

"At the close of the service. Mr. P—, kneeling down, offered up a devout and fervent prayer for this family. Then, with much kindness, but yet with great plainness, he thus addressed the parents:

"You have been making very solemn promises for your children. Let me tell you, that you cannot keep those promises, unless you have an altar to the Lord in your dwelling; unless you gather these children together morning and night, and pray with them. For them you have promised to renounce the devil, to exercise Christian faith, and to lead a godly life. You cannot do this for them unless you are in earnest to do it for yourselves. You can never do this, either for them or yourselves, unless you look up continually to God in prayer. See what a group of young immortals are committed to your trust! These children; in all probability, will be happy or miserable in eternity, according to the course you pursue with them. They have this day been admitted into the congregation of Christ's flock; they have been invested with great and glorious privileges: but whether those privileges will ever be of any service to them, depends, in a very considerable degree, upon you. I do entreat you, therefore, for your children's sake, and for your own sakes, seek with all diligence and earnestness 'the kingdom of God and his righteousness.'

"These words, in connection with the effect already produced by the baptismal service, went home to the bosom of those parents like barbed arrows. From that day Henry Northend began to read his Bible, and think deeply about the salvation of his soul. He left off profane swearing. He never again yoked up his cattle, or went a fishing on the lake, on Sunday. Whenever there was preaching in the settlement, whoever else was absent, Henry Northend was there. He has frequently told me, that for weeks, 'the remembrance of his manifold sins and wickedness was such an intolerable burthen to him, that he often thought he must sink beneath their pressure, into the abyss of unending ruin.' Here Mr. Heyden paused, and turning his eye to the grave, which we noticed in the early part of this chapter, for a moment seemed lost in thought. The continuation of his narrative will be found in the next chapter.

To be continued.

DIOCESE OF BARBADOS.

ST. VINCENT'S.

The Lord Bishop of the Diocese arrived on Saturday evening in the brigantine *Fame*, last from Grenada, and landed shortly after under a salute from Fort Charlotte. On the following morning his Lordship preached from the 2d Corinthians, 1 chap. 3d. and 4th verses—And in the evening from the 10th chap. of Luke, 23 and 24th verses—Both of which discourses were delivered by his lordship in his usual felicitous style and with admirable effect. After his sermon in the morning, his lordship held a Confirmation, at which 72 adults and youths of both sexes were confirmed. God is, indeed, no respecter of persons—This was practically exemplified at the confirmation, where were commingled together persons of all grades and colors, young and old, from the fair daughters of his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor down to the swarthy tiller of the soil, and it was truly a gratifying sight to behold the apprenticed laborer pressing forward in the ranks of Christianity, and equally gratifying to reflect that out of the portion of time allowed him for his subsistence, he had appropriated a part to the service of his God—At the conclusion of the imposing ceremony of laying on of hands, his lordship addressed the persons just confirmed, as well as the congregation present, in a strain of eloquence and with a piety so truly christian as sensibly to affect all who heard him. Callous must that heart be upon which his sublime exhortations made no impression! His lordship took a review of the early ages of Christianity, and explained to his Audience that Confirmation was coeval with infant baptism, and was as necessary a ceremony. (?) He earnestly entreated the heads of families to set an example of piety to their children and dependants, by taking especial care that family prayers were read morning and evening, and that their attendance at Church was regular—to those just confirmed and particularly the young, he pointed out their moral and religious duties, and called upon them not to neglect going to Church on the Sabbath day, the Almighty having not only rested from his labors on that day but sanctified it. He expressed his great satisfaction at the progress religion had made throughout the Colonies in his diocese since his first arrival. When he first visited these Islands the Stores and Shops were publicly kept open on the Sabbath day, and the then Slaves were compelled to labor in their grounds on that day, and to assist in the manufacture of produce; these profanations of the Sabbath had passed away and given place to a feeling of religious

duty. Upon this change in the manners of the people he congratulated his Excellency, whose presence upon the present occasion he was glad to observe, as well as that of the many influential persons whom he saw around him, and all of whom he begged to use their influence in fostering a proper sense of religion among those entrusted to their charge, for without religion no man could be truly happy. His lordship, after expatiating upon many other topics, concluded his address, which lasted for nearly an hour, with an earnest blessing upon those just confirmed, and a strong recommendation to them not to omit partaking of the Holy Sacrament.

We never before heard any thing so truly christian, so truly pious, and so truly sublime, as this address of the Lord Bishop, and we do assure those who neglected the opportunity of hearing him and of profiting by his admonitions, that they have incurred a loss, if they value their salvation, which they may never regain.

His Lordship visited the Leeward Parishes on Monday and held a Confirmation at Barrouallie the same day, at which 62 persons were confirmed. On Tuesday he inspected the Schools in Kingstown, and afterwards held another Confirmation at which 13 were confirmed. On Wednesday he went out to Charaib county, from whence he will return this evening, and embark on his return to Barbados to-morrow.

GRENADA.

In consequence of its having been announced, on Ascension day, that the Lord Bishop of the Diocese would preach and hold a confirmation on the following Sunday, in St. George's Church, nearly the whole of the pews and the galleries were filled some time before the hour of Divine Service; and when his Lordship entered, a little after 11 o'clock, there was not, we believe, even in either of the aisles, a single seat unoccupied. The morning service was read in a very impressive manner by the Reverend Mr. BOVELL, and the Bishop, having taken his text from the 7th v. of the 19th Psalm, "The law of the Lord is an undefiled law, converting the soul," in a very impressive and eloquent discourse, urged the invaluable importance of the Holy Scriptures, and of an unceasing study of the sacred truths they contain, as necessary to our true happiness here and to our salvation in the world to come. Immediately after the sermon, his Lordship confirmed between 30 and 40 young persons, whom he very feelingly and fervently exhorted to a steady performance of their christian duties, and a strict observance of the Sabbath, set apart, by the Almighty, from works of labour, to be employed in piety; the paramount importance of which sacred obligation he also very impressively enforced upon the serious consideration of all present, and particularly of those who from their relatively high stations in life, cannot fail, by their examples and precepts to influence the morals and conduct of their more humble brethren. The earnest devotion of his Lordship during the performance of the solemn and arduous duty of confirmation, and the eloquent exhortation which he so energetically delivered on the occasion, rivetted the attention, and strongly affected the feelings of the most numerous and most respectable congregation that perhaps ever appeared in our Parish Church.—*Chronicle.*

BARBADOS.

At 11 o'clock on Thursday, the Bishop, accompanied by the Archdeacon and his chaplain, arrived at the recently erected Parish Church of St. John, where he was met by the Rector, Churchwardens and Vestry of the Parish, who requested him, according to the usual form to consecrate the Church. His Lordship then proceeded to the Roving-room, and after having robed, entered the Church and commenced the ceremony, [vide form] preaching the Sermon himself, in which he took occasion to notice the exertions made by the parishioners, not only in the way of subscriptions but also the voluntary labour contributed by the tradesmen and apprenticed laborers, and to pay a deserved tribute of praise to the liberality and unwearied exertions of *Edmund Haynes, Esq.* His lordship alluded also to the present state of these colonies, and touched upon the advantages resulting from influential persons leaving them at the present moment. There was present a number of persons, not merely parishioners of St. John, but from the neighbouring parishes and from Bridge-Town—the Governor's family and personal staff were present. His Excellency having been prevented attending by illness—and also several of the military.—The Church is a handsome Gothic building, highly ornamented but not so much as to be deficient in good taste, and capable of containing from about 800 to 1000 persons. The pulpit and desk are made from a Mahogany tree planted by *E. Haynes, Esq.* The style of pew adopted in it is the open slip, a style advantageous in two respects, as by this means more room is afforded, and also the congregation are not likely to be annoyed by heat.—The arrangement was exceedingly good and reflected much credit upon the Rector and Vestry—After the ceremony many of the persons present repaired to the Rectory to a handsome collation, where a silver trowel, the gift of the parishioners of St. John, was presented by the Bishop to *E. Haynes, Esq.* when his lordship took occasion again to allude to his exertions in the erection of the Church.—*Barbadian.*

YOUTH'S COMPANION.

For the Colonial Churchman.

THE OBEDIENT GIRLS.

I relate the following story for the benefit of the readers of the Colonial Churchman, in the hope that some of them at least may imitate the dutiful conduct of the two little Sunday Scholars.

Mrs. N. had two little girls whom she took much pains in instructing in the way to holy and good living. Sometimes she was grieved at their unwillingness to learn, and at their imperfect practice, of the good lessons which their Sunday School Teacher, as well as she herself had taught them. Their general conduct, however, was such as convinced her that they esteemed and desired to profit by the opportunities which they enjoyed.

Having to spend the day on one occasion with a rich neighbour, she told the little girls that she would not return until the evening, but would leave them to spend their time according to their own sense of duty. "Well," said Jane, the younger of the two, "mother is so very kind to us, that I should like very much to convince her this evening, that we are anxious to please her. Now, I dare say that the book which mother was reading last evening, contains some pretty hymn or story that we can learn and repeat to her on her return." They both took up the book, and after hunting page after page of "Sidney's Life of Rev. Rowland Hill" they selected and carefully learnt the following hymn:—

A PRAYER FOR A GRACIOUS MIND.

"Blessed are the pure in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."—5 c. *Matt.* 3 v.

Dear Jesus, let an infant claim
The favour to adore Thy name;
Thou wast so meek, that babes might be
Encouraged to draw nigh to Thee.

My gracious Saviour, I believe
Thou canst a little child receive;
Thy tender love for us is free,
And why not love poor sinful me?

Then to a child, dear Lord! impart
An humble, meek, and lowly heart;
O! cleanse me by thy precious blood
And fill me with the love of God.

Tho' oft I sin, yet save me still,
And make me love thy sacred will—
Each day prepare me by Thy grace
To meet Thee and behold thy face.

Soon as their mother had returned, and the kiss of welcome had been exchanged, the girls hastened to repeat to her the pretty hymn, and thought themselves amply rewarded by her affectionate approval.—Now, was not this infinitely better than if they had wasted their time, and dreaded her return. Let each young reader who approves of the conduct of these nice little girls, shew their approval by what? merely saying so—No! by learning the same hymn in the same lovely spirit. SIGMA.

For the Colonial Churchman.

HAPPINESS.

Wherein does true and lasting happiness consist? Perhaps the youthful reader may say that it consists in the abundance of his riches, and the pleasures of this transitory scene. But ask the man whose youthful days have long since passed away on the wings of time, and whose heart was then wholly fixed on the passing pleasures of this life, who did then fully enter into them, and as he then thought could not exist without them,—and he will assuredly tell you that he has long since found out, that those delusive pleasures were all a fleeting show; and that the great charm for those pleasures has passed away with his youthful days never more to return. And he will further tell you that true and lasting happiness is only to be found in the service of Him before whom both you and I must give an account of our time at the day of final retribution. Or, inquire of the man of this world when he has retired to his chamber after spending the day and part of the night perhaps in sensual pleasure, and even he will then tell you that all is vanity and vexation of spirit; and such a man