

The general impression in this neighbourhood is, that the brothers erected the Church between them. The late Rev. R. D. Cartwright was indeed most anxious to share the expense with his brother, and was, I believe, under the impression that he would be allowed to do so; but when the deed was presented to the Bishop at the consecration, he found to his surprise, and I think I may add, regret, that his generous brother had assumed the whole cost, as well as the donation of the land.*

In concluding this pleasing record, I must not omit to add, what you will be gratified to learn, that among the documents to which he last appended his name was a deed for four acres of valuable land in the precincts of this village, as an addition to the endowment of this Rectory.

It may not be out of place, while on this subject, to allude briefly to the views of our late friend in relation to the established form of religion, for which he so zealously contended in his public, and laboured to promote in his private, capacity. Impressed with a deep sense of the vast importance of the religion of the Gospel, in all its bearings, on the prosperity and happiness of a people, he felt that "Kings should be its nursing fathers and Queens its nursing mothers," and that they were as bound by Christian obligation to provide for the religious instruction of their subjects as parents were for their children. Experience, as well as history, had taught him that religion must be pressed on mankind for their acceptance, for if left to themselves they would never seek or embrace it. He could not, therefore, but admire the wisdom and *Christian benevolence* of that part of the British Constitution which insures the religious instruction of the people, by the

* I never ascertained the cost of St. Mary Magdalene's Church. It could not have been far from £600 currency, possibly more; but our friend was not one to talk of his doings. It is in the gothic style, of stone, neatly and substantially built.