

There may be mentioned the withdrawal of the Provincial grant, the depreciation of securities, the lessened rates of interest obtainable on safe investments. This is, therefore, a critical time in the life of our College and its continued existence is depending upon the support which churchmen are willing to give.

It is a necessary institution among us for the higher education of our young men generally, and specially as a place of training for those who are to serve in the ministry of Christ's Holy Church in our land.

The College has been placed in connection with the Synod of the Diocese where every churchman is represented, and where the voice of the people has its direct influence in the appointment of two of the Governors of the Institution.

Everything connected with its finances is placed before you in the accompanying statements. You will easily perceive that, even with the greatest economy in expenditure, the College cannot be maintained unless all members of the church for whose benefit it is intended come forward with ready mind and self-denial, prepared to do every thing in their power both by strengthening its financial position, and also by influencing others to take an interest in its welfare.

This appeal is made for the purpose of meeting the deficit in the *Current* expenses of the College during the next few years in order to give time for the completion of the "New Endowment Fund" now in course of collection.

The whole matter is, therefore, in the hands of the church people of the Diocese. If you will come to the rescue, the present crisis may be passed over and our College be still the centre of our own literary interest. If not it will be said to our shame that we churchmen whose position is a high one, and who enjoy the blessing of a church founded by Christ himself, are not willing to follow their Master in self-devotion and love of the work by Him entrusted to their care.

Under these circumstances and for these reasons this appeal is made to you for support both by influence and by action.

Rev. and Dear Brethren:

In connection with the above appeal, I have to request you to take collections, in your several churches before the end of September, for the current expenses of the College; the present Board of Governors having determined to maintain the full staff, in the belief that, if funds can be obtained to meet the expenditure for two or three years, the College will be in such a satisfactory condition that sufficient endowment will be readily provided. If these expectations are fulfilled, the benefit to our church will abundantly recompense all who contribute towards the fulfilment.

Your affectionate brother,

H. NOVA SCOTIA.

Halifax, August, 1885.

DIocese OF FREDERICTON.

DEANERY OF ST. ANDREW'S CHORAL UNION.

On Tuesday, August 25th, fifty three persons availed themselves of a delightful trip from St. Stephen to St. George, on the St. Croix and Magaguadavic Rivers, in the steam yacht *Leila*. This number received forty-two additions at St. Andrews, so that the excursion was a monetary success, an item of importance in Charlotte County, where fogs and thunder-showers constantly upset all plans. The steamer *Emmet* brought the Campobello choir and friends, who also reached their destination in ample time for the morning's rehearsal of all the music to be sung on the occasion.

St. Mark's Church, St. George, has lately been re-seated, and made a free and unappropriated parish church, with encouraging results. The chancel was adorned with flowers, and filled to overflowing with the clergy and

choir. In addition to the Rector, (Rural Dean Smith,) Dr. Ketchum, the Revs. T. E. Dowling, H. H. Neales and J. M. Millidge, the Rev. H. M. Spike, of Musquash, was present, as well as the Rev. W. D. Martin, the new Principal of St. Catharine's Hall, Augusta, Maine, and the Rev. Bryan B. Killikolly, of St. Philip's, Philadelphia—eight clergy in all, in addition to the Coadjutor-Bishop.

Seven choirs were represented this year by forty-two singers, as follows.—Campobello, 10; Chamcook, 3; Pennfield, 6; St. Andrew's, 3; St. George, 8; St. Stephen (Christ Church,) 11; St. Stephen (Toinip Mission,) 1. Total, 42. Grand Manan, St. David and St. Patrick, and St. James, were unrepresented. Last year the attendance at St. Andrew's was larger, amounting to 48.

The congregation was exceptionally full and attentive, and the details of all the arrangements seemed to have been methodically planned beforehand. Those who had not the privilege of being present can easily imagine that Bishop Kingdom preached a thoughtful sermon on Job, ch. xxxviii., 7: "When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy." The collection for necessary expenses amounted to \$7.87.

The singing in some respects was better than that of last year. The chanting of Psalms and Canticles, then a weak point, showed this year more evidence of careful practice. The words were distinctly heard throughout the church, and the recitation was free from the common fault of hurrying on the reciting note and dragging the cadences. The Psalms were sung antiphonally, as was also the Metrical Litany after the close of the service. For this purpose, owing to an excess of treble voices, the singers were divided into two choirs, one singing in unison only. One or two of the tenors might have been added to this unison choir with better effect as their part was rather prominent in the harmony. The opening hymn, "We march, we march to victory" (Barnby,) was sung with great spirit, but it struck one as being inappropriate, for the singers had taken their places in the chancel before the beginning of the hymn. The anthem was Dr. Garret's, "The Lord is loving unto every man." It was remarkably well rendered, considering the circumstances, though a little feeling of uncertainty was noticeable in places. Its frequent changes of time make it difficult. When it is remembered that the singers practise in different places, and cannot come together until the day of the Festival Service, the wonder is that it should have been so well done.

Keeping in mind the objects of the Association—(1) The improvement of choirs and (2) the encouragement of congregational singing—it might be suggested that in future the anthem be left to a small and well-balanced choir, selected for the occasion, who, by giving special attention to it, might render it effectively, or that only such music be chosen as would be suitable for congregational use.

Bishop Heber's hymn, "The Son of God goes forth war," to Sullivan's setting of St. Ann's tune, lost all its grandeur and beauty for want of the proper organ accompaniment. It requires the powers of a large instrument to do it justice. It also needed a greater strength of men's voices. This is a want that will always be expected where we have voluntary choirs, dependent upon men who cannot give much of their time to practices, and can with difficulty leave their work to attend a special service. For this, the selection of music should, as far as possible, make due allowance. The hymn sung during the collection of the alms (Dr. Croft, No. 471, H. A. and M.) was better than any of the other music, unless perhaps the closing Litany of the Church, No. 471, H. A. and M. For the music to which this Litany was sung, the Choral Union are indebted to the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Montreal. The whole of the music, (23 pages) used at this Festival was spe-

cially printed by the well-known musical firm of Novello, Ewer & Co., London.

The Choral Union is indebted to the Precentor (Mr. James Vroom) for visiting again this year all the associated choirs, and conducting the rehearsal.

The cordial hospitality of the good people of St. George was greatly appreciated by their visitors, and the sixth anniversary gathering of the Choral Union of St. Andrew's will always be warmly remembered.

PERSONAL.—The Rev. Frederick S. Sill, Rector of Cohoes, N.Y., and for several years Curate of St. Paul's, Portland, lately paid a short visit to his many friends in Portland and St. John. He was the guest of the Rev. Canon DeVeber.

One of St. John's fairest and most amiable of daughters has been captured by a Liverpool gentleman. Yesterday, the 2nd August, the happy couple were joined in wedlock by Rev. Canon DeVeber, St. Paul's Church being crowded on the occasion. The bride, who is a daughter of Jeremiah Harrison, was attended by Miss May Harrison (sister of the bride), Miss Harrison (youngest daughter of Wm. F. Harrison), Miss Helen Smith and Miss Ruddick. Mr. Lawson, the groom, had as his attendants Chas. Harrison, Capt. F. Hartt and Capt. J. T. Hartt. The ceremony was rendered the more impressive and interesting by the presence of the surpliced choir of the Church. After the marriage the guests attended a *dejeuner* at the residence of the bride's father, and later the couple left for a short visit to the United States. On the 29th they will take the steamer at Boston for Liverpool. Among the numerous bridal gifts, was a beautiful ivory-bound Church Service, from the bride's Sunday School class and the teachers of St. Paul's Sunday School. The many friends of Mrs. Lawson, while uniting with us in regretting her departure, will also unite with us in wishing her every happiness in her new home.—*St. John Globe*.

DIocese OF QUEBEC.

PERSONAL.—The Rev. C. Bawson, has declined the nomination to Sherbrooke, having accepted a living in the North of England.

Your correspondent has read the short letter of Presbyter concerning the Mission of Danville and trusts the Venerable Archdeacon of Hochelaga will not feel hurt at his work being styled that of a travelling rather than a resident Missionary during his short sojourn in the district, as it was for many years after in charge of a travelling Missionary. More particularly as the saintly Bishop Stewart called the position a promotion from a settled cure, and, I believe, the Rev. Mr. Lonsdell made no attempt at erecting ecclesiastical buildings of any kind.

LENNOXVILLE.—The Rev. T. Adams, M.A., whose appointment as Principal of Bishop's College, Lennoxville, and Rector of the School has already been announced, has arrived at Lennoxville. Mr. and Mrs. Adams came out by the "Parisian," and were the guests of the Bishop of Quebec for a few days after landing. On Sunday, August 23rd, Mr. Adams in the morning preached in the Cathedral, Quebec, and in the evening at St. Matthew's Church, the service being read at St. Matthew's by the Bishop of Niagara, who has recently been staying in Quebec for a few days.

PERSONAL.—We understand that the Rev. Ernest Willoughby King has accepted the position of Principal of the School at Cote St. Antoine, Diocese of Montreal, and will soon enter upon his duties there. The Cote St. Antoine people have made an excellent selection.