

The Church Times.

HALIFAX, SATURDAY, DEC. 17, 1853.

COLONIAL CHURCH & SCHOOL SOCIETY.

We have given to-day the account which has been communicated to us, of the meeting of the Colonial Church and School Society on Tuesday evening. We were much pleased with the general complexion of that meeting. The educational feature was evidently the one of most prominent attraction. The Bishop's remarks were principally on that subject, and were well received. He gave a high character to Mr. Marriott, as he received it from the Hon. and Rev. Mr. Villiers, Rector of one of the most important Parishes in London, in which Mr. M. was a Teacher. The subsequent address of Mr. Marriott was listened to with much attention, and made, as it deserved to do, a sensible impression on the audience. His sentiments were excellent, and were clearly and seriously expressed. It was quite evident that his heart is in the work upon which he has entered, and that he is an uncompromising foe to the unbalanced divorce of religion from education, which is too much the fashion of the day. The BIBLE is the foundation on which he designs to build up the Institution now under his care, and the spirit of which it will be his aim to infuse into the whole body of instruction that shall be given in his school.

These sound principles, enunciated by Mr. Marriott, were warmly responded to by the audience, and we are sure that all who value correct and religious education, will unite in saying "God speed" to his work, so long as it is conducted in conformity with the principles put forth at that meeting.

Indeed we augur the happiest results to the great cause of Education from the Training School thus auspiciously begun. We trust its benefits will soon be practically felt throughout the country, by the superior tact, intelligence and efficiency, which the teachers there trained, will bring to bear on the respective localities to which they may be sent.

Several students are now in attendance, and many more are expected after Christmas.

THE LUNATIC ASYLUM.

We asked lately what was doing in regard to this most important object. We did not thereby intend to imply any censure upon those charged with the highly responsible duty of carrying on this work. We have since had an opportunity of ascertaining that the plans of the proposed building are in a state of forwardness. They are on a large scale, and are framed according to the most approved models. It is to be hoped that no niggardly and misplaced economy, will prevent the carrying out of this design to the fullest extent. There seems now to be no doubt that the good work will be actually commenced, with the earliest days of Spring, and we hope that before another winter, the most, if not all, of the unfortunates for whom the building is intended, will be rescued from the dens, and chains and jails, by which their malady is too often incurably fastened upon their minds, and will be brought within reach of all those blessed appliances, which have been so happily successful in other lands.

D. C. S.

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The Secretary has also the satisfaction of acknowledging the receipt of £200 sterling from the Rev. J. Stannage, making in all £520 stg., collected by that devoted Missionary towards a permanent provision for the Services of an additional missionary among those to whom he is so sincerely attached.

The former receipt of £320 stg. has been deposited in the Bank at 3 per cent interest, as no more advantageous mode of investment could be obtained.

E. GILPIN, Sec'y.

ST. PAUL'S COMMITTEE, D. C. S.

At the Quarterly Meeting of the Executive Committee, D. C. S., held on Wednesday, Dec. 7, it was Resolved—That in consequence of announcements of Sermons in St. Paul's, for special objects, being already before the public, and in order that the Parishioners may be better informed of the objects of the Committee, the usual Missionary Lecture in December, be postponed until Sunday, the 8th January, of the ensuing year, and that due notice be given thereof.

Also, Resolved, That the Annual Meeting for the choice of Officers, &c., be held on Wednesday the 11th January.

WM. GOSSIP,

Sec'y. St. Paul's Com. D. C. S.

A GOOD STEWARD.—A friend of ours, grandson of the late Rev. Geo. Wright, of this city, has lately sent us an obituary notice from the New Orleans Delta, of a Mr. H. R. W. HILL, late a princely merchant of that city, who was carried off by the prevailing epidemic of the past season. Our friend is the tutor and travelling companion of the "only son" mentioned in the article.

We give to our readers this account of a departed millionaire, unknown perhaps even by name in this Province, merely to show up his bright example of judicious liberality, in the disposal of his Master's goods, which he took care to "put out" during his life time, a far more satisfactory way, as we conceive, of doing good, than leaving it to be doled out by an executor, after the owner is under ground.

ONERQUIES OF THE LATE H. R. W. HILL.—IMPRESSIONS OF THE FUNERAL.—Solemn and impressive funeral ceremonies evinced the public sorrow and affliction for the loss of that excellent citizen, Harry R. W. Hill. Yesterday, indeed, was a day of mourning in New Orleans—and well might it be, for few communities have ever suffered so heavy a loss, as few, indeed, have stood more in need of such men as Harry Hill.

In his case, an admirable judgment, practical sense and sagacity, was combined with an overflowing charity and benevolence. That is the combination for the truly good and useful man. Your miser, who passes his whole life in one absorbing, cold, selfish pursuit of wealth, indifferent to the claims of the present,—to all the suffering and misery around him,—merely to hand his name down to posterity associated with some doubtful or impracticable charity, and with an utter disregard of all the claims of family and relationship,—is a character too common in our country—in contrast with which, that of Harry Hill stands out nobly conspicuous and honorable.

He lived to do good; he sought wealth to diffuse enjoyment and happiness around him. His chief pleasure was in witnessing the cheering results of his own liberal, but always judicious beneficence. He begrudged his executors that enjoyment. Herein alone he was selfish. He revelled in the luxury of doing good. Though even his brilliant mercantile career was often darkened by clouds, and the most trying perils, he never permitted any misfortune to affect his charity or reduce his donations to the poor, and to pious and benevolent associations. They proved good investments, for the Lord smiled upon all his exertions to redeem his losses and conquer his adversity. In his case the bread cast upon the waters returned tenfold.

He gave, during his life, more than three hundred thousand dollars to charities, and died worth more than a million! Nor was that million accumulated by any other means than the legitimate enterprise of an honorable, liberal, just, and energetic merchant.

But we did not commence this article with a view of sketching in full, the character of this excellent citizen, though it is a theme upon which we might enlarge at length, and with sincerity of true and grateful friendship.

We desire, in this place, to notice the exhibition of public grief, in which all our citizens yesterday united, for this heavy bereavement.

Mr. Hill leaves one son, now travelling abroad. His estimable lady preceded him but a few months, having died last spring.

SOCIETY P. G. F.

In the latest Report, an extract from which we gave in a recent number, we find the following striking notice of the Society's present position and heavy responsibilities.

"The Society, while grateful for the extensive sympathy and support which it has received, and for the blessing which appears to have rested generally on the operations of its missionaries, cannot look forward without solicitude to the labours of another year. It is an unspeakably high privilege to be enabled to aid, in however humble a degree, the propagation of the Gospel: but the continual labours of a century and a half seem to have given the Society a position in the system of the Church of England, which there is much difficulty in maintaining, whilst any retreat from it would be most painful, and some advance beyond it is demanded every year. Charged already with the care of providing what is wanting for the maintenance of 447 clergymen and nearly twice as many lay-teachers and students, in all parts of the world, how shall the Society accept the new calls, which increase in earnestness and in number, while the Church at large seems to be not yet endowed with the will to answer along with power to satisfy them? The recent events in China were preceded and followed by urgent appeals to the Society from the Bishop of Victoria; appeals which no Christian could bear unmoved, but the Society has not

yet been enabled to respond to them. The Burmah war has resulted in giving another large province an additional claim on our sympathy as a Christian nation, which we are unprepared to meet. In South Africa, 700,000 heathens have long since invited the instruction of the Church of England; and the Church now follows with a single mission, where other bodies of Christians have long preceded her. Hindoo and Chinese labourers migrate in large numbers to British colonies, and are suffered to introduce their own superstition where they might be taught to receive a purer faith. These and other fields of labour are pressed upon the attention of the Society; and the only answer that can be given is, that the funds which a Christian nation places at the Society's disposal are insufficient to extend the propagation of the Gospel so widely.

We cut the following from a Canada Paper, as part of the communication of a St. John N. B. Correspondent. Let it be for the benefit of 'whom it may concern'—

The European and North American Railroad is progressing. The press of Nova Scotia, prompted by feelings of jealousy, would feign make the people of that province believe, that this railroad scheme was only a bubble, and has already burst. The fact is, Nova Scotia sensibly feels the superiority of New Brunswick credit. Its newspapers are political forts, continually and without intermission pouring their broadsides into what has now become a shadow of things real and tangible. Nova Scotia, alas how fallen: politics has laid hold on her system, and like the attack of some malignant disease has made inroads into the very vitals of her prosperity, gnawing her social and commercial existence, and hurrying her on to an untimely death. But despite all Nova Scotians may say, and all they may think, we can assure them that evidence is not wanting to establish the sincerity of Jackson, and the probability of the completion of the European and North American railroad. Ships are arriving almost weekly laden with navies and materials, while in many sections of the country operations have already been commenced.—The course of rivers are being altered, forests felled, and in many hitherto wilderness districts, houses and work-shops are springing up by almost magic influence, immigration is beginning to flow more abundantly, trade and commerce have received a fresh impetus: in short, everything around us seems animated and exhilarating.

If the public men of Nova Scotia would leave their petty local and personal squabbles at home, and enter into the arena of Legislation with an eye to their country's good, she might recover her lost state, and once again be restored to public confidence.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.—The Bishop of Quebec has announced his intention to hold the triennial Visitation of his Diocese in the Cathedral Church of Quebec, on Wednesday the 11th of January next. His Lordship has also issued a pastoral letter to the Clergy and laity of the Diocese, with reference to the prospect of obtaining liberty for Church legislation; and has requested that lay delegates from the different congregations may attend in Quebec, on Thursday the 12th of January, with the view of concerting measures to that effect.

FLOUR OVER THE MONTREAL ROAD.—The Portland Advertiser states that the house of Robinson & Co. of Boston, have now stored in Montreal flour to the amount of thirty thousand barrels, consigned to Rogers & Co. of Portland, waiting transportation thither. Fifteen thousand barrels to the same consignees, and for the same house in Boston, are now in Portland and on their way thither.

ACCIDENTS AND LOSS OF LIFE.—A despatch dated Annapolis Dec. 5th, says a sad accident occurred on Saturday afternoon. While removing the old Government brick building in Annapolis, a part of the arch fell, bringing under the ruins a son of Mr. Carter (a laboring man) aged about 8 years; he was killed on the spot, both legs and one arm having been broken, and two fractures in the head. Some other boys had a narrow escape.

Another despatch from Bridgetown, dated Dec. 5th says a house, stable and carriage house belonging to Mr. Rufus Bent, of Granville, were consumed by fire on Thursday night, 1st inst., with two horses, a large quantity of grain, carriages, and other valuable articles. The fire originated from the heating of a boiler used for cooking pig's food in the building.—Chronicle.

We understand that a WAY OFFICE is now established at Hubbard's Cove, near Chester, which will no doubt be a great convenience to that populous district. We hope it will be the means of inducing some more of the Churchmen in that quarter to take the Church Times.

We regret to observe, in addition to two inquests on female victims of intemperance within a few days, that there have been two also on order.