

left; nor could many even in foreign countries hear for years his name mentioned without expressing the tenderness of tears. "A divine and apostolical bishop," it has well been said by an eminent divine, "he was; and next the apostles, evangelists, and prophets, as great a pastor and teacher, and trusted with as much of God's mind, as I believe any man hath since been:—a man so famous as never to be named without some preface of honour." May the successors of his ministry follow him as he followed Christ!

THE COLONIAL CHURCHMAN.

LUNENBURG, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1839.

OUR FIFTH VOLUME commences this day, and the occasion seems to call for a few words respecting ourselves and our undertaking. That undertaking was engaged in by us with the desire of being humbly instrumental in promoting the interests of true Religion, in accordance with the doctrines and discipline of the Church of England.—To set forth and uphold the distinctive principles of that Church—to recommend her in all her features as presenting scriptural claims upon the firm adherence and ardent affection of all who would walk in the 'old paths,' and obey the inspired calls to UNITY and peace with which the Bible abounds:—to lay also before the members of the Church a sketch of the situation of her varied interests from time to time—with information especially respecting that branch which is struggling with many trials in these colonies,—these have been among the objects of our editorial labours. How far we have succeeded in the Volumes that have closed—how far we have made the *Colonial Churchman* the channel of sound practical instruction on these matters, and those pertaining to vital godliness, we leave it to others to say.

Although conscious of very many defects, and lamenting too great unprofitableness in the management of this means of usefulness, we are yet encouraged by the hope that something has been done for Christ and his Church:—that, by means of this Journal, an enlightened acquaintance with the true principles and character of our Church, has been promoted, and the blessed cause of her Divine Head in some measure advanced. For whatever good may have been effected in those things—to His holy name be all the praise. And for our shortcomings of duty in this as in ten thousand other ways, be His pardoning mercy our only refuge. In His name we would resolve to proceed, and strive to be useful to the Church, at whose altars we stand, as far as our ability may be aided by his grace, and as long as life may permit the day of work to last.

Our course in the past, as in former years, has not been free from discouragements. We do not reckon among these the attacks we have received, and the epithets of "bigotry," "arrogance," and "intolerance," which have been so plentifully heaped upon us, merely because we conscientiously maintain the distinctive principles of our Church. These are things for which we were prepared, and we think we can stand such artillery as this for some time longer. We do not always think it necessary to give a shot in return, but we beg our friends without the camp to be assured, that it is not for want of ammunition. But we would much prefer peace to war, and hope we may be allowed to indulge our inclinations. If, however, we are to be branded with intolerance, with a leaning to popery, with bigotry, and all the other hard names that have been given us, merely for asserting what we believe to be the truth;—if we must be considered unfriendly to other denominations merely because we assert the claims of our own, which was the only denomination known for the first 1500 years of Christianity, we fear that we must be content to bear the odium longer still. We never can abate one iota of the claims of our Church as generally set forth in these columns. We would rejoice to carry along with

us the good will and approbation of our non-episcopal Brethren; but if we cannot have that, without the compromise of principle, and trenchery to the cause of that Church in whose bosom we have been nurtured in childhood, and strengthened and supported in riper years, and in whose embraces we hope to repose in death—we must reluctantly be content to do without it,—being still, however, ready, as individuals, to regard all with christian fellowship, so far as they will allow us.

And we would again respectfully call upon our Brethren of the clergy, and the many of the laity who are every way qualified to contribute by their pens to the interest and improvement of our periodical, not to be quite so sparing of their favours as in times past, but rather to enrich this volume beyond its predecessors by their kind communications. To those who have thus assisted us hitherto, we offer our grateful acknowledgments. Local matter, parochial details, accounts of Sunday schools, edifying obituaries, and the like, we particularly desire.

One favour more we have to ask of the friends of the *Colonial Churchman*, and that is, that they will implore that blessing upon it from on high, without which the best of human works and endeavours can profit nothing.

We have to thank our friends who have used their exertions to enlarge the circulation of our paper, and who have forwarded us not only names but cash. Let such services be continued, and all will be well. But more promptness in payment of subscriptions is essential to the well being and to the very existence of the work. We revert to this subject with reluctance, but of necessity. Let every subscriber pay his arrears immediately to the nearest Agent, and the Printer will take courage, which much work and no pay is apt to cool.—There are several improvements which he is desirous to introduce in his department, and which, we trust, speedy remittances will enable him to accomplish.

CLERGY RETURNED.—We have the pleasure to notice the safe return from England of the Rev. WILLIAM GRAY, and the Rev. WILLIAM COGSWELL, with their respective families. The former, we understand, is to be the Rector of St. John, N. B. in the place of the Rev. Dr. GRAY, who retires. The latter resumes his important duties in St. Paul's, Halifax, and, we trust, brings to their discharge, a fresh acquisition of health and strength. We heartily welcome back to the Diocese these esteemed fellow-labourers, whose return, no doubt, will be highly gratifying to the flocks with which they are respectively connected. Mr. Gray has been absent 14 months—Mr. Cogswell about seven. We are also happy to hear of the arrival of the Rev. William Godfrey, who was lately ordained at Quebec by the Lord Bishop of Montreal. We hear that he is to be stationed for the present at Annapolis, whose worthy Rector, the Rev. Edwin Gilpin, has four churches under his care.—The Rev. Mr. Storrs, who had exchanged duties for several weeks with the Rev. Lambirth Owen, has returned to St. George's, Halifax.

BISHOPS RETURNED.—Their Lordships the Bishops of Newfoundland and Toronto, have come out from England, both of them via New York.

NEW ORGANS.—We understand that new Organs have arrived from England for St. Paul's, Halifax, and Trinity church, Liverpool; the latter purchased by a bequest from the late Col. Freeman.

GERMAN BIBLES.—We have just received from the British and Foreign Bible Society, London, 100 German Bibles and 100 German Testaments with the psalms annexed, granted at the suggestion of the Rev. W. Cogswell to the Rev. J. C. Cochran for sale or gratuitous distribution. They are on sale at the store of Messrs. John Zwicker & Co.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND MAGAZINE.—We have frequently enriched our columns with extracts from this valuable periodical, and take this opportunity of recommend-

ing it to our readers. The contents are sound and interesting, and the poetry especially is always of a high order.—The work may be had of Mr. BELCHER at Halifax, whose catalogue of religious Books, on our last page, we commend to the notice of our friends.

THE BISHOP.—We give below extracts from a circular letter, addressed by the Bishop of Nova Scotia to his clergy, dated

London, October 13th, 1839.

Reverend and Dear Sir,

It was not until the last week in September that I gave up the hope of returning to Halifax, by the packet of the present month. I sensibly feel the evils of so long an absence from my charge, and am not disposed to think that this protracted separation from my Clergy, which is very painful to myself, can be a matter of indifference to them. It is my earnest desire and prayer that these evils may be mitigated—that those who are committed to us may be saved from injury, and that all our efforts for the welfare of our Zion may be greatly blest.

Much has been done, as much perhaps as could reasonably be expected, under existing circumstances in furtherance of those objects which, you are aware, brought me to England; but much remains to be accomplished, which it is my duty to assist, if I can be permitted to afford my feeble aid to its accomplishment, and as my Clergy were desirous that I should visit England to endeavour to promote the objects of the Colonial Church, it is my hope that they will feel assured that my absence would not have been prolonged if it could have been avoided without injury to those objects.

The Venerable Societies for the Propagation of the Gospel, and for Promoting Christian Knowledge, with our revered Primate, and the Bishops and Clergy, and a large portion of our Lay Brethren, have manifested a lively interest in the welfare of the Colonial Church. They have entered into our present depressed condition with kind and affectionate feeling. These venerable Bodies and Individuals have made, and continue to make exertions for the benefit of the distant members of the Church, much beyond all former efforts: and the result of these pious exertions, while it calls for our heartfelt gratitude to God, and affectionate thankfulness to our benevolent Fathers and Brethren, is full of encouragement both for them and for us.

Numerous meetings have been held to make known the present condition of the Church abroad, and awaken the sympathy, and call forth the assistance which that destitute condition requires. The most solemn appeals have been made from the Pulpit for the same objects; and very numerous Parochial Associations have been formed under the immediate sanction of the Archbishops and Bishops, which aim at enrolling every member of the Church as a contributor to this good work; that the rich of their abundance may give plentifully, and the poor may do their diligence gladly to give of their little; and that the prayers of all, of every condition, may continually ascend for unceasing blessings upon this labour of love. The work is proceeding with increasing success; the amount of contributions and yearly subscriptions to the Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel has been doubled within the last two years; and they are encouraged to hope that the present amount may be so augmented, by continued and unwearied efforts among all the members of the Church, as to render the Society competent to the full discharge of their duty, as Agents of the Church, in the widely extended field of her missionary labour, which now happily embraces the four quarters of the world.

It can hardly be necessary to inform you, that these pious exertions call for corresponding efforts among those whose spiritual welfare engages such affection here, and prompts such beneficent assistance. Well may it be hoped that every member of the Church in the Colonies will now feel a double obligation laid upon him to co-operate most cordially in the work, which aims at the promotion of his own eternal welfare. Even the poorest settler will feel constrained to give, of his poverty, and offer up his fervent prayers for a blessing upon his gift, when he learns that the poorest members of the Church