

THE OLDEST COLLEGE

IN THE MARITIME PROVINCES OF CANADA.

The Advantages and Capabilities of King's College, Windsor, N. S., Set Forth by One of Her Graduates—The Collegiate School, also, to the Front.

There is an idea prevalent that King's college, Windsor, is a divinity school, and a divinity school only. Let it be the work of the diocesan synods to make her known as the school for the fitting of clergymen, and let this article do what it can to set her forth as an arts school, school of engineering and university, in which the students learn, apart from the lecture-room, to know "college life" in its best form; in which they learn that manliness, with all that belongs to it, is a prime essential; a university which has lately been called, by an eminent Oxonian, "a bit of old Oxford."

By leaving so large a portion of the work to the synods we do not by any means loosen our hold on the church, to which King's is so greatly a creditor. By

ly she was as a man running a race without entering his name; and how could the prize be awarded to one who had not entered?

Next year, 1890, King's college will celebrate her centennial, and in her hundredth year it is fitting that she should be supported heartily by those at least who owe her their support—all churchmen—and it is also fitting that she should be rightly and truly represented to all, so that even those who owe her nothing may support her out of mere regard for their own interests. King's is the oldest English-speaking colonial institution of learning, and she holds a royal charter. That poor royal charter! How many men would hang on this peg the future of King's! How many would just as soon break down the peg as not! It's very probable that the charter will never do her any particular good, but it's a nice thing to have, nevertheless, and costs very little to keep.

King's has not thought it necessary to challenge and overthrow the many petty misrepresentations so broadly cast by those to whom her success was not the most

then the man is at fault and not the atmosphere. Parts of the south have a very healthgiving climate, and yet many consumptives go there and die there. If they had gone earlier they might have been cured.

Two, and in some cases three, men have a study, a large, well-lighted room, with the bed-rooms adjoining. The students furnish their rooms as their taste and means direct them, and the social gatherings at twilight, when a cheerful fire casts its glow on the surroundings, and the guitar or flute or violin or banjo sings contentment to its hearers, are far better imagined than described. Suffice it to say that through these frequent gatherings, and by means of the intimate and friendly intercourse at all times, each man finds in the other a something more than a "college-mate"—a something much resembling a brother.

The school of engineering of King's is the only one in the maritime provinces, and the success of its graduates is the best proof of its adequacy. The B. E.'s of King's are known in our own Northwest

plivos, quarrying and hydraulic mining, boring, sinking, timbering and tubing of shafts, driving and timbering of levels, underground conveyance and hoisting, drainage and pumping, lighting and ventilation of mines, methods of exploitation employed in working coal seams and metalliferous deposits, etc. It will be readily seen that this course is very complete. It can be taken in three years.

The arts course is much the same as in the other Canadian universities, save that at the end of the fifth term the student is examined on the whole of the five terms' work, and can then abandon some subjects and devote his remaining four terms to an advanced course in those subjects for which he has the greatest inclination. The fourth year is for honor work alone and the student may remain and take honors or may not, as suits himself. If not, he passes his B. A. examination at the end of the third year and has his degree conferred at the end of the next year—the fourth. Or, should he matriculate and wait a year before going to college, he will have his degree conferred as soon as he passes the examination.

as good results as he governed the collegiate school—and in all probability, he will—he is most assuredly the right man for the presidency.

Windsor is a good place for young men, for when they do go "down town," they have very little inducement offered to them to stay down, unless, of course, they visit some of the hospitable people, who are always so kind in entertaining the students and in helping them to feel that, although away from home, they are still among friends. But the town presents few enticements to allure the student from his comfortable room and his books. There are many voices that call him out of doors, but they are those of the cricket and foot-ball field, the beautiful woods, the view-commanding hills, the shady walks, or the soft grass in front of the college, under the great elms, where he is frequently induced to come and stretch himself to gaze up into the branches and build his "castles" that reach away above even the flag-staff. Any place that is capable of inspiring a man, and of lifting him beyond himself at times, cannot help benefitting greatly him who sojourns in that place. The expenses are much lighter than is generally supposed. They are set down in the calendar at \$152 per annum, but this is rather inside of the actual amount. It would be more nearly correct to put the expenses of the student, who holds a nomination, at \$175 per annum.

There are eight divinity scholarships, of \$150 per annum, which are held throughout the course, and are subject to the control of the bishop of the diocese. The Binney exhibition, \$50 per annum, is designed to assist students who may require assistance, and who shall have commended themselves by their exemplary conduct, although their abilities and requirements may not qualify them to be successful competitors for an open scholarship. Then there is the Almon Welsford testimonial, which is awarded to the man of the first year making the best general average on the year's work. The Stevenson scholarships are perhaps the best of all. There are two open for competition one year, and one the next. They amount to \$120 per annum, and are held for two years, and are competed for at the beginning of the second year. Besides these, there are the McCawley Hebrew prize, £9 sterling, the McCawley scholarship for classics, competed for in the third year; the Haliburton prize, the bishop's prize, etc.

I must not omit one very important addition to the attractions of King's, viz., the gymnasium, which is used by both the

college and collegiate school. A gymnasium is comparatively useless alone, but with such an instructor as Sergeant Cunningham to show how it may be rightly used, it becomes of prime importance to the students' education and well being.

Of course King's naturally looks to the collegiate school at Windsor for the majority of her students, so that to support King's the school must be supported. Three courses of study are open, giving the best opportunities to all.

Extensive improvements have been made lately in the school building. The old desks and seats have been removed, and new and improved ones have been put in, and the class rooms have been refurnished generally.

Mr. Miller, the head master, has dealt with boys for years, and the way in which he has fitted the large room for them to amuse themselves in on rainy days shows that he has pretty well got into the secret of boy delight, and has made such provision for them that they may do as they like with perfect safety. "A boy's will is the wind's will," so Mr. Miller has strong wire netting over the windows, a heavy oak table screwed solidly to the floor and wall, and a strong iron screen around the stove pipe as a protection to the pipe more than to the boys. There need be no discontent here, however dull the day, for those boys who are not made happy with trying to break windows with a cricket ball, or upset tables, or knock down stove-pipes, can leave the crowd of young tars and find quiet with books or chess in the library.

Mr. Miller believes in having a small number of boys for one teacher—not more than twelve or fifteen—and he procures the most efficient staff possible, and says that as the number of pupils increases, so will the number of masters, and that in any case the classes shall be small enough to enable the teachers to give minute attention to each and every boy.

In the dormitories each boy has all necessary furniture provided for him; his comfort provided for in every way; well-fitted bath-rooms and the best of attention. The kitchen, pantries and dining-rooms are in the basement.

The boys are a manly, straight-forward set, and new-comers cannot easily fail to become manly also, or at least to appear so.

If this school receives the support it should receive, and continues to teach its pupils that there they are preparing themselves for King's, the old university will increase rapidly in numbers, and a crowd can always draw a crowd. R. C. V.



KING'S COLLEGES, WINDSOR, N. S.

maintaining our hold on the church we do not in the least lessen our claim on the general public, of whatever denomination.

Having had a long start before competition in the maritime provinces was thought of, King's had been slow in realizing how great is the competition to which she is now subject, and, consequently, failed to see that she must keep herself "before the public." While her sister colleges have struggled and fought a grand fight against all imaginable odds, and have slowly and surely been taking to themselves men who would, in all probability, have come to King's for their degrees. King's has been calmly taking what came and saying very little about it. Confident of her ability to cope with her sisters, she had not waked up to the fact that every year of silence on her part was shutting her more and more out from the public ear, and making her race more and more of a handicap. But now she sees the truth, and she is willing that her attractions—and they are many—be plainly set forth, and that her name be placed on the list of competitors. Former-

hearty endeavor of their lives, but the littler slander the more quickly it is taken hold of and rolled and added to with diligence until it assumes greater proportions, and continues to go around with its delighted manufacturers. So it seems to me that all care should be taken to see that the public know the truth, and then the slander will do service as an advertisement.

Knowing King's and her influence on young men, it is hard to maintain any degree of coolness in refuting the charges brought against her. Her influences are decidedly for good. It has long been a foregone conclusion that if a man be a King's man he is a gentleman in its widest sense. Should he hail from Briar Island or from Halifax, so long as he be not too old to receive impressions, he will be thoroughly imbued with a love for courteousness long before he is ready for his degree examination. There is no chair of "manhood" nor of "gentleness," but he acquires both as freely as the fresh, sweet air that comes in at his open windows. It not,

and in the Western States, as in Nova Scotia. Two or three years ago, when competent engineers were wanted for work in California, the advertisement, coming east, said, "graduates of King's college, Windsor, preferred." One King's man applied, and he is fast being compensated for his trouble. The demand for civil engineers is comparatively easy to supply, but mining engineers are not to be found waiting for work around the crown land offices.

For the degree of B. E. the candidate is examined in a part of the English literature of the arts course, pure mathematics, surveying, levelling, mapping, mensuration of earth works, geometrical drawing, chemistry and chemical physics, French or German, civil and mining engineering, natural philosophy (applied), mathematical physics, mensuration, mineralogy (including blow-pipe analysis), geology (including field and economic geology), metallurgy and assaying, and chemical analysis. Among the subjects of mining he will be instructed in blasting and the use of ex-

The Rev. C. E. Willets, M. A., D. C. L., is president of the college and professor of classics. For a number of years he was headmaster of the collegiate school at Windsor, and proved himself to be an energetic and clear-headed organizer and a thorough disciplinarian. He is a man of modern ideas who is not content to see the times going on ahead of him. Antiquities are all very well in their proper place and season, but their place is nowhere near Kings—unless it be in the museum, and their season is past long ago. In any case of competition now, in this age of progress, the old must make way for the new, the past for the present and future. Dr. Willets encourages athletics in the most substantial manner. It was he who procured, as instructor in gymnastics for the new gymnasium built last summer, Sergeant Cunningham, late instructor of the military gymnasium, Halifax. He is president of the cricket club and is its best cricketer. He bowls a ball to leg that breaks in and comes in contact with the balls most mysteriously. If he governs the college with

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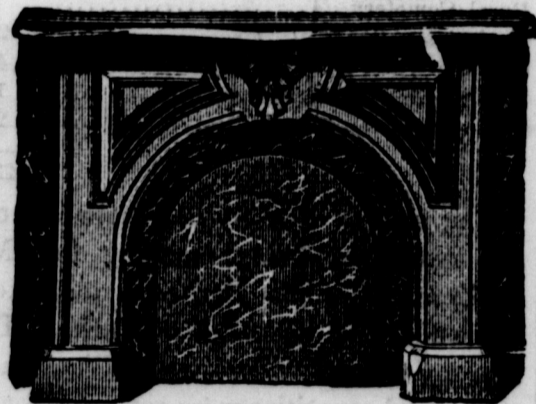
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