

## CORRESPONDENCE.

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## EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

To the Editor of the Church Guardian:

SIR,—An advertisement of St. Catharines' Hall, Augusta, Me., in your last issue, has suggested to me the propriety of a few remarks commendatory of that most excellent school for young ladies. To that end I now ask the privilege of a short space in the CHURCH GUARDIAN. The importance of a thorough, indeed, the highest intellectual training for our daughters is no longer an open question; the circumstances of the present age have settled that point beyond a peradventure.

In Canada and the United States the old fossilised ideas that it was destructive of woman's usefulness, and her characteristic charm in the home circle, to know more than fitted her for the actual duties of domestic life, and derogatory, also, to the dignity of a lady to earn her own livelihood, are fortunately now among the things of the past. Everywhere throughout the length and breadth of the vigorous young countries, and now, also, even in conservative old England, women is making her power to be felt in the various walks of life, and that too, without in the least necessarily detracting from her position as dutiful daughter and tender loving wife and mother. Indeed, it is the admission of many a so called 'lord of creation' that his domestic happiness and success in life have been the direct result of the sound judgment, developed through high training at school, of the presiding spirit of his household.

But to effect this end, partial training is insufficient, and partial training is that system whose aim is only the secular education of the pupil. To produce the perfect type of womanhood the higher principles of the heart as well as the latent powers of the mind must be developed and directed. The religious element no less than the secular must be allowed its full share in the good work.

Amongst the many excellent schools both in Canada and the United States working on this principle of religious and secular training, speaking as a parent who has had experience in both countries, I know of no institution where these blended forces for developing the true woman is carried to greater perfection than at St. Catharines' Hall. As a father, I feel a debt of gratitude to that school, and it is out of the abundance of the heart that I have undertaken to recommend it to the serious consideration of parents seeking such training as will develop to their full perfection those budding graces of mind and heart, body and spirit, which they now so fondly contemplate in their daughters.

It was my privilege to be present at the recent annual examinations and closing exercises of St. Catharines' Hall, and it is owing to what I then saw and heard, together with a three years' experience of the working of the school, that I have felt myself constrained, as an act of simple justice to write as I have on the subject. The Bishop of the Diocese is, of course, the visitor, and no merely perfunctory office is his, but a constant loving oversight of the institution. The Rector, a graduate of, I believe, Trinity College, Dublin, and who is also Rector of Augusta; and the Rev. A. E. Beeman, a graduate of Harvard and Oxford, give frequent and regular instruction in several of the higher branches. The resident, teaching staff consist of a talented and experienced Lady Principal, assisted by five accomplished governesses, teachers, respectively of English, German, French, music and singing, drawing and painting. A lady matron, widely known amongst parents for her kindness to their daughters, presides over the material wants of the house-

hold. These are, certainly high encomiums of the personnel of a school, comparatively moderate in its fees for board and tuition; nevertheless they are facts.

The buildings have nothing of the conventional boarding school appearance, but both externally and internally impress the visitors as being a large private residence, with all the comforts and conveniences of such. The grounds comprise eight acres, well laid out, and with majestic shade trees, located on the eastern banks of the Kennebec river, with a near and beautiful view of the picturesque capital of the State, accessible by a well kept covered bridge. The nationality of a pupil is no bar to the most considerate treatment, and no attempt to win them from their loyalty to their native land is allowed, as pupils from the Maritime provinces and other parts of the Dominion could testify. Application for circulars, giving full particulars of board and tuition fees, will be readily responded to by Miss Allen, St. Catharines' Hall, or by the Rev. Walker Gwynne, Augusta, Me.

Yours truly,

J. DINZEL,

Late Principal, Compton Ladies' College.

SIR,—In your issue of 1st May appears a reprint from the London Tablet, what purports to be the sentence passed upon the Lord Jesus Christ by Pontius Pilate and assessors condemning Him to be crucified; the said sentence (or a copy of it) being engraved upon a copper plate enclosed in an antique vase of white marble, found in the Tiber in A. D. 1280, the sentence being in Hebrew, and the date 25th of March, in the 17th year of the reign of Tiberius.

In a work entitled "Man all Immortal," by the Rev. D. W. Clark, D. D., published in 1864, the author mentions the finding of this marble vase and contents, which he assures his readers is undeniable proof of our Lord's Crucifixion at the time mentioned above; but he gives the years of the finding of the vase 1850, and the date of the sentence 24th March.

In Smith's History of Rome the date of the predecessor of Tiberius, namely Augustus, is given at 19th August, A. D. 14, when the former became sole emperor, hence Tiberius was in the 17th year of his reign in the month of March, A. D. 31; the new moon in the same month having fallen at Jerusalem upon March 10th at or within less than one hour over or under 1 hr. 25 min. 48 sec. a. m.; hence the first day of the Hebrew month began at sunset of the 10th and ended at the sunset of the 11th, and therefore the 15th began on March 24th at sunset and ended on the 25th at sunset. The time of full moon I calculate to have been at 3 hours. 3 min. 58 sec. p. m. of 25th March, the 15th of the month in question, in this case corresponding to the date of the full moon.

In Valentine's Hebrew Almanack the earliest date for the 1st day of the first Ecclesiastical month, Abel or Nisan, is March 12th, which gives for Nisan 15th, March 26th, being the earliest day for the observance of the Passover, and, therefore, March 25th A. D.; 31st was the 15th day of the month Ve-adar, the year being intercalary.

The date 25th March A. D. 31st is N. S., and, therefore, Pilate, who knew nothing of New Style, it having been first invented in A. D. 1582, must have given the date in O. S., the year of the Julian period being then 4744, which gives the Cycle of the Sun 12, for which the Dominical letter is G, corresponding to March 25th, and the difference between the date of the O. S. being two days in the century in question greater than those of the N. S., it follows that if Pilate had had anything to do with the alleged document he must have dated it March 27th. Again, the S. L. for A. D. 31st N. S. is E, corresponding to March 23rd; hence March 25th N. S., March 27th, O. S. A. D. 31st—Tuesday

Our Lord having been crucified on Friday as is clear from the Evangelists, and March 25th N. S. having occurred on Tuesday in the 17th

year of the sole reign of Tiberius, and the month not having been Nisan, but the second Adar, the thoughtful and intelligent readers, whether of the CHURCH GUARDIAN or the Tablet will give the author of the said document credit for his astronomical knowledge, but none for either his chronological knowledge or his veracity.

J. ALLAN.

St. Vincent de Paul, July 1st, 1889.

## A SUMMER RESORT FOR CLERGY.

SIR,—I trust the clergy seaside resort is not quashed. "A Country Clergyman" has ably advocated the scheme, and Dr. Roe has placidly fallen in to approval though in keeping with the Doctor's proclivity he would have the idea enlarged to take in church building. If we do that the project becomes too alarming and would result in the abandonment of the primary object. A Clergy Resort is the only want the Diocese requires meeting to make it a perfect Diocese, a model diocese. The project is endorsed by all the rural clergy, and, if I am rightly informed, by the city clergy. We want a beginning, a nucleus, and I am quite sure it will then grow in importance—in keeping with all our Church funds, "from small beginnings often greatness springs." So it would be here. We have sons of wealthy men who luxuriate in seaside residences; ay! men and women too, whose sympathetic hearts are readily touched where real wants are presented to them. This is a real want capable of extended development and worthy of effort. Think of men of education passing year after year, in some remote country Mission, cut off from all the social refinements of civilization, often without a single friend of mental culture, with the daily jog trot of a faithful nag, ministering here and there in the high ways and by ways to the wants of his people, with no break in the monotony of his work. Why, a month at the seaside with occasional access to cultivated minds and intercourse with refined society, and a chance to rub off those rude and harsh corners naturally acquired by doing at Rome as Romans do, and which the polish of civilized life alone is able to accomplish, would be one of the greatest blessings you could offer the poor fellow. Will not some noble minded son or daughter of the Church start the work? I mistake the measure of our able Churchmen if there is not one to do it, and I anticipate with much faith that our good Bishop will soon be placed in a position of encouragement by some liberal contributor.

Yours,

E. C. P.

Three Rivers, July 12, 1889.

## NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

## DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

SHIP HARBOUR.—An entertainment was held in the old Rectory grounds, Ship Harbour, on the 3rd July, consisting of tea, sale of work, &c. The day was extremely fine, and a large gathering of friends attended; all who so ably assisted in preparations. The Ladies of the Circle and others are to be congratulated upon their zeal in again so willingly helping the cause, while all credit is due to the male portion of friends for such timely aid in the erection of refreshment rooms, and tea and work tables. The Bower which has braved so many storms was again renovated and presented a very lively scene, especially in the locality of the refreshment rooms and grab-box. All who have participated in this little amusement will easily understand the great source of innocent fun therein contained. Everyone appeared to thoroughly enjoy themselves; indeed it would have been impossible not to appreciate the good things provided. The sum total was in excess of last year, and the amount cleared was upwards of \$100.

CORRECTION.—In notice of Garden party at