

Day of Thanksgiving.

A FORM

PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

TO ALMIGHTY GOD,

TO BE USED IN ALL CHURCHES AND CHAPELS OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF ENGLAND AND IRELAND, IN THE PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA, ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27TH, 1855.

Being the day appointed by Proclamation of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, for a General Thanksgiving to Almighty God, who has vouchsafed Victory to the National arms, and success to the labors of the Provincial Husbandman and Fisherman.

THE ORDER OF MORNING PRAYER.

The Service shall be the same with the usual Holyday, except when it is in this case otherwise appointed.

Let him that ministereth be in such a cheerful and joyful manner as to be able to say with a good conscience, 'I have done my duty as a minister of the Lord, and have not withheld anything from you.'

Let us magnify the Lord our God, and fall down before His foot-stool, for He is holy.

He hath not dealt with us after our sins, nor rewarded us according to our wickednesses.

Psalm of Venite exultemus.

O give thanks unto the Lord, and call upon His name: tell thy people what things He hath done.

O let your songs be of Harp, and praise Him: and let your talking be of all His wondrous works.

O that men would praise the Lord for his goodness: and declare the wonders that He doeth for the children of men!

For His mercy is greater than the heavens: and His faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds.

The fowls do lack, and suffer hunger: but they which seek the Lord shall want no manner of thing that is good.

For He saith unto the empty soul: and giveth to the hungry, and will be satisfied with goodness.

O Lord how manifold are Thy works: in vision, hast thou made them all, the earth is full of Thy creatures.

So is the sea, and what saith above: and beneath: and all that therein live.

Praise the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, praise His holy name.

Praise the Lord, O my soul: and forget not all His goodness.

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is very merciful: and tender.

O give thanks unto the Lord, for His goodness: and His mercy endureth for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, without end. Amen.

- Psalm of Psalms, Rev. XXXII. xvi. First Lesson, Eccles. v. To Deum Laudamus. Second Lesson, Rev. I. Jubilate.

The first Collect shall be as follows:

O God, who dost direct Thy Almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity, and hast lately visited us with many and great mercies, continue, we beseech Thee, Thy loving kindness towards us, and give us grace to show forth our thankfulness by seeking in all things Thy glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The second Collect shall be as follows: O God, who dost direct Thy Almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity, and hast lately visited us with many and great mercies, continue, we beseech Thee, Thy loving kindness towards us, and give us grace to show forth our thankfulness by seeking in all things Thy glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O ALMIGHTY GOD our FATHER, of whose only gift it cometh that we are, 'Thy mercies are great, and that the fruit of the sea is multiplied, for the sustenance of man; and Thou, O God, we beseech Thee, to accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, that Thou mayest crown the year with Thy goodness, and give us grace to bring forth abundance and blessing with unweary success the labors of our husbandmen. It is of Thy great mercy that the calamities of war are not aggravated by famine or scarcity, and that Thou hast filled our garner with all manner of store. Make us ever to remember that all we have is Thine, and cometh of Thy hand; and dispose our hearts to offer cheerfully unto Thee, of what Thou hast given to us, by relieving the sick and needy, and assisting in every good work. And may a sense of Thy mercy and goodness lead us to a more active obedience to Thy laws, and a more earnest endeavour to conform to Thy will, through Jesus Christ our only Saviour and Redeemer. Amen.

O LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, we desire also to bless and magnify Thy holy name, for the successes granted to our countrymen, and to our arms allied with them, now engaged in a mighty warfare. We acknowledge that the wisest counsels, and the strongest arms, without Thee, cannot but fail; therefore not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy name be all praise and glory ascribed. Continue, we beseech Thee, Thy favor to the allied forces both by sea and land, strengthen them in the day of battle, control them in victory, and support them in all their trials and privations. And finally, we pray Thee to vouchsafe to us, such a secure and prosperous peace, as may tend to the glory of Thy name, to the honour of our Sovereign and her dominions, and to the common welfare of mankind. Hear us O Merciful Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

THE COMMUNION SERVICE

Shall be used, as appointed for the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, without alteration.

THE ORDER FOR EVENING PRAYER.

The service appointed to be used at the commencement of the Morning Prayer, shall again be read; and the Hymn appointed, instead of Venite exultemus, shall be used before the Psalm of Psalms.

- Psalm of Psalms, Rev. CXLV. CXLV. First Lesson, Deut. VIII. Cantate Domino. Second Lesson, Rev. XXII. Deus Misericordiarum.

The first Collect for the Morning, shall also be the last at Evening Prayer.

And after the General Thanksgiving the two following shall be said:

O Almighty God our Father, &c. O Lord God Almighty, &c.

Correspondence.

FOR THE CHURCH TIMES.

ADVENT HYMN.

We have seen his Star in the East and are come to worship him. ST. MATTHEW. II. 2.

And I saw another angel ascending from the East, having the seal of the living God. REV. VII. 2.

Turn to the East, the Star appears Which on the Church a thousand years Has cast its hopeful ray, Stand on the tower and watch and wait Until the everlasting day: Unfold the expected day.

Turn to the East the promised sign Small soon reveal its light divine, Lamplazard on the sky Soon shall the Son of Man appear, To cheer the faint and dry the tear That dim the utterer's eye.

The Sun shall pale before his rays, And far above the mortal blaze The Day-star shall appear, Brighter than any star in the firmament, but not as once He came, Hail'd only by the wise.

He comes, the King of glory, to best And crown the lowly with righteousness— His coming shall be as the light of all, Brighter than any star in the firmament, but not as once He came, Hail'd only by the wise.

The Son of Man shall appear, And crown the lowly with righteousness— His coming shall be as the light of all, Brighter than any star in the firmament, but not as once He came, Hail'd only by the wise.

While yet He is not what is said, Turn to the East and watch and wait, The pathway of his feet, That will be made manifest, Numbered with Gods, and shall, We may in glory meet!

HULL, Dec. 17, 1855.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CHURCH TIMES.

SIR,—I beg leave to acknowledge through the medium of your paper, the sum of £7 18 10, received from my kind friends of Yarmouth, through the hands of Mr. Cornelius Blauvelt. Three pounds of the above amount have been presented to the Ladies' Sewing Society of Tuzet—and the remainder to defray the expense of mailing by stage between Tuzet and Barrington.

From the Lord Bishop of the Diocese—a package of Books.

From Messrs. Lorchly & Scampson—an elegant new Flag.

Dec. 6th, 1855. P. TOCQUEF.

MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE DIOCESAN CHURCH SOCIETY OF DIGBY.

The annual meeting of the Digby Committee of the Diocesan Church Society, took place on the 30th of November. After the usual prayers and singing, the President having opened the proceedings with an address, the Rev. Mr. Godfrey moved the first Resolution, which was seconded by James A. Dennison, Esq. The Rev. Mr. Filleul moved the second Resolution, which was seconded by John C. Wade, Esq. The third Resolution was moved by the President, and seconded by R. S. Fitz Randolph, Esq. This Resolution was intended for Charles Budd, Esq. The fourth Resolution was moved by Mr. W. Myers Gray, and seconded by Mr. James Dennison Jr.

A numerous and highly respectable audience listened with undiminished interest to the various excellent speeches which were made by all the gentlemen both lay and clerical, who took part in the business of the evening.

Editorial Miscellany.

COLONIAL CHURCH AND SCHOOL SOCIETY.

It will be seen by Advertisement in this day's paper, that the Annual Meeting of the Branch of the Colonial Church and School Society established in this Diocese, is to take place on Tuesday evening next, at the Temperance Hall. The affairs of the Society are said to be in a very satisfactory condition, and much future good it is to be hoped will result from their labours.

Sermons are to be preached to-morrow, Sunday, and collections taken in behalf of the Society—in St. Paul's, in the forenoon, by the Rev. Dr. Twining, and in the evening by the Rev. T. Dunn. In St. Luke's in the afternoon, by the Rev. C. Shreve. At Dartmouth, in the morning by the Rev. E. Martin. At Sackville in the morning by the Rev. T. Dunn.

FATAL ACCIDENTS.—The past fortnight has been productive of a series of fatal accidents by drowning, in this vicinity. On Sunday last two men were found drowned at Point Pleasant—the melancholy accident is supposed to have been caused by the upsetting of their boat when returning from town—both were in the employ of Mr. Lynch at Ferguson's Cove—one was named Beattie—the name of the other, a stranger, is not given. The subject was alluded to in St. Paul's on Sunday evening last, with some words of caution and impressive exhortation, by Rev. Heber Bullock, who had seen the bodies on his return from duty at Falkland.

A Mr. Parker belonging to a vessel at Strachan's wharf, was drowned on Sunday night. A young man named Mansfield was drowned off one of the wharves at Dartmouth on Monday morning. And on Wednesday morning a man named Michael Lynch, a mason, was found in the cellar of a house in Gornish street, lying dead, with his face in a frozen pool of water, and a little dog belonging to him, at the feet of the corpse. Several of the above accidents, it is to be feared, have resulted from the effects of intemperate habits, an evil, which notwithstanding the efforts of Temperance Societies, appears to be fearfully prevalent amongst certain classes in this community.

The Morning Chronicle recommends that sellers of various marketable commodities, such as coal, tallow, potatoes, &c. There is no doubt that the general principle would be in some degree promoted by this course from the frauds which the faithful consumer can combat with hardly a possibility of detection; and it would be well if our Civilly world give the subject their earnest attention. Selling by weight is not however exempt from certain species of fraud in favor of the seller, any more than by measurement, and it will therefore require some stringent provisions against their concealment. Upon the whole however, the change would be beneficial, especially to that portion of the community more particularly interested in getting for their money their money's worth.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.—The Rev. Mr. Freeman (Baptist) delivered an interesting lecture before the Association on Tuesday evening, on Monachism, at the Temperance Hall, which was crowded in every part. The Rev. Dr. Cramp (Baptist) will deliver the next lecture, Jan. 8, 1856, on "The Plurality of Worlds."

It is gratifying to learn that the inhabitants of St. Johns, N.B., comprising all classes of the community have determined on presenting a testimonial of their respect and esteem to F. N. Gisborne, Esq., the able and admirable introducer of communication by Electric Telegraph into that Colony. The plate agreed upon for this purpose is to be manufactured in London, and will be completed at an early date. The whole of British North America is deeply indebted to Mr. Gisborne for his exertions in securing and perfecting the Electric Telegraph in the several Provinces.—Chron.

A NEW BANK.—A large and influential meeting was held at the Merchant's Exchange Rooms on Monday evening last, for the purpose of establishing another Bank in this city. William Starr, Esq., Senr., was called to the chair, and Robert Beak, Esq., was chosen Secretary to the meeting. After some preliminary remarks from the Chairman and others present, the following gentlemen were named as a committee to make all the necessary arrangements, preparatory to application to the Legislature for a charter:—Wm. Stairs, Senr. John Duffus, Edward Kenny, John Gibson, Benj. Wier, and J. W. Ritchie, Esqrs.—Jk.

Joseph Bell, Esq., of the House of Bell, Anderson & Co., of this city, has been elected and taken his seat at the City Council Board, as Alderman for Ward No. 3, vice Joseph Bennett, Esq., J. P., resigned.—Jk.