

The Church.

For the Church.

THE TRUE CHURCHMAN.

The true Churchman may invariably be recognized by his calm and decided preference for the church to which he belongs. Various, perhaps, are the sects and denominations by which he is surrounded, and he is willing to give them full credit for sincerity in their attachment to their respective forms and opinions. For the pious Churchman is no bigot. He does not say proudly and arrogantly with the narrow minded Jew, "the Temple of the Lord, the Temple of the Lord, are we," to the exclusion of all others. He is not intolerant: he has no disposition to rail, to ridicule, or to oppose; but still you will find him maintaining his own principles fixed and immovable. What he gives to others, he claims for himself—the full liberty of choice. He has duly weighed and impartially considered: and the result is, that her superior claims have decided and attached his spirit: and as such he warmly, not to say ardently, loves his church. He therefore clings to it. He does not run hither and thither attracted by novelty or excited by extravagance. He is not driven about by every wind of doctrine. But with steady consistency he is found in his own place, among his own people; and that, not as matter of constraint, or of mere bounden duty, but of grateful privilege; of warm and decided preference, loving his own church above all others.

But why this preference? His own church is Episcopal. He finds in it the three orders of ancient primitive times: it has its Bishops, its Priests, and its Deacons, as in the churches founded by the apostles themselves: and on this account he prefers it. Its doctrines, too, as seen in its Articles, its Homilies, and its incomparable—its almost superhuman liturgy, are sound, pure, and evangelical. In its pious ministers, too, he sees sobriety unmingled with fanaticism: and "zeal without innovation." He finds them energetic, persuasive, and warm-hearted; but at the same time divested of all rashness and enthusiastic wildness, disorder, and excess.

And it is this happy combination which has procured for our church that high elevation which it has so long held: and which, we doubt not, it will still continue to maintain. Much, indeed, has been urged against it by the deluded and discontented of the day, as "a dominant church." But such from its very constitution it must ever be; not a *domineering*, but still a *dominant*, a *leading* church. Depress it ever so low; let its opposers do all they can to sink or to crush it: their efforts will prove in vain. It has within itself the elements of endurance and renovation. It will weather the fiercest storm. It will not merely survive, but flourish and luxuriate, after the longest, bleakest winter. See its sister church in the neighbouring States. A few years since and Episcopacy, and Episcopal congregations, were utterly despised; and their existence in very extensive districts altogether unknown. But see the extension of church principles at the present time; see them not merely spreading over every part of the union, but prevailing in many instances over all the previously established sects; and you will readily discover the enduring, renovating principle of which we speak. Our church then has that within it, which is well calculated to make it an ascendant, dominant, and leading church. Let it be found in circumstances the most disadvantageous, it will still gradually rise and maintain its wonted eminence. And, therefore, we are not afraid of either its hoped-for degradation, or its predicted extinction. The smile of our God has long rested upon us; gradually, but cheerfully, has the number of its efficient ministers and its pious members been increasing; invariably have its interests been upheld by the most sober and influential of our community; the superior education also of its ministers has ever ensured for it respect; the mass of its congregations are conspicuous for their attachment to constitutional and conservative principles; and above all, though its members are not perhaps so easily wrought upon, yet when once they make a decided profession, their piety and consistency is of the highest order.

The true Churchman, therefore, loves his church, and he scruples not honestly and candidly, though without any mixture of bitterness or hostility towards others, to avow it.

M. T.

THE REFORMED CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

DR. HICKES' TESTIMONY TO ITS EXCELLENCY.

The Church of England as it now stands, without any further emendation, is, I verily believe, as sound and pure a church, both for doctrine and worship, as was ever established in any province or nation of the world. I heartily thank Almighty God, by whose good providence I have been bred up in her communion, and am called to the great honour of being one of her priests; and I beseech him, of his infinite goodness, to give all her clergy and people grace to live up strictly to her principles; to her principles of piety towards God, of loyalty to the king, of justice and charity to others, and of temperance and sobriety towards themselves. I am sure it must be ours, and not her fault, if we be not the best Christians, the best subjects, and the best friends and neighbours, in the world; and I shall confirm my own opinion of her, with the testimony which a late, and good and learned man gave of her in his last will and testament. Saith he, "I do declare that, by the grace of God, I die a christian, in the communion of the Church of England, as it is now established by God's Providence, and the laws in force. I do believe this church to be a sound member of Christ's Catholic Church, which he hath purchased with his blood. Clothe her, O Lord, with a strict and exemplary holiness, in her priests and people, and maintain her in her truths, peace, and patrimony unto the world's end. Amen."—*Canterbury Sunday Reader.*

THE PRAYER BOOK.

Our Church of England has omitted none of those offices wherein all the ancient churches were agreed; and where the British, or Gallican, differed from the Roman, our church has not followed the Roman, but the other. And therefore, our dissenters do unreasonably charge us with taking our offices from the Church of Rome.—*Stillingfleet's Orig. Brit.*

Let an abhorrence of any content in another's sufferings be deeply imprinted on thee; that every thought thereof may be prevented or instantly suppressed: hate all disregard to another's misery.

This is the most powerful argument for us to crucify sin, that it crucified our Saviour.—*Tillotson.*

University of Oxford; Mr. W. Brethour, A. B., of Trinity College, Dublin: and Mr. R. H. Bourne, formerly a student in the University of New York."

"The Rev. Mr. H. D. Sewell, for the present, has commenced the duty of officiating on Sundays at the Protestant settlements adjacent to Quebec, in the absence of the Rev. R. R. Burrage."

"The Rev. Mr. Brethour has proceeded to the Church of England's Mission on the Chateauguay River."

"The Rev. Mr. Bourne is designated to the charge of Rawdon in the district of Montreal, at present occupied by the Rev. C. P. Reid, who is expected to move to St. John's, to act as Assistant Minister at that place, and to serve the church at La-prairie."

"Another Ordination was held yesterday in the Cathedral, in consequence of the arrival of two gentlemen from England, who had been expected in time for the occasion just mentioned. The Rev. F. L. Osler, A. B., of Catharine Hall, in the University of Cambridge, (ordained Deacon for the Colonies, by his Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury,) was admitted to Priests' Orders; and Mr. H. Scadding, A. B., of St. John's College in the same University, was ordained Deacon. Both these gentlemen proceed to Upper Canada. The former is one of the Missionaries of a Society recently formed at home, under the name of the "Upper Canada Clergy Society," the Committee of which is composed of noblemen and gentlemen in London, acting in concert and correspondence with the Bishops of Quebec and Montreal, and having at their head the Earl of Galloway, nephew of the former prelate. He is to be appointed to the charge of Tecumseth and West Gwillimbury. Mr. Scadding is expected to assume the charge of Travelling Missionary in the District of Newcastle."

"The Bishop of Montreal embarks to-day or to-morrow on board the *Gulnare*, with Capt. Bayfield, R. N., having been accommodated with a passage to the Bay of Gaspé. His Lordship is about to visit the churches in that District, which will complete his visitation of the Lower Province, and is expected to be absent about five or six weeks.

How forcibly comes to mind, in noting the foregoing additions to the Shepherds of our Zion, the following beautiful lines of James Montgomery, the amiable poet of Sheffield:—

ON THE APPOINTMENT OF A MINISTER.

We bid thee welcome in the name
Of Jesus our exalted head;—
Come as a Servant,—so He came,
And we receive thee in his stead.

Come as a Shepherd; guard and keep
This fold from hell, and earth, and sin;
Nourish thy lambs, and feed the sheep,
The wounded heal, the lost bring in.

Come as a Watchman; take thy stand
Upon thy tower amidst the sky,
And when the sword comes on the land,
Call us to fight or warn to fly.

Come as an Angel, hence to guide
A band of pilgrims on their way,
That, safely walking at thy side,
We fail not, faint not, turn nor stray.

Come as a Teacher, sent from God,
Charg'd his whole counsel to declare;
Lift o'er our ranks the prophet's rod,
While we uphold thy hands with prayer.

Come as a Messenger of peace,
Fill'd with the spirit, fired with love;
Live to behold our large increase,
And die to meet us all above.

Within a few days we have been favoured with the advertisement, pertaining to the sale of Clergy and Crown Lands, which appears in a subsequent column; and although it was not originally the intention of the Committee to cause our paper to be the vehicle of any notices not directly connected with religion, they have nevertheless, after careful consideration, come unanimously to the decision that all advertisements of a public character, whether relating to Church Lands, Education, Literary pursuits, or to such information, connected with his settlement in the country, as must nearly affect the newly-arrived Emigrant, should henceforward, at least to any convenient extent, have insertion in the columns of THE CHURCH. Our very general, and we shall hope very extensive circulation—embracing the most distant and most remote parts of both Provinces—compel it, in the judgment of the Committee, as a public duty that our pages should, as far as is consistent with its more direct objects, be the medium of information, touching the general interests of the community, such as that comprised under the heads just alluded to.

To CORRESPONDENTS.—Were we to have consulted our inclinations, a separate acknowledgement of the various letters we have received upon the subject of this paper—especially where all were couched in terms of so much kindness and good-will, and for which we feel truly grateful—would have been transmitted to all our valued correspondents. But our manifold cares and occupations form an excuse which we know will be cheerfully accepted. In the meantime, although to several of the undermentioned gentlemen letters of acknowledgment have been written, we beg to annex the names of the following from whom we have received Lists of SUBSCRIBERS, up to Friday, the 23d June:—

Rev. G. Archbold; Rev. S. Armour; Rev. A. F. Atkinson, with remittance; Rev. M. Burnham, with do., Chas. Brent, Esq. with do.; Rev. R. D. Cartwright, with do.; A. Davidson, Esq. with do.; Rev. J. Deacon; J. B. Ewart, Esq. with rem.; Rev. J. G. Geddes, with do.; Rev. S. Givins; Rev. J. Grier; Rev. G. R. Grout, with rem.; Rev. W. Leeming; Rev. B. Lindsay, with rem.; Rev. W. Macaulay; B. Y. McKyes, Esq. with rem.; Rev. J. Miller; Rev. G. Mortimer, with rem. Rev. H. Patton, with do.; Rev. Dr. Phillips do.; Rev. R. V. Rogers; Robt. Stanton, Esq. with rem.; R. Symes, Esq.; Rev. C. T. Wade.

The following anecdote affords a remarkable proof of that goodness of heart and attention to the wishes of others however low in situation, which so much distinguished our late beloved monarch George III. As his Majesty rode through Tewkesbury, on his way to Cheltenham, in the year 1788, the people stood upon the walls of the bridge to see him pass: on which, observing the danger of the situation, he humanely addressed them in these words; "My good people, I am afraid that some of you may fall. Do not run such hazard for the sake of seeing your King. I will ride as slowly as you please that you may all see me."

SALES OF CROWN LANDS AND CLERGY RESERVES.

Crown Lands Office,

Toronto, 7th June, 1837.

THE PUBLIC are hereby informed, that vacant Crown Lands and Clergy Reserves can only be sold by public Auction.

The terms of Sale, until further notice, will be—For Crown Lands, one quarter of the Purchase-money down, and the remainder in three equal Annual Instalments, with Interest upon each Instalment, as it becomes due—For Clergy Reserves, one tenth of the Purchase money down, and the remainder in nine equal annual Instalments, with Interest upon each Instalment as it becomes due. The first Instalment, in all cases, to be paid into this Office within fourteen days from the day of Sale, otherwise the Sale will be forfeited. The remaining instalments will be required to be punctually paid as they become due.

Schedules of the particular Lots to be sold in each Township specifying also the place of sale, have been printed, and will be put up at the Court-house, at the Offices of the Clerk of the Peace and Sheriff, and in other conspicuous places in each District: they will be forwarded to the different Post-masters, and may also be had upon application to the Commissioner for Crown Lands, or to any of the undermentioned Agents.

The times and places for the sale of Crown Lands and Clergy Reserves, during the present year, will be as follows:

WESTERN DISTRICT.

In the County of Kent—At *Chatham*, on the 15th July, 15th August, 15th September, 16th October, and 15th November.
In the County of Essex—At *Sandwich*, on the 31st July, 31st August, 30th September, 31st October, and 30th November.
Reference may be made to Henry J. Jones, Esq., residing at Chatham, for further information.

LONDON DISTRICT.

In the County of Norfolk—At *Simcoe*, on the 1st July, 1st August, 1st September, 2d October, and 1st November.
In the County of Oxford—At *Blandford*, on the 5th July, 5th August, 5th September, 5th October, and 6th November.
In the County of Middlesex—At *London*, on the 10th July, 10th August, 11th September, 10th October, and 10th November.

GORE AND NIAGARA DISTRICTS.

At *Hamilton*, on the 1st July, 1st August, 1st September, 2d October, and 1st November.

HOME DISTRICT.

In the County of York—At *the City of Toronto*, on the 10th July, 10th August, 11th September, 10th October, and 10th November.
In the County of Simcoe—At *the Town of Barrie*, on the 15th July, 15th August, 15th September, 16th October, and 15th November.

NEWCASTLE DISTRICT.

At *Peterborough*, on the 11th July, 8th August, 12th September, 10th October, and 7th November.
Reference may be made to Alex. M'Donell Esq., residing at Peterborough, for further information.

MIDLAND DISTRICT.

In the County of Hastings—At *the Town of Belleville*, on the 10th July, 10th August, 11th September, 10th October, and 10th November.
In the County of Lennox and Addington—At *Napanee*, on the 15th July, 15th August, 15th September, 16th October, and 15th November.

In the County of Frontenac—At *Kingston*, on the 21st July, 21st August, 21st September, 21st October, and 21st November.

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT.

At *Picton*, on the 12th July, 12th August, 12th September, 12th October, 13th November.

JOHNSTOWN DISTRICT.

In the County of Leeds—At *Beverly*, on the 10th July, 10th August, 11th September, 10th October, and 10th November.
In the County of Grenville—At *Kemptville*, on the 15th July, 15th August, 15th September, 16th October, and 15th November.

BATHURST DISTRICT.

In the County of Carlton—At *Richmond*, on the 15th July, 15th August, 15th September, 16th October, and 15th November.

In the County of Lanark—At *Perth*, on the 21st July, 21st August, 21st September, 21st October, and 21st November.

OTTAWA DISTRICT.

In the County of Russell—At *Bytown*, on the 15th July, 15th August, 15th September, 16th October, and 15th November.
In the County of Prescott—At *Cornwall*, on the 21st July, 21st August, 21st September, 21st October, and 21st November.

EASTERN DISTRICT.

In the County of Dundas—At *Matilda*, on the 15th July, 15th August, 15th September, 16th October, and 15th November.
In the Counties of Stormont and Glengarry—At *Cornwall*, on the 21st July, 21st August, 21st September, 21st October, and 21st November.

Editors of Newspapers required to insert the above, will be furnished with written instructions for so doing, as well as for the insertion of any future Advertisements required to be published by this Department.

R. B. SULLIVAN.