

of sedition and trouble, as Solomon said—"Where prophecy is wanting, the people are dissipated."

THE CHURCH.

COBOURG, FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 1845.

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(CIRCULAR.)

To the Reverend the Clergy of the Diocese of Toronto.

REVEREND BROTHERS,—In conformity with a Resolution passed at a Special General Meeting of the "CHURCH SOCIETY," held at Toronto, on the 23rd of October last, that four Collections should be made annually throughout the Diocese...

In order to obviate the inconveniences which are found to arise from the postponement, in certain instances, of the Collections beyond the period that they were required to be made, and to secure the unity of action which a strict adherence to one particular day for this object would help to promote...

As the proposed Collection on Trinity Sunday is designed to further a most important and noble Christian object, it is my fervent prayer, as it is my hope, that the Lord will put it into the hearts of all his faithful people, to remember, on that occasion...

I remain, Reverend Brethren, Your's faithfully, JOHN TORONTO.

We are happy to be enabled to present our readers with another excellent article from the Cobourg Gazette on the subject of existing Rublical diversities.

The remarks upon the Bishop of Exeter in the present number, will be read with great interest and satisfaction. They fully corroborate the views which we ventured ourselves to put forth, a few weeks ago, in reference to that estimable, but ill-used prelate...

The fairest way of judging of an individual, is by his acts: all the past career, then, of the Bishop of Exeter gives a direct contradiction to the slanders with which he is now so thoughtlessly and wickedly assailed; and not a shadow of proof can be advanced to testify his desire or intention of establishing a single regulation in which he has not the distinct sanction of the laws and ordinances of the Church which he serves.

We repeat that we must judge of an individual, as by his religious possessions, by his acts. If he be zealous for the law, order, and discipline of the Church which he is solemnly pledged to serve, we are bound by every rule of fair deduction to regard him as a sound and sincere Churchman; and if his daily life and conversation are found, as far as human infirmity may be supposed to allow, to be in consistency with the principles by which he professes to be guided...

It has been remarked with great truth, that much of the discussion which has taken place upon the religious questions of the day, has been more for the sake of argument than because any high principle or conscientious feeling was concerned in it.

Speculation and enterprise have, doubtless, done much for the present generation, in the way of commercial and agricultural advancement; but it were a fearful error and an awful hazard to apply these inventions of men to principles and ordinances which God himself has established.

management of its rightful rulers, its Bishops and Pastors. If the latter are moved, as we sincerely believe they are, by a true regard and love for the best welfare of their flocks, let the flocks in return evince more of that child-like faith and obedience which has received, both in precept and practice, so many beautiful and impressive commendations from the Saviour of the world.

We feel much indebted to our correspondent A. C. for his strictures upon the ill-judged, though possibly well-meant, extract from Goodwin's writings, which some person or other, evidently with more zeal than discretion, appears to have been at some pains in circulating. No copy of this publication was transmitted to us, possibly because it was felt to be very unimportant and valueless; and therefore, although made aware of its existence from other quarters, we had no opportunity of giving it a minute examination.

It is no more than charitable to believe, that the publisher of this little treatise was guilty of all acquaintance with the history and real principles of the writer from whom he has thought proper to make citations in alleged defence of the purity of the Church; much to be lamented as such ignorance is in one who appears desirous of being prominent in maintaining the integrity of her principles.

We have learned to look with a good deal of charity upon the indiscreet, and often very charitable, interpositions of these alarmists in stating what they are pleased to deem the plague of the times.—The worst plague we have to encounter is the licentiousness of the age, both in matters of principle and practice; and in promoting a rigid and exact adherence to the rules and polity of the Church, in restoring her to her proper elevation, and in faithfully carrying out her spirit, we believe that we shall be furnishing the best and most efficacious corrective to the prevailing evil.

We are always slow to attribute any other than the best of motives to those who, in reference to passing topics of ecclesiastical excitement, may adopt a line which we conceive at variance with the order and teaching of the Church,—we mean of those who profess to be her members or friends; but there would be no harm, and there might be some result of practical good, if, on the part of such individuals, there should be a rigid scrutiny of the working of the mind and impulse of the feelings in such matters.

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Canadian editor, in the brief preface to this "Tract," where he says that he is "assured that it is against God's will that he is fighting, whose views and practices are herein [i. e. in Goodwin's Tract] so clearly described.

Now, if the premises upon which this conclusion is founded be not correct,—as from what has been already adduced we think we are safe in affirming,—it is needless to controvert it further; but taking up the abstract question, the mere fact of the endowment of King's College by Royal Patent, we are just as well persuaded that this conclusion cannot be sustained. It must be fully as incompetent for a Colonial Legislature to interfere with a Royal Patent as with a Royal Charter,—with a gift of lands, as with a gift of privileges, from the Royal grace.

We regret much that there should be any occasion for a misapprehension of the views of Mr. De Blaquiere upon this subject; for there can be no doubt of his being guided in the matter by the most pure and patriotic intentions. And it was solely the belief that the Memorial of that gentleman was calculated to damage the good cause which we are fully persuaded it was his design to promote, that caused us to offer the animadversions which, as upon a public document, we felt we were at liberty to make, without compromising, in the slightest degree, the high personal respect which, with the whole community, we entertain for his writer.

The Secretary of the Church Society at Toronto begs us to intimate his particular request that he may be furnished, as early as practicable, by the Secretaries of District Associations, with such statement of all particulars concerning the formation of Parochial Branches, as it may be desirable to include in the General Annual Report of the Society; together with an accurate list (in alphabetical order, if convenient) of the several Subscribers to the Society in each of such Branches during the past year.

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Communications.

DR. GOODWIN NOT A SAFE GUIDE FOR CHURCHMEN.

Sir,—A small "Tract" lately came in my way, upon which, as it is addressed by its Canadian editor to the "prayerful consideration" of the members of the Church, I thought I should feel it my duty to draw your attention to it.

It is headed "Antiquity and its utility as a standard of truth," and is written in a style which is both interesting and instructive. It is not a mere compilation, but the result of deep study and reflection. The author, who is identified as Dr. Goodwin, discusses the value of tradition and the importance of the early Church Fathers.

The receipts of the past month have been as follows: Collections on Septuagesima £27 3 9 Collections for Widows and Orphans Fund..... 1 10 0 Annual Subscriptions in Toronto 10 0 0 Remittances from Eastern Branch Association 23 6 6 Sales at the Depository to 29th March inclusive 27 4 6 Total receipts..... £91 4 9

The Standing Committee recommended the payment of the following accounts: Thos. Champion, Salary £10 8 4 & s. d. Boy's wages..... 1 13 4 12 1 8 Disbursements in February and March 4 2 5 1/2 Total £16 3 1/2

THE OPENING OF THE NEW CHURCH OF TRINITY AT CHIPPAWA.

Rev. Sir,—As every circumstance connected with the welfare of our Church, and the progress of the Kingdom of God, is interesting to her people in Canada, the following relation of an exceedingly delightful and important ceremony, the opening of the new Church of Trinity, at Chippawa, on Easter Sunday last, by the Rev. William Leeming, Rector of the Diocese of Toronto, and the Rev. Wm. Leeming, Rector of the new Church, is published in our paper, under the heading of "The Opening of the New Church at Chippawa."

CELESTIAL INTELLIGENCE.

TO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT Mrs. Secord, the wife of James Secord of Chippawa, Esquire, did, in the month of June 1813, cross the River St. Lawrence, by a circuitous route of about twenty miles, partly through the woods, to acquire meat that the enemy intended to attempt to capture a detachment of the 49th Regiment then under my command, she having obtained such knowledge from good authority, as the event proved.

Our readers will have observed a general and large donation for Church purposes to the Lord Bishop of Montreal, which was circulated in several of our Provincial Journals. We are happy to have authority to state that this account is correct, and therefore we repeat it from a Quebec contemporary, regretting that, from the paper having been mislaid, we were unable to give it more fully in announcing it.—Ed.

CANADA. DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

The Lord Bishop of Montreal has received an announcement by the last mail from England, that an aged Churchman, a friend of the family from the early days of his Lordship's father, the Rev. (Protestant) Bishop of Quebec, has placed at the unfeigned discretion of the Bishop, for the advancement of the cause of the Gospel in this Diocese, the sum of Six Thousand Pounds Sterling. This seasonable act of Christian munificence will enable the Bishop to carry out with effect the College founded at Lennoxville, which a charter has been procured. The Societies for the Propagation of the Gospel and for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge have each given One Thousand Pounds Sterling towards that Institution, and several private individuals in the Province have likewise given for this noble enterprise.

It may not be uninteresting to state, that the gentleman who has thus liberally contributed for this noble cause, and who himself lives in great privacy with an establishment upon the most moderate and simple scale, a short time ago contributed Five Hundred Pounds towards the fund for endowing the New Bishopric of New Brunswick, and that his deceased wife and brother, a country Clergyman also deceased, gave Six Thousand Pounds as their joint contribution towards the Bethnal-Green Churches erected by the zealous exertions of the Bishop of London.

It is believed that one of those ten churches, together with its appurtenances of a parsonage house and a school house, will be exclusively by means of the contribution. The names of these parties are withheld from the public, in accordance with their own habits and sentiments in the appropriation of their bounty.—Berean, Feb. 27.

POOR FUND OF THE CATHEDRAL. Amount collected in the Cathedral, Quebec, during the year ended Easter, 1845:—£427 8 3

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. 1.—To aged, infirm, or otherwise disabled poor. £ 63 13 6 2.—To Male Orphan Asylum. 150 6 0 3.—To Destitute Children of the Poor. 10 0 0 4.—Medical Aid to the poor. (This comprehends Medicines only, the services of the Physician being gratuitous). 12 10 0 5.—Burial of Paupers..... 10 18 9 6.—Casual and temporary relief to the poor, assistance to enable persons to return home, &c. 108 10 11

Balance in hands of Church Warden£ 4 4 8 —Quebec Mercury.

DIocese of Toronto.

The LORD BISHOP in the chair. At the General Meeting of the Society, held Wednesday, 24 April, 1845, the minutes of the last meeting were read.

The Treasurer laid on the table a statement of his accounts, showing a total balance in hand of £493 0s. 6d.

the Standing Committee recommended, that a Committee consisting of three members be appointed, to be called the Land Committee, to whom shall be committed the duty of preparing all business relative to lands, and submitting the same to the consideration of the Society at their General Meetings; and that J. H. Cameron, J. G. Chewart, and Ogden Creighton, Esquires, be the Land Committee, till the General Meeting in April 1846, or until another Committee be appointed.

It was resolved, that the thanks of the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto be given to Wm. Proudfoot Esq., for his generous donation of the south half of Lot 11, in the 12th concession of Collingwood, containing 100 acres,—for Church purposes in the Home District.

It was resolved, that the thanks of the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto be given to David Gikison Esquire, for his donation of Village Lot No. 13, in Elnora, for a Parsonage.

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(From the Prince Edward Gazette, April 11.)

The Quarterly General Meeting of the PRINCE EDWARD BRANCH OF THE CHURCH SOCIETY, was held in the Church, Pictou, last Monday evening, and although the weather prevented the venerable Archbishop and other Clergymen and gentlemen residing at a distance, from attending, there was a numerous assemblage of the most hearty members of the Church, and a full attendance of the efficient choir which graces this locality.

The Chairman of the District, our respected Rector, having offered up prayers, and a Secretary having been named, Mr. Macaulay opened the business of the evening by a statement of the objects of the Society, and of the present Meeting. He afterwards gave a lucid sketch of the triumphant course of Christianity and its planting in showing its progress in this Province, and ended by urging on its professors an increased necessity of supporting this Society.

The whole of Mr. Macaulay's address was listened to with deep interest, and responded to in a string of eleven Resolutions, of which the following are the principal:—The first, moved by the Rev. S. GIVINS, and seconded by DAVID SMITH ESQ., is a confession which we trust will be the harbinger of activity:

That nothing is, by experience, found more fatal to the best designs, than languor in carrying them into execution.

2nd. Moved by the Rev. J. DEACON, seconded by Mr. STRIKER.—That the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto, "aiming in its Constitution and all its parts, to promote the best objects, and the interests most dear to man, open to every individual such a variety of modes of contributing thereto, that every such contributor must find a source of happiness and pleasure, in being allowed to employ his talents, and to exercise his industry in conducting, according to his ability, to its success.

3rd. Moved by C. MORTIMER ESQ., seconded by Wm. COCKELL, Esq.—That the substantial object of this Society is to plant the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ in this country, and to bring the hearts and consciences of all the appointed means of the Church, to the obedience of the Faith.

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