

felt, by many a fond Parent, and affectionate relative present. His Lordship having requested the Rector to read the Preface to the "Order of Confirmation," then proceeded to administer the rite of "Laying on of hands," after the example of the Apostles, to thirty-five persons, having previously delivered a solemn and impressive address from the Altar, in which, in a clear and forcible manner, he explained, with much earnestness, the nature and importance of the two Sacraments our Church considers generally necessary to salvation, viz., Baptism, and the Supper of the Lord; touching briefly upon the nature of Infant Baptism, and quoting some of the many proofs from Scripture for its observance. He then dwelt upon the solemn obligations soon about to be contracted by those, who, by renewing, or confirming the vows, made for them in their Baptism, would thus publicly dedicate themselves to the service of their God. The Doxology, "Praise God from whom all things come," was then sweetly sung by the choir, the whole congregation joining their voices to the well-known tune of the good "Old Hundred," and the Bishop delivered a sermon full of instruction and of sound and fatherly advice and counsel from 3rd Chap. of St. Paul's Epistle to the Philippians, the 13th and 14th verses,—pronouncing at the conclusion, with much fervour, the apostolical benediction. Thus concluded a very solemn and interesting service, and which it is hoped will be long remembered to the good of many souls. For precious indeed, yes, beyond all price, are the benefits resulting to those who come to God's consecrated house of Prayer with feelings of reverence and Godly fear, and with right dispositions to His sacred ordinances. They will receive an additional measure of divine grace for their advancement in holiness. That Holy Spirit from whom all holy desires, all good counsels and all just works do proceed, will pour His blessings more abundantly upon them, to assist and guide, to comfort and sustain them through all the trials and temptations of this mortal life. Let those especially, who, at any time, come forward to confirmation, be studiously careful to make the promise in sincerity, and then He, from whom alone cometh the disposition and ability to do any good thing—the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,—to whose service they devote themselves, will watch over, protect, and bless them; the Holy Ghost, our Sanctifier, will enlighten and direct them; and Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer, will finally receive a d own them, as His brethren, and fellow heirs of that blessedness and glory which fadeth not away, but endureth for ever.

The remaining number of Candidates for Confirmation in the Parish—thirty-eight—(making in all seventy-three) will have an opportunity, D. V., of receiving that venerable rite, on Sunday the 26th of August, the last Sunday in that month, in the Churches at Three Fathom Harbor, and Porter's Lake.

Dartmouth, July 20th, 1855.

The Church Times.

HALIFAX, SATURDAY, JULY 28, 1855.

CONVOCATION.

It does not appear that Convocation has made much progress during its recent sitting, in the great object of enlarging its powers, which is so ardently sought by the true friends of the Church throughout Great Britain. There is however a perceptible approach to this in the proceedings which have recently terminated. The question it will be perceived lies between the deliberative and active powers of Convocation, and the opinion in favour of the latter among its members, has been sufficiently tested by the Resolutions, and Address to Her Majesty, which have been passed in both Houses. It may easily be seen from these documents, that if the prayer of the Address is granted, a great step will be gained, and a door opened to further deliberations and considerations, guarded indeed at present by the consent of the Sovereign first obtained, but which dependent, if we may so express ourselves, upon the good behaviour of Convocation, and the popularity of its measures, shall grow into that full power of regulating its own affairs, which the Church ought undoubtedly to possess, and on which there should be no royal veto. The object at present is to effect a reform of the Lower House of Convocation, as it concerns a clerical representation—without reference to the admission of the lay element. This may be all very well while the consent of the Queen to the action of Convocation, is doubtful, but this once obtained, the sooner both Houses turn their attention

to making that admission feasible and safe, all the sooner will the Church be restored to her primitive form of government, and be able to resume her proper functions with an authority that no power shall be able to gainsay. We believe that this is the reform that is more especially needed, and that any thing short of it can only be a delusive idea, bringing no useful result in its train, but calculated to produce and perpetuate distrust and confusion. This once achieved, all the other subjects connected with the Church's welfare will follow in its train, and will meet with that careful consideration, and just settlement, which may be expected of a perfect deliberative body, composed of a just balance of every estate of the Church, acting consentaneously for the adjustment of all her grievances, and to supply those defects in her administration, which have placed her behind the age, instead of where she ought to be, in the van of progress and development which is manifest around her and on every hand amongst all religious persuasions.

Convocation was prorogued on Friday evening, 20th June, till Thursday the 30th of August.

ACADIA COLLEGE—BAPTIST.

The last *Christian Messenger* publishes a statement respecting the pecuniary affairs of Acadia College, which affords a caution against being led away by interested speculators, that may be of service to other religious bodies. It would appear that in consequence of a representation made by an Agent of the West Columbia Company, U. S., who was travelling through this Province with excellent credentials and every appearance of being engaged in a prosperous undertaking, Dr. Crawley, the President of Acadia College, was induced to propose to the Governors, to invest in the Company, College funds to the amount of £2,500—five hundred pounds of which were his own subscription to the Endowment Fund of the College. It would also appear that a prospect was held out that 12 per cent. at least would be realized as the yearly dividend of the Company—and Dr. Crawley upon consideration of receiving the proceeds of the £2,500, as his salary as President of Acadia College, relinquished his claim for further salary so long as he remained the office. The Governors agreed to this proposition, and the money was forthwith invested in the West Columbia Mining and Manufacturing Company.

We copy what follows from the *Messenger*. It exploded the bubble:—

"Dr. Crawley went to Boston in December last, expecting to return in a fortnight. While in Boston, he received information respecting the state of the Company which induced him to visit West Columbia, in order to prosecute further inquiries on the spot. It soon became evident that the affairs of the Company were in an embarrassed state. The paid-up capital had proved insufficient to meet the outlay on the works; that outlay had been constructed on an extravagant scale, considering the limited land at the Company's disposal; dividends had been declared and paid, when there were no profits to justify such payment; and on the whole there had been so great an amount of mismanagement that the affairs of the Company were in great peril.

"Under these circumstances Dr. Crawley was requested to remain in the U. States, that he might aid in conducting necessary investigations, and in suggesting measures for the relief of the Company. He consented to do so, and was provisionally appointed President. That appointment has been since made permanent, at a General Meeting of the Stockholders held in Cincinnati on the 2nd of May last."

Another opportunity has been afforded the Governors of Acadia College to speculate in the same investment: but "burnt children dread the fire." The statement says—

"It has been deemed advisable by the directors of the West Columbia Company to negotiate a loan of \$200,000, in order to relieve the Company from existing embarrassments, and to provide an adequate working capital. The stockholders have been requested to subscribe to that loan, at the rate of 20 per cent. on the stock held by them respectively, the re-payment of the loan being guaranteed by the assignment of the property of the Company to Trustees for that purpose; but the Governors of Acadia College declined participating in the loan, being of opinion that the Denomination would not consider any further advance of money justifiable."

The following excuse is offered for the proceedings of the Governors:

"Different opinions will probably be entertained respecting the investment in the stock of the West Columbia Company. But the consideration will admit the importance of the fact, that clear-headed men in those provinces, of established mercantile character and discernment, were so well satisfied of the safety and eligibility of the investment, that they risked in the enterprise a large amount of their own money. It may be added that several of the Governors who became stockholders to a large amount. It is further to be remarked, that if the above named difficulties had not occurred, the interest of £2000 at 12 per cent.,

(the lowest rate expected,) with the addition of the interest of the remaining £500, would have furnished an ample salary for Dr. Crawley, at a saving of more than £100 a year to the College, since £2,500, at 6 per cent, will only produce £150 a year; while the other sum of £800 would have yielded £96 a year instead of £48.

"All these expectations are for the present disappointed. Considerable time may elapse before they are fully realized. Yet it will surely be conceded that in this transaction the Governors of Acadia College were influenced by a sincere desire to promote the interests of the Institution, and that an error in judgment is not to be confounded with dereliction of duty."

We think the Governors were in too great a hurry to seize upon what they considered to be a profitable investment, on insufficient evidence. They no doubt thought they were doing the best for the College; but that they risked their own money to a large amount, rather implies their desire to get suddenly rich, than to wait the strictly legitimate process.—We do not however lay great stress upon their conduct in this respect, which is merely a common occurrence of our speculative age; but we do hope that it will prove a warning against the investment by our own body, of funds appropriated for educational or religious purposes, in any of those insecure foreign enterprises, which are expected to realize large dividends, in preference to investments nearer home, with which they may be perfectly acquainted, and the returns of which though they may be small, are as infallible as human judgment and prudence can make them.

We are glad to learn that His Lordship the Bishop arrived at Sydney, C. B. on his Eastern visitation, on Saturday last. The Cape Breton *News* publishes a notice of the various services in which the Bishop would be engaged in the vicinity on Sunday and Monday. He would proceed on Wednesday to Baddeck, and thence to Port Hood, which latter he would reach if possible on Thursday evening.

The Clergy and the Representatives of the Laity of the Diocese are requested to take notice, that Thursday, October 11th, at 10 A. M., is appointed for the Meeting of the Diocesan Assembly, to consider the Report of the Committee appointed at its last Meeting to "prepare rules and regulations for the Church Assembly." The Session may be continued from day to day at the pleasure of the Assembly.

Holloway's Ointment and Pills. Wonderfully efficacious in curing Diseases of the skin.—Thomas Musgrave, of Yarmouth, N. S., was for eighteen months a severe sufferer with sores on his face, hands, and various parts of his body, of a scorbatic nature, there were many things recommended and tried, but to no purpose. As the malignity of the disease did not in any way abate, he then commenced using Holloway's Ointment and Pills, and by persevering with them for several weeks the eruptions have all completely healed, and he now enjoys the best of health.

LETTERS RECEIVED.

Rev. W. Pickett—none to be procured—will send for a half a dozen, but cannot obtain them in the time specified. Rev. H. L. Yewans—order paid. Rev. A. Groves—with 20s rem.—self and J. M. Rev. J. M. Campbell—the mistake will be rectified—keep the books until an opportunity offers to send them back. Rev. H. L. Owen—since writing, a parcel, probably the one alluded to, has gone from the Bishop's. Mrs. Weeks with remil.

SHARIES.

At Dartmouth, on Monday, the 23rd inst., by the Rev. Dr. Shreve, Mr. JAMES WILLIAMS to Miss MARY JANE SMITH.

On Wednesday evening last, by the Rev. P. G. McGregor, at the residence of bride's uncle, (Mr. Alexander McDonald,) Mr. WM. A. PERRY, Proprietor of the *Halifax Morning Journal*, to MARGARET, only daughter of the late Capt. Taylor, of England.

On Tuesday evening, the 24th, by the Rev. John Scott, Mr. H. DUNSMITH, Glasgow, North Britain, to A., only daughter of Hugh Leitch, Esq., Merchant, Halifax, N. S.

At the residence of Judge Marshall, the 12th inst., by the Rev. Prof. King, Mr. GEORGE MUNSON, Rector of the Free Church Academy, to RACHIEL, second daughter of the late Wm. Warren, Esq.

BLED.

On Thursday afternoon, MARY JANE, youngest daughter of Mr. John B. Cleverdon, aged 5 months.

At St. John, N. B., 12th inst., after a painful illness, MARY, eldest daughter of the late Mr. Fennerty, of Halifax, N. S.

Shipping List.

ARRIVED.

Saturday, July 21st.—Ship Alliance, new, Shelburne; brig, Louisa, Clerely, Mayaguez, 20 days; schrs. Villager, Wail, Miramichi, 6 days; Conservative, Myers, Port aux Basques, 4 days.

Sunday, July 22nd.—Barque Pearl, Hatchers, New York, 5 days—bound to Spain; schrs. St. Lawrence, Sherris, Bay St. George.

Monday, July 23rd.—Schr Hope, Oxnig, Newfoundland; Wave, Lyle, Sable Island—36 horses, and two oxen.

Tuesday, July 24th.—Brig. Halifax, Green, Montreal, 9 days—33 recruits for the Foreign Legion; schrs. Ulick Tom, Griffin, Fortune Bay; brig Halifax, Parry, Montreal, 9 days—has 31 recruits for the Foreign Legion; brig Margaret Mortimer, Burke, ditto 9 days—has 19 recruits for the Foreign Legion.

Wednesday, July 25th.—Schr. Yfectoria, Wilton, Clebsuegos, 25 days; schrs. Nauey, Crowell, Porto Rico, 21 days.