

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

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DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

HALIFAX.—*Personal*.—His Lordship Bishop Jones of Newfoundland and his chaplain, the Rev. Mr. Botwood, arrived in Halifax en route to Bermuda.

Rev. Canon O'Meara, of Winnipeg, is in Nova Scotia, pleading the claims of Rupert's Land for pecuniary assistance. The rev. gentleman is to visit Prince Edward Island and Yarmouth. At a meeting of the city clergy at the Church Rooms last week, the Canon asked the hearty co-operation of his clerical brethren for support, and it was proposed to hold a public meeting in the city of Halifax on Monday, January 4th, 1886. The Rev. Canon preached in Trinity Church last Sunday, and is currently reported as one of the aspirants to the rectorate of St. Paul's in this city.

ST. LUKE'S.—A timely circular was distributed in St. Luke's Branch of the C. E. T. S. on the Sunday before Christmas, in the shape of an appeal to the ladies of Halifax asking their support "in the practical way of abstaining from allowing intoxicating beverages on their table during the visiting season."

VACANCIES.—Among the many unfilled places at present in the Diocese may be mentioned the parishes of Clementsport and Port Medway. On Prince Edward Island, Georgetown and Cherry Valley are still without settled rectors.

LOCKEPORT MISSION.—*Green Harbor*.—During the absence of the Missionary in the West Indies, a concert was held in this place by Mrs. Gibbons, assisted by native talent, the proceeds of which, amounting to \$10.25, were given to the organ fund of St. Peter's Church.

On December 15th a tea meeting was held in the new house belonging to Mr. Uriah Lloyd, who most kindly cleared out and arranged it most comfortably. The matter was arranged during the Missionary's absence. Great credit is due to the constant work and patience of all engaged. They had the pleasure of handing \$77.23 to the Missionary for the organ fund, which on Christmas Day will ring out music, no longer in debt. We are all glad our rector has returned stronger in voice.

WINDSOR.—*King's College*.—A well known and influential clergyman in Halifax has had occasion recently to visit King's College in fulfilment of duties put upon him by the Board of Governors of the University. On his return to Halifax he published in one of the daily papers of that city the following letter, which we are sure will be read with interest and satisfaction by the sons of King's in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and elsewhere:—

SIR,—It would probably interest the public, especially the members of the Church and the friends of King's College, to learn that the college is now in a most healthy and progressive condition. On going there a few days ago to discharge some special duties, I was first struck by the appearance of the old building. Certainly the change in the governors has been a good one, and the new element introduced last June has been active. The old window sashes, fallen to pieces as they were with age and decay, have been replaced with new modern ones, giving an aspect of life and freshness which corresponds well with the alterations for the better in the internal economy of the college. The outside now only requires to be painted to bring it up to its proper condition, and this will probably be done in the spring of next year.

As regards the faculty and the students, it is

not too much to say that the college is now a united and happy family. The most cordial relations exist between the different professors, and the undergraduates, who, with one special exception, are all resident in the college, are working with the utmost pains and industry for the various classes. The acting president is evidently well fitted for his position, and the students speak in the highest terms of the interesting form and precise information of his lectures in divinity. The classical tutor has contrived to infuse an animation into his classes which draws forth the best work from his pupils. While the mark which the professor of English literature has already made in the literary world justifies the hopes which his many friends have of a brilliant future for him, and makes the students quite enthusiastic in their appreciation of his lectures, and the fact that both the last-named professors are *facile principes* in the athletic sports constitutes a strong claim on the respect with which they are regarded by the students.

In short, the present state of affairs affords the most happy augury for the future of the college. The undergraduates, treated as gentlemen, respond to the estimate put upon them; while the faculty, conscious that it rests no less with them to redeem the college from its low state and to restore the public confidence in old King's as an educational institution, are doing their utmost to perform that duty.

In all this no one rejoices more than myself. If Churchmen, forgetting the past, will now rally to the support of their university, and by their liberality place her in a position to do the work she is capable of, there need be no further changes of any kind, excepting such advances and expansions as will keep her ahead of the times.

PRESBYTER HALIGONIENSIS.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

RICHIBUCTO.—Preliminary to the exodus of our good Rector and his amiable family from Richibucto, a deeply interesting valedictory of the Band of hope was held at the Temperance Hall, at which a large gathering of the intelligence and respectability of the town attended to do honor to Mrs. Almon, the efficient organizer and superintendent of this interesting young troop. James D. Phinney, Esq., barrister, occupied the chair during the evening, with the Rev. Messrs. Kirby, Tait and Almon on either side. The band, consisting of 100 members, 83 of whom, wearing their blue badges, were present, and 25 of the number on the platform taking an active and intelligent part in the programme, has been worked up to a high state of culture and discipline by the devoted attention and unwearied labors of Mrs. Almon, and their appearance and performance on this occasion was a credit alike to their teacher and her beloved pupils. Mrs. Almon, as usual, took charge of the programme, the details of which went off most admirably, and was highly appreciated by the audience. The first part consisted of recitations, music and dialogues, by Bessie Ferguson, Nina Frecker, Sadie Price, Maggie Barnett, Murray Conferthwaite and John Beach. A solo and semi-chorus, "If for me the cup you fill," by Emma Harris and seven boys and girls, and two solos and semi-choruses, "Let the lower lights be burning" and "Love shall be the conqueror," by Janie F. Harris and seven girls, were all sung with great taste and spirit. Two solos, "Sweet violets" and the "Open window," by Sadie Hudson, a little girl of eight years of age, and a duett, "List to the convent bells," by Misses Forster and Percy, were sung most pleasingly. "God bless the little badge of blue," the first part of each verse being sung by Arthur Conferthwaite, Fred Phinney and Russel Forster, the whole band taking the chorus, was greatly admired, and received a well deserved *encore*.

The band then sang "Try again," "Come, oh! come with me," and "God bless our youthful band," with fine effect, after which the glorious old anthem, "God save the Queen," so dear to every loyal Canadian heart, was given by the band and visitors with vim and vigor. The Rev. Messrs. Kirby, Tait and Almon then addressed the meeting, the two former alluding with delight to the performance of the band, the culture and good behaviour of the children, the patient and successful labors of the gifted superintendent, and the regret and sorrow which they and the public at large felt that the temperance cause in Richibucto was about losing the earnest and devoted labors of Mr. and Mrs. Almon, and that God might bless and prosper their work in some other portion of the Master's vineyard. After an admirable closing address by the Chairman, a member of the Band of Hope stepped to the front and read the following address, which was presented to Mrs. Almon, with a purse containing \$11.75, as a heart-offering from the children:—

Dear Mrs. Almon,—Having learned that you are about to leave Richibucto, and that the meeting night is the last one at which you can be present, we cannot separate without expressing our sorrow at losing you. When we call to mind that it was you who organized our Band of Hope, and when we think of the many pleasant evenings that we owe to you, and of all your kindness to us, we can hardly tell you how sorry we feel at the separation. We ask you to accept this purse as a mark of our esteem and regard, and with it our wish that your future may be bright and happy.

ARTHUR CONFERTHWAITE,
FRED. E. PHINNEY,
Committee.

DORCHESTER.—A meeting of the Deanery of Shediac was held in this parish on Dec. 16th and 17th. The clergy present were the Revs. J. Roy Campbell, Rector, Rural Dean; C. F. Wiggins, of Sackville; F. W. Vroom, of Shediac, and A. J. Reid, of Moncton. The 5th Chapter of the Epistle to the Hebrews was read in Greek and carefully discussed. Several important subjects were brought before the Chapter for consideration, including the Choral Union, the Bishop Medley Scholarship Fund, the Diocesan Magazine, and the establishment of a Book Depository. The annual Choral Union service was appointed to be held at Sackville on Wednesday, March 3rd.

Rev. C. F. Wiggins resigned the Secretaryship of the Deanery, and Rev. F. W. Vroom was appointed to the office.

Service was held at Trinity Church on Wednesday evening, which was very well attended. Three addresses were delivered, the first by Rev. C. F. Wiggins, on Missionary interest, the second by Rev. A. J. Reid, on Disestablishment, and the third by Rev. F. W. Vroom, on the Bishop Medley Memorial Scholarship Fund. Mr. Wiggins brought out well the duty of bearing one another's burdens, and Mr. Reid applied the principle by shewing the interest which Churchmen here should take in the agitation for the Disestablishment and Disendowment of the English Church. The immorality of Disendowment was well brought out and it was plainly shown that the endowment which it is proposed the State should seize were the gifts of the Church's sons in former ages. Mr. Vroom following shewed the duty of the Church in the Diocese to sustain itself instead of being a burden to the Mother Church, and especially urged the necessity of providing for the training of the clergy, by aiding the scheme for establishing the Bishop Medley Scholarship Fund.

DERBY.—The Rector desires to acknowledge the receipt of \$5 from Mr. W. H. Shey, of Halifax, N.S., towards the Nelson Church fund. Donations to this object will be thankfully accepted and promptly acknowledged.