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FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.

NOVA SCOTIA.

WINDSOR.—King's College has, it is hoped and believed, entered upon an era of increased usefulness and prosperity. Located in Windsor, one of Nova Scotia's most delightfully situated towns, having a grand record won in the past to point to, with an efficient teaching staff composed of men who are keenly alive to the needs—the demands of the time, who are loyal to their university, who have every confidence in her, who have made sacrifices, and who are prepared still to practice self-sacrifice in her behalf—King's College can be, and undoubtedly will be, a great centre from which knowledge, Christian knowledge, shall be disseminated not only throughout Nova Scotia, the Maritime Provinces, but also in parts beyond. The centenary of the college was celebrated in June last. The results of that celebration must be highly satisfactory to all those who have the interests of the Church at heart. It was made evident that there still exists, amongst the alumni, amongst those who for any reason might be expected to take an interest in the institution, an intense loyalty to King's. It was demonstrated beyond question that Church people from all parts of the provinces believed that there existed a need for King's, that there was a work for King's to do, a work that she could and would do, and that strong in this belief they were determined that the old historic university, the oldest in the Dominion, the university with whose earlier history the histories of men whose names are dear to Canadians, to many living in the United States entwined themselves, should remain, should still, at Windsor, do her share in the great work of educating, of training men—were determined that that work should be done more efficiently, and so done because the institution had been placed on a better, a more stable basis than ever; because the apathy, the indifference of Church people which had proved so great a handicap, had, in part, at any rate, given place to an intelligent and practical interest. The special features of the centennial celebration were the meeting of the alumni, the conversazione, the service at the parish church, the luncheon, the encaenia, the meeting at Windsor on the evening of Thursday, and that at Halifax on Friday evening, when addresses were given on behalf of King's College, and upon the subject of education. At the meeting of the alumni the question of forming a ladies' school in affiliation with King's was very fully discussed; it was generally admitted that the time was ripe for the initial steps being taken in the matter; it was decided to make the attempt. Other matters of great importance to King's were brought before the meeting and received full and careful consideration. The conversazione, it is needless to say, was a success. Windsor had made up its mind that it should be—it was. The hall was crowded to its utmost capacity, perhaps overcrowded; an open-air promenade concert had been arranged for, but the weather did not permit. The service of the church was very well attended. The sermon, mainly of an historic character, preached by the Rev. Dr. Bolman, was brim full of interesting facts, special reference being made to those graduates of the university whose lives had been devoted to the service of their Master as ministers in His Church. Luncheon, at which the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia presided, was provided for several hundred persons at half past twelve o'clock, a special building having been erected in the grounds near the college. The Bishop was, as ever, most felicitous in his remarks. Many nice things were said of the college, of Windsor, of Windsor people, by all those who spoke in response to the various toasts. It was evident that the people of Windsor were proud of their university, were prepared to stand by her; as evident that those connected with the university were fond of Windsor, were grateful to her people, were not in the least inclined to view with favour any proposal for a divorce. At the encaenia much was said and done to help the college. The address of the president, the Rev. Dr. Willets, had in it the right ring; it was encouraging throughout. It treated of hope and yet of confidence—hope, trust, for the future, because of the past, because of the present; because a good work had been done, because a good work was being done, because steps had already been taken to ensure that as good, if not better, work should be done; the staff had, he reminded his hearers, been augmented by the addition of three new members: a tutor in science, a lecturer in Biblical exegesis, and a lecturer in apologetics had been appointed. It being the centennial of the founding of the university, a large number of illustrious visitors were present, and a number of honorary degrees were conferred: the Bishops of Kentucky and North Dakota; the coadjutor Bishop of Fredericton; Dean Hoffman, of the New York Theological Seminary; Dr. Forrest; Dr. Sourinot, C.M.G., who

was to have addressed those present, but was prevented owing to the want of necessary time, and the Provincial Engineer, being amongst those who received the degree of D.C.L. The alumni oration, delivered by the Rev. Mr. King, a splendid effort, was listened to with rapt attention, and, at its conclusion, was rewarded by unbounded applause. Despite the fact that many of those who had been visiting Windsor had to leave by the afternoon's train for Halifax, the meeting in the evening was a great success; the Bishops of Nova Scotia, of North Dakota, the coadjutor Bishop of Fredericton and Dr. Forrest being the chief speakers. On Friday evening a special meeting was held at Halifax, in the Lyceum, on behalf of the University of King's College. It was an immense success. Surely the best was kept till the last. Every speech was well worth going for to hear. The Bishop of Nova Scotia, Bishop Perry, of Iowa, and Bishop Dudley of Kentucky, spoke with special reference to King's, and everybody was delighted. "Floreat King's!" exclaimed Bishop Perry and the answering applause showed how true and deep was the chord that had been touched, how sincere was the wish that King's might, how strong the determination that King's should, flourish. Professor Clark, of Trinity College, Toronto, spoke upon the general question of education, handling the subject in his own masterly and masterful way. His speech, of which a somewhat lengthened report appears in the *CHURCHMAN*, demonstrated how it was possible to make an interesting of a somewhat dry subject, when treated scientifically, logically and lucidly, eminently attractive.

QUEBEC.

QUEBEC.—*St. Matthew's*.—The Rev. T. A. Williams, formerly of the diocese of Bangor, Wales, and who came out last year, and has since been in charge of the mission of Dudswell, has been appointed senior curate of this parish. He is expected to begin his duties in September.

Sunday Schools.—Most of the city Sunday schools were closed on Sunday last for their summer holidays, and will re-open on the first Sunday in September.

LAKE BEAUFORT.—F. A. Fothergill, B.A., has been appointed to the mission of Lake Beauport for the summer months.

GROSSE ISLE.—The Rev. Canon Thos. Richardson, rector of St. Paul's, Quebec, is acting as emigration chaplain at the Quarantine Station for the month of July.

The Rev. R. H. Cole, formerly senior curate of St. Matthew's, Quebec, and who spent the winter in the South, has returned to the city and is taking occasional duty at St. Matthew's during the summer.

The Right Reverend the Bishop of Corea is expected to pay Quebec a short visit shortly, on his way to his distant diocese. A medical man from New York city has volunteered to accompany him to Corea as a medical missionary, as well as several clergy and medical men from England. The party intend going via C. P. R. and Vancouver to their destination.

MONTREAL.

MONTREAL.—In the recent session of the Anglican synod, diocese of Montreal, when the subject of temperance was under discussion, the Rev. John Ker spoke of the work of the Dominion Alliance as follows:—"In this great work, at any rate, we are at one with the Christian bodies around us and we give our blessing to every organization, religious or secular, that has common ground with us in this matter. And let me say just here that we especially recognize in our friends of the Dominion Alliance a mighty power for good in this country. We bear witness to the zeal and earnestness of those who direct its affairs. It has systematized and brought to a focus the temperance sentiment of this Dominion, and it has dealt to the liquor traffic the most stunning and bewildering blows it has ever received in Canada. We wish the Alliance all success, and the more it succeeds the more shall we rejoice," etc.

BEACONSFIELD.—At this popular summer resort, on Lake St. Louis, about eighteen miles from the city, there is a pretty little English church in which services are held regularly, and to which all residents are cordially invited. All visitors are made most welcome and are encouraged to take part in making the services congregational and hearty. For three Sundays the Rev. Ernest King, M.A., assistant of Trinity church, Montreal, has conducted these services, and during July and August the Rev. Rural Dean Renaud, rector of St. John's, will be in charge.

COTE ST. PAUL.—*Church of the Redeemer*.—There is a morning Sunday school in the parish room in connection with this flourishing little suburban church, the devotional portion after the Sunday school lesson being, in fact, the Church service down to the third collect; so that the change from the parish room to the church makes an acceptable transition to the scholars. On St. Peter's Day, when your correspondent was celebrant, there were fully thirty communicants, and the singing was hearty and the worshippers were devout. Dr. L. H. Davidson, Q.C., assisted by J. W. Marling, Esq., secretary of the Lay Helpers' Association, are most zealous and successful in carrying on the work of the Church here. *Laus Deo.*

POINT ST. CHARLES.—*Grace Church*.—The rector preached an appropriate sermon for the festival of St. Peter on the evening of Sunday, the 29th ult. In the opening portion of his discourse, the importance of self-knowledge was dwelt upon, and the latter part treated of the life, character, and work of St. Peter, not omitting the interesting fact of his being a married man and claimed by the Roman Catholic Church as the first Bishop of Rome.

BERTHIER.—Through the kindness of the rector of St. Jude's, your correspondent enjoyed, with nearly a thousand excursionists, a trip to Berthier on the SS. Bohemian, on Dominion Day. The rector, Rev. Jas. Carmichael, jr., courteously showed us the church and cemetery, and we also were introduced to the family at the rectory. We also had the pleasure of meeting Rev. H. Kittson, formerly of Montreal, and now of Philadelphia.

ONTARIO.

SHARBOT LAKE.—The Rev. J. C. Hutton has been appointed to this mission, and entered upon his duties last week.

MATTAWA MISSION.—The congregation of St. Margaret's, Rutherglen, held their annual picnic on Thursday, July 3rd. The people worked most energetically to bring about a success, for the proceeds were to be devoted to the finishing of the interior of their rude log church, which, though dearly loved, is, to say the least, very uncomfortable. A beautiful grove within a short walk of the church was chosen for the picnic ground. The owner of the place took great pains in "brushing up" the land, and on the eventful day, with everything properly prepared, even to a stove for boiling the tea, it was a very inviting and pleasing sight which met the gaze of the picnickers, who had wended their way, some by train, some in carts and buggies, some on foot, from miles around. The weather looked very threatening early in the morning, but the ominous clouds rolled away, and the bright sun appeared, cheering the hearts of all, and finding a reflection in the sunny faces of the people who had come bent upon having a good day's fun. Mattawa, Eau Claire, Callender, and Nipissing were well represented; and it may be safely said that there were few living in the district of Rutherglen who were not at the picnic. It is estimated that during the day there were upwards of 300 people present. Every provision was made for their enjoyment. The meals were excellent and the provisions abundant. The fiddle was going all the day, and the beaming faces of the dancers showed how heartily they entered into the spirit of the occasion. A capital game of base ball went on in an adjoining field. The priest and the lay reader looked after the youngsters, and what with sack races, wheelbarrow races, flat races, pulley hauley, &c., &c., they had "a good time." The picnic was preceded by a short informal service at the church. After tea, the Rev. R. W. Samwell addressed a few words to the people, explaining to them the object to which the profits of the picnic were to be applied, and congratulating them upon the eminent success that had attended their efforts. He spoke in terms of the highest praise of those who had worked so self-denyingly and energetically, and asked that a hearty vote of thanks be given to them. The vote of thanks was then passed, and three cheers given. On counting the receipts at the end of the day it was found, to the joy of all concerned, that they amounted to nearly \$70, more than double those of any previous year. Among the visitors present from Mattawa were Mrs. Bliss, Mrs. Samwell, Mrs. Lloyd, and Mr. Plant (lay reader). Photographs of the picnic ground, the church, and the "Bishop's Palace," were taken by Mr. Chanon, of Mattawa, copies of which may be had of the Rev. Mr. Samwell, Mission House, Mattawa, price 50 cents each.

SYNOD MEETING.—*Thursday Morning*. The rules of order were suspended for the purpose of confirming the canons passed at the last synod. The Chancellor moved their confirmation, seconded by Judge MacDonald.