

(of whom an account will be given in my next) on the 31st of May, 1795. On the following Saturday, June 6, the Church at Horton invited him to preach to them for the term of six months, and promised to "contribute towards his support." At the close of the engagement a call to the pastorate was given. It was a hearty call. "Here is an answer to prayer," they said, "We sent to the States, and could find no one. We tried among ourselves without success. We went to heaven—and here is an answer to prayer." They desired a permanent connection, for on the same day they chose Deacon Bishop, brother Cyprian Davison, and Simon Fitch, as a Committee to look out and agree for a suitable place for a parsonage, and likewise to draw up a subscription to see if they can raise money for the purpose.

The church record states that "brother Harding was ordained July 31st 1796, by the Rev. John Burton, and deacon Benjamin Kinsman, and deacon Peter Bishop."

There were some serious errors among the people at that time. Some denied the resurrection. Others rejected christian ordinances. The want of a stated ministry had been distressingly felt. By Mr. Harding's labours soundness was restored.

Yours truly,
MENNO.

July 4, 1860.

For the Christian Messenger.

The Associated Alumni of Acadia College.

This Society is now a reality: and we hail, with no common joy, its organization, as an engine to become powerful in the grand work of education.

On one of the cold evenings near the close of the last year, late in December it was, a few—a very few of the sons of Acadia College, one of them indeed a member of the first class which ever went out from her walls, met in the library, to ask themselves, what can be done for our educational institutions in these provinces. Banding themselves together, and pledging themselves in the cause, they said, "See now who are the real friends of our Schools: let them volunteer: let them come forth and assert themselves." They appealed to all who had studied at our Horton or Fredericton Academies, and to all, far and wide, who have their welfare at heart; they obtained during the last session of Parliament an Act of Incorporation; they met again on the fifth of last month, found their appeal had been responded to, adopted rules of government, appointed officers, took measures to put the Society in a further state of efficiency and made arrangements for their annual meetings.

At bottom, the principle here involved is the true one for the advancement of education among us. It was well and wisely seen at that little meeting up there in the College library, that the hope of vital strength and enduring and increasing vigor of our Schools, is in their sons, who have gone forth to the battle of life, and in those among us who do not wish to forget those glorious visions which came upon us at school, and which have hovered about us ever since.

There is a tendency to throw off the pure and disinterested enthusiasm and the lofty ardor, awakened over the pages of those great spirits passed away, those books which are pondered over beneath the roof of a college, and there is nothing a man can so well dispense with in real and earnest life as the thirst and zeal he acquires at school.

There is something needed to keep alive those days and nights of our earlier studies, something to revive those grand and soul-stirring recollections imbibed at the classic fountains. It is good for those of us who are busy in the dust and struggles of life to come together occasionally and awaken anew the noble and disinterested fire of more youthful days; so that the memory of the theories with which we started out on the path, all warm and zealous, may not come upon us with shame as we descend into the vale beyond—so that we may be lifted out of our selfishness to see that there are others coming up behind us, upon whom we can bestow no greater blessing than to open for them the golden gates of knowledge. Here now we get a glimpse of the object of this Society. Let the "Alumni" buckle on their armor in earnest. Although they are few,—not yet a hundred quite—let them be encouraged that some of the first men in the land think it honor to march beneath their banner. Although they are few, and their society yet weak, and without the laurels of victory, let them remember that every great accomplishment grew from the efforts of a few earnest men—oftener from one earnest man, that no vast and powerful organization flashed into magnificent proportions at once.

We hesitate not to say, that at no very far distant time, when the benign influences of this society shall have extended to our furthest

boundaries, when at the future celebration of its anniversaries, its members coming up from that vineyard in which to labor is the highest honor a man can have, and from the cares of state, the toils of the forum and the surgery, from the workshop and the farm, and from off the ocean-highway, coming up from all departments of life to meet at what is now our young and struggling College, to what will then be a great and flourishing university, to mingle their varied knowledge, and seek new measures "to make the bounds of freedom wider yet," that then, honoring the names of those who are now its pioneer members, those who shall now labor with heroic patience, who shall then have finished their work here, they will call them "Blessed."

Christian Messenger.

HALIFAX, JULY 11, 1860.

KINGS COLLEGE.—The Enceenia of this Institution was held on the 28th ult., and is reported to have afforded much satisfaction to its friends. At the close of the intellectual part of the proceedings a number of gymnastic contests took place. A large concourse of people was gathered on the grounds. A prize of £5 was offered to the winner of a foot race of 500 yards, open to natives of Hants and Kings; a set of cricket implements value \$7, for a race 200 yards, to those under 16 years of age. Mr. Thomas Smith of Windsor was the winner of the first, and C. McLaren of the Academy of the second. We learn from a morning contemporary that no disorderly proceedings occurred, and no instances of drunkenness came under his notice, but order and good humor were the order of the day.

THE GOLD DIGGINGS.—We had the opportunity during the past week of hearing from a gentleman residing at Ship Harbour, in whom we have great confidence, that the locality of the diggings may be much more easily reached by way of Ship Harbour than by Sheet Harbour, besides that the former is 20 miles nearer to Halifax than the latter. No comparison exists between the two harbours, Ship Harbour being a deep and spacious inlet of the sea, capable of accommodating the largest ships, and far superior to Sheet Harbour in this respect.

The principal spot where digging has been attempted is about 8 or 10 miles north-east of the head of Ship Harbour, whereas parties who take the Sheet Harbour route have to go twelve or fifteen miles north west on a very poor road and then 4 or 6 miles through the woods westerly. A number of persons have visited the locality, but as they have been unable to obtain food, except what they brought with them, they have had to return after only a very brief stay. About two or three hundred were staying there on Wednesday last.

Since the above was written we have learned that Professor How has returned to the City, and after examining all the results of the diggings that could be obtained from those who had been working, he found the gold in such exceedingly small quantities as would not be at all likely to be remunerative. There are other metals, such as tin, iron-pyrites, &c. This we presume will cool the malignity of the slight attack of yellow fever Bluenose has of late endured. Spade husbandry is probably the most gold producing digging which may be indulged in Nova Scotia. The use of the hoe too, may be made very serviceable about this time. Yellow ears of wheat or corn are not so likely to disappoint and demoralize their finders as gold dust.

We were under the necessity last week of laying aside several articles of news, appointments, &c. We did not observe till it was too late that the official announcement of the time of the Prince of Wales' visit was amongst those deferred articles.

We are happy to learn from Rev. David Freeman that although the facts concerning himself, mentioned in our last "are true and the remarks made just," yet that ample satisfaction was promptly rendered "for the maintenance of the individual and public good."

THE LEGISLATURE.—We learn that His Excellency has sent an *unofficial* invitation to the members of the Legislature to be present and "take part in the festivities with which it is intended to greet his Royal Highness," the Prince of Wales.

The expectation of a Special Session for the purpose of preparing and presenting an Address from the Representatives of the people, it appears will therefore not be realized.

General Intelligence.

Domestic and Foreign.

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Halifax, June 26th, 1860.

APPOINTMENTS.

County of Guysborough: James B. Hadley and John Grant to be Coroners. Edward H. Frenchville, Christopher Jost, and James B. Hadley, to be Commissioners for taking affidavits in the Supreme Court and for relieving Insolvent Debtors. Christopher Jost and Thomas Taylor to be Justices of the Peace.

County of Pictou: Andrew Robertson, Esq. to be a member of the Board of School Commissioners for the Northern District, in place of the Rev. A. McArthur, removed from the Province. James W. Carmichael to be a Justice of the Peace. Peter Ross, to be a Deputy Surveyor of Crown Lands.

County of Victoria:—Donald Ross, to be a Deputy Commissioner of Crown Lands.

County of Annapolis:—To form School Boards for the County:—Eastern Division—Revs. G. Robertson, L. L. D., Nathaniel Viletoe, Michael Pickles, Geo. Armstrong, Willard Parker, and Major Chipman (Custos). Abner Saunders, John Primrose, M. D.; Henry Boyd Magee, George Woodbury, son of Austen, Jesse Oakes.

Western Division:—Revs. William Godfrey, J. Spencer, and William Weables, Elnathan Whitman, Charles Forbes, Elias Messenger, Wm. Durkie, Wm. Wright, Robert Longley, Andrew Henderson, Whitman Armstrong, Arod Grant to be Collector of Colonial Duties at Port Williams, in place of John Starratt.

County of Digby:—Benjamin Hardy, of Hillsborough, to be a Justice of the Peace.

County of Colchester:—George C. Philips to be Commissioner of Sewers for the Township of Onslow.

THE VOLUNTEERS.—One of the Companies have been camping out at Point Pleasant during the past week. Going down over night they sleep in the tents that they may be ready at 4 o'clock in the morning to commence ball practice, firing at a target at 150 yards. There are some of the Companies on the Common almost every evening going through their preparatory drill.

On the signalizing of the Hero with the Prince of Wales, the boats belonging to the Yacht Club, will rendezvous at the Queen's wharf, and thence proceed, under the order of the Commodore, to meet the squadron—*Chron*

On Monday about 2 o'clock a colored man, by the name of Joseph Fobler, was killed by falling from the top of a building now being erected in Barrington Street. It seems that one of the coping stones was set up but not cemented; and Fobler stood on that part of it projecting into the street. The consequence was, the stone tilted over, and the poor man fell unfortunately with the stone on top of him which struck his head and caused instant death.

DEAF AND DUMB INSTITUTION.—The Directors have much pleasure in acknowledging the undermentioned contributions since the last monthly contributions:—

A friend, Halifax, - - - - -	£5 0 0
H. Oldright, Esq., - - - - -	1 0 0
E. B. 20s.; P. C. H., 10s.; J. B. C., 10s.; C. C., 20s.; J. C. H., 5s.; B. O'N., 5s.;—per W. F. McCoy,	3 10 0
Collection at Temperance Hall, 19th June, - - - - -	5 11 11
Hon. J. McCully, - - - - -	1 0 0
J. Naylor, Esq., - - - - -	1 0 0
A lady, per J. N., - - - - -	0 3 9
Princeton congregation, P. E. Island, by Rev. W. Keir, £7 1s 9d. Island currency, or Halifax currency, - - - - -	5 18 3
Salem Church, Green Hill, - - - - -	3 0 0
Union Hall Sabbath School, West River, - - - - -	0 16 6
Rev. George Patterson, - - - - -	1 0 0
Ladies' Religious and Benevolent Society, Rogers' Hill, by Rev. J. Thompson, - - - - -	0 13 4
A friend, by do., - - - - -	0 5 0
An assortment of Carpenter's Tools, by Messrs. D. Starr & Sons, - - - - -	3 0 0

JAS. C. COCHRAN, Sec'y.
Halifax, July 2nd, 1860.

A SERIOUS ACCIDENT.—On Friday the 22d of May, a young man by the name of William G. Cumming of Halifax, who had been in the employ of Mr. David Ellis of Sackville for nine months past, was sawing staves in a circular saw mill; in removing the stave it caught the saw and struck him on the bridge of the nose, breaking it through—causing a great flow of blood. On Saturday he was taken to Town to a doctor for advice. Before he returned he was in a state of mental derangement and extreme suffering until Wednesday morning following, when all was still in death.

He was a very moral, and latterly serious young man, aged 18 years. He was very attentive to the worship of God in public, whether there was preaching or prayer meeting. He was a Bible student, which was evinced by the interest he took in the Bible class and Sunday School, and the readiness with which he would quote passages of Scripture, and answer questions. He also took a lively interest in the Temperance cause, and died a member of the Sackville Division Sons of Temperance.

May the living lay it to heart and imitate those noble traits of character above named, but not stop short of an experimental and practical interest in the Saviour of Sinners.—*Communicated by Rev. T. H. Porter.*

WELSFORD AND PARKER MONUMENT.

It is proposed to celebrate the inauguration of this Monument, by an imposing ceremony, on Tuesday the 17th day of July, inst.

The ceremony will consist in part of a Procession, a Prayer of Dedication by the Rev. John Scott; an Address by His Excellency the Earl of Mulgrave; Oration by the Rev. George Hill; an address by Major General Trollope; Masonic ceremonies by the Grand Lodge of Freemasons of Nova Scotia, under their Grand Master, the Honorable Alexander Keith.

At two o'clock the Military will form a hollow square, with the Monument in the centre.

A Procession will be formed on the Grand Parade at one o'clock in the following order:—

- BAND.
- The Volunteers,
- Members of the Executive Government,
- The Chief Justice and Judges of the Supreme Court.
- The President and Members of the Legislative Council.
- The Speaker and Members of the Assembly.
- The Mayor and Corporation.
- The Executive Committee and Subscribers.
- The Masonic Fraternity.

The Procession will leave the Grand Parade at two o'clock precisely,—proceed down George Street, through Hollis Street, turning up South Street into Pleasant Street. Will enter the south gate of Government House,—halt, and receive His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, Major-General Trollope, Rear Admiral Sir Alexander Milne, the Rev. Mr. Scott, and the Rev. George W. Hill,—and passing through the north gate will enter the square formed by the Military. The Volunteers will take ground to the right, and form the north side of the square,—the other members of the Procession, with the Masonic Body, being within the square.

Opening Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Scott. Address by His Excellency the Earl of Mulgrave. Oration by the Rev. George Hill.

The Masonic Ceremonies by the Grand Lodge of Freemasons.

A Salute from the Volunteer Artillery. Closing Address by Major-General Trollope. God save the Queen.

As far as the Committee have it in their power, the Ladies will be provided with seats. No person will be admitted within the square or to the platform or seats around the Monument, except by permission from the Committee of Arrangement.

The public are most respectfully requested not to intrude upon the space immediately around the Monument for the distance of about a hundred yards square. That space will be required for the Ladies holding tickets (being of the families of the subscribers to the Monument), and for the public bodies taking part in the celebration. The Guard of Honor will be on the ground at two o'clock, and their instructions will be peremptory to keep the space above named clear; it is therefore hoped that the good feeling which has always distinguished the people of Halifax will induce them upon this occasion to abstain from any step that may mar the harmony of the proceedings.

HENRY PRYOR,
Chairman of Committee.

We learn that the Wesleyan Conference of Eastern British America, have elected as their President, in place of the Rev. Dr. Ritchey, the Rev. Enoch Wood, late President of the Canadian Conference; and the Rev. Dr. Pickard, Vice President.—*Col.*

HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE.—Some important changes are being made in the management of this Institution. Mr. and Mrs. Black, the Steward and Matron have been discharged, also Mr. Dart, Clerk of Works on the new building. We understand other changes are expected shortly to take place.

THE PRINCE OF WALES.—The Lieutenant-Governor has been informed that Her Majesty's Ship "Hero" will sail from Devonport on the 10th of July with the Prince of Wales on board. His Royal Highness may be expected to arrive in Halifax on the 30th of July, and to remain in this City during the 31st July and 1st of August.

On the 2nd of August the Prince of Wales will proceed to New Brunswick via Windsor, returning to Windsor on the 7th. His Royal Highness will proceed by railroad to Truro, and thence to Pictou, where he will embark.—*From the Royal Gazette, June 27th.*

THE PRINCE'S VISIT.—The Quebec Chronicle of the 28th ult., says that, by the last advices from England, His Royal Highness will not reach Quebec before the 18th of August, and gives the following "time table":—

- 10th July—Prince leaves England.
- 25th July—Arrives at St. John's N. F.
- 26th July—Remains at St. John's.
- 27th July—Leaves St. John's.
- 30th July—Arrives at Halifax.
- 31st July—Remains at Halifax.
- 1st August—do do.
- 2nd August—Leaves Halifax—crossing to Windsor, where the steamer "Styx" will meet the Royal party.
- 3rd August—Reaches St. John, New Brunswick.
- 4th August—Leaves St. John for Fredericton, the capital of the Province.
- 7th August—Leaves Fredericton and returns to Windsor, crossing to Pictou, where the steamer "Flying Fish" will receive His Royal Highness on board.
- 9th August—Reaches Charlottetown Prince Edward's Island.
- 11th August—Leaves Charlottetown.
- 12th August—Anchors at Gaspe.
- 13th August—Weights anchor early in the morning.
- 15th August—Reaches the mouth of the Saguenay.
- 18th August—Reaches Quebec.