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SOMEBODY WRONG.

Our attention has been called to the following
business item in a prominent column of the *Dominion
Churchman*:—

"The *Dominion Churchman* is the organ of the Church
of England in Canada, and is an excellent medium for
advertising—being a family paper, and by far the most
extensively circulated Church journal in the Dominion."

We pass over the questionable title "the organ of
the Church of England in Canada," and have to do
with the latter part of the notice, viz.: the claim
that it is "by far the most extensively circulated
Church journal in the Dominion."

We would not wilfully deceive our advertising
patrons, nor do we wish to do a wrong to our con-
temporaries, and so, as we claim to have "double the
circulation of any other Church paper in Canada,"
a claim based upon the authoritative statement in
Geo. P. Rowell & Co.'s Advertising Directory for
1882, we owe it to ourselves and to the public to
make good our claim or retract it. We therefore
publish below the sworn affidavit of our printers,
which places our circulation for the three months
last past at over 6,000 papers weekly, and if our
contemporary has a circulation "far more extensive"
than this let him do as we have done, give the
figures under oath, and so prove his position, and
we will cheerfully withdraw our claim and publicly
apologize for having done him an injustice:—

I, GEO. W. BAILLIE, of the City and County of
Halifax, in the Province of Nova Scotia, do solemnly
declare that the firm of GEO. W. BAILLIE & Co.,
Printers, 161 Hollis Street, have caused to be
printed for the REV. JOHN D. H. BROWNE more
than SIX THOUSAND copies of each issue of the
CHURCH GUARDIAN, weekly, for three months past;
and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously
believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the
Act passed in the 37th year of Her Majesty's
Reign, intituled "An Act for the Suppression of
Voluntary and Extra-Judicial Oaths."

GEO. W. BAILLIE.

Solemnly declared before me this 18th day of
August, 1882.

WM. H. WISWELL,

Clerk of the Municipality
of the County of Halifax.

OUR CHURCH UNIVERSITY OF THE MARITIME PROVINCES.

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We have then this state of things with which
Churchmen must deal in one way or the other.

Here is a Church University, already founded,
and having already done faithful and good work.
It has buildings, some of which are as good as any
on the Continent; a Hall of large size, handsome
and commodious; a Chapel which is an honour to
its noble builder and a credit to the Province; a
large, good, and in some departments, notably
those of Classics and Oriental Languages, a rich
Library. It has an equipment of scientific instru-
ments and apparatus second to none of the Insti-
tutions of Learning in the Dominion. It has a
staff of Professors admittedly thoroughly equal to
their respective duties. And it has an endowment
sufficient to maintain it as a Theological College,
but not large enough, now that State aid has been
withdrawn, to support its University Status. And
the question of the hour is, Whether or no Church-
men will arise in their strength and put this their
own College and University, in a condition of in-
dependence, or whether, having all the privileges
it now possesses, having all necessary powers and
authority, they will allow all this to go by default,
and let slip from their hands that of which in
another fifty years the Church will bitterly regret
the loss.

Changes are being made now which will it is
hoped have the effect of making the College course
of more value to the student, by an accession of
teaching power, which will be provided for the
present without remuneration. This not only
shews the willingness of competent men to sacri-
fice some of their leisure, hard earned as it is, for
the benefit of the Church; but it is an indication
of a reaction in favour of King's College as our
own Church University. Objections formerly
made against the smallness of the teaching staff
with its manifest disadvantages can now no longer
be maintained.

It cannot be denied that other religious bodies
of no less shrewdness than we ourselves have, and
with far greater foresight, are straining every nerve
to endow their institutions of learning in such a
way as to place them beyond the reach of ordinary
vicissitudes. Whether they have in the future a
desire for a Central University alone having the
power to confer degrees or not, they plainly see
what is their duty in the present. On all sides we
see munificent gifts bestowed by princely-hearted
men on the Church of their affection, and large
endowments provided for the education of their
children in the principles which they themselves
profess and value.

It will be an eternal disgrace and injury to the
cause of the Church of England, if with all the
advantages of numbers and prestige which she
undoubtedly now possesses, the Churchmen of
these Maritime Provinces allow their University, the
oldest in the Dominion, to sink into insignificance.
It will be a disgrace, because it will proclaim to
the world that Churchmen are not capable of acts
of self-sacrifice; that their days of noble gifts are
past; that the present age is a degenerated succes-
sor of the munificence of a period which, though
ignorant, was faithful; and that our principles are
not considered to be worth preserving. It will be
an injury, a deep and deadly blow to the position
and prospects of the future of the Church, be-
cause it will prove beyond the possibility of doubt,
that the Church of England, so far as these Mari-
time Provinces are concerned, is in a failing and
moribund state, it will encourage her foes on every
side to triumph over her want of zeal, and to per-
ceive in her supineness and inefficiency an absence
of that burning love of Christ, which alone can
prompt her to action and progress.

Churchmen! shall it be so? Shall this disgrace
attach to us? Shall our names go down to pos-
terity as recreants to our sacred trust? A thou-
sand times NO.

MISSIONS TO SEAMEN.

For some time past efforts have been made to
form branches of the Missions to Seamen not only
in the ports of England, but in every port of the
Empire the world over, and also in the principal
ports of the United States. The value of such a
universal organization would be to promote in its
highest form the welfare of our sailors, who have
been for so long in many places utterly neglected.
The Society to which we have referred above, of
which Admiral His Royal Highness the Duke of
Edinburgh, is Patron; the four Archbishops and
forty of the Bishops of England and Ireland, Vice-
Patrons; and of which the Earl of Aberdeen is
President, now employs 76 honorary Chaplains, 2
Clerical Superintendents, 24 Chaplains, 39 Scrip-
ture Readers and 6 Lay Helpers, working afloat
in 46 seaports at home and abroad, who are fur-
nished with 12 mission yachts in open roadsteads,
with boats in harbours, with 8 Churches and Church
ships in rivers and docks, and with mission rooms
for watersides, and received for an income last
year over \$80,000.

Efforts we have said have recently been made
to organize branches in the United States, and
several have already an existence. Among the
most important and useful we may name the one
in Baltimore, which, owing to frequent calls of the
Allan steamers and much British shipping, has
constantly a large influx of British sailors. Re-
ferring to the work being done in Baltimore, an
English exchange says:—"At the request of the
British Missions to Seamen, through Bishop Pink-
ney, Trinity Church, Baltimore, is freely offered to
the officers and men of British vessels in that port.
Any seaman requiring the officers of the Church
in sickness or in health is invited by pictorial cards
to apply directly to the Vicar, to the British Con-
sul, or to a committee of eighteen pilots and cap-
tains, whose names are given. The circulation of
such an invitation amongst the British shipping in
Baltimore is very much to be commended, and
does credit to the American Church."

Recently we have had the pleasure of a visit
from the Rector of Trinity Church Baltimore, who
is on a visit to Montreal, Quebec, St. John, Hal-
ifax, Yarmouth and other shipping ports of Canada,
in the interest of the mission. He seeks to pro-
mote his work by the formation of Corresponding
Committees in each of the places named, which, in
conjunction with others in English and American
ports, shall carefully watch and attend to the
bodily and spiritual wants of the sailors. The
gentleman referred to, the Rev. Geo. A. Leakin,
very evidently has the matter much at heart, and
takes a warm and deep interest in the undertaking,
and in the welfare of our sea-going populations.
We warmly sympathize with Mr. Leakin in his
brave and good work, and trust that our clergy
will assist him in every way to effect the needed
organizations.

Where it is possible a Chaplain with the floating
population for his sole charge should be engaged
under the control of the Bishop and the oversight
of the local committee, but until such an impor-
tant official is appointed, or where it is impracti-
cable at present, the committees themselves can be
made of great practical utility.