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KING'S COLLEGE.—We concluded in our last our extracts from the "Memoranda." There is an appendix added, containing a list, confessedly defective, of the Alumni of the institution, from which it would appear, that before the charter was obtained, upwards of two hundred shared in the advantages of King's College, and one hundred and fifty nine since that period. It is a list of which no university need be ashamed. There will be found upon it the names of a Bishop, an Archdeacon, upwards of fifty clergymen, two Chief Justices, several Judges, and Barristers, besides many who in other professions, have attained to useful and honourable stations in society. There are few parts of the world so remote as not to have been reached by the Sons of this College. In England and other parts of Europe, in India and even in Van Dieman's Land might they be found, as well as in the Canadas, the United States, and their native provinces. Widely separated as they now are from each other, and from the beloved spot where they received the education which qualifies them for their various stations in life, we are persuaded that a strong affection for that spot, and a lively recollection of the thousand interesting associations connected with it, still reigns in their bosoms. And we are sure that they would with one voice cry out from the four corners of the earth against all who would rudely despoil its venerated halls—*Procul, O procul, este profani.*

We are glad to hear that the College Buildings are about to undergo a thorough repair, which may afford an additional evidence to the public that the good old stand is not likely to be abandoned.

NATIONAL SCHOOL.—We observe that there has been a recent examination of this school at Halifax, attended by the Governor, Lord Bishop, &c. and we are happy to perceive that the present state of the institution has called forth what we believe to be a well merited tribute of praise to the laborious and useful Master who now conducts it. We speak from some knowledge of it from its first establishment, and while we are assured that it has been eminently useful not only to Halifax in particular, but to the province at large, we are also convinced that never was it in a higher state of efficiency than at present. We hope its importance will be kept in view, and that something more substantial than words, will be given by those who desire to see it flourish.

An examination of the African School was also held on the same day; and the progress of the children is said to be very great, considering the short period the school has been in operation. We cordially wish it success, and are glad to find that the Legislature have allotted sixty pounds per annum for its support.

REV. W. COGSWELL'S LECTURES.—We have received a very neatly executed volume of 154 pages, containing six Lectures on the first and second chapters of the Acts of the Apostles, delivered during the last Lent, in St. Paul's Church, Halifax, whereof Mr. Cogswell (an Alumnus of King's College) is Curate. They are published in compliance with the request of several of the parishioners, and it is the Author's wish,

"And should the grace of God permit, and his Superiors in the Ministry of the Gospel sanction, his intention, to continue these Lectures in future years, and—should the present undertaking warrant it—to give them to the public as they are delivered. Thus in the course of a few years, it is hoped, by the blessing of God, an entire series of practical Lectures, upon that interesting portion of the word of God which is here entered upon, will be completed."

In a modest preface it is stated,

"That they make no pretensions to any merit as a

composition, and aim at nothing but simple statements of Gospel truths, and exhortation to Gospel conduct. They were undertaken singly with a desire of making the usual week-day services appointed by the Church for the Season of Lent, more interesting and more profitable. They were composed in the midst of ordinary parish duties, and were an addition to the preparations necessary to be made for the similar exercises of the Lord's day. Little time could therefore be found for any other study, than that of the word of God, in preparing them."

Upon a cursory perusal of these lectures, we are disposed to regard them as a useful contribution to the already abounding stores of practical divinity, which the press has poured forth upon this favoured generation. They will be found to contain a faithful exposition of a very interesting portion of the word of life, where the christian religion is presented to us not in theory 'but in practice,' where 'we see, not only how men taught, but how they acted, when influenced by the Spirit.' And the reader will find, intermingled with such exposition, those earnest and practical appeals to the heart and conscience which are so needful to awaken the slumbering and careless professor of religion, and make him a "doer of the word and not a hearer only."

We regard such plain and practical unfolding of the word of God, accordant as it is with primitive practice, to be at once the safest and most effectual mode of presenting its blessed truths to the mind of man. And amongst its advantages we reckon as not the least, that it tends to make the people more familiar with the Holy Scriptures which are able to make them wise unto salvation; and often leads those to search and read for themselves who would otherwise perhaps have suffered the sacred volume to lie unopened.

A few copies of the above work are for sale at this Office.

RELIGION IN LONDON.—We perceive by an extract from an English paper, that the Bishop of London has issued a forcible appeal to the inhabitants of that vast metropolis, on the subject of the lamentable destitution of spiritual instruction, in which such numbers of them are still living. It is stated that in 34 parishes of London and its suburbs, containing 1,137,000 persons, there is church room for only 101,082. His lordship's attention has been very strongly called to this subject by a letter from the Rev. B. N. Noel, containing appalling statements of the 'scum that is in the midst of her' who is foremost among the cities of the earth in the great work of turning the heathens from darkness to light. There is some fear lest the work of healing be neglected at home, when we hear that in London at the present time—

"There are 500,000 sabbath-breakers, at the very least, living in total neglect of the restraints of religion; of whom 10,000 are enslaved to gambling; 20,000 subsist on beggary as a trade; 30,000 eating the bread of theft and fraud; above 100,000 habitual gin-drinkers, and 23,000 of them in the course of the year picked up drunk in the streets; and lastly, 100,000 given up to systematic and abandoned profligacy. In view of this state of things, the British Critic says: "It was, we most certainly cannot say with approbation,—but still, without any overpowering surprise, that we found Mr. Noel calling upon the Bishop of London to venture on 'a brave neglect' of ordinary principles; to burst through the trammels of established usage; to cast off all encumbering notions of the Church's dignity; and, if need be, to call forth other Whitefields and Hills, from among the ministers of the Establishment; in order that the voice of God's wisdom may cry in the street, and in the market-place, and in the field, and on the hill-side, beneath the canopy of heaven."

LETTERS ON ASTRONOMY.—We are glad to see that the Rev. Mr. Hayden's letters on this sublime science, the most elevating that can engage the mind of man, are to be published in a small volume. We have perused them all

with pleasure, and from their simplicity and freedom from technicalities, and their conciseness, we think they will be a useful compendium to the instructor of youth, in the family or in the school.

HALIFAX GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—At a recent examination of this School under the charge of the Rev. Dr. Twining, it is stated, that a marked improvement was visible in many of the Scholars; and public testimony of the most favourable character (well merited as we fully believe,) has been borne to the soundness of the system of instruction pursued by the Reverend gentlemen in his academy.

CLERICAL CHANGES.—The Rev. George Jarvis, B. D. has removed to Shediac, N. B. and the Rev. J. Black, heretofore Missionary there, has assumed the charge of Sackville, N. B. The Rev. H. L. Owen has returned from St. Andrews to his own Parish of Aylesford, and his place at the former station is to be supplied by the Rev. Richard Uniacke.

We find by a list published in a Quebec paper, that £488 12s. 8d. have been collected by the clergy in that diocese, in aid of the sufferers by the calamitous fire which occurred at New York in December last.

The Lord Bishop of this Diocese is at present on a visit to Clermont.

Mrs. Hill, wife of the Protestant Episcopal Missionary at Athens, has arrived in the United States.

We have received a communication signed "New Carlisle" in the sentiments expressed in which we fully coincide; but as the pamphlet criticised by the writer, and advocating, it would appear, monstrosities akin to those of our Canada friend, has not to our knowledge reached this Province, we think our correspondent will agree with us, that it is best to let it repose unnoticed in deserved obscurity.

Thermometer at Lunenburg, noted at noon.

| | For February. | March. | April. | May. |
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| Average | 29½ | 37 | 44½ | 53 |
| Maximum | 46 | 50 | 54 | 71 |
| Minimum | 13 | 21 | 36 | 40 |

DIED.

At Newport, on the 25th May, after a long and severe illness, Mrs. Mumford, wife of Mr. Benjamin Mumford, sen. aged 59 years,—a worthy member of the Church. She was an affectionate wife, a kind mother, and highly respected by all who knew her.

FIRST VISITATION AT BORDENTOWN, N. J.

Bishop Doane made his first episcopal visitation at Christ Church, Bordentown, on Friday 15th inst. In the morning, prayers were read by the Rev. William Crosswell, Rector of Christ Church, Boston, and the Bishop besides preaching, administered adult and infant baptism, and the Lord's supper. In the afternoon, prayers were read by the Rev. E. Arnold, the minister of the parish, and the children were catechised by the Bishop. In the evening, prayers were read by the Rev. Mr. Crosswell, and the Bishop preached, and confirmed five persons. The services were held in the hall of the Bordentown Academy, of which the Rev. Mr. Arnold is the principal. This parish had its origin in a series of Missionary services on Tuesday nights, commenced in the beginning of 1834, by Bishop Doane, and continued by him and some of the clergy, at occasional intervals, until the establishment of the Academy, in May 1835. We rejoice to say that the highest expectations of the friends of this institution are realised in the services of the reverend Principal and his associates. The experiment is regarded as altogether successful, and promises great usefulness to the kindred interests of learning and religion. The house in which the services at the visitation were held, and which is also temporary chapel, was once the residence of Thomas Paine; and, in one of the rooms, the "Age of Reason" is said to have been written. The infant parish gives every sign of vigour and vitality; and, with God's blessing on the seed sown, will be fruitful, we trust, in excellent results to the beautiful and flourishing town which has cordially welcomed the introduction of the Church.—Missionary.