

VISIT OF THE CITIZENS OF BUFFALO TO TORONTO.

The Mayor, on behalf of the people of Buffalo, having accepted the invitation of the members of the Legislature and the Corporation to visit Toronto...

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen of Buffalo. On behalf of the citizens of Toronto, I beg leave most cordially to welcome you to our city...

It will be a very delightful result of the interchange of courtesies between the people of two neighbouring cities...

The visitors were then placed in carriages which took up the line in the North American Hotel...

The afternoon was far spent ere the guests were safely deposited in their quarters, and all thoughts were turned on preparing for the grand ball...

The interior of the centre building, on the first floor, has two large public rooms, and two subordinate offices...

The Ball.—The Patriot says, the ceiling of the St. Lawrence Hall was entirely covered with blue and white...

Shortly before ten, His Excellency the Governor General, the Countess of Elgin and others entered the hall...

About one o'clock the company began to move towards the supper room, which was laid in the Council Chamber of the City Hall...

The Supper.—At the upper end of the spacious chamber, on a dais, a table was placed to which his Worship the Mayor of Toronto, who presided, led Her Excellency the Countess of Elgin and Kincardine...

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Indignity or disrespect towards him to-day, as would be an ardent supporter. This was an amiable exhibition of the loyalty of the American people...

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The Mayor of Buffalo then rose amidst the most deafening cheers, and said, Mr. Mayor, Hon. Ladies and Gentlemen, and citizens, accept of my thanks for this most highly honourable, this most enthusiastic welcome...

The company then withdrew to the Ball-room, and the dancing was kept up till a late hour. On the following day, Friday, there was a grand review of the 71st Regiment, on the Garrison Common...

The Governor's Fare.—In the afternoon the Governor General and Countess of Elgin gave a grand fete champetre to the guests of the city. The beautiful grounds of Kinsley House were thrown open on the occasion...

His Excellency next gave "The President of the United States" introducing the toast with a few remarks complimentary to Mr. Fillmore, himself as a Buffalonian...

His Excellency next gave "The City of Buffalo," and in a very humorous vein hit off the difficulties which the Welland exhibition encountered on its attempt to reach Buffalo...

TERRIBLE HURRICANE AT THE WEST INDIES.

The hurricane which occurred at the Windward Islands early in July, and reported in brief by Capt. Byson, of the brig David, at Boston, on the 1st inst., was very severe...

We learn from Capt. Loring, of the bark J. W. Blodgett, from St. Martins, July 19th, that the hurricane burst upon them there, and at the adjoining islands, on the 11th and 12th of July...

It is thought that many vessels have been wrecked, from the fragments of chests, furniture, &c., found near the island. Several lives were lost in the harbour. The Government of St. Barts have been obliged to contribute to the sustenance of the distressed...

Ecclesiastical Intelligence.

UNITED STATES.

REPORT of the Committee of Foreign Missions of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States for the year 1849—1850.

The Foreign Committee, in submitting their fifteenth Annual Report to the Board of Missions, have reason for devout gratitude, that notwithstanding some trials, the Missions of the Church under their care are, in general, acquiring stability...

FINANCES.—Although the receipts of the past year have not equalled those of the two preceding, in consequence of some extraordinary specific benefactions made during the latter, yet the contributions from usual sources have been sufficient to prevent embarrassment...

AGENCIES, &c.—No salaried agencies have been employed during the year; and, in accordance with an intimation in their report of last year, arrangements which were unavoidably delayed, have recently been made...

EPHAPHY COLLECTION.

The Foreign Committee made their third annual application to the Church at the last Epiphany season. The response to this was less general and less liberal than on former occasions...

In these annual collections it is not designed to interfere in any wise with parochial systems already established; but experience has proved that the appointment of a certain period brings the subject to the notice of many feeble parishes...

The receipts for the last Financial year, from all sources, have amounted to... \$34,800 79. The Expenditures for the same period, 15th June, 1849 to 15th June, 1850, to... \$32,404 17.

There is a balance in the Treasury of... \$3,709 94 of which \$3,000 will be needed for goods purchased for the annual shipment to the African Mission...

The Committee proceed to notice the condition of the several stations under their charge.

ATHENS.—The Rev. J. H. Hill, Missionary; Mrs. Hill, Miss Baldwin, Assistants. Several Greek Teachers. It is now nineteen years since the same labourers engaged in it commenced their benevolent work at Athens...

"Gospel principles, Gospel truth, Gospel precepts—these," writes the Missionary, "formed, as they still do, the basis of all our teaching. These were instilled into the minds of our first pupils...

"On the day of our examination, (which was the anniversary of our arrival in Athens,) there were no less than eight mothers, who had been our pupils, listening with tears of delight to the recitations of their children in the same place where they themselves had been taught...

The following communication from the Missionary will afford some view of details, and be interesting to those who have had an eye upon this station:

"The 4th instant was appointed as the day for the distribution of our annual gifts to our pupils. This usually takes place on the Greek Christmas, but as that festival occurred this year on Sunday, we anticipated it by two days. I do not know that I can give our friends a better idea of the progress we are making in giving Scriptural instruction to a generation that has been long since our arrival in Athens...

Nature and purpose of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, we carefully teach them from the New Testament. Everything is illustrated in as simple a manner as possible from the Scriptures, and it is quite remarkable how conversant the greater part of them are with the book of God. We teach them that there are two classes of recipients of the Lord's Supper, as explained by St. Paul to the Corinthians...

she lay her little son when he was born.—Ans. In a manger, because there was no room for him in the inn. Ques. Who were keeping watch over their flocks?—Ans. Shepherds. Ques. What sweet sounds did these shepherds hear from heaven?—Ans. Glory to God in the highest; on earth, peace; good will towards men. Upon this the children rose and sang some verses in English, of an old Christmas Carol, of which the following is the first stanza:

How blest with more than woman's bliss was she, the espoused maid, And Virgin Mother, when she saw upon her bosom laid, Her first-born Son! and gazed on Him, with meek, adoring eye, His Sire, the Holy Spirit's might—the power of God, Most High!

"These children then received their gifts, as rewards for good and obedient conduct."

"I will next conduct you where we led those friends whom we had invited to be present on this joyous occasion, to the next highest department, consisting of pupils of more advanced age. Here another catechetical lesson was recited in Greek, having reference to the incarnation of our Saviour. The answers to the questions were mostly in Scriptural language; the passages, both chapter and verse, being distinctly quoted. After this, that beautiful passage in Isaiah, ix. 6.—'For unto us a child is born, &c.—was sung in Greek, to a beautiful piece of music, and admirably harmonized four voices. The effect of this music upon the audience was very pleasing."

"We next proceeded to Miss Baldwin's room, which contains more than fifty poor girls, all of them old pupils, who had learned their letters in the school."

"Next followed the Lancasterian Schol, and then our large Infant School, for promiscuous scholars, and where only Greek is taught. It contains two hundred and seventy children. Eighty-three copies of the Scriptures, and twelve copies of the 'Dairyman's Daughter,' besides other gifts, were distributed in this school. The exercises here were such as are usual in infant schools—reading the Scriptures, reciting infant school hymns, and singing. In all the schools, we have two hundred and twenty six readers."

"Our friends retired, expressing themselves highly gratified with the results."

In a letter dated 10th May last, the Missionary thus refers to the influence which the Mission School at Athens has exerted in promoting a knowledge of Scriptural truth:

"A large class of Bible Christians has been formed in these schools, consisting of some thousands, who are now dispersed over every part of Greece—and who can calculate their influence as Mothers?—(for most of those who were our earliest pupils are married and settled in life.) We have just completed the Nineteenth year of our residence in Greece, and have entered upon our Twentieth. What a long period to look back upon, and how much responsibility does it involve! May it be found that we have not laboured in vain, nor spent our strength for naught!"

"We have passed through a winter of uncommon severity, and there has been much suffering among the lower classes. The injury done to the country by the loss of many thousand of the olive trees of Attica and of the extensive orange and lemon plantations, is enormous. Within the memory of man, it was never known that the olive tree was injured by any degree of cold known in this climate. But this year, the whole of the extensive and well-known Attic Grove has perished."

"Our schools, too, suffered from the inclemency of the weather, and never was the attendance of the pupils so much interrupted as during the first three months of the year. The beautiful season of spring has at length arrived and brought with it our usual regular number of between four and five hundred. The preparation of the interesting young persons for the intelligent and devout celebration of the festival of Easter, was this year peculiarly interesting, from the increased intelligence and the improvement they have made in the knowledge of the Scriptures. The solemn transactions which attended the Crucifixion of our Saviour, were read and committed to memory by many who, last year, were only capable of listening to them as recounted and read to them. They had not then the capacity of reading the word of God themselves. Others, again, had made sufficient progress to comprehend the connection between the Old and New Covenants. To these it was interesting to point out the fulfilment of the types of the former, in all that related to Him to whom all the Prophets gave witness, and all these types pointed. They could now perfectly understand the connection between the Paschal Lamb of the Jewish Passover and 'the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sins of the world.' To others, more advanced, the mysterious book of prophecy was partially laid open; and it was with peculiar pleasure we marked the aptness of some in explaining the obscure intimations of prophecy, as illustrated by the light of the Gospel. In reading the 53rd chapter of Isaiah, the question was asked, 'What is meant by the expression 'He shall see of the travail of His soul, and be satisfied.' And the reply was, 'the travail of His soul points out the sufferings of our Lord, especially His agony in the Garden, and the reward of those sufferings with which He shall be satisfied will be, in bringing many sons and daughters to righteousness—namely all those who shall believe in Him to the saving of their souls.'"

"One great object we always have in view in our instructions, is to spiritualize, as much as possible, the observance and rites which we have in common with them. The Greeks, like all the orientals, are much attached to a symbolical religion, and too apt to rest in the form of Godliness without feeling much of the power of it. The season of Easter has afforded us another fit opportunity of improving their minds in the great doctrines of Christ crucified, and of justification by faith, and of enforcing those practical duties which are incumbent upon them as members of Christ's Church."

"Nature and purpose of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, we carefully teach them from the New Testament. Everything is illustrated in as simple a manner as possible from the Scriptures, and it is quite remarkable how conversant the greater part of them are with the book of God. We teach them that there are two classes of recipients of the Lord's Supper, as explained by St. Paul to the Corinthians, and that all who partake are not, as a matter of course, partakers of the Lord's body (as in the case of Judas.) Hence, they are taught the necessity of self-examination, and of repentance and confession to God, the nature of which is explained from the history and experience of David. The 51st Psalm is pointed out as a proper form of confession and prayer for a repentant sinner, and each phrase of it carefully examined. "This is a concise summary of the course pursued by us throughout the year, which I have illustrated by reference to the recent seasons of Passion Week and Easter. We cannot be too grateful for the privilege