

Messrs. Weldon, Wheelwright, King, Metzler, had passed the examination for the degree of B. A. Beamish Murdoch, Esq., returned thanks for the honor conferred upon him, in an able Latin speech.

The business having been concluded, the Bishop, on behalf of the Board of Governors, thanked His Excellency for his attendance, and for the interest which he had invariably manifested in the welfare of the College, expressing his regret that they would henceforth be deprived of the honor which they had so frequently enjoyed, of the presence of the representative of the Sovereign at their annual commemorations.

His Excellency responded, in a brief speech, assuring the assembly that his interest in the College would not cease with his departure from the Province, and that it should be, at any time, on this Continent, at the right season of the year, he would certainly endeavor to be present at the *Encaenia* at Windsor.

The proceedings terminated with the National Anthem, and cheers for the Queen and the Lieut.-Governor.

D. C. S.

The Annual General Meeting of the Diocesan Church Society was held in the National School Room, on Tuesday, the 2nd July, at 2 P. M. H. Pryor, Esq., was appointed Vice-President, and Messrs. Henry Clarke, M. Brown, S. P. Fairbanks, Charles B. Bullock, and M. B. Almon, Jr., members of the Executive Committee; the Rev. Canon Gilpin, Secretary, and B. G. Gray, Esq., Assistant Secretary. The Secretary was appointed Treasurer.

The following report was read from the Church Endowment Committee:—“The Committee desire to report to the Annual Meeting D. C. S., that there has been paid in \$57,549 on account of subscriptions and donations, that \$11,361 interest has been realized, making in all \$68,910. Of this sum \$34,872 is invested on mortgage; \$15,500 in Provincial Debentures, and \$16,900 in Deposit Receipts Bank of Nova Scotia. That in October last a circular was addressed to the clergymen of the several parishes, embodying the resolution of the D. C. S., July 2nd, 1866, and calling their early attention to the subscriptions due, and earnestly requesting them to adopt such means as they might deem advisable to obtain the subscriptions; and recommending the appointment in each parish of some confidential person to make the collections who might be allowed ten per cent. on the amount paid to the Treasurer.

The Committee hoped that this course would have called forth greater effort in the several parishes, but they regret that the result has not been more satisfactory, \$548.50 only having since been paid in from the country parishes.

That the Chairman, by request of the Committee in December last, addressed a letter to the Honorable Enos Collins, who subscribes £1,000 on £10,000, and £1,000 on £20,000 being paid in, which he declines to pay for reasons assigned in his letter to the Chairman, which correspondence is submitted.

There are four vacancies in the Committee, two by death (C. W. H. Harris and J. C. Cogswell) and two who have resigned (P. C. Hill and Brenton Collins). The Committee regret that they are to lose the services of the Secretary and Treasurer (N. Clarke), who has sent in his resignation. These vacancies have not been filled up.

The Committee earnestly hope that the present year may be attended with larger payments of subscriptions, and they will be glad to receive any suggestions from your Society; but they feel the necessity of the clergymen in the several parishes earnestly impressing upon their people the importance of fulfilling their obligations, whereby the Fund may come up to the amount required to bring it into operation.

All which is respectfully submitted.

HALIFAX, 24th June.

M. B. ALMON,

Chairman of the C. E. Committee.

It was resolved, that the W. and O. Committee be instructed to provide a scheme and report to the next Annual Meeting by what means greater benefits may be secured to the orphans of clergymen holding certificates. Two notices of motion relative to change of W. and O. Rules, were referred to that Committee to consider and report upon at the next meeting.

The following resolution (notice of motion having been given at the last meeting)