

For the Christian Messenger.

DALHOUSIE'S SUCCESS!

Dear Sir,—

So the Presbyterians have succeeded. Like the Catholics they have obtained a double blessing. For several years past the Provincial grants to Colleges have amounted to six thousand dollars annually. Now, they are to be increased to seven thousand eight hundred, to be distributed as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Institution Name, Amount. Includes St. Mary's (\$1400), St. Francis Xavier (1400), Dalhousie (2800), Kings (1400), Mount Allison (400), Acadia (400).

I need not ask whether this is a fair and righteous distribution. But it is well understood. When Governments are in want of votes, applicants for money abound, and are often clamorous; under such circumstances, a bargain is soon struck, and "to the victors belong the spoils."

There are grants to "Special Academies," amounting to 6580 dollars; of which Pictou gets 1000, Mount Allison, 1000, Yarmouth 1200, Halifax Grammar School 600, and Horton, 1000. And now what has Dalhousie College received?

Table with 2 columns: Grant Type, Amount. Includes Castine Fund (\$17750), 1819, Vote of Assembly (2000), 1821, do. (1000), Loan (not yet repaid) (5000).

Besides 1000 dollars annually for several years past. To this will be added the sum of 1800 dollars, just voted. And still the cry is "MORE!" Our turn will come some day, and then \* \* \*

Yours,

A SCHOLARSHIP HOLDER.

May 6, 1875.

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HALIFAX, N.S., MAY 12, 1875.

THE NEW GRANT TO DALHOUSIE COLLEGE.

The debates in the Legislative Council during the sitting of the Legislature do not obtain the amount of consideration they deserve. There are at times very important matters brought out in connection with some of the measures submitted to that branch of our law-making machinery. This arises perhaps not so much because of any lower estimate placed on the men composing that body, as from the circumstance that the Lower House has frequently already passed upon the matters before they come into the Upper House, and the newspapers, having already reported upon them their space is then required for the other subjects before the Assembly.

The Council is perhaps the body from which might be expected, and is frequently obtained, a more independent expression of opinion, and freedom from sectional and personal considerations, seeing that they are not looking for re-election, or bargaining for the future votes of their constituencies.

The Dalhousie College question was brought forward as we consider very unfairly just at the close of the late Session when the sum of \$2800 was placed in the Supplementary Estimates for that Institution instead of its being submitted by resolution at a time when it could be properly considered and public opinion be brought to bear fairly upon it. In the multitude of other matters included in those estimates, this one, placed almost at the bottom of the list of grants, it stood a good chance of being passed without a word being said upon it. In the Assembly, however, one of the warmest friends of collegiate education on a fair and just basis, made the enquiry whether the \$2800 was to be added to the grant of \$1000 a year already paid to that body, or if that was now intended to be the whole sum to be paid to that Presbyterian Institution? Sooner than run the risk of losing the enlarged amount, which would probably have been the case if the larger sum had been insisted on, the \$1800 additional was accepted and it was so allowed to pass. (We shall give Mr. Longley's speech next week.)

In reply to Mr. Longley's enquiry on the subject Hon. Prov. Sec said he had no objection to its being expressed in the estimates that the \$2800 was in full of all moneys to be paid the college for the year. It was well known that the Governors of Dalhousie had invited the governing bodies of other colleges to a conference for the purpose of forming one general university. As that proposition had been declined, it was

not the fault of the Governors that Dalhousie was in the apparent position of a denominational college.

Mr. Longley said he believed this legislation was against the views of three-fourths of the people of the Province.

Mr. North said that forty years ago a provincial university might have been established, but was not; and now the affections and interests of the denominations were intertwined with their own pet colleges. Whatever subsidy was given to this college, each denomination contributed its share. He would have no objection to the subsidies being distributed in proportion to the work actually done by the various colleges.

Hon. Prov. Sec. said that to prevent any misunderstanding, as the Statute already gave the college \$1000, he would make the item \$1800, as it had been the understanding that the \$2800 was to be in full.

Mr. Longley said a different interpretation might have arisen when the money came to be paid he should have moved an amendment, but he saw that it was useless to force the house to a division.

In the Legislative Council on this item being brought up for their consideration Hon. Dr. Parker made some very judicious remarks expressive of his objection to this grant. We copy the official report of his speech on the occasion:

Hon. Dr. Parker said that there were several items in the supplementary estimates for which he must express his gratitude to the Government. He referred to the grants made to the Halifax Medical College, the Deaf and Dumb Institution, and the Asylum for Inebriates. The one, however, to which he particularly desired to call attention was that of \$1800 to Dalhousie College. He did not rise to take exception to this grant but he wished to make a few observations with regard to the principle upon which it was made. The hon. gentleman then pointed out the different grants which this College had received from the Castine and other public funds, amounting in all to a large sum, up to the time at which the Presbyterians took hold of it. For a time it was under the charge of Rev. Dr. McCulloch when it was, as he believed it was now, an essentially Presbyterian institution. At that time the Wesleyans and Baptists who were excluded from Kings College by the thirty-nine articles, were also prevented from entering Dalhousie. They were obliged to start a college of their own. Acadia College was commenced in 1840. At first it was only incorporated for a limited time, but when its success was assured the limiting clause was struck out. The principle upon which the public moneys ought to be divided among the several colleges was the denominational one; always provided that every denomination claiming a portion of it was doing a good educational work. No other basis would prove anything like as satisfactory. At present King's College, St. Mary's and St. Francis Xavier were receiving money and appropriating it to collegiate purposes which were originally granted to Acadia. Acadia was the only institution which still applied that money to the object for which it was designed. The only amount, therefore, which the Baptists received for and applied toward their College was \$400. If the principle which he advocated, of dividing the money among the different denominations were adopted, the result would be (taking \$10,000 as the total amount), to give the Roman Catholics \$2,720; the Episcopalians \$1,487; the Presbyterians \$2,750 (or very nearly what they get now), and the Baptists \$1,970. If the money formerly given for Academic purposes was now to be applied to Colleges, then let it be so and a proper basis arranged for its distribution. The hon. gentleman quoted largely from figures to show the amount of money invested by the Baptists at Wolfville, and the results accomplished as compared with other Colleges. Having appropriated such an amount of money in the past the Baptists were as much entitled to consideration as any other denomination. Since the denominational system was established and could not be set aside, it was the duty of the Government to deal with the matter. It was useless to say that Dalhousie was not a Presbyterian Institution. That body had thrown their arms around it, and even used the argument that it was theirs, to a certain extent, to obtain this grant. He made three suggestions in order that the Government, between this and next session, might think the matter over and be prepared to deal with it, on a general principle that would be acceptable to the country.

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NO CLERGYMAN NEED APPLY.

The clause introduced into the Education Bill by Dr. Farrell—that no clergyman shall be appointed to the Halifax School Board is a new feature in Nova Scotia legislation. It does not speak well for our new representative that he starts during the first session of his political career with the proscription of a class of gentlemen the most highly respected in the community. We are thankful that it was not a Protestant who introduced such a measure. If it had been we can imagine what a cry would have been raised against him for such effrontery and what evil motives would have been charged upon him for casting such a slur on the Halifax clergymen. New Brunswick has a stain on its history which it can never efface in excluding clergymen, by law, from their House of Assembly, and now Halifax is to be under a greater disgrace. Clergymen may be Teachers and Trustees and Superintendent of Education, but the Halifax School Board must have none of them.

The Roman Catholic Schools, sustained by public taxation, may have ecclesiastics as their Teachers, and the Archbishop and Priests as the managers, yet "no clergyman" must be School Commissioner of the Public Schools. The Hon. Mr. Brown said that "If experience shewed that it worked unfavorably, it might be repealed next year." Yet we shall be obliged to suffer the shame for a year and never lose the remembrance of it.

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P. E. I. They will labour on the Island for twelve weeks.

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VII. Bro. B. W. Lockhart was advised to go to New Germany and spend the summer vacation there.

VIII. Bro. W. C. Bishop was appointed for twelve weeks to Hillsdale, Middle Rawdon, and Uniacke.

IX. Bro. Carbonell is to labour for twelve weeks at Acadia Mines and Folly Lake, Colchester Co., under the direction of Rev. M. P. Freeman.

X. Bro. A. J. Stevens was appointed to Lunenburg Town for twelve weeks.

XI. Bro. P. S. McGregor is to labour for twelve weeks at Parrsboro' and Westbrook under the direction of Rev. D. McKeen.

XII. Bro. H. N. Parry was appointed for twelve weeks to Waverly and Fall River.

XIII. Bro. Trueman Bishop will labour at Falmouth and Waterville for twelve weeks.

XIV. Bro. C. H. Marcell was appointed for twelve weeks to Maitland and Noel, Hants.

XV. Bro. G. E. Good is to labour for twelve weeks at Brookfield and Upper Stewiacke.

XVI. Bro. Douglas Simpson was appointed to Pereaun for twelve weeks.

XVII. Bro. J. O. Redden is to labour for twelve weeks at Maitland, DeLbert River, and Masstown, Colchester Co.

XVIII. Bro. B. P. Shafner is to spend the summer vacation at New Canada, Lunenburg Co.

XIX. Rev. J. F. Kempton, A. M., is recommended to Port Hawkesbury and West Bay, C. B.

XX. The Mission of Bro. C. C. Burgess is to be continued three months longer at Cavendish and North River, P. E. I.

XXI. Bro. J. F. Eaton is to labour at Isaac's Harbour for twelve weeks.

XXII. Bro. W. H. Robinson will spend the summer vacation at Ship Harbour, Wine Harbour, and vicinity.

XXIII. Bro. W. C. Craigie, of Newton, will labour for twelve weeks at Melrose, Sherbrooke, and Goldenville.

XXIV. Rev. J. C. Bleakney is requested to labour for twelve weeks at Guysboro' and Manchester.

Some other appointments will be made soon, and the brethren concerned will be notified in due time.

G. E. DAY.

Yarmouth, May 7, 1875.

Rev. D. Freeman, the General Agent of the H. M. Union writes as follows from Parrsborough, May 7th, 1875:—

"Bro. Warren in the last Messenger gives a paragraph which was substantially true when written but which now has become an anachronism. It was from a letter of mine to the Secretary some time ago. But now the aspect of the churches in Hants County is changed. The church in Windsor now has a pastor. Bro. Bleakney, I hear, is in Hantsport, Elder Viditoe supplies in Falmouth also I believe in Newport. This leaves Ellershouse, Rawdon, Maitland and Noel destitute. A good man is needed in Brookfield and Stewiacke, also in Debert. I have written the Board particularly about these places. Also an additional man is needed in South Cumberland. Bro. McKeen occupies from Parrsborough to Portauquique. But he is willing to confine his labors to Parrsborough, including Spring Hill and West Brook, in which case a good minister is needed from Five Islands to Portauquique to be located in Economy. We have plenty of fields of usefulness for all the brethren in Acadia and Newton, "The harvest is great, but the laborers are few."

Notices.

NOTICE.

The N. S. Western Association is to meet in Tremont, Aylesford, on Saturday, June 19th, at 10 A. M. Ministers and other delegates are respectfully requested to send in their names to the Secretary of Committee, without any avoidable delay, so that provision may be made for their entertainment, and notice may be sent to them in due time.

CHARLES TUPPER, Sec'y of Com. Address Kingston, Neily Road, P. O. Tremont, Aylesford, May 7, 1875.

ERRATUM.—In the article "Extremes" on our first page, for "omovusians" read, omousians, and for "omorouscans" read omolousians.

RECEIVED FOR WOMEN'S MISSION AID SOCIETY.

Table with 2 columns: Name, Amount. Includes Osborne—Mrs. Doleman (\$6.40), Bridgetown—Miss J. E. Chipman (6.00), Westport—Mrs. A. L. Rockwell (20.75), M. R. SELDEN, Sec'y.

Halifax, May 12th, 1875.

The N. S. Central Board of the Women's Missionary Aid Societies are desirous of carrying out the wish expressed at the meetings held in connection with the Convention at Windsor, N. S., in 1873, and Portland, N. B. 1874. Miss DeWolfe (our returned missionary) is now so much improved in health that she is willing to undertake a tour of visits to the Societies, and churches where there are no Societies as yet formed, for the purpose of giving a new impetus to the work, and to aid in forming new Societies and Mission Bands. The Central Board have requested Miss DeWolfe to be prepared to commence this work the last week in June. To enable her to do this with as much facility as possible the Board invite the co-operation of the sisters, and will be glad to hear from those who would desire a visit from Miss DeWolfe, as early as possible; so that arrangements may then be made for her to pass from one place to another without loss of time and with as little expense as possible.

Please address the Secretary MRS. SELDEN, Halifax.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Dear Bro.—Please acknowledge in Christian Messenger the receipt of the following sums on account of Home Missions, viz: Rev. D. Freeman, agent, \$262 24; John Smith, Boston, 1.00; Capt. A. W. Robbins, Baltimore, \$5.00; Estate David Smith, Mabou, C. B., \$54.00; Wilnot church per Rev. A. Coburn, \$25.00. Total 347 24.

Also for French Mission, from J. W. Barse, Esq., by the agent, \$5.00, and for Theological Chair, A. Longley, Esq., \$1.00. J. Y. Payzant, Esq., \$2.00.

Yours, &c., P. D. KINNEY, Treas.

Yarmouth, May 1, 1875.

LETTERS RECEIVED.

N. C. Cann, Jas. E. Miner, 50 cts. L. A. Saunders, Rev. D. W. Crandall, thanks. J. A. Soley, W. F. Cutten, Esq., 1 sub. A. H. Lavers, 2 subs. J. M. Parker, Esq., \$10. Rev. J. C. Morse, \$5. J. D. Halford, Esq., J. I. DeWolfe, \$1.39. Rev. A. Chipman, \$2. E. Rand, Rev. Dr. Tupper, \$8. M. Kinsman, \$4. J. B. Brown, \$1. J. H. Kent, \$1. W. A. Porter, Josiah Soley, C. Bishop, T. H. Randall, Esq., \$2.

Local News.

A SPELLING MATCH.—We understand that one of the Halifax School Commissioners has offered to give prizes to the amount of fifty dollars, if a respectable match can be got up.

D. B. Woodworth, Esq., has been dangerously ill during the past week from severe cold and quinsy.

THE HALIFAX SCHOOL BOARD.—The Citizen has learned, "on the best authority that so soon as the new school bill is assented to by the Governor, the present Chairman of the School Board will resign, and that he will be followed by more than one member of the Board."

FINES were paid in the Halifax Police Court during the month of April amounting to \$530 50. A large portion of this was from poor drunkards and common prostitutes, direct fruits of the rum traffic.

HALIFAX & BOSTON.—The steamer "Worcester," 1400 tons, will take the place of the "Alhambra," and, with the "Carroll," will form a weekly line.

THE EXCURSION STEAMER recently purchased at Portland, Me., for use in this harbor, was sunk in Portland last week, but was got up uninjured.

DARTMOUTH.—The municipal elections passed off with the usual good order on Tuesday. The result was as follows:—

Warden—G. J. Troop, Esq., (no opposition.)

Ward 1—W. H. Weeks, M. D., 69 J. H. Austin, . . . 54

Majority for Weeks. . . 15

Ward 2—John E. Brown, . . . 42 John Forbes, . . . 29

Majority for Brown, . . 13

Ward 3—M. Downey, (no opposition.)

KENTVILLE.—The frame of a school house was blown down here recently at a cost of \$120 to the contractor.

Kings County offers a reward of \$150 for the capture of Brown, Young and Hawkins, who recently escaped from the jail here.

AN INSANE MAN got on the rail car at New Glasgow last week and behaved in a very violent manner. It took six men to hold him. He was brought on to Truro where he was lodged in jail until he should be identified by his friends.

WENTWORTH.—A very fine young moose has been caught recently in this vicinity, and is getting very tame. It is a fine large size for a one-year old.