

York, passed through London a few days since on his way to Rome. Mr. Baird is minister of the American Chapel in that city. The chapel was opened in the year 1850, just after the revolution, by the Rev. G. H. Hastings, a Presbyterian minister from the United States, and is sustained by a religious society, the American and Foreign Christian Union. Besides the visitors from the United States, a considerable number of British travellers frequent this place of worship.

The Royal Observatory at Brussels has just been placed in electric communication with the Royal Observatory, Greenwich, for the purpose of facilitating the determination in a direct manner of the difference of longitude between the two establishments. This operation is one of extreme delicacy as well as of great importance to geodesy. The electric communication is made in such a manner that every oscillation of the pendulum at Brussels will be represented with accuracy at Greenwich, and vice versa. The observations are to commence this week.

Dr. E. H. Nolan, whose name was repeatedly before the public in 1819 and 1850, in consequence of certain allegations against his moral character, which were the subject of an action at Liverpool assizes in the spring of the latter year, has resigned the pastorate of Ducie-street Chapel, Manchester, and is, it is said, about to take the editorship of some polemic periodical in the metropolis.

The Grand Duke of Tuscany has been paying a visit to the Pope, with whom he and his son dined on the 26th ult. The other guests were Cardinals Patrizi, Fornari, Wiseman, and Antonelli. On the following day the Pope paid a visit to the Grand Duke and the young prince, who set out for Naples on the following day.

TURKEY.—THE NEW PATRIARCH AND THE SULTAN'S PORTE.—A letter from Constantinople, of the 27th, states that Monsignor Anthimos, the new Patriarch of Constantinople, had addressed a pastoral letter to the members of the Synod and to the Chiefs of the Greek community, announcing to them the benevolent disposition of the Sultan who had condescended to be present at his investiture—a favour which no Patriarch had obtained since the reign of Mahomet II. Monsignor Anthimos concludes his letter by repeating the words used by the Sultan, who declared that he meant to guarantee, of himself and without any foreign suggestion, the privileges and immunities granted by his august ancestors to the members of the different Greek communities.

UNITED STATES.

DIocese of MARYLAND.—Two very interesting incidents are recorded by Bishop Whitehouse, in his account of his Visitation in Maryland, at the request of Bishop Whittingham. The former of these is peculiarly touching:—

Saturday, April 16, consecrated St. John's Chapel, Great Choptank Parish—preached, confirmed six, and administered the Holy Communion.

After service, I rode three miles beyond, and confided, in private, a sick woman. Her two sisters were among the candidates at the chapel.

The new building erected through the judicious exertions of the Rev. Theodore Barber, the Rector, at a cost of only eight hundred dollars, is arranged with taste—with chancel distinct from nave, robing room, &c. It replaces, at a long interval, one of those ruined temples, the crumbling remains of which at many spots on the Eastern Shore, sadden the Christian heart, and preach to him as he lingers 'an unspoken sermon from the text of the old ruin.' The former church is entirely gone, and the surrounding land lost through an adverse possession, which no Churchman tried to dispute. The three females mentioned are the daughters of an old parishioner, gone to his rest, of whom it is narrated, that he never passed the crumbling ruin where his forefathers worshipped, without hitching his horse, and going in to pray. His faithful admonition was given to his descendants to remain steadfast, and God would again restore the walls that had fallen down. Years long have passed, and it is done. The modest and well ordered chapel is built, and on the day of its consecration his daughter (one on her death-bed, almost in old age,) renewed the vows of their Baptism.

The other is of another sort of interest, but well not worthy in its way:—

Third Sunday after Easter, April 17. Consecrated Trinity Church, Dorchester county—preached and administered the Holy Communion. This building is one of the oldest in Maryland, built of brick brought from England, and having fallen into decay, has been

now judiciously restored. The old Bible and one piece of communion plate go back to the reign of Queen Anne. The cushion on which I knelt at the Lord's table, was used, it is said, at the coronation of that Sovereign. It is of rich crimson velvet, of large size, and the tradition is—was presented by Bishop Spratt.

FALLEN AT THEIR POSTS.—While the cry is heard from every part of the Lord's vineyard for more laborers, the ordinary loss from their ranks this year is much increased by the continued prevalence of the pestilence in the South and Southwest. Who is ready to take the place of the fallen? The last sad intelligence of the kind that we have had is that of the death by yellow fever, on the 28th ult., of the Rev. A. H. Lamon, of West Baton Rouge, Va. The list now stands thus, we believe:—

- Rev. A. F. Dobb, of New Orleans, La.
- Rev. S. Patterson, of Vicksburg, Miss.
- Rev. Mr. Flower, of —, Florida.
- Rev. J. S. Chadbourne, of Natchez, Miss.
- Rev. A. Clever, Jackson, Miss.
- Rev. A. H. Lamon, West Baton Rouge, La.

This is a long list considering the comparatively small number of Episcopalian clergymen in that section of the country.—*Western Episcopalian.*

CONGRESSIONAL.—Both houses of Congress have been duly organized. The Democratic party being so entirely in the ascendancy, the officers were elected without opposition. Mr. Linn Boyd was chosen speaker of the House, and John W. Torrey, Clerk. The President's Message was delivered on the 6th; it is a plain business-like document, of moderate length, it does not contain any developments of facts, or of executive policy of a very striking character, and in that respect it may in some measure disappoint public expectation. Such part of it as refers to the foreign relations of the country is summarily despatched, adding little to the stock of public information, beyond the simple fact that no essential change has taken place since the adjournment of the last Congress. In relation to the national revenue, the President, after alluding to the surplus of income exhibited at the close of the last fiscal year, on the 30th of June last, amounting to \$32,425,447, over all expenditures, proceeds to recommend a system of reduction, on a plan proposed by the Secretary of the Treasury. This plan consists of an increase of the list of free articles, including such as cutler into manufactures, and are not produced to any extent in this country, and of a reduction of the rate of duty on certain other articles.

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FOR THE CHURCH TIMES.

THE STARS.

YE stars! that sentinel
Night's shadowy progress! and your watch still keep,
What time within the vision'd realms of sleep,
Day-wearied mortals dwell;
And wakeful genius, from his turret high,
Drinks draughts of inspiration from the sky.

The homesick wanderer!
Far from his native land compell'd to roam;
Looks up to you, and thinks upon his home,
And babes below, and her,
Their Mother, dearer still! and deems that ye
Return his glances, sympathizingly.

The sad, deserted wife,
Who waits, in vain, her truant lord's return,
From midnight, oft, till peepeth forth the dawn;
Mid love and anger's strife,
Makes friends and confidants of you, and feels
Her full heart eas'd by what her lip reveals.

The mourner, by the mound
Whose lonely love its nightly vigil keeps
Above the mouldering form, below that sleeps—
Its slumbers too profound
To be disturb'd by the soul thrilling voice,
Whose faintest tones once made its heart rejoice.

Raises his tear dimm'd eye!
And, as ye meet his mournful, upturn'd gaze,
It seems as though a power dwelt in your rays,
To calm his agony;
While Faith and Hope, high pointing to the skies,
Bid him above all earthly sorrow's rise.

On worldly changes—all—
Ye look unmov'd! and, calmly, onward glide,
Though death's dark monarch his pale horse bestride,
When, on this mundane ball
Dire Pestilence his presence doth evoke,
Smiting the nations with an unseen stroke.

Ye far off Isles of Bliss!
Sublimely sailing through the etherial wave!
Gems, that the olympic pathway pave.
Yet glory lend to this
Dim, distant world of ours! a speck—a mote—
Amid gigantic orbs through space that float.

Fam'd ye, in ancient lore!
Nightly, the sage of old Chaldea's land,
Exploringly, survey'd your shining band,
Circuearing ether o'er;
And, boastingly, affirm'd his gifted eyes
Could read the mystic volume of the skies.

Assumption, false and vain!
A beauteous mystery ye were, and are;
Albeit Astronomers behold afar,
Your thickly serr'd train,
Measuring your vast dimensions! there they rest,
Nor farther urge their unavailing quest.

Sufficient this! the might
Of Him, your great Propellor, ye shew forth;
Proclaiming to the habitants of Earth,
On quenchless orbs of light!
What power supernal dwells in Him, whose force
Doth still impel, and still restrain your course.

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FOR THE CHURCH TIMES.

COLONIAL CHURCH & SCHOOL SOCIETY.

THE annual meeting of the Halifax Association, in aid of the above named Society, was held at the Temperance Hall, on Tuesday evening, the 13th inst. The Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia in the chair. The attendance was numerous and respectable, and the speeches excellent.

The report spoke of the gradual increase of the funds of the parent Society which amounted to nearly £10,000 during the past year, and the number of agents employed were stated to be about 140, including many missionary clergymen, scattered over various parts of the world.

The number of agents in the Society's service in this province were stated to be 14, to which it is the intention of the Committee to add four more in the ensuing year. The expenditure in Nova Scotia alone for 1853, had been about £11,000, above £100 of which has been raised from various sources by the Association, and this does not include about £225, raised by the people themselves in various places where the Society has operations, towards the stipends of the agents, and which will make the whole sum raised and expended through its instrumentality nearly £1,300.

The report dwelt at some length on the Training School lately established by the Society in this city, and spoke encouragingly of the progress already made; whilst Mr. Marriott—the gentleman sent from England to conduct the institution, in his address to the meeting, gave good proof of the power of his mind and his fitness for the undertaking.

The following are the Resolutions passed at the meeting, and the names of the gentlemen who moved and seconded them.

1. *Resolution.* Moved by the Rev. R. F. Uniacke, and seconded by P. C. Hill, Esq.

"That the Report, of which extracts have now been read, be adopted; and that this meeting desires to express its attachment to the principles upon which the Society is based, and gratitude to God for its increasing sphere of operations and usefulness; and discerns therein an urgent call upon christians generally, to earnest prayer for a blessing upon its labors, and to enlarged liberality in its support."

2. *Resolution.* Moved by the Rev. Geo. Hill, and seconded by Mr. Marriott.

"That the commencement of the Training and Model School in this city by the Society, is a cause for much thankfulness; whilst it imposes upon the friends and supporters of it in the Province, fresh motives to exertion for the success of this undertaking in particular, and for the Society's objects generally both here and elsewhere."

3. *Resolution.* Moved by the Rev. E. Maturin, and seconded by William Howe, Esq.

"That the spiritual darkness existing in the world, the prevalence of ignorance, superstition and error, and the astonishing events which are frequently occurring, appeal to all true believers for increased efforts in order to make known the Gospel of Christ more fully, as the sovereign remedy for the wants of mankind."

4. *Resolution.* Moved by the Rev. J. C. Cochran, and seconded by Wm. Silver, Esq.

"That the thanks of this meeting be presented to the Lord Bishop for taking the chair; also to the friends of the Society for their subscriptions and donations, and to the Clergy of Halifax and other parts of the Diocese, for the use of their Pulpits for the advocacy of the Society, and that the following gentlemen be the Office bearers and Committee for the ensuing year."

The meeting was opened by singing the 117th Psalm "From all that dwell below the skies," and during the meeting a Missionary Hymn commencing, "Yes, we must the day is breaking," was also sung with good taste and much effect, led by some ladies and gentlemen of St. Paul's Choir. The Rev. J. T. Twining, D. D., implored the Divine blessing upon the proceedings, and His Lordship the Bishop in his opening address dwelt upon the importance of the Training School and the liberality of the Society in reference to that particular object.