

Members of the Society at an early day, when such information as this committee has received will be laid before the public in a more detailed report, and each consideration submitted, as may, it is hoped, assure the public of the activity of this Society, of the purity of its principles, and the consistency of its designs, not only with the particular interests of the denomination with which it is connected, but with the best spiritual and temporal interests of our fellow subjects in this Province.

Halifax, January 24th, 1839.

A General Meeting of the Society has been appointed to take place on Wednesday the 13th day of March, ensuing.—previously to which the Collector of this Society will call upon members for their subscriptions, and to request the names and support of those who are willing to become members of the Society. A subscription of as small a sum as 1s. 3d. constitutes a member.

MISREPRESENTATION CORRECTED.—A statement made in the Christian Guardian published in Upper Canada, and dated by Mr. Ryerson, that there were only 181 communicants of the Church of England in that province in the year 1821, while there were 6,000 of the Methodist denomination alone, having been copied into the Novascotian, strengthening the argument for spoliation of the Church, we give below a commentary on that statement. We doubt not that at the date above mentioned, there were at least the same number of communicants in the Church as Mr. Ryerson boasts of in his own denomination; and probably in one parish there were as many as he takes from the Society's Reports, which are always defective in that particular, from the causes mentioned below:—

"The editor of the Christian Guardian, states that thirty years after the passing of the Constitutional Act, that is, in the year 1821, there were but ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE communicants of the Church of England in Upper Canada! If this be true, then the present number of the communicants of that church in this province, contrasted with that small amount, proves an increase in the members of her communion scarcely paralleled in the annals of any Church. At the present moment, there are not less than TEN THOUSAND communicants of the Church of England in Upper Canada; so that, in seventeen years, if such was her real position in 1821, they have increased more than fifty-fold! Ordinary calculators affirm, that to double our number every ten years, were a wholesome evidence of increase; but that, in less than twice ten years, we should be enabled to witness a fifty-fold augmentation, is far beyond what the most sanguine usually anticipate. Assuming, then, the data furnished by the Christian Guardian to be correct, we ask, Do facts prove that the Church of England is a declining Church in this province,—that it is one of whose future progress we are to despair—one which ought to be abandoned as fruitless and unprofitable?

A glance at the statistical tables we have, from time to time, published in our columns, will show that several single parishes in this province, there are now a greater number of communicants than were ascribed to the whole of Upper Canada in 1821; yes, ten in places, which, in that year, were not furnished with a clergyman, and consequently did not report any communicants at all.

But we are not so disingenuous as to take the literal benefit of this argument; we deny the correctness of the premises, although, in doing so, the conclusion drawn should, in an inverse ratio, be unfavourable to ourselves. We deny that, in 1821, there were only 181 communicants of the Church of England in Upper Canada; and we deny that the Report of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel stated that to be their amount! It merely published the number as reported; and where no reports were received,

a blank was placed opposite the name of the parish or mission. Moreover, it was not the custom to report the whole number of communicants within any given charge, but the greatest number at any one time; a mode of reporting which would by no means convey an accurate statement of the full strength of that particular communion. On the contrary, we know of many instances in which the whole number in one year often more than doubles the greatest number at one time.

We have said that the Church of England in this province numbers now at least 10,000 communicants; and we have to add, that, were clergymen of that Church planted throughout the country, wheresoever they are needed and desired, that number would, in a very few years, be increased three or four fold.—Church.

In Toronto alone there are now 500 communicants.

UPPER CANADA CLERGY SOCIETY.—We take the following brief account of the rise and progress of this charitable association in England for the relief of spiritual wants in Upper Canada, from a late No. of the "Church," where it forms part of a letter from Sir W. R. Farquhar, treasurer of the Society, to the Editor of the London Record:—

"The Upper Canada Clergy Society had its origin in the anxious desire of several gentlemen to do something for the spiritual welfare of that neglected province. This feeling was excited in the year 1834 by the perusal of letters from Upper Canada, detailing the lamentable state of morals and religion there, and especially by the impressive and earnest appeals on behalf of his diocese, which were made by that apostolic prelate the late Bishop of Quebec.

The withdrawal of the Parliamentary grant of £15,000 per annum from the Society for Propagating the Gospel, rendered active exertions still more necessary, because it necessarily prevented that Society (at least for a time) meeting the wants of the Upper Province, by sending out fresh missionaries, &c. &c. so that that colony was threatened with all those evil consequences which inevitably overtake a population among whom the Gospel message, except in a few favored places, is but rarely declared. To pass over the difficulties which invariably accompany the establishment of a new Institution (in surmounting which the Committee were ably assisted by Dr. Mountain, now Bishop of Montreal, by whom the Society's fundamental rules were drawn up,) towards the end of 1835 our society had the privilege of sending out the Rev. H. H. O'Neill, who has ever since been labouring with encouragement and success as a travelling missionary, first in the Home, then in the Gore and Niagara districts. In May, 1837, the Rev. F. L. Osler arrived in Canada, and was appointed by the bishop to the township of Tecumseth and West Guillemburg, about forty miles north of Toronto, as a located missionary. In December last he was followed by the Rev. F. A. O'Meara, who has been sent to the Home district to succeed Mr. O'Neill.—In addition to these devoted men, I am happy to announce to you that the Committee have engaged another clergyman, the Rev. B. C. Hill, as a travelling missionary, who will (D. V.) sail early next month; and we further hope that he will be immediately followed by another clergyman, who, it is proposed, should be located in the same manner as Mr. Osler. This will make a total of five missionaries, and the Committee feel that they have cause of deep gratitude to God for blessing so abundantly their humble labours."

COLONIAL GAZETTE.—We acknowledge the receipt of two Numbers of this paper, published in London, in connexion with the Colonial Society, and devoted as its name imports, to the interests of the colonies. We observe in it some extracts from our paper, and shall be glad to exchange.

Thermometer this morning at 8 o'clock, 2° below zero.

ARRAARS!—This is so unseemly a word that the Publisher is anxious to avoid the necessity of using it, in which he hopes all concerned will assist him, by sending as early as possible, their dues up to the end of Volume III.

NEW MANUAL OF DEVOTION.—A few copies of this work containing Prayers for families, and various occasions, may be had at the Depository, at Mr. Gaotz's, Lunenburg.

DIED.

At Buckhurst Hill, Essex, (Eng.) Mrs. SUSAN HEATH, wife of Mr. C. Heath, and formerly of Halifax, N. S. She left a husband and eleven children to deplore an irreparable loss.

DEFERRED ITEMS.

Wesleyan Centenary.—We noticed the great meeting at Manchester, at which upwards of £46,000 had been subscribed, and also the meeting at London, at which £10,000 were added to the subscription. It might be proper to state that at the Manchester meeting there were many of the leading methodists of London then present. Subsequently a meeting was held at Bristol, and £6473 18 subscribed. The total amount of subscription up to the 12th of Dec. was £67,000 or \$227,480.—N. Y. Com. Advo.

REMEMBER THE POOR.

'To be victims of pain and misery, unhappily is the lot of a large portion of every community; to alleviate whose sufferings, is the unquestionably duty of the remainder, not only as members of the same society, but as belonging to the same great family of mankind.'—Foreign Quarterly Review.

That mercy I to others show,
That mercy show to me.—Pope.

'Whoso hath this world's goods and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his compassion for him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?'—1 John, iii. 17.

HYMN FOR MARINERS IN ALL WEATHER.

By James Montgomery.

Now weigh the anchor, hoist the sail,
Launch out upon the pathless deep,
Resolved, however veers the gale,
The destined port in mind to keep.
Through all the dangers of the way,
Deliver us, good Lord, we pray.

When tempests mingle sea and sky,
And winds, like lions, rage and rend,
Ships o'er the mountain-waters fly,
Or down unfathom'd depths descend,
Though skill avail not—strength decay—
Deliver us, good Lord, we pray.

If lightning from embattled clouds
Strike, or a spark in secret nurst,
From stem to stern o'er masts and shrouds,
Like doomsday's conflagration, burst—
Amidst the fire thy power display;
Deliver us, good Lord, we pray.

Through yielding planks, should ocean urge
Rude entrance, flooding all below,
Speak, lest we founder in the surge,
"Thus far, no farther shall ye go:
Here, ye proud waves, your fury stay;"
Deliver us, good Lord, we pray.

With cordage snapt, and canvas riven,
Through straits thick strown with rock and shoal,
Along some gulf stream darkly driven,
Fast wedged 'midst ice-burgs at the Pole,
Or on low breakers cast away;
Deliver us, good Lord, we pray.

Save, or we perish—calms or storms,
By day, by night, at home, afar,
Death walks the wave in all its forms,
And shoots his darts from every star.
Want, pain and woo, man's pathway lay;
Deliver us, good Lord, we pray.