

alone has fulfilled all righteousness. And his righteousness is available for the justification of all who believe in him. And it is a glorious illustration of the completeness of the justification which believers receive, that they are admitted into a state of friendship with God, and are sanctified by his spirit, and have their virtues and services, imperfect as these are, accounted rewardable by him. Well might David exclaim,—“Unto thee, O Lord belongeth mercy, for thou renderest to every man according to his work.”—Psalms lxxii., 12.

21. For I have kept the ways of the Lord, and have not wickedly departed from my God.

This is truly the perfection of piety to walk in God's ways, and that in communion with himself.

22. For all his judgments were before me, and I did not put away his statutes from me.

They who diligently study the word of God, recognise its authoritativeness, and at the same time endeavor to follow its injunctions, are in the very road that conducts to peace and holiness.

23. I was also upright before him, and I kept myself from mine iniquity.

Here is Knool-like piety, simplicity, and sincerity, in the intercourse of the soul with God, and, as the result, preservation even from besetting sin.

24. Therefore hath the Lord recompensed me according to my righteousness, according to the cleanness of my hands in his eye-sight.

Righteousness is ever concurrent with grace of God's spiritual kingdom and so, reward both in time and eternity are bestowed on his faithful subjects—these, however, not absolutely for their deservings, but in a proportion to the graces and virtues of their characters.

25. With the merciful thou wilt shew thyself merciful: with an upright man thou wilt shew thyself upright.

God will make all his people see, that the virtues by which they have honored him in their intercourse with their fellow-men, are infinitely outdone by the perfections which he will display in his procedure towards them.

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All communications connected with the Record to be addressed to JOHN BURNS, Esq., Knox's College, Toronto.

The Record.

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The next number will complete the seventh volume. At the late meeting of Synod it was resolved that it be continued in its present form, and at the same price. We make this announcement in order that friends generally, who take an interest in the progress of our Church, and in the *Record*, as an auxiliary thereto, may use some efforts to extend the circulation, and send in corrected lists before the first of November.

The success attending the exertions that have been made in some localities during the past year, demonstrates that our issues might be greatly increased, perhaps doubled, were the subject generally taken up by office-bearers and friends of

the church. The expression of favourable opinions in regard to the *Record*, have been very gratifying. For these, as well as for admonitions, in the spirit of kindness, we feel grateful. We believe that nothing will tend more to raise the *Record* in the estimation of readers than making it what its title imports. The materials are becoming more abundant for that purpose. We solicit short, well-written articles on local or general subjects affecting the Church. Although the Committee have adopted a sliding scale according to the time when payment is made, and will continue it, yet payment in advance, although at a lower rate, is greatly preferable—better for all parties.

MINISTERS' WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND.

At a late meeting of Committee at Hamilton, it was agreed to issue a circular calling the attention of the Church to the nature and importance of this fund. The address has been prepared and will be issued immediately.

The Committee also appointed certain gentlemen to visit, and act in concert with, the different Presbyteries of the Church with the view of awakening an interest in behalf of the scheme, and advising in forming congregational or local committees, for raising the contributions to the capital stock. The deputation can only take up the more prominent points, but Presbyteries will see that opportunity be offered to all the congregations and stations within their bounds, to aid in the enterprise.

Local Committees and individuals collecting for the fund will be supplied with copies of the address, on application to George Elmslie, Esq., Hamilton, Secretary, or Mr. Burns, Toronto, Treasurer to the Fund.

RED RIVER—TIDINGS OF MR. BLACK!

AUGUST 28th. We have just received a letter from Mr. Black, dated St. Pauls, Minnesota, August 16th, and we hasten to lay the substance of it before our readers. It appears that on reaching St. Pauls, on Monday, the 11th, he found his fears realized. The Red River people had all gone! Not one of the four letters which had been addressed to St. Pauls, appears to have reached, and the party had gone off on the 1st of August in place of waiting, as was hoped, till the 5th. Mr. B., with the true spirit of a missionary, pursued after them 80 miles, by the steamer on the Mississippi, but they being twelve days in advance could not be overtaken. It has been often remarked that as night is darkest just before dawn, so the time of man's extremity, is just the time when God appears for deliverance; and so was it here. Providence opened one door as another was shut. The governor of the territory (Minnesota) was about to make a "progress" to Pembina, accompanied by a large party; and on application by Mr. Black, he cordially agreed to assume him as one of the cavalcade. An agreement was entered into with the guide, a native of the Red River Settlement, and who has the contract to transport the governor and suite to Pembina. Mr. B. has a horse, tent,

and bedding, and is to mess with the governor and his party. They were all to start on Monday, the 18th. The party amounted to forty or fifty men, including twenty-five dragoons; and they expected to make the journey in twenty-five days. Mr. Black would find his way from Pembina to the Red River Settlement (sixty miles).

Our friend is, in all probability, now on the vast prairies, and let us not forget him in our appeals to the throne of grace, while we give special thanks for such a remarkable interposition in behalf of him and the mission.

SIR GEORGE SINCLAIR.

In our last, we announced that this gentleman had, after mature deliberation, left the communion of the Established Church of Scotland, and sought admission into the Free Church. A lady in Toronto has just received a letter from a relative in the North of Scotland, from which we have been permitted to make the following extract:—

"You would see by the *Witness*, that Sir George Sinclair had joined the Free Church. He lately attended the communion at Halkirk. He said that for years he had been in an ice-house, but that now he was in a garden of flowers."

The Minister of Halkirk is the youngest son of the late Mr. Fraser, of Kirkhill, and uncle of Mr. Fraser, of Coté-street Church, Montreal.

We beg to acknowledge the receipt of the *Bermudian*, a paper published at Hamilton, Bermuda. The most prominent matter in the paper before us, is the rejection, by the Council, of a bill passed by the Assembly granting £90 per annum, for the minister of the Presbyterian Church in these islands. A large majority of the lower house were in favour of the measure, but the Episcopal influence in the second branch of the Legislature caused its defeat. The *Bermudian* complains, and not without reason, that a bill has been passed, giving £120 per annum, to each Episcopal minister for fifteen years, while a grant of £90 for five years to a Presbyterian minister, has been rejected; and that the same economists had lately given £450 for putting up a clock in an unfinished Episcopal church, which had previously received £900 of the people's money.

It is too late for Episcopal tyranny to attempt to crush Presbyterianism by such high-handed measures. The spirit of the age runs in opposition to such a state of things. We trust the time is not far distant when both in Canada and Bermuda, Presbyterian and Episcopal churches, supported wholly and liberally by their respective members, will flourish together; the fruitful source of their present heart-burnings and discontent being removed beyond the reach of either.

JOHN KNOX'S HOUSE.—The Dean of Guild Court on the report of Mr. Black of Heriot's Hospital, have ordered a portion of this venerable structure to be immediately pulled down, deeming it to be in a dangerous condition.