

the night is passing away; the day, the unending day is at hand. Not in vain then was that exhortation of the Apostle—"be ye sober." But if this is applicable to the private Christian, with what added emphasis does it appeal to the Christian minister! If St. Paul could write to the Church of the Ephesians, that "foolish talking and jesting are not convenient," does not the charge come with double power to him who stands between the living and the dead, as the messenger of God to sinful and apostate man? Shall he, whose business is with Eternity—the effect of whose labors will last long after the light of the sun has been quenched—shall he stop to mingle in the idle raillery of those around him? Shall he not rather, bear ever written on the tablet of his mind, that confession of David: "There is not a word in my tongue, but lo, O Lord, thou knowest it altogether!" With what feelings can he pass from the midst of levity to join in the solemn duties of his profession? He may be summoned, while the half uttered jest is yet upon his lips, to go forth and see the last hours of some one committed to his charge—to stand by the dying sinner, when Eternity is opening to his view, when his lips are quivering with a long forgotten prayer, and for the first time, he asks in the agony of his spirit, "what must I do to be saved?" Or, it may be his lot, to administer the comforts of our most holy faith to the departing Christian, and to aid him in gathering up the energies of soul, for the last, stern conflict. Will his spirit be fitted for duties like these when he has just been mingling in the frivolity of the world? No, if the Christian minister seeks nothing beyond his own spirituality, and that frame of mind which fit him to deal with the souls of dying men, he will let his conversation be such as becometh the Gospel of Christ.—*N. Y. Review.*

## EXPENSE OF PUBLISHING.

The Boston Times says that the daily Herald establishment of that city has, within the past year, sunk \$5000! We mention this fact merely to give our friends some idea of the great expense attending the publication of Newspapers. No one, unless acquainted on this subject, can form any just conception of the many incidental expenses to which a publisher is subjected, in addition to what he sustains in the way of delinquent subscribers, had debts, &c. These expenses, when singly considered, seem trifling, to be sure; but taken in the aggregate, the amount appears almost incredible. Perhaps of any undertaking, a newspaper is the most uncertain in its result. And the main reason why it is so, is, that the price being generally trifling, a subscriber is induced to believe that a delay of a year or two on his part—or even an eternal delay—can't make much difference to the printer, particularly as he has got so many subscribers! This is the grand secret of newspaper failures. It is this inattention to a trifling debt, which sinks in time the most encouraging. Let all those who thus delay the hour of payment, keep in mind this significant proverb: "Sands form the mountain—minutes make the year!"—*Boston paper.*

## THE COLONIAL CHURCHMAN.

LUNENBURG, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1837..

SUNDAY SCHOOL.—The eleventh annual examination of the St. John's Sunday School at Lunenburg, took place on the festival of St. Michael, (29th ult.) in the presence of a respectable number of the parents and friends of religious education. There were about 150 children in attendance, who were examined in the lessons they had learnt during the year, from the Old and New Testament, Lewis's explanation of the Church Catechism, Grossman's Introduction to the Knowledge of the Christian Religion, Faith and Duty of a Christian, &c. It is believed that good evidence was afforded of their advancement in religious knowledge, and it was pleasing to mark the eagerness with which many of the children evinced to repeat the hymns which they had prepared, but which there was not time to hear them recite.—Particular interest was excited by the examination of a numerous class of little ones in the Child's

Catechism in rhyme, which they are taught according to the plan pursued in Infant Schools. At the close the following beautiful hymn was sung—

## THE HAPPY MEETING.

Here we suffer grief and pain,  
Here we meet to part again,  
In Heaven we part no more.

## CHORUS.

O! that will be joyful!

Joyful joyful joyful!

O! that will be joyful!

When we meet to part no more.

All who love the Lord below,  
When they die to Heaven will go,  
And sing with saints above.

O! that will be joyful! &c.

Little children will be there,  
Who have sought the Lord by prayer,  
From every Sunday School.

O! that will be joyful! &c.

Teachers, too, shall meet above,  
And our Pastors whom we love,  
Shall meet to part no more.

O! that will be joyful! &c.

O! how happy we shall be!  
For our Saviour we shall see,  
Exalted on his throne!

O! that will be joyful! &c.

There we all shall sing with joy,  
And eternity employ,  
In praising Christ, the Lord.

O! that will be joyful! &c.

KING'S COLLEGE.—We understand that the annual meeting of the Governors of King's College was held in the Library of that Institution, on Thursday the 28th ult. His Excellency Sir Colin Campbell, K. C. B. the Lieutenant Governor presiding, attended by the Chief Justice, the Provincial Secretary, and the Judge of the Court of Vice Admiralty. The Attorney General, accompanied by the Treasurer, was on his way, but we have heard with regret that an accident prevented his arrival.

Among much other interesting business which occupied the attention of the Board, the Governors passed a unanimous vote empowering the House of Convocation to confer the honorary degree of D. C. L. upon ANTHONY BARCLAY, Esq. A. B. one of the earliest graduates of the University, and who has recently given a strong assurance of continued attachment to his Alma Mater. To Mr. Barclay's father the College was deeply indebted for great and successful exertions in its favour in an early period of its history; and we believe him to be a descendant of the celebrated author of *Euphormio* and *Argenis*—specimens of pure and elegant Latin which every classical scholar must admire. He was appointed by the British Government to the Commission for determining the Boundary between the Province of New Brunswick and the United States, and has resided for some years past in the city of New York.

There are others of the early graduates of the University whose eminence in their various professions reflects credit upon the Institution, and points them out as highly deserving of those honours which have been thus so properly conferred on Mr. Barclay. And we believe here are also some yet older Alumni who completed their education at Windsor before the charter was obtained, under which academical distinctions are bestowed, but who are still without the honours they have fairly earned.

The usual examination of the Students then took place, and the competitors for the vacant scholarships having acquitted themselves with much credit, both in classical and mathematical learning, PHILIP CARTERET HILL and GEORGE AUGUSTUS VIETS were pronounced to be the successful candidates.

The Pupils of the Collegiate School, consisting of about 30 boarders from various parts of the province, were examined in their several studies, and the result was highly satisfactory to the Governors, and reflected great credit upon the Rev. W. B. King, their learned preceptor.

On the following day his Excellency and the other Governors visited and inspected the College and Academy, and it was very gratifying to observe the warm interest which they evinced in the prosperity of the collegiate institutions.

With reference to what we lately stated respecting college expenses, we take occasion to observe that one of the foundation scholarships of £20 will very nearly defray the Steward's bill for the whole academical year, and that less than £8 will pay all fees for tuition, lectures, library subscription, &c. One of the successful candidates above named enjoys a scholarship of *Forty Pounds Sterling* additional.

SYSTEMATIC CHARITY.—We find the following excellent remarks on this subject in the *Missionary*, taken from the *Southern Churchman*, and we recommend them to the attentive perusal of our readers. The scriptural plan of "Weekly offerings" for the cause of God is rapidly reviving in the sister Church in the United States, and we believe was first strongly advocated by Bishop Doane of New Jersey, who is forward in many an excellent work. We are satisfied that such a plan is the only sure foundation for the support of religious charities, and we hope it will be generally recommended by our Clergy with reference to the Church Society. If we could bring our people "upon the first day of the week to lay by them in store as God has prospered them," and cast it into the Lord's treasury, how different would be the result, from the niggardly contributions which we are now forced to beg for the support of the Gospel. In Halifax, for example, if each member of the church would give to the Church Society ONE PENNY weekly, the annual amount would exceed Six Hundred Pounds! But how many ought to give to Him who has given all to them, at least twenty times that sum; and not a few might spare twice that again, from their superfluities, and be the richer notwithstanding. One penny a-week from each member of the congregation of Lunenburg would produce more than £100 in the year, and speaking within bounds, we are persuaded that if every adult member of the church in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, would on each Lord's Day, set apart this small sum, there would be a yearly gathering for carrying on the work of the Lord, of not less than *Two Thousand Pounds*. Let a trial be made:—let each person lay by every week what he conscientiously feels he can spare for the objects of the Church Society;—let these weekly offerings be enclosed on the first Sunday of every month, in a piece of paper, with a proper direction, and collected in the plate by the churchwardens where there is a monthly communion, (or where there is not, they might be sent to the clergyman privately,) and we are convinced that the annual amount of such willing contributions by the Church at large, will be found highly gratifying and important.

## SYSTEMATIC CHARITY.

Systematic efforts are enjoined in the Scriptures, and are best calculated to secure the desired result. The last point which I would urge, is the adoption of the "apostolical plan." The fact that it is, *apostolical*, will, we trust, be a sufficient passport to the favor of every churchman. St. Paul gave order to the Churches of Galatia and Corinth,—"upon the first day of the week, let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him."

Upon the first day of the week, i. e. on the Lord's day, when we assemble to enjoy the privileges of the sanctuary, it is peculiarly a fit time to remember those who are destitute of these privileges. It is a proper time for "proving the sincerity" of our love by contributing something to send abroad the light of the glorious Gospel. It is an accepted time to honour God with the first fruits of all our increase.