

For the Christian Messenger.

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To Ministers, Parents, and Guardians of Young Men within the Province of Nova Scotia.

The Committee chosen by the Halifax Young Men's Christian Association beg respectfully to intimate, that they have been appointed for the purpose of giving such information as they are enabled to communicate to young men, strangers, coming to the city.

Having prepared a list of Boarding Houses which they can confidently recommend, they will be happy to do anything in their power to acquaint them with those who will endeavor to promote their welfare. Persons introduced by letter from Ministers will be immediately made known to some of the active members of the church to which they belong, and as far as it is within the power of the committee efforts will be made to obtain for them employment.

MURDOCH M. LINDSAY, Chairman.
JAMES FARQUHAR, Sec. of Committee.
Young Men's Christian Association,
April, 1865.

Religious Intelligence.

ST. MARGARET'S BAY.—Rev. T. C. DeLong writes:—"We held our meeting with the church in Indian Harbour according to appointment. Brother Isaac Hume was with us five days, and his labors were very acceptable and profitable. The church was revived and it was evident that the Lord was present to heal. We baptized two persons on the first Lord's Day, and six on the second. Our meetings are increasingly interesting and large in all our preaching places in St. Margaret's Bay."

BARRINGTON, WOOD'S HARBOUR.—Rev. W. H. Riehan writes, March 31st:—"God is granting us some tokens of good. The Spirit is evidently at work. Two young men were received into the church last week, and others are laboring under deep conviction. Pray for us."

WOLFFVILLE.—The Rev. S. W. deBlois, the pastor of the Church, baptized five converts last Lord's Day, and welcomed them into the church.

CANARD, CORNWALLIS.—There has been quite an unusual revival of religious interest in the church and congregation at Canard of late. Last Lord's Day, the Rev. Mr. Hunt baptized seventeen into the fellowship of the church, and a fortnight previously fourteen. These included two of his own sons and one daughter. Last Lord's Day the morning service was deeply interesting, it being the day of observing the Lord's Supper. Rev. Dr. Cramp preached. The whole service lasted three hours. The attendance was very large, filling the aisles, and many, who were unable to get into the large meeting house, were obliged to remain outside.

ST. ANDREW'S, N. B.—Rev. A. D. Thompson writes to the *Visitor* that he had been happily engaged in the reception of converts into the church under his pastorate. He had recently baptized five, and speaks of there being a great awakening amongst the people on the subject of religion.

Other communications indicate that a deeper religious interest is prevailing in other parts of New Brunswick.

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HALIFAX, APRIL 12, 1865.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

To Rev. Dr. Tupper, Secretary of the Baptist Foreign Missionary Board, and the friends of Foreign Missions.

DEAR BRETHREN,

A gentleman in this city, desirous of seeing an increase of Native Preachers in Burmah, proposes to give \$50 towards the support of an additional one, to labor under the direction of Rev. A. R. R. Crawley, provided a like sum be contributed by any other person to make up the amount of salary, (\$100)

The amount (\$50) will be paid to the Secretary on ascertaining that the balance will be forthcoming.

S. SELDEN.

DALHOUSIE COLLEGE.

It will be seen by our summary of Parliamentary Proceedings that the Committee on Education reported to the House of Assembly on Thursday last, recommending a grant of

\$400 per annum additional, each, to Kings, St. Mary's, Acadia, St. Francis Xavier, and Mount Allison Colleges, in consideration that Dalhousie College is enjoying the large revenue under the control of its governors. This is at least an acknowledgment, that the circumstance of Dalhousie College being resuscitated for the benefit of the Presbyterians, other denominations might reasonably remonstrate and complain. Whether it will be considered more than that, or, anything like a satisfactory adjustment of the question by the various bodies who do not participate in the Dalhousie College endowments, and who were not consulted as the Presbyterians were, in the combination to revive it under the late Act, we are not at present prepared to determine. Our own personal opinion is that it is not at all dealing with the question; but, that it is merely an attempt to effect a compromise, by bestowing a crumb on the several Colleges named, we will not say to quiet the agitation, but, we may say, in recognition of the services rendered by them to the province, in giving higher education to so large a number of students, and an acknowledgment of the necessity which still exists for provision being made to even a larger extent than heretofore in those institutions. As we remarked a week or two since, there is need of more well educated men, and soon, the demand for able Teachers will exceed the supply. Men will have to be imported for the better positions, unless more young men make up their minds to prepare themselves for such work.

The debate in the Assembly on the reception of the Report was highly instructive, and shewed that quite a number of the members are desirous of having the claims of all denominations met fairly and free from partiality. Whilst we believe that the members who voted on the division in favor of the report were conscious of the necessity of something being done, they did so from various different motives, as may be gathered from the speeches of several of them on the occasion. The Episcopalians and Roman Catholics were quite ready to accept the increase from the Provincial Treasury, although they, as denominations, contented themselves with a mere expression of dissatisfaction with the arrangements of Dalhousie College, but, as bodies, did not appear before the Legislature, or lift a finger to secure their rights. Mr. Longley refused to vote on the question, feeling dissatisfied, as we understand, that no action was being taken to remedy the thing complained of, and believing that the movement proposed in the report would not remove the difficulty. We have asked for no favors for ourselves that should not be enjoyed by others, but we protest against any party or denomination, on any consideration whatever, being placed in a position to receive that of which all cannot participate.

The following notice of the closing exercises of Dalhousie College we copy from the *Sun*. The statements are confirmed by a report of the same in the *Presbyterian Witness*.

"Ordinarily when one enters the halls of our 'higher educational' institutions to witness the closing exercises of those who have been ardently devoting themselves to the study of the ancient and modern classics, one very naturally anticipates a few hours of rare enjoyment. Now, one feels confident, within these walls where Homer and Sophocles, Cicero, and Demosthenes speak, where the intellectual chiefs of the olden times bear sway, here, where Mammon is not worshiped; here, for once, I shall be free from the jargon of popular assemblies and political harangues; here surely I shall hear no hard words, no denominational bickerings. But he who attended the closing exercises which took place in Dalhousie College on Wednesday last, with such anticipations, must have been sadly disappointed.

On the one hand, there was no classic oration, nothing in the exercises calculated to make the public acquainted as to the efficiency of the institution. No student came forward to show parents and friends the progress he had made, or the sort of cultivation he was undergoing; in short, there was nothing of what we might fairly have expected, save Mr. Shannon's excellent address and the Principal's valedictory.

On the other hand the speeches of the Provincial Secretary and the Chief Justice would have been much more appropriate in legislative halls. These speeches are however well worthy of notice.

In the former the Professors and students, especially those of Scotch descent, were lauded in the most approved style. Much depended upon them, we were told, for the success of the institution. It was yet an "Experiment." The legislature had sought to establish a provincial university and it lay with them, the professors and students, to make this experiment a success. The Chief Justice took a more hopeful view of affairs. In his mind the College was now resting on a "solid, permanent basis," and the "little jealousies" [read the two petitions lately presented to the legislature by the two committees appointed by the Baptist Convention and Wesleyan Conference] which, to a limited extent, existed among those denominations which could not enjoy Dalhousie funds, would soon die away.

These are important utterances. Here we have one, who ought to know, asserting that Dalhousie is yet an "Experiment;" that is to say, whereas it was opened for the avowed purpose of being made a provincial institution it has not yet attained that rank. Then, the Chief Justice regards Dalhousie as now above the effects of "little jealousies," in fact, on an immovable foundation. What Dr. Tupper meant, we take it, was, that the ostensible object of the resuscitation of Dalhousie is not yet accomplished. What the Chief Justice probably meant was that the real object is now secured.

But we had another address, and one which, we venture to say, our friends the Presbyterians would not care to see in print. This was an address delivered by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor. His Excellency said that no want of preparation ever hindered him from speaking in behalf of education, and therefore he had readily yielded to the request of the Chief Justice. His Excellency had regretted when he first surveyed the educational machinery of this Colony, that we had not, at an early period, combined our resources to establish one central university. Where funds were necessarily so limited, that would have been much better than to divide these funds among a number of colleges; but, said His Excellency, that course was not adopted, denominational colleges were long ago established and are now prospering, and the day has gone by for the founding of a provincial institution. Was His Excellency right? Then what does he think of that large denomination which gave up its own institution and advocated the revival of Dalhousie, on the grounds that it was expedient and practicable for the different sects in Nova Scotia to give up their own seats of learning, and put their funds together to found a general college? Did the Presbyterians simply fall into an error of judgement, or were they, in plain words, "obtaining money under false pretences?" In these addresses these two ideas were prominent, namely, that Dalhousie had become a Presbyterian College, and that other sects would soon acquiesce in the arrangement. The former is, no doubt, correct, for the truth of the latter we will ask the coming years, being meanwhile little doubtful what reply these will render.

The death of the late Professor McCulloch was referred to in appropriate terms, but nothing was said concerning a successor. A number of prizes and certificates of merit were handed to the more successful students, but no degree was awarded to any of them. The College was declared closed until the 12th instant, when the Summer Session commences. Proceedings opened with prayer, and closed with the Benediction.

Since writing the above we have heard the Report of the Committee on Education read, and the discussion which took place on a motion to adopt the report. The committee recommend that \$400 be added to the annual grant to the Denominational Colleges in order forever to disarm all opposition to Dalhousie College, and to effect a permanent settlement of denominational difficulties as connected with Dalhousie. One thing has been effected by the adoption of this Report, and that is, the denominational Colleges outside of Halifax will this year, and perhaps the next, received an additional \$400, but is the question settled? Has a "compromise" been really effected? Are the two bodies who were agitating against Dalhousie bound by the adoption of this report? We think not. The Provincial Secretary said that he had asked those who were before the Committee if they would be satisfied with the above arrangement, and that they had answered that as far as they were personally concerned they were satisfied. Now who, we ask, is bound by this report? The question is not settled. Another year we will, in all probability, see this matter again before the Legislature.

(Our correspondent has omitted to mention the address of the Rev. Mr. Grant, and the handsome donation of that gentleman, [\$40] to increase the prize list of the College.)

The Editorial in the *Witness* informs us "The Principal stated that there were sixty students in attendance during the session." "Thirty of them were under graduates, and thirty occasional students." The Lieutenant Governor is reported, by the *Witness*, to have said, in referring to the present attempt to revive Dalhousie College:

"If the Presbyterians were in a better position to avail themselves of the advantages held out than the other denominations, those denominations had not, on that account, any reason to be jealous. He concluded by stating that he hoped the examination papers were not of too ambitious a character; the Professors however knew best. He trusted that all jealousies would be forever laid aside. One good establishment was better than six medium institutions. He could not conceive how any friend of education could be jealous of Dalhousie."

We can scarcely suppose that His Excellency would so insult Kings and the other denominational colleges as to refer to them as "medium institutions," in comparison with Dalhousie. Whether His Excellency's language will bear the above construction we are unable to determine. We charitably hope that he has not been misinformed as to their relative merits. As to "jealousies," they did not exist between the Collegiate Institutions of the Province previous to the unfair and stealthy movement which handed over this "good establishment" to our Presbyterian friends. It is all very well to talk of

"jealousy" when we, in common with other denominations, ask but an equitable adjustment. When the Presbyterians were at Truro several years ago, we understand they had about sixty students. Whether they have really improved their position is therefore still problematical.

The *Provincial Guardian* essayed a week ago to give a solution of the Dalhousie College difficulty. We know not how it may have commended itself to the minds of our Legislators. One statement of the writer in his first paragraph, we presume, by what has since occurred, was not well founded. It was as follows:

"What action the Government have taken or propose to take in the matter, we are ignorant; though we believe that it has transpired, that they have given or intend to give the requisite notice to the Governors of Dalhousie College, preparatory to calling in the money loaned by the Province to the College."

The following is the proposal made for settlement of the difficulty:

"This petition," the writer says, "is only just, and we trust will be favourably entertained. An opportunity will thus be afforded the government of exercising a useful and healthy supervision over the Collegiate institutions of the country, which ought not to be lost, and which if not now embraced, may never occur again. Having settled the amount to which each college is entitled, let the government demand that the several institutions be kept at a certain state of efficiency, with a sufficient staff of competent Professors, and a high curriculum, when this standard is attained, and as long as it is preserved, and no longer, let the college draw from the public funds annually a sum equal to the interest of the amount to which they may be entitled, at six per cent; thus will our collegiate institutions be a blessing and a benefit to the country at large, and every dollar of the public money invested in them yield a handsome and increasing interest.

One other improvement we should like to see, we would have all the colleges relinquish the right they at present exercise of bestowing degrees; and instead thereof let them be conferred after examination by a board composed of the Presidents of all the Colleges—a degree will then carry some weight, and confer some honor, as well as be a real distinction of merit. Or, if the colleges refuse to give up this privilege, an honorary provincial degree may be bestowed by the same board."

Normal School, Truro.

MR. EDITOR.—The Examiners to the Provincial Normal School, having completed the terminal examination, submitted on Thursday last the subjoined awards. As there are many Boards of Trustees, desirous of procuring Teachers, the Post Office address of each graduate is given. Conductors of the Press will confer a favor by copying the following list.

Yours truly, T. H. RAND.
Supt. of Education.
Halifax, April 8, 1865.

AWARDS OF THE EXAMINERS TO THE PROVINCIAL NORMAL SCHOOL.

Males.—First Class.
George Smith, Truro.
Oliphant Johnson, Middle Stewiacke.
Allan K. McLean, Margaree, C. C.
John Calder, South Side, West Bay, C. B.
Murdoch McLeod, Broad Cove, C. B.
D. M. Stearns, Truro.
Hector McKenzie, Earlton.
John A. Logan, Pembroke, Upper Stewiacke.
Luther C. Murray, Economy.
Bernard Hovey, Gaspercaux, Horton.
Robert Mack, Mill Village, Q. C.

Second Class.
Hugh McKenzie, Earlton.
William F. Bruce, Middle Musquodoboit.
James Fitzpatrick, Fitzpatrick Mountain, Pictou.
Brayden Kent, Truro.
Frederick Meagher, Waugh's River.
John R. Downing, Lower Onslow.
Hector McLean, Truro.

Females.—First Class.
Elizabeth Hawley, Mabou, C. B.
Jane Mc G. Marshall, New Glasgow.
Bessie Archibald, Truro.
Eliza Scotney, Maitland.
Elizabeth Hall, Lawrencetown, Annapolis.
Sarah M. Ward, Diligent River, Parrsboro.
Clarissa C. Fulton, Pembroke, Upper Stewiacke.
Jane Ross, Hardwood Hill, Pictou.
Elizabeth Cummings, Truro.
Mary M. R. Gousins, Digby.
Eusebia Minard, Woodville, Cornwallis.
Martha Dickie, Upper Stewiacke.

Second Class.
Margaret Fitzpatrick, Fitzpatrick Mountain, Pictou.
Sarah F. Baxter, Onslow.
Mrs. Anna McDonald, Truro.
Louisa Strum, Mabone Bay.
Magdalene Ricey, Lower LaHave.
Rachel Downing, Tatamagouche Mountain.
Jane Aikenhead, Tatamagouche Mountain.
Janet McCurdy, Truro.
Martha Archibald, Truro.
Barbara Sutherland, Advocate, Parrsboro.
Robina Smith, Roger's Hill, Pictou.
Ellen C. Hill, Economy.
Sophia Bishop, Wolfville.
Jane Douglas, Maitland.
Mrs. Jane Mountain, care of J. Dunn, Morning Chronicle Office.

The next term of the Provincial Normal School will begin on the "second Wednesday of May." Persons desirous of enrolling must secure certificates from the Inspector, as required by law.