

of Assembly, to alienate the Clergy Reserves from religious purposes altogether! Great efforts, at the same time, were made to create prejudices against the Church of England; and the feelings of the ignorant were worked upon by industriously circulating the belief that if the Clergy of the Church of England came into possession of the Reserves, they would assuredly establish tythes!

At first, as we have seen, the Imperial Government took the stand, in this question, which was natural and becoming: by and by, however, reiterated and fiercer appeals caused the Colonial Secretary to waver; the Committee on Canada affairs in 1828 shewed a spirit decidedly adverse to the rightful claims of the Church; and since the attainment of office by the Whigs in 1830, the spirit of concession has kept pretty even pace with the loudness and importunity of demand, as well in religious as in civil matters. So far, indeed, has it proceeded that, on the one hand, the integrity of our political constitution is assailed; and, on the other, the principle of an Established Church, so grafted into the polity of our great Empire, is, as far at least as regards this Colony, likely to be abandoned,—the interest of the Church of England sacrificed,—and the surest bond dissolved for the maintenance of the Unity of the Empire.

We sincerely rejoice that our loyal and constitutional Representatives have so manfully and admirably exposed the fatal workings of this system of concession, as relates to our civil constitution, as well for the security of our civil rights as because it furnishes to the members of the Church of England one of their best arguments for demonstrating the unreasonableness of yielding up to the clamorous and the importunate their natural, and until lately, their unquestionable rights. We have great doubts whether the healing measure of re-investing the Reserves in the Crown will, during the present Session at least, become a law; and perhaps we ought not to regret it. Time and reflection may bring about changes in the sentiments of those who are biased now by prejudice and passion rather than by justice and truth; for most certainly neither the question of an Established Church, nor the merits of the contest regarding the Clergy Reserves, are rightly understood by a large proportion of the people of this Province. Both have been proposed to them too generally under the delusions with which political agitators have been so careful to invest them; they are seen through the mist of carefully excited prejudice; and they are discussed upon no constitutional, philosophical or even religious principles. They are taken up as an acknowledged topic of grievance; and are dealt with as a calamity to be avoided, rather than as a boon to be welcomed. Calm discussion, unprejudiced reflection, appeal to law and usage, a closer inspection of the noble fabric of the British Constitution, and a steady contemplation of prospective influences as the result of its adoption, may so far gain the public approbation in favour of the principle we contend for, that the real grievance will be discovered to be on the side of those who are resisted in its maintenance—the real damage on the part of the people themselves, if that principle is to be sacrificed.

MIDLAND CLERICAL ASSOCIATION.

We had the gratification of attending the meeting of this Association held, according to notice, at Belleville on the 14th and 15th of the last month. Nine members were present; and letters were received from four others excusing their attendance: one, the Rev. R. D. Cartwright, is absent from the country. The business of the Association was opened by the appointed and highly appropriate prayers; after which the service for the ordination of Priests was read by the Secretary. The recapitulation of the solemn duties of the ambassadors of the Lord Jesus Christ, as detailed in that impressive and beautiful service, can never fail of the happiest effect upon occasion of such meetings of the Clergy; and so sensible are the members of this Association of the value of being thus "put in remembrance" of the obligations which attach to their sacred profession, that the reading of this service, with such remarks as it may naturally elicit, is appointed as a portion of the exercises of every meeting. Several matters of business were on both days discussed, tending to mutual edification, and designed for the furtherance of the spiritual interests of the flocks entrusted to their charge. The remarks upon the Epistle to the Romans were proceeded with as far as the end of the third chapter; and a resolution adopted that, in future, there should be annexed to the discussion of this portion of Scripture a consideration also of some parable or discourse of our blessed Lord, or of some of those incidents in Scripture history from which so much practical improvement is to be drawn. A short conversation upon the rubrics of the Church Service took place on the second day; one result of which we were requested to promulgate, namely, the opinion of this Association that, in the reading of the Psalms, the clergyman should, on all occasions, commence with the reading of a new Psalm. It was observed that the practice sometimes existed of the congregation taking up the first verse of a Psalm, when the minister chanced to conclude the doxology in the reading of the preceding one; but it was the unanimous opinion of the clergy present that the latter practice was not in strict consonance with the spirit of the rubric or with the more general custom of the church.

At the close of each day, divine service was held in St. Thomas' Church, and the congregations, although considerably affected in number by the severity of the weather, were by no means discouraging. Prayers on Wednesday evening were read by the Rev. J. Deacon and the Lessons by the Rev. S. Givins; and a sermon preached by the Rev. S. Armour, from Titus iii. 8, on the twelfth of the truly scriptural articles of our church. The zealous preacher very clearly pointed out the scriptural and natural consistency between the faith that justifies, and those fruits of a holy and religious life which constitute the only genuine evidence of a real and saving belief in the Saviour's all sufficient merits. While the doctrines of the Church of England, as set forth in her Articles and Liturgy, most evidently lead the sinner to Christ as the only refuge, and point to faith in his atonement as the only ground of justification in the sight of God, it was clearly and impressively shewn by the preacher on this occasion, that this essential and leading tenet of our religion, so

far from begetting looseness or indifference in practice, is the origin and source, under direction of the Spirit of God, of all the holiness of conduct which the Christian life can manifest.

On the evening of the second day, Prayers were read by the Rev. A. N. Bethune, and the Lessons by the Rev. J. Grier; after which a sermon was preached by the Rev. J. Shortt on the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, from these memorable words of our blessed Saviour, "This do in remembrance of me." The practical elucidations comprised in this discourse, designed to point out the efficacy and necessity of the employment of means of grace, were very happy, and the whole was concluded with a brief but satisfactory consideration of the scruples and objections so often advanced against a participation in this Holy Sacrament.

Amongst the most pleasing incidents which took place in the course of this interesting meeting, was the presentation of an address to Mrs. Campbell, widow of the late Rev. Thomas Campbell, the first minister of the Established Church in Belleville; whose memory is justly revered as well by his brethren in the ministry, as by that portion of Christ's flock over which he had been appointed to preside. This address with the answer of Mrs. Campbell is given below.

The next meeting of the Association was appointed to be held at Bath on Wednesday the 24th of May.

ADDRESS TO MRS. CAMPBELL.

Madam:—On this the first opportunity which our meeting in Belleville affords us, we, the members of the "Midland Clerical Association" desire respectfully to express to you the high estimation in which we hold the memory of the late Pastor of this congregation, the Rev. Thomas Campbell.

Founded under his ministry, this church has attained a name among the churches of this Province, which must ever remain a testimonial of its late minister's assiduity and faithfulness. The high respect in which his memory is held by all who knew him, testifies the value which was placed on his ministrations. The rising generation will add their tribute of praise to the memory of one who "though dead yet speaketh."

With the most sincere wishes for the happiness of yourself and the youthful charge which, by Almighty Providence, has been entrusted to your sole care; and with fervent prayers that you and they may live as your and their late spiritual instructor taught, and as our holy church so faithfully, by all its servants, points out and enforces,

We remain,

Madam,

Your faithful servants,

On behalf of the Association,

(Signed)

W. MACAULAY,

Chairman.

St. Thomas' Church,
Belleville, 15th February, 1838.

REPLY OF MRS. CAMPBELL.

Reverend Gentlemen,—Allow me to express to you my heartfelt thanks for this very flattering testimony of respect to the memory of my beloved husband, the late Reverend Thomas Campbell.

I rejoice with you on the rapid increase of the church in this place, of which Mr. Campbell was, through the divine blessing the humble founder; and I sincerely pray, that the Almighty will still continue to bless and prosper it, under the ministry of our present pastor.

Your prayers for the welfare of myself and family, I most gratefully acknowledge and appreciate; and that the blessing of God may attend my instructions, and enable me to bring up my children as heirs of immortality, is the fervent prayer of,

Reverend Gentlemen,

Yours very respectfully,

EMILY ROSA CAMPBELL.

Belleville, Feb. 15th, 1838.

The following are the replies to the Addresses to the Queen and Queen Dowager, which were agreed upon by the Clergy of the Archdeacons of Kingston and York in September last:—

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

31st January, 1838.

SIR,

I have the honor to transmit to you, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, the accompanying Copy of a Despatch which he has received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, conveying Her Majesty's answer to the two Addresses to Her Majesty from the Archdeacons and Clergy of this Province, which were transmitted by His Excellency on the 28th of September last, to be laid at the foot of the Throne.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble serv't.

J. JOSEPH.

The Hon'ble and Venerable,
The Archdeacon of York.

Downing Street,

29th November, 1837.

SIR,

I have received your despatch of the 28th September No. 110, enclosing two addresses to the Queen, from the Archdeacons and Clergy of the Church of England in Canada.

I have had the honor to lay these addresses at the foot of the throne; and Her Majesty commands me to convey through you to the Archdeacons and Clergy of Upper Canada the assurance that the Queen has received with high satisfaction these loyal and dutiful addresses of that venerable and reverend body, and that it will afford Her Majesty the most sincere gratification to co-operate with the Legislature of the Province of Upper Canada in whatever measures may be most conducive to the diffusion and maintenance of the blessings of Religion amongst Her Ma-

jesty's faithful subjects inhabiting that valuable and important part of her dominions.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble serv't.

(Signed,)

GLENELG.

Sir Francis Head, Bart.,
&c. &c. &c.

Downing Street,

30th November, 1837.

SIR,

Having transmitted to the Lord Chamberlain of Her Majesty the Queen Dowager, the address to Her Majesty from the Archdeacons and Clergy of Upper Canada, which accompanied your despatch of the 28th Sept. last, I have now the honor to enclose to you the answer which Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to return to this address.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble serv't.

(Signed,)

GLENELG.

Lieutenant Governor,

Sir Francis B. Head, Bart.,

&c. &c. &c.

St. Leonard's, Nov. 10th, 1837.

SIR,

I have not failed to submit the address of kind condolence from the Archdeacons and Clergy of the Church of England in Upper Canada to Queen Adelaide, and am honored by Her Majesty's commands to express how consolatory has been to the Queen Dowager's feelings this proof of attachment to herself and of respect for the memory of the late King.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

The Venerable

HOWE.

The Archdeacons of the Church
of England, Upper Canada.

UPPER CANADA COLLEGE.

On Monday last the Prizes for 1837, were distributed in the presence of the Lieutenant Governor, the Archdeacon, and several friends of the College. The Christmas examinations, and the Prizes dependent on their result, together with the annual Recitations had been omitted in consequence of the late disturbances; and on this occasion the only recitation was that of the Prize-Poem, which has already appeared in this Journal, by Larratt Smith.

The following is a list of the Prizes for 1837.

CLASSICS.

7th Form Edward Hord.

6th do. Larratt Smith.

5th do. John Ewart.

4th do. Gershom Joseph.

3rd do. Daryl Bergin.

2nd do. John Connolly.

1st do. William Andrews.

Preparatory School, Hugh Sibbald.

MATHEMATICS. { 1st E. Hurd,
2nd. Walter Stennett,
Extra do. J. G. D. McKenzie.

FRENCH. { 1st G. Joseph.

2nd. Rutherford.

GEOGRAPHY. { 3rd Form. Grover.

2nd Form. J. Connolly.

BOOK-KEEPING. Helliwell.

ARITHMETIC. { 1st J. G. D. McKenzie,

2nd J. Connolly.

WRITING. { 1st L. Smith,

2nd Richard Ruttan.

READING. { 1st L. Smith,

2nd Binley.

PRIZE POEM. L. Smith.

GEOMETRICAL DRAWING—W. Stennett.

LANDSCAPE Do. —George Smith.

The Principal's Prizes for uniform { 1st div'n, W. Stennett,
good conduct during the past year. { 2nd div'n, Rutherford.

The Bishop of Ripon has just completed his confirmations in the manufacturing districts of the West Riding, where, from residing two or three weeks in the neighborhood of Leeds, Halifax, Bradford, Wakefield, and Huddersfield, he has become personally acquainted with the clergy of his diocese. His lordship has confirmed between three and four thousand young people, in his circuit through the Diocese of Ripon.—*Leeds Intelligencer.*

BIRTH.

At the Rectory, Three Rivers, on the 14th ult., the lady of the Rev. S. S. Wood, of a daughter.

DIED.

On the 13th ult., at Toronto, whither he had gone as one of a deputation with an address to Sir F. B. Head, Capt. Ronaldson Dickson, of St. Martin's, near Paris U. C.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Our poetical correspondents must excuse us if some little delay occur in the publication of the pieces with which they obligingly furnish us, as we have a large supply of poetical articles, both original and selected, on hand.

LETTERS received to Friday 2nd March:—

F. H. Heward, Esq.; J. Kent, Esq., (2); Ven. The Archdeacon of York, (2); Rev. C. T. Wade; Postmaster of Toronto; Rev. A. Elliott; J. S. Smith, Esq.; R. Traveller, Esq.