

"It pleased God, on the 29th of March, to visit me with the severest calamity, that can befall one of his creatures, in the death of my wife, with whom I had lived in love for twenty-six years; and, since that event, till about a fortnight ago, I lived with my family, two sons, and three daughters, dutiful and affectionate, in a secluded house near Roslin. I am now in Edinburgh; and, early in November, hope to resume my daily duties in the University.

"I have many blessings, for which I am humbly thankful to the Almighty. And though I have not borne my affliction so well, or better than I have done, yet I have borne it with submission and resignation; and feel that, though this world is darkened to me I may be able yet to exert such faculties, humble as they are, which God has given me, if not to the benefit, not to the detriment of my fellow-mortals. * * *

"I am, Sir, yours sincerely,

"JOHN WILSON.

"Gloucester-place, Edinburgh, Oct. 12, 1837."

(As the unfounded report of Professor Wilson's illness was copied into this paper, we have inserted the above contradiction to it.—Ed.)—*London Standard.*

Interesting Incident.—Mr. Wolff, the Jewish missionary, was introduced, incidentally, to the Roman Catholic Bishop of Pennsylvania at his own house in Philadelphia, a few days since, by a gentleman of the New Jersey bar. After the introduction, the Bishop seeing that the missionary treated him as a stranger, asked, "Do you not recognize me, then, Mr. Wolff?" And in an unexpected moment he saw the face of an old classmate in the college of the Propaganda at Rome. The Bishop then took from his library the Hebrew Bible which Mr. Wolff used at college, containing his name in his own handwriting, and restored it to him, much to his gratification, for we understand that it was not willingly left.

Early recollections, the incidents of a long association in college life, and a kind and earnest review of the several points of difference in their respective religious creeds, is said to have rendered this an interview of unusual interest and animation. We need not say that in this latter particular they parted here as at Rome—"enemies in war, in peace friends."—*Newark Daily Ado.*

King's College, Fredericton, N. B.—The Terminal Examination of the Students in this institution took place on Tuesday last, in the presence of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, the members of the College Council, and others of the principal gentlemen of the neighbourhood. The subjects of examination were the classical authors read during the term, viz. Herodotus, Xenophon, Sophocles, Juvenal, and Cicero de Oratore; the elements of geometry; logic; and a portion of natural history, embracing the phenomena of the atmosphere. His Excellency entered with lively interest into all the proceedings of the day; and towards the conclusion was pleased to observe, that nothing could be more perfect than the acquaintance discovered with those subjects, classical and mathematical, to which the students appeared hitherto to have devoted their chief attention: he at the same time earnestly and affectionately charged them to pay equal regard to all the instruction, now so abundantly provided for them; * so as to justify the reasonable expectations of their friends and the community.

The Collegiate School appeared, agreeably to the established regulations, for the usual examination on the following day, and, although, from the very recent appointment of the present Classical Master it was expected to be little more than pro forma in that department, the result gave real satisfaction to the Archdeacon, the Principal and other officers of

* David Gray, Esq. A. M. of the University of Edinburgh has been lately appointed Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy; and James Robb, Esq. M. D. of Glasgow, lecturer in chemistry and Natural History.

† Mr. George Roberts, lately appointed on the removal of the Rev. Mr. Cowell to Quebec.—Mr. John Millidge, a graduate of Windsor succeeds Mr. Roberts in the Grammar School at Gage-town.

the College, and a very respectable company assembled on the occasion. In addition to the usual exhibition of the progress made in reading, writing and other parts of English education, Homer and Horace were accurately translated by the first class; and Cæsar, with other easier authors, by the junior boys: a very large class also underwent a strict and minute examination, in the first principles of the Latin Grammar, with which they discovered a familiar and intimate acquaintance.

A synopsis of the entire system pursued in our Colonial University, is about to be published, from which authentic document the best idea of its efficiency may be obtained.—*Sentinel.*

THE COLONIAL CHURCHMAN.

LUNENBURG, THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 1838.

CHURCH SOCIETY.—We call attention to the communication on this subject on our first page of this number, extracted from a St. John paper. We hope in this province the friends of the Society are not going to sleep, but they certainly seem to be very quiet. We have heard of no new Committees formed or forming, since that at Antigonishe. We look of course to Halifax for an example of energetic activity in this and every other important work;—an excellent beginning was made there, and we doubt not the same liberal feeling continues, and is ready to be called into action. We hold the missionary objects of the Society to be those most important in the present state of the Church, and we shall rejoice to hear of visiting missionaries being appointed to travel east and west through the province.

Three would find constant employment between Margaret's Bay and Shelburne alone; and the eastern shore, lined as it is by thousands of professed churchmen longing for the church's ordinances, presents another most inviting field. May the Lord dispose the hearts of some of our young men to enter His service, and labour for the good of these perishing souls. And in the meanwhile let those churchmen who are blessed with the means of grace, and with this world's goods, come forward with liberal hands and grateful hearts, to replenish the funds of the Church Society, which was established for this among other important objects. While touching on the wants of these parts of the country, we are reminded of a subject to which we alluded before,—the desirableness of a mission in the town of Halifax itself, to those members of the church and others who, we are persuaded, are without effectual religious care. We doubt not that a missionary employed to search out these, and officiate in a place with free sittings, would soon find himself surrounded by a large, interesting, and hitherto neglected congregation. Nor can we doubt that funds would be easily raised for the due support of so important an object.—In the United States, as we before remarked, these city missions are much encouraged, and have been eminently blessed to the enlargement of the church, and the edification of souls—and they are surely strictly in accordance with that feature of the Redeemer's mission—"the poor have the Gospel preached unto them." We know that our respected brethren at Halifax are ever ready, even beyond their power, to fulfil this part of their ministry; but besides their labours, we are persuaded, that such a mission as we recommend would furnish work enough for another devoted herald of the cross. We observe the subject has attracted the notice of another

denomination, which is stated to have a minister now employed in Halifax and its environs.

SICK CLERGY.—It is painful to observe how many of the Clergy in the church of the United States are obliged every year to retire from their duties and look for health in other lands. No doubt many excellent men are sacrificed, and their labour lost to the church, by the unreasonable demand for exertion which characterises the present insatiable age. The people forget that their ministers are made in the same mould with themselves, and they look for physical and mental toil such as human nature was not made to endure. We are persuaded now (whatever we once have been,) that it is a duty in ministers not to be too prodigal of their strength; though we trust we shall not be suspected of leaning to indolence or inaction. Three services on Sunday, besides week day lectures, meetings, bible classes, and ordinary parochial duties, will prematurely wear out nine out of ten that try it. Several of our youngest clergy in this province have shewn signs of failing health, attributable no doubt to excessive labour.—Among these we regret most sincerely to find the Rev. Fitzgerald Uniacke, the estimable Rector of St. George's, Halifax, where his indefatigable labours, in season and out of season, have been so long, and so favourably known to the public, and blessed, we trust, of the Lord, to the good of many. We understand, that having been obliged to discontinue his professional duties for two or three months past, and being still unwell, he has determined on a voyage to England by the desire of his physicians, and has taken passage in the ship Halifax, to sail the latter end of this month.

We most earnestly pray that God, whom he served in the Gospel of His Son, to restore our beloved brother in renewed health and vigour, to his attached parishoners, and to the Church at large. We are informed that Mrs. Uniacke, (a help-meet for such a brother, and one whom the poor, and the sick, and the friendless, have cause to remember) will accompany her husband.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS.—We omitted to notice in our last that by the taste and assiduous attention of a few members of the congregation, St. John's Church in this town was very beautifully and appropriately dressed for the birth day of our ever blessed Redeemer, as indeed it has been for several years past. The posts of the gallery are tastefully entwined with wreaths of evergreen, and on the fronts of the galleries, in large letters formed of the same material, with perfect neatness and accuracy, are the memorable words of the angelic messengers to the shepherds of Bethlehem—"Unto you is born this day a Saviour Christ the Lord." On the pulpit likewise is a cross of evergreen, with hangings of the same. The whole is to remain up until the beginning of Lent. Such a mode of doing honour to the anniversary of the Redeemer's entrance into this world of misery, seems to us peculiarly cheering, and appropriate to the language of the evangelical prophet who is so full of the Saviour's Advent, and calls upon even the trees of the forest to bear their part in the joyful welcome of the World's Deliverer.—But let us not forget that the decoration most pleasing in the eyes of our glorified Lord, is the clothing of the soul in the spirit of holiness, and adorning the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.