

The Church Times.

HALIFAX, SATURDAY, OCT. 21, 1854.

THE VISITATION.

THE business of the Visitation properly so called had come to an end when our last number was issued; altho' the Clergy did not separate until the beginning of the week. On Sunday morning the Reverend Edwin Gilpin, Senr. Rector of Annapolis, (all but the oldest of our Clergy,) and one who deservedly has great weight with his Brethren and with the Laity, occupied the Pulpit of St. Paul's.

It is gratifying to his numerous friends to find him so much restored to health after his recent illness.

The Revd. Charles Shreve preached in the afternoon in the same Church, and the Rev. J. Forsyth in the evening. The day was unfavourable for "fair-weather Christians." Perhaps some who could venture abroad in pouring rain, and through muddy streets, to the Exhibition rooms, thought it "too bad" to venture to the House of Prayer.

At St. George's the Rev. J. Forsyth preached in the morning, and the Rev. J. Campbell in the afternoon. The pulpit of St. Luke's we believe was filled by Rev. R. Untacke, in the morning, and Revd. J. Ambrose in the afternoon. On Friday afternoon the Revd. A. Gray preached at St. Paul's, and on Saturday the Revd. J. Moody. Such of these discourses as we heard (and we heard all except those of the Sunday, when we were on duty elsewhere,) were sound and edifying, and hearing less or more on the special occasion on which they were delivered. If they were printed, and all absentees would purchase copies, there would be somewhat left for the D. O. Society, or some other Church object.

Upon the whole, we believe we do but give the general opinion of our Brethren in pronouncing the recent gathering to have been full of comfort and edification to ourselves and of promise to the Church. The large admixture of the lay element in this Experimental Council, was a novel and pleasing feature. And certainly the ability, and moderation and intelligence displayed by these lay representatives, was highly creditable to them, and honorable to those by whom they were selected. It is only to be regretted that any Parish should have been without such a representation. No doubt on any future occasion of the sort, there will be fewer absences.

We have before noticed the warm and generous hospitality which to a degree unprecedented before, has been extended by the clerical and lay members of the Church, to their country pastors and brethren.

The most of them have now gone to their respective fields of labour, no doubt with the hope that in due time we may meet again in the like friendly and Christian communion. As they once more turn to their arduous work in the Gospel vineyard, may they feel themselves strengthened and refreshed for its zealous and vigorous discharge—endued with larger measures of Divine grace, that so they may make full proof of their ministry, remembering the account they must one day give. And O how soon will that day be upon the youngest and the freshest of us all. How soon will those who have just surrounded their earthly overseer, be gathered, with their respective flocks, before the great Shepherd and Bishop of our Souls. God grant that then, each of those who have here united in sweet and holy fellowship with Christ and with each other, may receive the gracious bidding to "come up higher" as good and faithful servants of their Lord! We subjoin a List of the Clergy and Laity lately assembled in Halifax:

MINISTERS.

Alexander, Rev. J.	Maturin, Rev. E.
Ambrose, Rev. J.	Maynard, Rev. T.
Arnold, Rev. R.	M. J. Cawley, Rev. G.
Avery, Rev. R.	Millidge, Rev. A.
Breadin, Rev. J.	Moody, Rev. T. T.
Brine, Rev. R. F.	Morris, Rev. T.
Callock, Rev. H.	Nichols, Rev. E.
Bullock, Rev. W.	Owen, Rev. H. L.
Campbell, Rev. J. M.	Pearson, Rev. J.
Cochran, Rev. J. C.	Porter, Rev. W. Y.
DeBlois, Rev. H.	Ret-hie, Rev. J.
Dunn, Rev. J.	Robertson, Rev. J.
Elliot, Rev. C.	Ruddle, Rev. T. D.
Elliot, Rev. P.	Shreve, Rev. C.
Forsythe, Rev. J.	Shrove, Rev. J.
Gilpin, Rev. A.	Snyder, Rev. W. H.
Gilpin, Rev. E.	Snake, Rev. H.
Gilpin, R. & H. Jr.	Stamer, Rev. H.
Gray, Rev. A.	Smith, Rev. S.
Green, Rev. S. D.	Shaw, Rev. J. (retired)
Godfrey, Rev. W.	Stannage, Rev. J.
Hall, Rev. G.	Stewart, Rev. J.
Jameson, Rev. R.	Stewart, Rev. W.
Wasson, Rev. W.	Storrs, Rev. J.
King, Rev. W. B.	Taylor, Rev. W.
Leary, Rev. T. C.	Townshend, Rev. G.

Twining, Rev. T.
Untacke, Rev. R. F.
Untacke, Rev. R.

White, Rev. T. H.
Willis, Rev. Dr.
Yewson, Rev. H. L.

LAY DELEGATES.

Halifax—St. Paul's—The Hon. the Chief Justice.

St. George's—Newman Clark, Esq.
T. B. Atkins, Esq.

Albion Mines,
Amherst,
Annapolis,
Antigonish,

Archie,
Aylesford,
Beaver Harbour,
Chester,
Clements Port,
Dartmouth,
Digby,
Falmouth,
Liverpool,
Lunenburg,
Manchester & Melford,
Musquodoboit,
New Dublin,
Newport,

Parrsborough,
Petou,
Pugwash,
Rawdon & Douglas,
St. Kevin,
Shelburne,
Ship Harbour,
St. Mary's Bay,
Sydney Mines,
Truro,
Weymouth,
Wilmot,
Yamoucheau,
Yarmouth,

The Hon. H. H. Cogswell.

None.

None.

None.

W. C. Hierbby and Eliza M. Randall.

None.

A. Van Burskirk and W. Morton.

W. Geddes and Thos. Legge.

T. Whitford and J. Fader.

None.

Law. Hartshorne & E. H. Lowe.

None.

Lewis Hill and Saml. Mumford.

Robt. Roberts & F. W. Collins.

Hon. W. Russell and H. S. Jost.

None.

H. A. Gladwin.

Nich. Wolff and Thos. Teal.

W. Mumford, Sr. and W. Wood-

roffe.

None.

Daniel Hockin.

None.

None.

Chas. Fenerty and J. Whitcar.

Charles Bruce, Senr.

None.

Dr. H. Elliott and Jas. McIntosh.

Capt. Ousley & Henry Ingles.

None.

Richard Ambrose.

None.

Li. Col. Myers & C. B. Bowman.

J. W. K. Howley.

TORONTO.—We take the following Circular from the "Church" paper, by which it appears that the Churchmen in that Diocese are to meet in a few days in regular Synod, to attend to the affairs of their Church, without waiting for Acts of Parliament.

The octogonarian Bishop, it seems, has been hard at work in visiting his unwieldy Diocese, for four entire months.

TO THE CLERGY AND LAITY OF THE DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

MY DEAR BRETHREN.—It having been left to my discretion to convene the Synod at any time during 1854, I have waited longer than was perhaps desirable, for two reasons:

First—In the hope that the Imperial Government would redress its pledge by passing a measure to remove the disabilities which are supposed by some to exist in regard to Colonial Church Assemblies. This hope has not been realized; for, although a bill for that purpose was introduced into the House of Commons early in the last Session, it never came to maturity, and was postponed for another year. In the meantime, we learn from the best authority, that if there be any legal impediments to the meeting of Synods, they are confined to those of a national character, and do not extend to such as are merely diocesan.

Second—Before the fate of the measure proposed by her Majesty's Solicitor General to the Imperial Parliament could be known, I required to commence my Confirmation Visitations, which occupied me from the 14th of May to the 26th of September. I therefore take the earliest opportunity of assembling you together which circumstances would admit.

This delay (if it may be so deemed) is not without its advantage. The Church will be enabled to take into consideration the increased peril with which the proceedings of the Provincial Legislature seem to threaten the remainder of her very scanty endowment, and to take such a course as may appear just and expedient to avert the same.

The Synod will also be engaged in framing such regulations for its future government and guidance as our local circumstances require; and in doing this, it would appear expedient to assume, as the basis of our proceedings, the bill which passed the House of Lords last year; and should the Imperial Parliament think it necessary at any future period to pass a measure authorizing and regulating Church Assemblies in the Colonies, it will be easy to modify what we have done to meet its just requirements.

These things being premised, I request the Clergy of this Diocese, and the Lay Delegates, to assemble in the Cathedral Church, Toronto, on Wednesday, the 25th instant, at 10 o'clock, A. M. After morning prayer, the Synod will adjourn to the Parochial School-house to hold its Session for the transaction of business.

In case any Clergyman finds that the Delegates from his Parish are absent, have removed, or are otherwise unable to attend, it is proper to have a fresh election in the manner directed by my Circular Letter of the 2nd of April, 1851, because a full attendance is very desirable.

I remain, my dear Brethren,
Your affectionate Diocesan,
JOHN TORONTO.

Toronto, 2nd Oct. 1854.

THE Provincial Exhibition finally closed on Saturday last, when the Hon. the Attorney General delivered the closing address, from which we make the following extracts:—

During the last three months, I have travelled, with an observant eye, over some of the finest parts of Europe. It would be the language of diabolism and indiscriminate eulogy to place our husbandry as yet upon a par with that of England. The last eight years, with the repeal of the Corn Laws, and the necessity of more strenuous exertions, have wrought upon the mother country like a charm. Never was I so much struck with the magic beauty, the assiduous and fish-bell cultivation, and the matchless verdure of her fields, as during my recent visit. We must toil for many years before we can rival the fertile valleys of the Trent, the Liffey, and the Forth. But cross the channel—traverse the barren plain which stretches with its unwholesome marshes and its innumerable windmills—a windmill almost for every farm—from Hamburg to Berlin, and thence to Dresden, and the feelings of a Nova Scotian will be gratitude to God who has given him a country so far superior either to Prussia or Saxony.—(Cheers.) If we proceed further southerly some 400 or 500 miles to Prague and Vienna, and thence up the Danube to Linz and by Upper Austria to Strassburg and on to Paris, we find, it is true, a rich and well cultivated country, the result of the labours of 2000 years, but marked by some peculiarities which may well content us with our own Province. The hedge-rows, the numerous country seats, the ornate cottages which embellish an English landscape are rarely to be seen,—and the comfortable of our own houses of our own country, with its green blinds, its creepers upon the porch, and its flower beds in front, the large and over-slowing barns, and the unmistakable signs of plenty and abundance, are unknown on the greater part of the continent. Nowhere in that long stretch of nearly two thousand miles, in Northern or in Southern Germany, did I see any tract of country to be compared for natural beauty and richness of soil with the Townships of Truro, Windsor, or Cornwallis.—(Cheers.)

There is another peculiarity by which, in the whole of that tour, I was forcibly and most painfully struck, and that was the universal employment of the weaker and softer sex in the rudest and most toilsome occupations. Independently of field labour, with the plough, the harrow, and the scythe, you will see women and young girls all along the banks of the Danube and the Elbe, working on the embankments, the quays, and the railways! Need I say that the distinguishing characteristics which separate the sexes, and give to woman her domestic influence, and to life its softening and highest charm,—disappear, amid these relics of a barbarous age, which are so little congenial to the temper and feelings of English or American people. Not your Excellency:—this Exhibition shows that the females of our happier land are at liberty to spend their time, and display their ingenuity and taste, in pursuits better adapted to their sex, and in which it will be difficult to excel them. Who it were that can walk through our Assembly room, (in which, I take it for granted after so genial an influence has been shed upon it,—we will never again hear the sounds of contention and strife.) (Cheers and Laughter.) without acknowledging that the success of the Exhibition must be attributed, after all, not so much to the men as to the women of Nova Scotia. [Loud cheers.]

The meritorious and patriotic exertions of the Committee and officers, involving great labour and no little anxiety, have resulted in what we have seen, and this best reward is the consciousness of a signal benefit rendered to their country.—(Cheers.)

The Committee did not forget to add to the Agricultural and Industrial display which we have witnessed, the charms of intellectual entertainment. By their agency a series of useful and instructive Lectures have been got up during the evenings of Exhibition. These were delivered by some of our ablest men from different parts of Nova Scotia, and I am sure must have been considered a rich intellectual treat.

Let us, in conclusion, rejoice in what has been achieved—let us congratulate ourselves that the many thousands who have poured in from the country have met their fellow-citizens in town in perfect harmony, and without the public peace, or the courtesies of life, having been disturbed in a single instance,—and above all, let us not forget the deep reverence and gratitude we owe to the Supreme Being, for the peace that reigns within our borders, and the plenty He has shed upon our fields,—and let us close this Exhibition with a just estimate of the resources of our country—a more earnest determination to develop and improve them—and a richer glow of that warm and generous patriotism which will impart a new charm to the fairest daughters, and fresh vigour to the enterprising and hardy sons of Nova Scotia.—(Much cheering.)

COLLEGIATE ACADEMY, WINDSOR.—We beg to call attention to the advertisement of the Revd. D. W. Pickett, the newly appointed Principal of this Institution. We trust that after all its ups and downs, it will now flourish. But in order to the Churchmen must act as members of other denominations do, show a preference for their own Seminaries, and exert themselves in its behalf. From all we hear, and in part from our own personal knowledge, we think we can assure Parents, that both in the Household and in the School their sons will be