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ALMANAC AND POCKET BOOKS FOR THE YEAR OF OUR LORD, 1880.

A reduction is made of ten per cent. on all publications to members, and on the Society's Sunday School Library Books to Clergy and Superintendents.
For further particulars see last page of Cover of Report of D. C. S. of New Brunswick, 1879.

ENLARGEMENT.

We are endeavouring to fulfil our promise, to give our readers a live paper for a living Church. Our enlargement gives us more room, and if our correspondents will send their favours promptly, so as to reach us by Saturday, we shall be able to secure insertion earlier than we could do before. We, on our part, are making increased efforts to keep pace with the demands of the Church, as shown unmistakably by the amount of matter received, and the interest that is taken in our success. There are always two sides to everything. Will our well-wishers kindly do their part? To meet this additional expense, we want to see our list of subscribers rapidly increase. We are thankful that it is increasing, but we should like, by Christmas, to dismiss all anxiety for the future of the paper, so as to be able to devote ourselves cheerfully to the improvement of our columns. We feel grateful for the large measure of success that has accompanied our efforts, a united effort on the part of our subscribers would soon place THE GUARDIAN on a sound financial basis. Few people who receive their paper, have any idea of the constant thought and unremitting labour required in the conduct of a Weekly. We cheerfully give this, in the hope that a Church paper may find its way to the homes of all our Church people. And we feel sure that increased interest in the Church and her work will be produced in those who carefully read our columns.

EXAMINATION FOR TEACHERS IN CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

In the recent Report of the Sunday School Committee of the Synod of Fredericton, the Committee made some valuable suggestions, the substance of which we give:—1.—The formation of Sunday School Associations by Deaneries or Districts. 2.—The appointment of a Standing Committee on Sunday Schools, and the affiliation of the Associations to the Church of England Sunday School Institute in England. 3.—That an attempt be made to procure the most approved materials, and adopt the best methods for Sunday School work. 4.—The appointment of Head-quarters in St. John, with a competent person to give information and advice to the Clergy who desire to improve their Schools. 5.—That the attention of the Associations be drawn to half yearly inspection of Schools, voluntary examination of Teachers by the Church of England Sunday School Institute, Meetings of Sunday School Teachers, Teachers and Children's Services. The Committee were re-appointed to consider these recommendations, and take such steps as they deem advisable towards carrying them into

effect. The Committee have already taken steps to procure all the necessary information from the Secretary of the Institute, which is doing such a noble work for the Church in the Mother Country, and they hope soon to be in a position to further this most important work of the Church. Our present object is to call the attention of our readers to the Examination of Teachers. This is conducted by means of printed questions issued from Head-quarters of the Society in London, and forwarded to a Local Secretary, who is responsible for carrying out the regulations and instructions issued by the Examination Committee, and who has authority to make all the Local arrangements, the answers being returned to the head office in England. The next examination will take place in May, and will be open to all Teachers in a Church of England Sunday School, on the payment of one shilling, if they belong to a Subscribing School, and two shillings if the School is not connected with the Institute. Twenty prizes will be given in money or books. We have not at hand, at the moment of writing, the Subjects for 1880, but we give the Subjects for 1879, to show the kind of examination:—*Scripture*—The Acts of the Apostles, chapters 15 to 28. *Prayer Book*—The Te Deum, Benedictio, Benedictus, and Jubilate, with 11, 12, 13, 14 of the Articles of Religion. *Lesson*—An outline of a Lesson from the last fourteen chapters of the Acts. Certificates of the first-class will be given "to all who obtain half marks in all those subjects, and of the second-class to those who obtain half marks in two subjects, and not less than ten in the third, or one-third in all subjects." Candidates may enter for one or two of the subjects, and if they pass, their names will be inserted in the *Church Sunday School Magazine*. We hope, soon, to see some of the Teachers in the Lower Provinces coming forward for examination, as has been the case in the Upper Provinces. We shall publish, shortly, the Subjects for 1880. They are admirably adapted for winter Bible Class, and if the Clergy formed these classes, to which others besides Teachers might be invited, and induced some of their Teachers to come forward for examination, it would be a step in the direction of a training for their work, which is so sadly lacking in our Sunday School system, as at present carried out. It is probable that a Local Secretary will shortly be appointed for the Diocese of Fredericton, to whom intending Candidates in that Diocese may apply for information. We shall keep our readers advised of the progress of this movement in the direction of greater efficiency in our Sunday Schools, because we believe the Church in Canada has been so busy in other matters, that she has sadly neglected in her Synods the encouragement and organization of work among the young. It is high time for us to awake to our responsibility, and proceed to act.

ONE who knows has kindly called our attention to the fact which, when referring to "Clerical Dignitaries in the Dominion," we but hinted at, that, while in most, or, in fact, in all the other Dioceses of Canada, the position of Canon is purely honorary, in the Diocese of Nova Scotia, the office is precisely the same as in the English Cathedrals—regular installment with religious services, prescribed duties, and fixed (although small) salaries.

Our readers in town and country may depend upon our market reports being reliable. They are prepared for this paper by honorable and well-informed gentlemen. We shall be glad at any time to give our country readers special information on any subject upon which they may wish to make enquiries.

CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUND.

NOVA SCOTIA.

In our issue of the 20th ult., we drew attention to this Fund, as much for the purpose of promoting a temperate discussion of some of its features, as to express our sympathy with the hard-worked and self-sacrificing Missionaries, whose stipends for the Quarter ending July last, are, we believe, still unpaid.

Our correspondent "D's" timely remarks bring out prominently two very important points for consideration, in connection with the subject; we refer, of course, to what he says about maintaining good faith with the original subscribers to the Fund, and his reference to the S. P. G. grant.

We would not be understood for one moment, as wishing to change or divert any portion of the Fund permanently from its proper and avowed channels, but we do not believe that if, by this means, it were possible to effect it, the relief of the present alarming deficiency would in any way be opposed to the spirit, however much the letter of the rules governing the Fund might be strained, which dictated the contributions of those who supported the scheme.

We believe that the Synod should take immediate action with regard to this matter, and that the Legislature should be asked to modify the existing rules and regulations, so as to place the Fund, like all other monies, unrestricted and unfettered in the hands of the representative and governing Body of the Church—the Diocesan Synod, not to encourage inactivity and indifference on the part of the people, but so that, should at any future time (which God avert!) a similar exigency arise, proper and prompt action may be taken to remedy it. The opportunity for full and free discussion upon this question of the Church Endowment Fund, as upon every other question which affects the Church's interests, is the best way of bringing out people's views; and it has been, as it is the object and aim of THE CHURCH GUARDIAN, to give the clergy and laity every opportunity of speaking freely their mind.

It is the intention of the Editors of THE GUARDIAN to discuss the living questions of the day. They mean to be fair, and yet, at the same time, fearless and outspoken; and while the paper may at times—necessarily must—touch upon delicate subjects, and perhaps stir up some degree of opposition, it will always be found ready to acknowledge its error, if shown to be in the wrong, as it will be prepared to maintain its position when it believes itself to be right, and on the side of righteousness and justice.

We wish to be considered the friend of both clergy and laity; and we hope to sustain the paper free from party bias and narrow prejudice, so as to be recognized as the exponent of liberal and progressive ideas, and of fair and honest views.

We print below, as our correspondent suggests, the "Prospectus," which our readers will see pretty effectually ties up the Fund, and limits its application, although, to our mind, not always wisely; but must admit, that in the future, even if its rules be not amended, its increased proportions will ultimately prove a great blessing to the Church in Nova Scotia.

PROSPECTUS.—CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUND.

It is proposed to raise a sum of money as an Endowment Fund for the Church of England in this Province, upon the basis of this Prospectus, and strictly in conformity with it; the money subscribed and paid to be held for the present, in trust, for that purpose, by the Hon. M. B. Almon, and Edward Binney, Esq., the Treasurer of the Fund—to the latter of whom subscriptions may be paid—and who will receive and hold the same

as Trustees, provisionally, until the next annual meeting of the Diocesan Church Society of this Province, when all subscriptions, which shall have been received by them, shall be paid over to the said Society (provided it shall consent to receive the same), which shall also receive all further subscriptions and contributions for this Fund, unless at any time hereafter it should be thought advisable to apply for an Act of Incorporation for said Fund.

All monies so collected to be held by the Diocesan Church Society, in trust, solely and strictly for the objects, purposes, and designs, and under the rules, regulations, and provisions set forth in the present Prospectus. The future management and investment of the said trust funds to be vested in a Committee of the said Society, to be appointed at such annual meeting of the Society; but neither the Society nor such Committee to have any power to change, or in any respect to vary from, or to control the objects, purposes and designs of such Fund, set forth in the said Prospectus, or any of its rules, regulations and provisions, whatever.

1. The proceeds and annual income arising from this Fund shall be appropriated solely and exclusively towards the support and maintenance of the Clergy of the Church of England within this Province in the following manner:

2. The annual deduction of £100 stg. which the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel intend to make from the amount of their present grant, (which has been transferred by them to a sub-committee of the Diocesan Church Society,) shall be made good out of the proceeds of this Fund, so that the said grant shall be kept up and maintained in its full integrity, at the sum which may be required, for the purpose of paying all the Rectors and Missionaries who shall be on the list of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, on the day when this Fund shall go into operation, the full amount of the salaries to which they may on that day be entitled from the said Society.

3. Whenever and as often as any of the Rectors or Missionaries on the said list on the day above-named shall die, or from any cause shall cease to be entitled to receive the salaries to which they were at that time entitled, out of the said grant of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, then the said grant is no longer to be kept up at its former amount, but only at such an amount by contribution from this Fund as will suffice for the payment to those Rectors and Missionaries still living, and entitled to receive the same salaries from this Fund. And every new Rector or Missionary, appointed in their place, shall be paid out of the annual proceeds of this Fund a yearly sum, according to the class and scale arranged for that purpose, and herein contained.

4. In like manner, whenever and as often as any of the present Rectors or Missionaries, now on the Government list and paid by it, shall die, or cease to be entitled to be so paid, then every new Rector or Missionary appointed in his place to any parish or mission shall be paid out of the annual proceeds of this Fund, according to the said class and scale; and whereas, there are some parishes and missions of which the incumbents are not paid either by the Government or by the S. P. G., the said incumbents and their successors shall be on an equality, in respect to their claims upon this Fund, with the successors of the Clergymen now upon the lists of the Government or of the S. P. G.—it being understood that "parishes" shall have always the first claim upon this Fund, except on all questions arising under Clause No. 8, which shall be decided by seniority of appointment, as there provided.

5. If from any unforeseen cause, the present grant of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, subject to the present reduction of one hundred pounds (£100) stg. a year, should fail, or if the present provision by Government for certain Missionaries should not be continued (neither of which contingencies it is fully believed will occur, and are only hereby provided for "ex abundantia cautela"), then, in such case, the annual proceeds of this Fund shall, according to their means, be appropriated towards the payment of the old Rectors and Missionaries, whether on the Government list or on that of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, and of the other Rectors and Missionaries claiming under this Prospectus, rateably by an equal per centage deduction from the old salaries and new allowances,

under Clauses Nos. 3 and 4, as the state of the Fund may require and will permit.

6. If the annual proceeds of this Fund, after providing for the payment of fifty-one claimants, according to Clauses Nos. 3 and 4, should exceed the amount required for fully carrying out the proposed scheme, then, in the first place, the surplus shall be devoted to the payment of additional Clergymen, under the same classification and at the same rates, and preserving as nearly as may be the same proportionate numbers in each class as are herein prescribed. But if at any time the income of this Fund shall exceed what is necessary for the fifty-one payments now provided for, and such additional payments as may hereafter be agreed on, and there shall be no need nor opportunity of adding to the number of Clergymen to be paid out of this Fund by any further subdivision of parishes, then such surplus shall be applied to increase the allowance of each Clergyman, "pro rata."

7. The subjoined scale is that referred to in the Clauses 3 and 4. It provides for fifty-one Clergymen, and is based upon carefully prepared calculations, so that reliance may be placed upon the capabilities of the Fund to supply the payments proposed for the respective classes.

The Clergymen are to be divided into three classes:—

Class 1 will contain twenty-one Clergymen, who must have officiated in this Province more than fifteen years, who are to receive each £75 currency per annum.

Class 2 will contain fifteen Clergymen, who must have officiated in this Province more than five years, who are to receive each £50 currency per annum.

Class 3 will contain fifteen Clergymen, who are to receive each £30 currency per annum.

8. All removals from one class to another must depend not only upon the standing of the individuals, but also on vacancies in the upper classes. If at any time there shall be more Clergymen holding appointments within the Province than the number for whom provision is made in clause 7, or by the Committee under the conditions of clause 6, then admission to class 3 must also depend upon vacancies in that class,—the seniority of original appointment in this Province deciding the question. The standing of any Clergyman who, after leaving this Diocese, except on account of ill health, shall return to it again, shall be reckoned from his appointment to a parish or mission on his return, and any previous service shall not be reckoned. If any Clergyman officiating in this Province shall cease to hold any parochial or missionary appointment, but shall not leave the Diocese, and after an interval shall again be appointed to any parish or mission, he shall take his place upon the lists in the position in which he stood when he ceased to officiate, as soon as a vacancy shall occur in the class to which he belonged.

(To be continued.)

REV. B. MAITLAND ON INTERNAL UNITY, AT THE CONGRESS.

REV. BROWNLOW MAITLAND, who described himself as "one who has long looked on at the parties in the Church, but has stood outside the conflict," said: "Were I asked to name off-hand three means of promoting unity in our Church, I should be inclined to reply: First, withdraw all support from any party journals which live by accentuating the lines of parties and blowing up the flames of discord between Churchmen. Secondly, withdraw all support from party associations of all kinds, which form centres of hostile camps, and train recruits to keep alive civil war within the Church. And, thirdly, put into practice, with regard to your brethren, who have different views from your own, the maxim, 'Put yourself in his place.' Try to see what they mean, why they differ from you, what they are contending for, and find out fairly how much you can agree with them in."

CHURCH WORK.—We direct the attention of Rectors of Parishes to the advertisement with reference to CHURCH WORK in another column. An opportunity is now afforded Parishes to have their own Parish Magazine at a small cost.