

press and by word of mouth I have one own brother and at least four nephews now ministers in dissenting churches, and I am decidedly an Episcopalian, and am not afraid of the power of the Bishop tho' he may err, and therefore I most earnestly pray the Lord to guide and govern their minds. I look into the history of the Church from the time of the twelve down to William White, I find that Convocations ever have been held and often have proved very beneficial (not always.) Look at our brethren in the States, see what they were under the superintendance of a man 3000 miles distant, and what they are now when they continually hold Convocations.

GULIELMUS.

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TRINITY-SUNDAY.

We have just completed the course of services, in which, from Christmas to Whit-Sunday, the Church has set before us the great and concerning things which God in Christ, has done for us men and for our salvation. The gracious part borne by each person of the Divine Godhead in that blessed work, has severally been presented to our devout contemplation.

To-morrow we are invited reverently to adore the glory of the mysterious and ever blessed Trinity. This is confessedly a mystery.—“Without controversy great is the mystery of Godliness.”—But we are not on that account to pass it over, much less to refuse our assent to it, Nay, as it has been well observed, we should have cause to doubt the truth of that professed Revelation from the Infinite Jehovah which would be without mysteries. If we cannot commend the plainest things which yet we believe—the wind that blows where it listeth—the blade of grass we tread under our feet—the method in which our wills act on our members—and a thousand other things which are yet manifestly true,—shall we withhold assent to the revealed character of the Godhead, merely because in our ignorance we cannot understand it? “Who by searching can find out God?” “Touching the Almighty, we cannot find Him out.”—Rather let us humbly and thankfully receive the smallest glimmering of light which He may vouchsafe to our souls, acknowledging that it is more than we deserve.—And in reference to this doctrine, let us thank him for the great comfort of the TRINITY GOD declared to us, as working together for our redemption. Let us, remembering our Baptism in the name of Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, be mindful also of the obligations thus imposed, to honor and obey the gracious Father, to love, trust in, and depend upon the beloved Son, and to seek and cherish the blessed Spirit of the Holy One. Above all let us “hold the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience,” adorning the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things. Let us never forget that this is the grand and practical aim of all Scripture, to make us “a peculiar people, zealous of good works.”

Below, will be found some sound observations on this festival, and the services appointed for it:—

“When the Arians, and such like heretics, were spread over the world, and had vented their blasphemies against this divine mystery, the wisdom of the Church thought it convenient, that though the blessed Trinity was daily commemorated in its public offices of devotion, yet it should be the more solemn subject of one particular day's meditation. Accordingly it has been an established feast for more than 500 years.

The Church therefore having dedicated the foregoing solemn festivals to the honor of each several Person by himself, thereby celebrating the *Unity in Trinity*; it was thought highly seasonable to conclude those solemnities, by adding to them one festival more to the honor and glory of the whole Trinity together, therein celebrating the *Trinity in Unity*.

This mystery was not clearly delivered to the Jews, because they, being always surrounded by idolatrous nations, would have easily mistaken it for a doctrine of plurality of Gods: but yet it was not so much hidden in those times, but that any one with a spiritual eye might have discerned some glimmerings of it dispersed through the Old Testament. The first chapter in the Bible seems to set forth three Persons in the Godhead; for besides the Spirit of God which moved upon the waters, ver. 2. we find the great Creator (at the 26th

verse) consulting with others about the greatest work of his creation, the making of man, of which we may be assured the Word or Son of God was one, since *all things were made by him, and without him was not anything made that was made*. So that those two verses fully pointing out to us the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, make this a very proper Lesson for the solemnity of the day. The reason of the choice of the other first Lesson is as obvious: it records the appearance of the great JEHOVAH to Abraham, whom the Patriarch acknowledges to be the Judge of all the earth; and who therefore, by vouchsafing to appear with two others in his company, might design to represent to him the *Trinity of Persons*. But this sacred mystery is nowhere so plainly manifested as in the second Lesson for the morning, which at one and the same time relates the baptism of the Son, the voice of the Father, and the descent of the Holy Ghost: which though they are (as appears from this chapter) three distinct Persons in number, yet the second Lesson at evening shews that they are but one in essence.

“In both the Epistle and Gospel are mentioned the three Persons of the blessed Trinity; and that noted hymn of the angels in heaven, mentioned in the portion of Scripture appointed for the Epistle, *Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty*, seems of itself to be a sufficient manifestation of three Persons, and but one God.”

KING'S COLLEGE.

We are happy to see the announcement by the Governors and Alumni of the usual celebration at Windsor, on the 22nd June, when we hope a large number will be assembled.

It will be an interesting crisis in the history of the Institution. The government under which it has been managed for more than half a century, and which at first was found to work so well, is about to pass away and give place, under the new Act, to a Board to be chosen out of the whole body of the Alumni.—The meeting at Windsor will thus probably be the last act in the proceedings of the ancient regime, and, as such, a peculiar interest will be thrown around it. It will be a sort of farewell to the ancient seats of bygone dominion. But to all the friends of the College, the approaching gathering will be important. There will be much to talk of and consider in reference to the radical (*absit invidia verbo*) change of Constitution, which will be effected by the new Law. It will be well for the wisest and the oldest heads on Alumni shoulders, to be there to offer their counsel, and assist in deliberations which will have an important bearing upon the future welfare of the Institution which they love. It will also be seen from the advertisement that several prizes, now for the first time offered by the Alumni, are to be competed for at the Encœnia. And finally, His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, has kindly consented to preside at the meeting, for the first and the last time; so that upon the whole, there is very much to invite a more than ordinary attendance on the part of the Alumni, and all other friends of the College. Whoever has been at Windsor during the month of June, will not fail to consider, as an additional inducement to revisit those scenes of unrivalled beauty, that they will then be clothed in their brightest, and richest dress, and that, apart from the early and happy associations with which they are connected, in the minds of many, a refreshing treat is in store for all who can appreciate the charms of the country in its most delightful aspect.

Get ready, then, we would say to every Alumni in this and the neighboring Province, and shew yourselves in the old College-Hall, (where perhaps your marks may yet be found) on the appointed day. Remember that the Institution is now to be thrown upon your sympathies and exertions for its support; and for the increase of its efficiency, as called for by the altered character of the times.

FAREWELL SERMON.—The venerable the Rector of the Parish of St. George—the Rev. CHARLES INGLES—preached his farewell Sermon, on Sunday morning last, in the Parish Church in this town, on the occasion of his resignation of the charge of the Parish—induced by his declining age and decreasing bodily vigour—and the shortly expected arrival of his Successor. The affectionate tone of the address; the kind and tender admonitions of the Preacher to his Flock,

for which he has labored for the past 28 years, and the refreshing spiritual aspirations which he offered for their eternal happiness, were truly comforting to his attached parishioners, on the approaching separation from them of their reverend Spiritual guide. We refrain, at present, from further remark upon the Reverend gentleman's touching discourse, intending next week to more fully make allusion thereto—a duty no less pleasing to ourselves than it will be gratifying to each and all of the members of the Church in this place.—C. B. News.

ITEMS.

We regret, in common with the whole community, the severe loss sustained by Messrs. Starr and Williams, by the fire of Saturday last. We are glad however to see that they are not discouraged, but that measures have already been taken to rebuild the Mill, which the enterprising owners hope to have in operation again in six weeks—a refreshing proof that there are some among us who can “go ahead” as well as our republican neighbors. We sincerely wish that ample remuneration for their loss may reward the energy of Messrs. Starr & Williams.

The Admiral in his noble ship, arrived from Bermuda on Sunday last.—The Rev. Samuel Warner, Rector of St. John's, Antigua, died there on the 17th March, —widely and deservedly esteemed.

The first Mail Steamer of the new line between Quebec and Liverpool, (the Geneva,) arrived at the former place on the 9th inst., in 20 days.

Labourers are scarce all over the lower Provinces, and will be more so, as public works go forward.

There are plenty of idle boys about the streets of Halifax, doing nothing good, and going to no school—notwithstanding the freedom of education.

The Steamship Argus, (a good name for the business) has arrived from England to watch our fisheries.

Mr. Irons, the new Superintendent of Streets, is trying to keep down the dust, by removing it by hundreds of cartloads. So that we may hope to swallow less in future, and to be able to look a little ahead, which has not been very easy of late.

SOCIETY FOR THE EVANGELIZATION OF FOREIGNERS IN LONDON.—A society has been formed, comprising among its managing committee Sir J. D. Paul, Bart., the Rev. G. G. Dungars, Pastor of the French Protestant Church, Hon. B. Noel, Mr. H. Herschell, an Independent preacher, &c., the object of which is to disseminate the Gospel among foreigners in London, the number of whom is computed at nearly 100,000, most of them totally ignorant of the Gospel. The Society proposes to open places of worship in the quarters generally inhabited or frequented by foreigners, with services in German, French, and Italian; to employ foreigners as missionaries among their countrymen in London; to open free schools for the children of poor, foreigners, and connected with them, a reading-room, a public library, English classes for adult foreigners, and a refreshment room for the most needy; to keep a free public register for foreigners seeking employment, and to establish a house of refuge, or Foreign Missionary College, for the reception and probation of all foreign Roman Catholic priests or laymen, who, having renounced the errors of Popery, and being exposed in their own country to persecution and misery, are desirous to prepare themselves for future usefulness among their countrymen.

THE DOMINANT CHURCH IN MALTA.—A memorial has been addressed to the Duke of Newcastle from Protestant British residents in Malta, remonstrating “against the slight and indignity put upon the Church of the Sovereign, by withdrawing and excluding from the articles of the new penal code any mention of the Church of England by name;” and further complaining that “in the letter of the chief secretary in reply to the memorialists, they are told that the Church of England is included with others under a general phrase.” The memorialists pray that the passages of the new criminal law complained of may be altered and amended.

DREADFUL STEAMBOAT ACCIDENT.—The steamer Ocean Wave left Toronto on Friday last, on her trip to Ogdensburg, and about one o'clock on Saturday morning was discovered to be on fire. The whole upper part of the boat was soon enveloped in flames. The purser was the first to give the alarm: he rushed to wake the passengers who were in their berths, but was unsuccessful in some cases, for many were suffocated where they lay. Twenty-three passengers in all, were on board, and only five were saved, as far as known.

The escape of Mrs. Stevenson, wife of J. Stevenson, Esq. of Montreal, was a very extraordinary one. She