

CAUSES OF DEFECTION.

We have no disposition to create or multiply apologies for the many foolish and crochety minds which have sought an asylum from what they deem the deficiencies of our spiritual Church...

University pulpit, and published, four years previously; and the University, in passing it, found itself in the singular position described by a reviewer (Dr. Arnold, we believe) as follows:

We do not quote this as if we meant to convey the impression that the preacher's sentiments were not really liable to exception; but from all the information which has reached us we are led to conclude that since his advancement to the Divinity Professorship he has distinctly declared sentiments which are on all hands allowed to be unobjectionable...

One thing is certain: the censure under which he was laid was academical only; Bishops individually, indeed, acted upon it in dispensing with certificates that Candidates for orders from Oxford had attended Dr. Hampden's lectures...

The silence of the two Archbishops and ten Bishops, who have not joined in the remonstrance, removes all fear of any difficulty with regard to the new Bishop's consecration which, we suppose, will take place in due course...

Taking matters as we find them, we can not repress feelings of satisfaction at the prospect that the statesmen now in power will not dispense their Church patronage so as to encourage the concealed schismatics under whose pretended zeal for Church principles there lies hidden a scheme which would once more change the renewal of heart and holiness of life into blind submission to the priesthood and strictness of ceremonial compliance...

Now it will be perceived that the place of worship of a Christian congregation under the Gospel dispensation is here treated as being just the same thing with Solomon's temple at Jerusalem, under the darkness of the Old Testament; the magnificence of decoration which was suitable for the one (but which did not include the painted likeness of saints) is assumed to be fit for the other; and because God was pleased to choose the splendid structure erected by the King of Israel "as a house of sacrifice" at the time when beasts had to be slain as types of the richer offering that was to be made, therefore the buildings for the performance of Christian worship now, when the typical sacrifices are wholly done away with, may laudably be brought into conformity with Solomon's temple!

Many build walls and erect pillars of churches: the smooth marbles do glitter; the roof shewith gold, the altar is set with precious stones; but of the ministers of Christ there is no election or choice. Neither let any man object and allege against me the rich temple that was in Jewry, the table, candlesticks, incense, ships, platters, cups, mortars, and other things all of gold...

And this passage, the Homily enforces by the following words of "Godly and wholesome doctrine": "Thus you see how St. Jerome teacheth the sumptuousness amongst the Jews to be a figure to signify, and not an example to follow..."

THEATRICALS.—From the Toronto "Church."—We learn from our cotemporary the Berean, that the Corporation of Quebec have lately come to a resolution, which we cannot but deeply regret. It appears that several literary, scientific, and philanthropic institutions have for some time been in the habit of holding their meetings in the Parliament Hall, it being a room well adapted for such purposes, and more convenient than any other that could be procured in the City...

PARISH OF ST. ROCH'S.—Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials during the year 1847, inserted in the registers of: CATHEDRAL CHURCH. Baptisms 148, Marriages 59, Burials 175...

calculation of money-risk should have led the Insurance Companies to a decision which it was expected that the Corporation would form upon considerations due to religion, literature, and science, is much to be deplored; but it must now be hoped, as none are ever too old to learn, that the lesson on this occasion set our Corporation will manifest its salutary effects in the future management of the important trust reposed in them.—Ed. BEREAN.]

ISLINGTON PROTESTANT INSTITUTE.—The first Annual Meeting of this association was held on the 29th of November, the Vicar (Rev. Daniel Wilson) in the chair. The report is described as a most valuable document, which might justly be designated a Manual of Protestantism...

DR. KALLEY, late of Madeira.—It is satisfactory to learn that the life of this persecuted individual continues to be devoted to active labours for the good of his fellow-creatures. We find, from incidental reference to the testimony he is bearing to the opening of a great and effectual door for the evangelization of Ireland, that he has lately been engaged for about two months in exploring the state of Ireland in the far south, especially in the most distressed parts of the county of Cork.

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF MEDICAL MEN AND RELIEF OFFICERS.—We are most happy in being able to state, that Government has recognised the claims of the families of those humane and brave officers who perished in this town from fever while in the discharge of the duty of relieving the sick and destitute. Early in the year Mr. Rushton, with his usual active benevolence, made strong representations to Sir George Grey, and his endeavours did not want the support which Mr. Austin, the Poor-law Assistant Commissioner, could officially give...

THE POPE AND THE JESUITS.—A glimpse at the foundation of those expectations of liberality and enlightenment which have been raised by the course hitherto pursued by the present occupant of the papal throne is afforded by the following article: "The Diario di Roma of the 6th publishes a brief, addressed by the Pope to Father Perrone, of the Company of Jesuits who has dedicated to his Holiness a work on the Conception of the Virgin. The brief, in which the Pontiff speaks in the most flattering terms of the fraternity of Jesus, is said to have caused a great sensation at Rome. After eulogizing the work, Pius IX. says:—Such merits do not astonish us in a member of that illustrious society, which has reared within its bosom so many men who have been honoured for the integrity of their lives, the glory of their sanctity, their devotion to the Catholic religion, by their various kinds of knowledge, by their services and benefits done to the Christian world, and to civilization in general."

OFFICIAL RECOGNITION OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC HIERARCHY.—A circular has been issued from Downing-street, instructing the authorities in the colonies to address the Roman Catholic prelates in such colonies by the title to which their rank in their own Church may appear to give them a just claim, officially styling them "your Grace" or "your Lordship" as the case may be. As, however, Parliament, in the Charitable Bequests Act, on which this instruction is founded, has, for obvious reasons, not sanctioned this assumption by the prelates of the Roman Catholic Church in Ireland of titles derived from sees which they hold, a similar rule is to be observed in the colonies, so that the Roman Catholic prelate in New South Wales will rarely be addressed as the Most Reverend Archbishop Polding, and in Van Dieman's Land as the Right Reverend Bishop Wilson.—Globe.

DR. WISEMAN.—It is stated that this efficient ecclesiastic of the Roman Catholic communion is to be Archbishop of Westminster, that dignity having been declined by Bishop Walsh on account of age and infirmities. In an account given of a public dinner connected with the anniversary of some charity, we find it stated that in the course of toasting there was one in honour of Dr. Wiseman as of him "who had done so much good at St Mary's, Oscott, and had carried the tenets of our [the Roman Catholic] holy religion into St. Mary's, Oxford."

PARISH OF QUEBEC.—Number of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials during the year 1847, inserted in the registers of: CATHEDRAL CHURCH. Baptisms 148, Marriages 59, Burials 175; ST. PETER'S CHAPEL. Baptisms Male 16, Female 22; ST. PAUL'S (MARINERS') CHAPEL. Baptisms Male 25, Female 15; PARISH OF ST. ROCH'S. Baptisms 859, Burials 857, Marriages 973.

has only increased 106 during last year; that of St. Rochs 372.

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We therefore deem it our duty, however painful, firmly but respectfully to defend our own rights and those of our successors, by entering and recording our solemn protest against any proceeding that would, in any way, damage the integrity of our Canons, being quite satisfied that the peace, unity, and welfare of our humble portion of the Church Catholic, are inseparably bound up in their most strict observance.—(Signed by) James Patterson, Dean; Alexander MacLennan, Incumbent of Rosse Church, Fort-William; Samuel Hood, Incumbent of Rothesay; Duncan McKendrie, Incumbent of Trinity Church, Appin; &c., &c., &c.

We sincerely hope that this Memorial will receive the most earnest attention of the Episcopal College. Such a disruption of the Church in Scotland, as should lead to a resignation of their cures by any considerable number of the native clergy, could not fail to lead to the most fatal consequences. It is impossible to contemplate, without fearfulness, the spiritual destitution of more than two thousand Episcopalian, if deprived of the consolations arising out of the due administration of the sacraments of the Church; yet such would be the effect in some of the Highland districts alone if any general cessation from the clerical functions were to take place. Surely this is a consideration that ought to exercise the strongest influence with the Scottish Bishops.

Bishop Ewing's consecration has, we believe, since taken place.

The Rev. Wm. JACOBSON, Vice-Principal of Magdalen-hall, has been nominated by Her Majesty to succeed Dr. Hampden in the Divinity chair at Oxford.

CLERICAL ORBITARY.—The Rev. HENRY FRANCIS LYDE, of Brixham, Devon, died at Nice, on the 20th of November, aged fifty four. Our readers have at various times read selections from the departed Clergyman's version of the Psalms in our columns.

The Rev. JAMES HOUGH, M. A., Minister of Ham, Surrey, and late Chaplain to the Hon. East India Company at Madras, died at Hastings, on the 2nd of November, aged fifty-eight. This Clergyman, some 20 years ago, stood forth in defence of Protestant Missions, against the R. Catholic Priest Dubois who, on the ground that all his converts had turned out good for nothing, asserted that the Protestant Missionaries also had no reason to anticipate any success from their labours. Mr. Hough was also the author of "The History of Christianity in India"—two separate works, in two volumes each, published for the benefit of the Church Missionary Society's Disabled Missionaries' Fund.

The Rev. R. G. PLEES acknowledged with many thanks the receipt of two pounds from a kind friend, for the relief of the poor.

THE TREASURER OF THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS MILITARY ASYLUM, begs, on behalf of the Committee of Management, to return thanks to Lieut. Col. SPARK, the Officers, non-commissioned Officers and men, of the 93rd Highlanders, for the very liberal subscription received from them, amounting to £25 7s. 5d.

The Treasurer begs also to acknowledge the following sums received during the week: Lawson, Dr. £10 2; Beatty, Capt., R. E. 0 0; Scott, H. S. 0 5 9; Newton, S. 0 5 0.

The Treasurer of the Church of England Society begs to acknowledge the receipt of Ten Pounds, collected by H. Jessop, Esq. Jan. 13th, 1848.

QUEBEC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting was held yesterday evening at the Rooms of the Institution, when the report for the past year was read and adopted, and the following officers were elected, to serve during the present year:—PRESIDENT.—Rev. Dr. Cook.

VICE PRESIDENTS. P. J. O. Chauveau, J. C. Fisher, LL. D. H. S. Scott, G. B. Fairbairn. SECRETARY.—D. Wilkie. TREASURER.—J. Dyke. BOARD OF DIRECTORS. G. Hall, E. Poston, W. Bennett, D. Callan, R. Cairns, E. Chinn, P. Sheppard, L. Sleeper, J. Crenezard, A. Soular, A. Joseph, W. H. A. Davies.

We are happy to say that the motion for the opening of the Rooms on Sundays was withdrawn, by a letter from the Gentlemen who had proposed it. The Subscription was raised from \$4 to \$5 per annum.

LITERARY AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY.—At the Annual General Meeting of this Society, the following gentlemen were elected the officers for 1848:—

PRESIDENT, The Hon. A. W. Cochran, D. C. L. VICE-PRESIDENTS, G. B. Fairbairn, J. C. Fisher, LL. D., Rev. Dr. Wilkie, J. C. Cook, D. D. SECRETARIES, Recording—Samuel Wright, Esq. Corresponding—Jas. Turnbull, Esq. Council—C. W. Jones, Esq., R. Symes, Esq., Treasurer, Lewis Sleeper, Esq., Librarian, J. Dyke, Esq. CUNTERS, Of Museum—W. H. A. Davies, Esq. Of Apparatus—R. C. Guggie, Esq.

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QUEBEC, THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 1848.

The last English Mail has brought a correspondence, from the mother-country, of a novel and striking character in ecclesiastical affairs. The nomination of the Rev. R. D. HAMPDEN, D. D., Regius Professor of Divinity in the University of Oxford, to the Bishopric of Hereford, has drawn forth a protest from thirteen of the English Bishops, twelve of whom affixed their names to a document which, with Lord John Russell's reply thereto, we have inserted on our first page—the thirteenth is the Bishop of Exeter who pursued a similar course by a separate correspondence with the Prime Minister.

Many of our readers probably require to be informed, what are the grounds of the objection raised against the Bishop, designate—or elect, we may at this time probably say, since the congé d'être has been issued, and the state of the law allows the Chapter, "no choice but to elect" the Clergyman nominated by the crown. The odour, which of late the University of Oxford has contracted would, no doubt, lead a majority of persons in the first instance to suppose, that the party protested against has become liable to the suspicion of romanizing tendencies. That would be an utter mistake. The Regius Professor is one who inflicted a very severe blow and discouragement, on the Tractarian schismatics, in the successful resistance offered by him to Mr. McMullen's application for the Bachelor-in-Divinity's degree—the correctness of his suspicions in the case have since been proved by that individual's joining the Church of Rome, after doing as much perverting work within the Church of England as opportunity was afforded him for; in the Rev. Dr. Hook's parish of Leeds. But Dr. Hampden had given occasion to doubts respecting his soundness in the faith in another direction—he was suspected of leaning towards Rationalism; and at the time of his appointment to the Regius Professorship it was not the then much more carefully disguised romanizing party only, but with them, many who were, and continue, sound in the faith; that condemned the appointment and joined in censuring the Professor. The censure was founded upon sentiments uttered by him, as Bampton Lecturer, in the