

Engaged in the management of an Institution which is consecrated to instruction in truth and the discipline of mind, we beg to assure Your Royal Highness of our anxiety that enlightenment may ever subserve practical purposes, and that the ballowing influences of religion may shed a lustre on our work; for if we have learned that "knowledge is power," we have been also taught that "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."

As Your Royal Highness passes through these North American Provinces, witnessing universal joy, the demonstrations of respect and honour received from all classes will show that attachment to British Institutions is uniformly inculcated, and that loyalty to our beloved Queen is constantly recognised, in the instructions of our schools and in the prayers of our churches.

We pray God to preserve Your Royal Highness during his absence from your native land, and we implore his blessing on you during life. May it please Him to endue Your Royal Highness richly with wisdom and grace, that your name may be associated, in future years, with the prosperity of the British Empire, and, especially, with the advancement of knowledge, freedom, and religion.

The following Reply was received by the Rev. Dr. Cramp, the President of the College, from the Duke of Newcastle:—

REVEREND SIR,—
I have the honour to acknowledge, by desire of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Address presented to Him by the Trustees, Governors, and Fellows of Acadia College, and to convey to you the thanks of His Royal Highness for the terms in which it is expressed.
I am, Rev. Sir,
Yours faithfully,
NEWCASTLE.

Government House, Halifax, }
1st August, 1860.
To the Rev. Dr. Cramp.

FROM THE BISHOP AND CLERGY OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS:—

We, the Bishop and Clergy of the United Church of England and Ireland in the Province of Nova Scotia, beg leave respectfully to offer our congratulations to Your Royal Highness upon your safe arrival on this continent, and to give expression to those sentiments of loyalty and devoted attachment to our gracious Sovereign and the Royal House, which, although separated from the seat of government by the broad Atlantic, we entertain no less sincerely than those who reside nearer to the throne.— We trust that in this the earliest constituted of the Colonial Dioceses, there will never be any deficiency of the spirit which animated its first Bishop, who, being Rector of New York at the time of the Revolution, was compelled to flee in consequence of his unwavering fidelity to his King, where also large numbers of loyalists, including a considerable proportion of members of the Church of England, found an asylum in this Province.

Knowing that the future welfare of our country may be materially affected by the early training of the offspring of our Queen, and more particularly of the next heir to the throne of the British Empire, we have observed with intense satisfaction the course adopted by Her Majesty, whereby Your Royal Highness has been enabled to enjoy the benefit of a residence in the most ancient and famous University of Oxford. We have also heard with thankfulness of Your Royal Highness's ready compliance with the rules of order and discipline of that seat of learning, believing that such illustrious example of condescending submission to constituted authorities must produce a good effect upon the youth of this generation.

Although this Province has been in former times honored by the presence of Princes of the Blood Royal in the presence of the then Prince William Henry and your Royal Grand sire, the visit of a Prince of Wales, representing more-over the reigning Sovereign, is altogether unprecedented, and will greatly contribute to enforce the lessons of loyalty and obedience inculcated by us in accordance with the Apostolic injunctions to fear God and honor the King, and to submit ourselves to the King as supreme for the Lord's sake. The remembrance of the actual presence of Your Royal Highness among us will, however, impart additional fervency to the prayers which we habitually offer to the Almighty, beseeching Him to bless the Prince of Wales and all the Royal Family.

We assure Your Royal Highness that we highly appreciate the good will and kind feelings which have prompted you to undertake this journey in order to gratify the wishes of Her Majesty's subjects in the North American Colonies. We earnestly hope that it may be in all respects as satisfactory to yourself as it is gratifying to them, and that your Royal Highness will return home deeply impressed with a conviction of the importance of these rapidly improving possessions of the British Crown.

We pray that He in whom we live and move and have our being, may be pleased to preserve Your Royal Highness from all perils by land or by water, and to keep you in all your ways.— And especially we beseech Him so to guide you by the Holy Spirit that you may above all things seek His honor and glory, looking forward to the enjoyment of an inheritance incorruptible, undefiled, and that fadeth not away, and that you may so fight the good fight of faith that you may hereafter obtain the crown of righteousness through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our only Saviour and Redeemer.

The following acknowledgment was received by the Bishop:—

MY LORD,—
I have the honor to acknowledge, by desire of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the address which you have presented to him on behalf of yourself and Clergy of the United Church of England and Ireland in Nova Scotia, and to convey to you the expression of the gratification of His Royal Highness at the affectionate and loyal terms in which it is couched.
I am, my Lord,
Yours faithfully,
NEWCASTLE.

Government House, Halifax, }
1st August 1860.
To the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia.

FROM THE ARCHBISHOP AND CLERGY OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH.

To His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall, &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS,—

We, the Archbishop and Clergy, and Roman Catholic people of Halifax, representing as we know the loyal sentiments of the whole Catholic body of the Lower Provinces of British America, cordially welcome you to these shores, as the son of our beloved and august sovereign the Queen, and Heir Presumptive to the Throne of Britain, under whose aegis we have so long enjoyed the blessings of peace and unrestricted civil and religious liberty.

In your advent we are proud to recognise a proof of the deep interest your Royal Mother and the parent country have thus taken in the welfare of these growing and important Provinces; and we see in it the harbinger of a more resplendent future, and are now convinced that those ties which have so long and so happily subsisted between England and her North American dependencies will be drawn still more closely, and left still more beneficially by British subjects at both sides of the Atlantic.

As a portion of a religious body, numbering as they do, so many millions in the Empire, whose real sentiments have been so often misrepresented and misunderstood, we avail ourselves of this occasion to express in the presence of Your Royal Highness, our unequivocal approbation of British rule in the American colonies, and our fixed determination to maintain it, at every cost, in preference to any other in the world.

The entire freedom of conscience and the practical religious equality which are extended to every man in this happy and prospering country, are a boon which we estimate beyond all appreciation; and we cannot refrain from stating our conviction in behalf of our fellow Catholics in other parts of the Empire, that the extension of these glorious principles would be attended, as here, with the same auspicious results.

We are proud, therefore, that you have thus come among us, in the spirit of true wisdom, to mark by your own personal observation, the triumph of these principles, and to see with your own eyes, the wants and capabilities of the mighty countries over which, we trust, a kind Providence has destined you to rule, with all the kingly virtues inherited from the best of sovereigns, your Royal Mother.

Deign, then, august and beloved Prince; hope of the mightiest Empire on the earth, to accept our profound homage, and the assurance of the love and respect, and warm welcome, and the loyal and devoted feelings of those who present this Address—whose first principles in religion is, to honour God, and then to uphold even at the sacrifice of life itself, the supreme authority of the sovereign of these realms.

Signed by the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Halifax, on behalf of the Clergy and Laity of the Archdiocese of Halifax.

REPLY:

MY LORD,—
I have the honor to acknowledge, by desire of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Address which you have presented to him on behalf of yourself and the Roman Catholic Clergy and Laity of Halifax, and to express to you the gratification which it has afforded His Royal Highness.
I am, my Lord,
Yours faithfully,
NEWCASTLE.

Government House, Halifax, }
1st August, 1860.
His Grace ARCHBISHOP CONNOLLY.

FROM THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FREE CHURCH.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS,—

We, as representatives of the Free Church of Nova Scotia, beg to be permitted, with other classes of our fellow-citizens, to tender to your Royal Highness a cordial welcome to the shores of this Province.

Fully sensible of the advantages enjoyed in these Colonies under the enlightened and benignant sway of the Parent Country, the Religious Body which we represent will yield to none in their devoted loyalty to the British Throne; and the personal virtues which adorn Her Majesty, the August Mother of your Royal Highness, by whom that Throne is so happily filled, deepen and enhance their loyalty, by the superadded force of a strong attachment to the Person of Her Majesty,—on whom it is their earnest prayer that God may bestow long life, and every blessing that renders life desirable.

Whilst these virtues are known and admired, and exert a powerful influence for good, throughout the bounds of the British Empire, it is within the circle of a closer intimacy than ordinary subjects can enjoy, that your Royal Highness has been accustomed to behold their mild radiance and feel their sweet assimilating

power; and hence the highest expectations are cherished, by the loyal and attached subjects of Her Majesty, that the fruits of Her Majesty's training, and that of His Royal Highness the Prince Consort, will through God's blessing, be abundantly manifest, in preparing your Royal Highness for worthily occupying the exalted sphere which your Royal Highness may be called, in Providence, to fill.

Sharing fully these expectations, we hail the visit of your Royal Highness as an encouraging token of felt interest in the state and welfare of these North American Dependencies of the British Crown.

REPLY:

REVEREND SIR,—
I have the honor to acknowledge, by the desire of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Address presented to Him by the Representatives of the Free Church of Nova Scotia, and to communicate to you the thanks of His Royal Highness for the loyal terms in which it is couched.
I am Reverend Sir,
Yours faithfully,
NEWCASTLE.

(Signed) Government House, Halifax, }
1st August, 1860.
To the Rev. W. MURRAY.

Correspondence.

For the Christian Messenger.

Berwick Female Seminary.

DEAR EDITOR,

As nothing has been published in the *Christian Messenger* in reference to the Anniversary of Miss Shaw's School in Berwick, it may not be improper for me to remark even now that it was one of a highly gratifying character, and that the respectable and numerous audience in attendance, I have no doubt, would have cheerfully borne their testimony to the fact, that the exercises throughout were such as to reflect the highest credit on the Principal, as well as shew the attainments and progress of the Scholars.

One of the results of her labours during the Academical Year and of the full satisfaction rendered to the parents of her scholars, most of whom were present, is that nearly all the scholars returned at the commencement of the present year. Ten new scholars have entered, in addition, and more are expected shortly. There is yet room for a few more, and comfortable accommodations for boarding are still attainable.

The pleasant village of Berwick is still increasing in beauty and convenience. Three two-story houses are in progress, one of which is designed for a Temperance Hotel. The Western Stage Coach passes through the village. The inducements to attend this School are considerable,—twenty-one pounds for the year for each scholar, being the lowest price of any in this Province. Music lessons and Drawing are also afforded at a moderate extra charge. Such a School ought to be patronised.

Yours very truly,
WM. CHIPMAN.
Pleasant Valley, July 23, 1860.

For the Christian Messenger.

Letter from Rev. W. Dobson.

PUGWASH, P. E. ISLAND,

I left Pugwash on the 16th inst., after spending about three months with that people, and shall ever remember their kindness, and the glorious seasons of rejoicing, thanksgiving and praise we enjoyed together. It was my privilege to baptize 23 converts in the name of Jesus during that time. Some persecution arose, and I was assaulted and stoned in the public street by the parents of one of the candidates. This was an exhibition of persecution unworthy of a Protestant community. We also had to encounter opposition from some of our Methodist friends. Notwithstanding their professed zeal for union, they left the Union Prayer Meeting after the first baptism.

A sermon was preached against immersion by the Rev. Mr. McKinnon, and a public challenge given to the Baptists. Brother W. Rogers gave a public lecture on the subject, a few days after, and proved very clearly that believers were the only subjects, and immersion the only mode, and shewed that Mr. McKinnon's sermon was a misconstruction of the truth. The Episcopalians are beginning to embrace the truth on this subject. The Rev. Mr. Good baptized a female by immersion, but I had not the privilege of seeing the ceremony performed, as it was at an unusually early hour, and not the usual place for baptizing.

I arrived at Tryon on the 18th, and have had a blessed season with this people. Attended two social meetings through the week, besides preaching and Conference on Saturday. Baptized seven rejoicing converts, all young persons. This is the Lord's work, in answer to prayer. The church is still working together,

and have sustained prayer meetings ever since I left them last fall. It is delightful to hear them speaking to sinners, and warning them to flee from the wrath to come. Yesterday, after baptism, preaching, and the Lord's Supper, I went to Crapaud, where we had a meeting, in which the Lord's presence was powerfully felt. Brother Kitson, their leader, is of the Freewill order, and is much beloved by the brethren. He is a zealous, godly man, and doing much good. May the Lord continue his good work, and add to his church such as shall be saved. I expect to visit Bedeque soon. The church is in a low state, and have sent for me. May God help me to be faithful.

Yours in Christian love,
W. DOBSON.
P. E. Island, July 23, 1860.

For the Christian Messenger.

Opening of the Baptist Meeting House at Jordan River.

The friends abroad who have contributed for the building of the above named meeting house, will be glad to learn that it was opened yesterday for public worship, and solemnly dedicated to the worship of God. The day was fine and a number of brethren were present from the surrounding settlements. The outside of the building is completely finished and painted, and the inside is fitted up with snug temporary seats to accommodate about 300 persons, nearly every seat was filled at the opening services; and a deep solemnity pervaded the whole assembly. One person was added to the Church, and the Lord's supper administered at the close. Some of the communicants were unable to restrain their feelings, and had to rejoice aloud. May God continue to manifest his power within its walls and make it the birth place of many precious souls into his heavenly kingdom!

A. W. BARSS.
July 23, 1860.

For the Christian Messenger.

Obituary Notices.

HANNAH E. C. UPHAM,

Second daughter of Daniel C. and Charlotte Upham, of Upper Stewiacke, departed this life on May 1st, aged 27 years.

Upon a profession of her faith in Christ, she was baptised, and united with the Baptist Church in her native place, in the spring of 1853, then under the pastoral care of the Rev. D. W. C. Dimock, to whose faithful, affectionate ministrations, under God, she ascribed her conversion.

She had been previously engaged for a short time in instructing the young, which delightful employment she shortly after resumed, to be only interrupted by sickness, or by giving her mind more exclusively to the acquisition of knowledge, in order to render herself more extensively useful, until the time of her death.

Her last sickness was brought on by over exertion and exposure while attending a course of instruction at the Normal School, Truro, in the winter of 1859. Some lines penned by her, on the approaching close of the previous winter term, are appended, thinking they might prove interesting to some fellow-student, as shewing the state of her mind in view of the separation which has since taken place. She was then in the enjoyment of her usual health. Her sufferings, which were severe and protracted, were borne in a spirit of meek resignation to the Divine Will. "How preferable," would she often say, "is my position here in this sick room, to that of many in health, who know not God."

During the last week of her mortal life, when it became apparent that she must soon depart, the heavenly radiance which pervaded her countenance was sufficient to call up a desire in the beholder, to die the death of the righteous. Though her whole christian life had been one of fear and trembling, when called to the verge of Jordan, she felt the Saviour's presence very sensibly. Faith was a living, active principle. She remarked shortly before her death, to one beside her, that she never had enjoyed such clear views of Jesus as she wished, or had heard of others having, but perhaps it was that she might be ever watchful.

When in the agonies of dissolution, she looked upon those around her, exclaiming, "Though He slay me, yet will I trust in him." Shortly after, without a murmur or a sigh, she fell asleep, we doubt not, in him she so longed to behold. Her funeral was improved by Rev. O. White and Rev. Mr. Smith, who addressed the assembly.

FAREWELL TO THE NORMAL SCHOOL, TRURO.

From the hills and the valleys the snows disappear,
This gently reminds us that spring-time is near;
Thus time passes onward and makes no delay,
So we to our labors must hasten away.
In the world before us there remains much to do,
Life is fast fleeting, our years may be few.
We often have met here, within the same walls,
And have sat for instruction within the same halls.

Here prayer hath ascended for each, as for one,
To the Father of spirits, through Jesus the Son;
But now there is parting and farewells are spoken,
And the tie which hath bound us, as students, is broken.
Whilst a sadness steals over, we cannot define,
As we look on each other, perhaps the last time,
Though friends we have found here, and in friendship we part,
They will fade from our memory by time's magic art.
But there's a bright land where no parting can come,
Nor rod that can mar the pure spirit's long home,
And I trust on its shores, that ere long we shall meet,
And that on those bright plains we each other shall greet.

HANNAH E. C. UPHAM.