

5s.; Beechworth, £259 16s. 4d.; Castlemaine, £131 16s.; Sandhurst, £214 0s. 6d. This gives an average of only £173 3s. 3d. from the five richest diggings.

Favourable accounts have been received from the expedition under Mr. Hack, which is engaged in exploring the north-western portion of South Australia. Much good land has been found, and there is a promise, if the native descriptions are to be credited, of some curious zoological discoveries, and especially of an animal described as being larger than a horse or a bullock and with a hump on its back, which may possibly prove to be allied to the camel. The expedition under Mr. Goyder to explore the northern district has been most successful, and he announces the discovery of a fresh water lake and fertile tract of country lying between Lake Torrens and Mount Serle. The Legislature has voted the sum of £8,000 to provide and work a snag-boat in clearing the impediments to the navigation of the Murray. The total imports of the past year amount, exclusive of re-exports, to £1,125,700, and the exports to £1,373,704, giving a balance of £248,004 in favor of the colony. Another proof of a sound financial state is shown in the fact that the Treasurer is asking for and receiving 2 per cent. premium on the Government Securities.

## The Church Times.

HALIFAX, SATURDAY, DEC. 26, 1857.

### CLOSE OF THE YEAR.

THE close of the year, and the last issue of *The Church Times* for 1857, are suggestive to us of some thoughts upon the year's retrospect, as it may have an influence upon the future ecclesiastical management of Diocesan affairs.

It is in so far subject of congratulation, that the Church and her Institutions in Nova Scotia have held the even tenor of their way during the above space of time, unvexed by disputes such as in former years gave occasion to many without, and to some within her pale, to presume that differences of opinion of a doctrinal nature, and with reference to the exercise of parochial functions, prevailed among her members. Her enemies, open as well as insidious, fancied that she had sown within herself the seeds of discontent, and were inclined to rejoice.— Happily, we think, it will now be conceded, in opposition to all such imaginings, that her foundation is firm and sure—that those who profess themselves Churchmen here, are just what they pretend to be—neither on the road to Rome on the one hand, nor too far in the path to Geneva on the other. The truth is becoming more recognised everywhere, that the true safety of the Church lies in the mutual forbearance of her members; for from the moment that this element of her Christian character deteriorates, and ideas extraneous to her polity are imbibed and acted upon, the man who assumes to be a Churchman becomes a vindictive animal, sacrificing all that he ought to hold valuable, and lowering his religious profession in the eyes of his fellows and of the world.

Some questions of trifling importance in themselves, but conflicting with ancient and established usage, and therefore involving rights present and future, are still in abeyance. It is perhaps the interest of all that they should so remain, so long as no good object can be gained by their agitation.— Of such are those which tend occasionally to disturb the harmony of Parish Meetings. If irritating and vexatious in general, good sometimes springs from the evil. In the capital they have tended to an increase of interest in those meetings, which nothing less than the conflict of opinion they have produced seemed likely to awaken. If among their results the majority of the Parishioners are led to inquire, as they ought to do, into the management of their own affairs, an important point will be gained, and one, the attainment of which has long been desirable.

While there is much appearance of quietude on the surface of our ecclesiastical condition, which we pray nothing will occur to disturb, but rather that every endeavour may be made to place it beyond the reach of disturbance; a precedent has been afforded in Canada, the importance of which cannot be over-rated, and which eventually will have to be followed (may the time with reference to present circumstances be protracted to a distant day) in every Provincial Diocese. We allude to the election of the Bishop. In view of this event, it becomes Churchmen here as elsewhere, to cultivate peace among themselves, that when the necessity arrives, they may give unanimous effect to the expression of their desire.

These are subjects, in which the retrospect, as it is used with wisdom or otherwise, will produce good or evil. There are many other topics which we might impress upon the serious consideration of our readers, that will naturally present themselves to

their minds. One of these and not the least important, we have of late occasionally alluded to—which in its scope embraces the concentration of the Church's efforts, by the union under one Executive Committee, generally chosen, of all Societies that engage themselves in the Church's work in this Diocese. There may be varieties of opinion amongst us, and what religious body does not entertain them; but those who would magnify them into party action, or work upon them to produce a party action, do so at the manifest risk of disturbing the peace of their own communion, and injure the Church and the cause of religion. There is, we believe, no Diocese in the British dominions where doctrinal distinctions are less apparent than in that of Nova Scotia, or so slightly marked; or where there is less necessity for separate or divisional efforts among Churchmen, or rivalry of Societies. What we fear, therefore, from these distinctive operations is, that however good may be the intentions in their behalf, or whatever precautions may be taken to guard against the evil, that *maugre* all conscientious convictions, a party action with all its mischief, will be forced upon us as an inevitable result. Or else, that each organization, professing similar objects in general, will merely get a divisible portion of the people's contributions, so that all will be weakened, and none will be able to follow out its operations to their legitimate and most useful conclusions.

Another serious topic for consideration, which concerns the ministrations of religion, is the gradual withdrawal of government assistance to the Clergy, and the aid which has been hitherto so bountifully afforded, by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. What can be done to supply this deficiency? ought to be an earnest question. We trust that it will be, and that both Clergy and Laity will come to the next meeting of the Synod, prepared for its discussion, and to adopt some plan of sustentation, that by the blessing of the great Head of the Church, shall prove satisfactory and efficient. Upon that body will certainly devolve this great responsibility, and the grave consideration in the meantime, that none other is equal to it, ought of itself to recommend the Synod to the good wishes of all who desire the increase of the Church, and extinguish every shade of opposition to its constitution, if such still exists. It is essential with respect to the incomes of the Clergy, that they proceed from the whole Church, and not from any section of it; and that no undue influence of wealth or other adventitious circumstance, shall interfere to control their enforcement of truth, or to lord it over God's heritage.

We have touched in the preceding observations, upon a few topics of ecclesiastical interest suggested by passing occurrences during the past twelve months. There are others of much importance which apply to the future, and one especially, upon which it will behove the Church to exercise a sound judgment through her Synod, to wit, the subject of popular education. It has been discussed in the public prints without reference whatever to any interest that may be felt by Churchmen in the matter; but it will be found that the Church in Nova Scotia will be no silent spectator of any Legislation upon this subject that may affect the temporal or eternal interests of her people. We are travelling however ahead of the retrospect, and shall close our remarks by an allusion to a rather unpleasant subject within its scope. It would be improper to pass over the recent occurrences at Windsor College, an Institution connected with the Church, and the chief seat of the education of her Clergy, in silence. So far as a disposition has been shown on the part of its Professors to injure *The Church Times*, which has done the College many a service without the least compensation, and which is the public medium of the ecclesiastical intelligence of the Church by which the College is supported, their conduct does not come up to the example that such preceptors of youth should afford to those under their charge. As regards ourselves, however, this is a trivial matter. Their fitness for their stations must be weighed by other acts—their conduct towards the students themselves—and that this will undergo a strict investigation, as well as the whole management of the College, is the least that is expected by every well wisher of the Institution.

To conclude we tender to our readers the usual compliments at this interesting Christmas season.

In sending our various statements of Accounts since November, we have intimated our intention, unless a different arrangement could be made for conducting *The Church Times*, to discontinue its publication after the close of its current year, which will be the middle of January. In order to carry it on comfortably, we require additional Editorial assistance—and a considerable increase of subscri-

bers, (about 300) to enable us to improve the typographical appearance, and enlarge the dimensions of the Paper. If this can even now be accomplished, the work will go on. If it cannot the Paper will cease at or about the time specified.

Rev. Professor Hill, King's College, Windsor, lectured before the Young Men's Christian Association, to a rather slim audience on Tuesday evening last. The weather was stormy, which it is probable had an effect upon the attendance.

Several of the public Schools have undergone examination previous to the Christmas holidays, The Free Church School on Wednesday, the 16th inst., and the Acadian School, on Tuesday, 22nd inst. The examinations in both instances are reported as creditable both to teachers and pupils.

The Christmas examination of the National School, the boys department under the Superintendance of Mr. Willis—the girls school conducted by Mrs. Maxwell—took place on Wednesday last. The Lord Bishop, Rev. Messrs. Bullock, and Maturin; Rev. Mr. Churhill, (Wesleyan) Commissioner of Schools; His Worship the Mayor, and other friends of the School were present, and took great interest in the proceedings. It is almost needless to say that this School maintains its high reputation, and that the examination reflected credit alike upon the teachers and taught.

On the Tuesday previous, the boys' school was submitted to a practical examination by the Committee, and the mode of instruction and the capacity of the pupils tested, by unusual questions within the scope of the branches taught. The result left upon the minds of all an impression that the teaching was thorough, and that a groundwork was laid of English education, that in all ordinary cases, would enable the student, in after life, to mix creditably in the business of the world.

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18.	St. Paul's Parish, Halifax	162 1 4
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24.	Sydney Mines £3 15 1, less £1 15 1 prem. of Clergy	2 0 0

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### LETTERS RECEIVED.

Rev. J. Griffiths—with rem. Rev. H. DeBlois—with rem. Rev. Mr. Gelling. Rev. J. Broadbent. Wm. Jordonson. Rev. Mr. Milledge—with rem.—directions attended to. Geo. E. Jean, Esq. Mr. N. Thomas—with rem. Mr. Souter—will be attended to. C. Budd, Esq.—we cannot procure the blanks, and it would not pay to print so small a number.

Our Western edition in order to avoid work on the Christmas Festival, was mailed on Thursday night.

### TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"Rusticus" came too late for this issue—will appear next week.

*Holloway's Pills*—Persons of plethoric habit, subject to a temporary loss of consciousness from a sudden determination of the blood to the brain, will find great benefit from a course of *Holloway's Pills*. Epilepsy, spasms, convulsions, hysterics, palpitation of the heart, and all affections arising from disordered action of the vascular and nervous systems, are cured by a steady and persevering adherence to this mild cathartic. It regulates the action of the great internal organs, and thus equalizes the circulation.

### Married.

At St. James' Church, Salmon River, on the 17th inst. by the Rev. Joseph Alexander, of St. Mary's East, Rev. W. E. GULLING, Assistant Missionary of Beaver Harbour Mission, to SARAH ELIZABETH, only daughter of the Rev. James Broadbent, Missionary of the D. C. S. and S. P. G. in Foreign Parts.

On the 24th ult., at St. James' Church, Picadilly, London, by the Rev. H. N. BYND, MACKAY BYND, Esq., Major of H. M. 62nd Regt., to ELIZA SARAH, widow of the late J. C. W. N. Taylor, Lieut. R. N., and eldest daughter of Charles Twining, Esq., of Halifax, N. S.

At Dartmouth, by Rev. Dr. Shreve, Rector, at the residence of the Bride's father, on Saturday evening, 19th inst. Mr. EDWD. HENRY BELL, to Miss ELIZABETH GASTON.

On the 12th ult., by the Rev. J. Alexander, Mr. WALTER MITCHELL, to ISABELLA, eldest daughter of Mr. Henry Hemlow, all of Lisson, in the district of St. Mary's East.

At St. Paul's Church, St. Margaret's Bay, on 17th inst. by the Rev. John Ambrose, M. A., Mr. PETER S. MASON, of that place, to Miss SARAH J. MASON, of Lunenburg.

Also, at the same place, by the same, on the 22nd inst. Mr. DAVID UMLAH, to Miss ELEANOR BOUTLIER, both of St. Margaret's Bay.

In St. James' Church, Jeddore, 13th inst. by Rev. R. Jamison, Mr. PETER MYERS, to MARGARET, third daughter of Mr. Nathaniel Dookes, of Jeddore.

Also, by the same, on the same day, at Musquodoboit Harbour, Mr. WILLIAM A. MYERS, of Jeddore, to CAROLINE, eldest daughter of Mr. Henry Stephens, of Musquodoboit Harbour.

### Died.

On Sunday, 20th inst., in the 90th year of his age, MESSRS. ALEXR. DRY, for 60 years a respectable inhabitant of this place. His end was peace.