbott, curate. The sermon, an excellent one, on the duties of ministers and people, was preached by the Rev. J. Moody, of Yarmouth, and drew forth a vote of thanks from the Synod. The Holy Communion was administered by the Bishop, assisted by Archdeacon Willis (almost an octogenarian) and others; and a goodly number of

the laity united with the clergy in receiving it. There is good music in this church, and a fine organ is well and voluntarily served by a zealous lady of the congregation. At 3 p.m., we again assembled in St. Paul's Church (built by government in 1760, and the oldest in the diocese) where, after prayers, the Bishop delivered his charge, ex cathedra, to the clergy around him. This was an able production, and gave such general satisfaction that the clergy and laity assembled in Synod unanimously requested its publication, and as you will thus see it, I suppose, in extenso, I will only say of it that, after allusion to his visit in England, and the changes in the hierarchy there, he dwelt feelingly on the departure of several of our own body since the last visitation, (three within a year,) reminding us of the call thus addressed to those that remain, to make full proof of our ministry and be ready to give up the great account. The "Essays and Reviews" came in for a just measure of condemnation, not that there is much danger from them either to our clergy or laity. The church endowment scheme was earnestly pressed upon the notice of all, as vitally important in our present prospect of deprivation of help from England; and after touching on other local topics, the charge concluded with salutary counsels on the various branches of ministerial duties, delivered in a clear, solemn and impressive manner. I believe that the occasion was felt by all to be one of deep seriousness and importance. It was very interesting to look round on the brethren there assembled, some whose grey hairs and altered appearance indicated long and hard service, and others hired at a later hour of the day into their master's vineyard, all in due deference to their ecclesiastical head, gathered around him to listen to his godly admonitions.

The mind, while turning to those who were with us before, but are now in the world of spirits, naturally dwelt also on the probability that some of those present will in like manner be missing when the roll is called again. Nor did we forget some of our number in God's providence hindered by sickness from meeting their brethren.

On Thursday morning, after 9 o'clock prayers in the Bishop's chapel, the session of the Synod was opened, when about 50 clergymen and 30 lay delegates answered to their names. Friday and Saturday mornings were similarly spent in attending to various matters of business, among the most important of which was the question of applying to the legislature for an act of incorporation, which was agreed upon. The discussions were all conducted in the most harmonious spirit, even where difference of opinion existed, all seemed to feel the advantage of thus meeting together for consultation on the interests of our church, for which there was no opportunity afforded until the establishment of the Synod.

A communication was read from the Provincial Synod of Canada, asking the co-operation of ours, which, for various reasons, was respectfully declined. The time may not be far distant when we may have a Provincial Council of our own for these lower provinces.

A resolution was passed, requesting the Bishop to recommend to the clergy, wherever practicable, to depend upon the offertory instead of subscription papers for their support and for church objects, and several of the clergy spoke of their own experience of the success of that scriptural mode in their respective parishes, the sum realized often exceeding that which would have been otherwise promised (but perhaps not paid.)

The free church system, first begun by the Bishop in his chapel, is gradually working its way into favour, and I hope the day will come, ere long, when it will universally prevail over