

## The Church Times.

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## THE COLLEGE.

It is necessary to keep this important subject before our readers, and if possible to enlist their united energies in its behalf, and to awaken such an interest as will elicit that support which it now requires, more than at any former period of its history. It is our humble desire to bring home to the convictions and the feelings of the members of our Church, throughout the Diocese, the absolute necessity of King's College, not only as a place of secular education for our youth, in which Churchmen especially may have confidence, but also as the source whence those must come, who are in future to minister to the congregations of this land. Shut up that Institution, and where are you to train up a native ministry, of all others the most suitable to the country? Yet, shut up it must be, or, if kept open at all, still it must be sadly inefficient and inferior to other Institutions of later growth, creeping on at a snail's pace, while others rapidly advance, unless our people shall come forward, with unanimity and vigor to aid those whose task it will now be to enlarge its efficiency, and fix it on a permanent basis.

We had expected to have spread on our pages to-day the "Appeal" of the Executive Committee of the Alumni, alluded to in our last, but have been unable to procure it in time. It invites all members of the Church, in this and the neighbouring Provinces, to contribute to the now diminished resources of the College, and it holds out as an inducement to persons subscribing £100 towards the Endowment, that such a contributor shall be entitled to a certificate from the Governors, in virtue of which, the holder shall be allowed to send one student at a time free of all tuition fees. These generally amount to £13 or £14 per annum. This certificate is to be transferable, and the annexed privilege to be perpetual.

It is to be hoped that numbers will be found, in all parts of the Provinces, who will subscribe on terms so advantageous as these. It has occurred to us, that the plan may be made attractive and available, at once to assist the College, and also to pay a lasting tribute to the memory of departed friends, or to perpetuate the association of living names with the College. The pupils of the former and of the present instructors of the Institution, would perhaps feel it a graceful tribute of regard to those who laboured for their good, to found SCHOLARSHIPS, with the name of such Tutor attached to the Fund. Or Parishes might thus do honour to a beloved Pastor, living or dead, by subscribing their £100 with his name affixed, and the privilege to the congregation of sending one nominee to the College. Or, the friends of any of those, who have hitherto had the management of the Institution, might thus keep up an honourable memorial of their names and services, by uniting in such a contribution. We merely throw out these hints, which may go for what they are worth. We are only desirous to arouse a feeling of interest, in the first place in connexion with the College, and then respectfully to point out some of the ways in which it may be substantially shown. Nor in doing this ought we to forget a hint which we have taken from another quarter, that the LADIES might exert themselves in a similar way. We cannot doubt that these, if they can be brought to feel that they can thus be useful, will gladly take up the suggestion, and in different sections of the Province, assume the establishment of SCHOLARSHIPS, to bear the titles of their respective localities.

## YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

An Institution bearing this title, and having for its object the mental and spiritual improvement of the young men of this city, has just been formed. One of the largest meetings we have ever seen here, took place at the Temperance Hall on Monday evening last, to hear the opening address, which was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Richey. The lecture or address was excellent, and indeed, for elegance of diction, force and clearness of argument, and felicitous illustration, it has been rarely surpassed in this land. It is to be hoped that it may be published.

The objects of this association are such as must commend themselves to the approbation of every philanthropic and every Christian heart. Whoever reflects upon, and especially whoever has had personal experience of the numerous temptations which beset the path of young men, when first launched forth on a city

life, cannot but rejoice in every well directed effort to counteract such temptations, and to invite the young into the pleasant paths of intellectual and spiritual improvement. Much has been done already in that direction, especially through the influence of Temperance associations, discouraging the use of intoxicating drinks, promoting public gatherings of a social and improving nature, and especially by the establishment of a noble reading room, inviting the attendance of young men just at that period of the day when guilty pleasures spread their snares around them. All honour be to the originators and abettors of these auxiliaries in the great cause of moral reform! The present project however takes a higher aim, and embraces the direct advancement of youth in religious improvement, by means of a well selected Library, comfortable Reading Rooms, Bible Classes, Religious meetings, and lectures on various subjects in connexion with Religion, and by the silent influence of association with persons seriously disposed. Under proper regulation, and with discreet, prudent, and affectionate management (not needlessly exclusive,) it is devoutly to be hoped that the excellent objects of the association may be attained. Every parent especially, and indeed every friend to society must wish well to whatever may throw a shield over the paths of the young, and elevate their minds to the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus their Lord.

## WIDOW'S AND ORPHAN'S FUND.

We gladly transfer to our columns the following extract from a late speech of the Rev. Robert Arnold, at the D. C. Society meeting, in Sydney, C. B. We have at various times called the attention of Churchmen to this important object of our Society, and we sincerely regret that it is still so much neglected. Every Missionary will heartily respond to the sentiments so happily expressed by Mr. Arnold, and we trust that some of our rich men may be led, by them to devote to this object a portion of the means which God has given them. It would be well if a sermon were preached and a collection made annually in every Church in the Diocese in aid of the object.

"In most of the Colonial Dioceses a generous laity, seeing that the Clergy are but inadequately supported in life, and have nothing to leave at their death, have come forward and established a 'Widow's Fund.'—And they have done so wisely: for what more cheering to a poor missionary in his weary journeyings and often times perilous exposures, than the reflection, that if the poor frail body should break down in the work, the Church had made some provision for his wife and children, and that they should not be thrown altogether on the cold charities of an unfeeling world. In this Diocese too, a 'Widow's Fund' has lately found a place among the benevolent objects of the Society; but Oh how it languishes in the shade! In Canada, this fund is in a flourishing state—In New Brunswick, too, it flourishes—In Australia, I see by yesterday's Post, the Laity have taken it up in earnest. But Mr. Chairman, Rector of this large and respectable Parish, and Rev. Secretary, exposed as you often must be to hardships and to perils, and ye other Missionaries of the Diocese ordained since 1836, go tell your wives for their comfort, with their helpless children, that if unhappily they should be left Widows, they shall not be entirely destitute—that there is the interest of our 'Widow's Fund' to look to—but add that as the funded Capital amounts to only £16, their dividend of the interest must be used with great economy.

"Now Mr. Chairman, you will perceive by referring to this subject in the last Report, that it is so surrounded with restrictions, that no contribution finds its way to this fund, unless especially so directed.—The reason of this restriction was that the 'Widow's Fund,' as was supposed, would be so popular that it would absorb the funds of the Society. Has it turned out so? Alas no, quite the reverse! I do hope Mr. Chairman, and Mr. Secretary, that the good people among whom you labor in holy things, will not forget that your wives may one day be widows and your children orphans, and that some at least when folding up their sovereign in a little bit of white paper, before dropping it into the Treasury of the Society, will just write upon it the direction, 'For the Widows' Fund.'"

ENCOURAGING.—We sincerely thank our friend at Granville, for the following expression of good will, and for his repeated exertions on behalf of the Church Times. If similar efforts were put forth in every Parish in the Diocese, our subscription list would soon be what it ought to be, equal to that of any other Religious paper in the Province. We would take this opportunity of again presenting the subject to the friends of the Church. Arrangements lately entered into, make an increase peculiarly necessary, in order to insure the continuance and efficiency of the Church paper. In the capital much has been done for this object during the past year, and we respectfully request our clerical friends and others, to make a special endeavour to procure additional support. We want in

the first place 200 subscribers to complete the first step of the arrangement—all led to, If each Brother will send us four new names this will be effected. If each of our present subscribers will procure one more, then indeed would our list be such as Churchmen ought to make it. If the existence and improvement of the paper is desired, let this small exertion be promptly made.

GRANVILLE, 10th Jan., 1854.

My Dear Sir,

I believe, I seldom take up my pen to address you, without at the same time sending the name of a new subscriber or two to the Church Times. Such, at any rate, is the case on the present occasion, when I have the pleasure of forwarding two more good names to swell the respectable list of the Granville subscribers.

Whether I can congratulate you on a similar increase to the list from other parts of the Province or not, of one thing I am certain that I ought to be able to do, and sorry should I be, if after all the pains that have been taken in the office at Halifax to render the paper generally acceptable, it should meet with no better encouragement than the usual listless apathy heretofore awarded by its professed supporters.

The increase it has received here is fairly attributable to its own merits, it being acknowledged on all hands as an excellent vehicle of instruction and information in ecclesiastical and temporal matters. I told you in my last how weary people of all politics (except a few of the most fiery partizans,) have become of the ceaseless din of warfare waging among the majority of the Halifax paper editors, and every week's experience convinces me the more that these gentry have widely mistaken the tone of public sentiment as to what a newspaper should be, while at the same time they have lost sight of their own interest entirely. The Church Times I have just received, of 7th Jan., is an excellent number, and just the thing to suit the reading public. The intermixture of the interesting intelligence of the day, (which must be given as copiously as the limits of the paper will allow,) with matter more purely instructive, cannot fail to please any reasonable person, and I am happy to say there are many such reasonable people here.

## HOUSE OF REFUGE.

We know not whether we are premature in the announcement that this hopeful Institution, is now open for the reception of the objects for whose benefit it is designed. We have understood such to be the fact, altho' we should have expected some official intimation on the subject to have been made public, and indeed that the auspicious event would have been consecrated by some religious exercises. We fervently pray that the blessing of the Almighty may rest upon the undertaking, and that it may prove instrumental in saving many a poor sinner from the errors of her ways, and causing the Angels in heaven to rejoice over her repentance, and her conversion to God.

The premises taken by the Committee are those belonging to J. W. Nutting, Esq., in Lockman street, and Mrs. Wilson, a highly respectable person, widow of the late Teacher at the Village Church School, and a communicant of long standing is the matron.

We are pleased to see in the city papers a flattering testimony, from the Captain of the American ship Singapore, to the humanity, kindness, and manly daring of Captain Henderson, of the barque Sylph, of Liverpool, N. S., who at imminent risk, succeeded in rescuing the crew of that ship from a watery grave, and conveyed them safely to Liverpool. This noble conduct is placed in favourable contrast with that of a master belonging to the same country with the wrecked ship, who "passed by on the other side," leaving them to their fate. We are sure that Capt. Henderson and his brave crew look for no other reward than that which must ever be felt in their own bosoms, on the recollection of the service thus rendered to their fellow men in distress; but still we think such meritorious conduct ought to receive from the Government or from the Commercial body, some mark of public approbation for the encouragement of others.

The Executive Committee of the Alumni of King's College would earnestly impress upon all the Members of the Association, the necessity of a full and punctual attendance at the General Meeting, on the 10th of February next, as on the selection of the New Board of Governors will in a great measure depend the future permanency and usefulness of the Institution.

The Quebec D. C. Society was to have assembled on the 17th inst.