

NOVEMBER 17.

JOHN WOODILL,
Engraver.

I respectfully inform his friends and customers that he has removed from his former opposite Day's Country Market (to be sold) 15, Strand, No. 52, Upper Water Street, to Messrs. Saltus & Wainwright's Warehouse, which will be thankful for a continuation of the business formerly conferred on him.
May 19.

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W. VALENTINE

The honour of announcing that he has arranged a Vertical Light, at his Rooms, and is prepared to produce pictures superior to any taken in America. His mode requires artistic skill in finishing, his Daguerrean portraits have the effects of actual miniatures, joined to the accuracy of the agency of SOLAR LIGHT, by means of an apparatus, invented by him.

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Life Assurance Company,
OF LONDON.

AGENCY of this Company has been established in this Province about three years, and made some progress, and up to the present without a claim being made upon it. The Agents have recently instructed the Agent to persons insuring for the whole term of Life, one half the premium for the first five years, and a note bearing interest, for the next half, upon the same condition as the London Assurance Company. As the profits are divided among the Policy holders, and the interest is not more than any other office—being 50 per cent.—it therefore recommends itself to the favourable consideration of all intending to insure, the rates being as low as any other Company. If persons would give effect to Life Assurance their serious conviction, they would be convinced that it is the best investment to be made for a moderate sum of money, for the benefit of their families they are taken from them. The attention of all families in this Province generally, and of *Windsor* in particular, is earnestly invited to this subject, and while the business of the Agent is to call upon the Agent of the "Savannah" Association for all necessary blanks and very information requisite at his office in the Warehouse, Hollis Street.
DANIEL STARR, Agent.

Pure Cod Liver Oil,
FOR MEDICAL USE,
Prepared and sold by
ROBT. G. FRASER, Chemist,
139, Granville Street.

A CARD.
SS SMITH begs leave respectfully to notify her friends and the public that she has removed her Book and Stationery Establishment, to the (No. 182.) lately occupied by Mrs. Doane, in *St. George's*, one door south of Mr. Fraser's Store and invites attention to her present premises which will sell at reduced prices.
October 15.

Liverpool Bakery.

Subscribers respectfully acquaints the Public, that he has taken the Bakery, formerly held by Mr. Miller, in Liverpool, and has introduced every description of Bread warranted superior to any imported from any other country.

JOHN ELAIR,
Proprietor, N. S. West, 181st.

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POETRY.

Blessings.

And my prayer shall turn into my own blessing.
—PSALM XXXV. 12.

What ever lost by giving?
The sky pours down its rain,
Refreshing all things living,
While mists rise up again.

Go rob the sparkling fountain
And drain its basin dry;
The barren seeming mountain,
Will fill its chalice high.

Who ever lost by loving?
Though all our heart we pour,
Still other spirits moving,
To pay our love with more.

And was there ever blessing
That did not turn and rest;
A double power possessing,
The bleaser being bleas'd?

Prayer.

There is an eye that never sleeps,
Beneath the wing of night;
There is an ear that never shuts,
When sink the beams of light.

There is an arm that never tires,
When human strength gives way;
There is a love that never fails,
When earthly loves decay.

That eye is fixed on seraph throngs;
That ear is filled with angels' songs;
That arm upholds the worlds on high;
That love is shown beyond the sky.

But there's a power which man can wield,
When mortal aid is vain—
That eye, that arm, that love to reach,
That listening ear to gain.

That power is Prayer, which soars on high,
And feeds on bliss beyond the sky!

CHRISTIAN MISCELLANY.

We need a better acquaintance with the thoughts and feelings of pure and lofty minds.—*Dr. Sharp.*

Duty of Attendance upon the Ordinances of God's House.

If a desultory attendance upon the institutions which stand connected with "the house of God," were compatible with the obligations involved in Christian communion, it is quite certain that it could not comport with the healthy and vigorous action of our social Christianity. The ordinances of Christ's Church are a species of religious discipline, the full value of which can only be estimated by those who yield themselves to their influence without reserve. Some there were in apostolic times who discovered sinful laxity in this matter; and we learn from Paul's treatment of their case that it was alike inconsistent and injurious:—"Let us hold fast," said the apostle, "the profession of our faith without wavering, for He is faithful that promised; and let us consider one another, to provoke unto love and to good works; not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another, and so much the more as ye see the day approaching."

If a church is not to be regarded as a prison-house, it ought, at least, to be viewed as a religious home, whither our warmest preferences are all to be directed. Members who have no sympathy with this feeling are neither in a condition to receive benefit themselves nor to impart benefit to others. They may wander abroad, it is true; but there is no Sabbath home in such professions—they may grieve and afflict their own passions, but they will comfort the heart of no other servant of Christ—they may be diligent in the observance of the ordinances of God's House, but they will find them nowhere else. If all church-members were to act on their principle, there would soon cease to be any such institution as a Church. The professing world would be one vast and dreary waste of spiritual vagrancy and disorganized feeling.

Happily for the cause of vital Christianity, there are many edifying examples on which the mind and heart can repose with complacency and delight. There are those, and they are in general well-known and highly appreciated, who feel that they owe a duty and an honour to "the man of God," who studies, prays, watches, and labours for their spiritual good. They would not, on light grounds grieve or depress him, who is the appointed instrument in the hand of God for their comfort. When he is in his place to teach, they will be in theirs to listen to his instructions; they will not risk the loss of a regular supply of spiritual provision for an occasional feast obtained only at the price of inconsistency. If they are absent from their place in the sanctuary, it will be for some better reason than the indulgence of itching ears, and the restless feeling which deprives them of everything like settled repose. And are such professors losers, in the issue, by the course which they pursue? Let any man compare them with others of a less settled temperament, and he will be at no loss to determine where the preponderance both of excellence and happiness lies. How any one professing to regard Christian fellowship as an ordinance of God can wander about from church to church, and yet dream of his being in the path of duty is a mystery which it is difficult to solve. It is not merely that such a course must deeply afflict the feelings of a pastor, but it must tend to the rapid decay of any Christian church; and, as an example, must be most injurious in its influence on the minds of those who are young and inexperienced in the Christian life.

What one does, another may do likewise; and as evil examples are more pregnant than good ones, there is reason to look upon these spiritual wanderers with a suspicious and anxious eye. Were their habits to prevail every church would be disorganized, and all the endearments of Christian fellowship would come to an end. Nothing can be more manifest, in looking at the inspired epistles, than that the first Christian churches were compact and powerfully-cemented fellowships, in which order and decorum were primary laws, no one forsaking his own place, or invading the place of others; but all joining in the same worship, listening with deference to the same instructions, and uniting with grateful hearts in the same Christian rites and observances. The nearer we approach to this model, the more church prosperity may we expect to realize, and the more benefit may we hope to derive from our fellowship with the people of God. If there are those who make light of their relation to the Christian Church; whose place in the sanctuary is often forsaken; who contribute but little to swell the current of social prayer; who cannot uniformly be calculated upon even at the communion-table; who have no time to devote to God upon days devoted to secular avocation; who stand aloof from their brethren, and are the first to complain of the lack of Christian fellowship; if such unlovely and useless members there are in the Churches of Christ, let their examples be regarded as beacons, to warn others from pursuing a course at variance with all the laws of Christian fellowship, and totally inconsistent with the prevalence of religious power in life and in death.

Let the influence of the conduct of church-members upon general hearers be well considered, and it will then be regarded in a very solemn and alluring light. Those who attend on public worship will soon be able to discriminate between members who are considered, and it will then be regarded in a very solemn and alluring light. Those who attend on public worship will soon be able to discriminate between members who are considered, and it will then be regarded in a very solemn and alluring light. Those who attend on public worship will soon be able to discriminate between members who are considered, and it will then be regarded in a very solemn and alluring light.

posting off to other places of worship? and if they find that the communion-day is not exempted from these irregularities? Until the day of final account, the injury done by such conduct will not be fully ascertained. A very inquiring person, in a hopeful state of mind, lately said to a Christian pastor,— "I am greatly surprised that, in a church so large as yours, so few of your members attend the prayer-meetings." The pastor, concerned for the honour of his church, did his best to remove the perplexities of this anxious inquirer after truth; but felt, after all, in his conscience, that the surprise expressed was well founded, and that until church-members are more in earnest about religion, there will be but a very partial impression produced upon general hearers of the word.—*Morrison's Christianity in its power.*

A Letter from Dr. Payson to his Mother.

"My Dearest Mother,—Never did I more ardently wish to impart consolation, and never did I feel so utterly powerless to do it. You say yourself, that neither reason, nor religious restraint, nor your tormenting imagination. What encouragement, then, have I to attempt to comfort you, under the evils it occasions? I wish I could communicate to you the feelings which have rendered me happy for some weeks past. I will mention the texts which occasioned them; texts on which I have preached lately. Perhaps the great Comforter may apply them to you. If so, you will little need any consolation which I can give. The first is Isaiah xxvii. 20. The time of our continuance on earth is but a moment; nay, it is but a little moment. Suppose, then, the worst. Suppose all the evils which imagination can paint, should come upon you. They will endure only for a little moment; and while this little moment is passing away, you may run and hide in the chambers of protection, which God has provided for his people, till the mansions preparing for them above are ready for their reception. O, then, my dear mother, glory in these afflictions, which endure but for a moment. O, how near, how very near is eternity. It is even at the door.

Now-year's Sabbath, I preached on this text: "As the Lord liveth, there is but a step between me and death." One inference was, there is but a step between earth and heaven. So it has seemed to me almost ever since. Another text, which I have preached on lately, and which has been much blessed to me, is Rev. xxi. 23. "And the city has no need of the sun, &c. O, how unutterably glorious did heaven appear! It is glory; it is a weight of glory; an exceeding weight of glory; a far more exceeding weight of glory; it far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory. O, how shall we bear such a weight of glory as this? How shall we wait with patience till we arrive at it? O, it costs too much; too boundless, too overwhelming to think of. Come afflictions, come troubles, come trials, come temptations, distresses of every kind and degree; make our path through life's painful, as wearisome as you can, still, if heaven is at the end of it, we will smile at all you can do. O, my dear mother, break away! O that God would enable you to break away from all your cares and sorrows, and fly, rise, soar up to the New Jerusalem. See its diamond walls, its golden streets, its pearly gates, its shining inhabitants, all in a blaze of reflected light and glory, the light of God, the glory of the Lamb! Say with David, 'Toward this city I will go in the strength of the Lord God.' I will make mention of thy righteousness, even of thine only. My mother, what a righteousness is this! The righteousness of God! A righteousness as remarkable as that of Adam, nay, than that of Adam, in that God is better than his creature. Since, then, my mother, you have such a heaven before you, why do you not break away from all your earthly troubles, and fly, rise, soar up to the New Jerusalem. See its diamond walls, its golden streets, its pearly gates, its shining inhabitants, all in a blaze of reflected light and glory, the light of God, the glory of the Lamb! 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