

A COUNTRY CHURCH.

One of the most striking features of that most highly favoured portion of our beautiful Province,—the Niagara District, is the sudden rise of the land, that extends across the district, at an average distance from the lake of five miles, and commonly called "the mountain."

The country gradually sloping once been covered with the waters of the deep and beautiful Ontario. Back from, or southward of, this line of demarcation the land is level, such as is to be found around most bodies of water.

But not only is this church "beautiful for situation," but it is beautiful in itself. Its whole appearance comports with what one would wish for in a new country church. It boasts not, indeed, the marks of by-gone ages on its walls; but it looks as if those marks might yet be there.

But it is moreover "beautiful" as a proof of what can be done when there are those who are willing to offer their substance for the service of the Lord. When it was just finishing, a party of military gentlemen, surprised to see a building of that kind in such a retired and rural spot, inquired of the workmen—who caused such a building as that to be erected there.

As the Lord "blessed them in their basket and their store," they often counselled together about erecting for his worship a suitable and substantial church. And although the head of the congregation—a man, whom to know was to honour, whose memory is still venerated by the whole neighbourhood—descended to his grave, crowned with years as well as with honour, yet the Lord was not without instruments for his work.

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they alone in their joy. Friends from distant parts had come together to rejoice with them on this holy day; friends who had watched their exertions and aided their undertaking. And the priests of the Most High were not few nor uninterested on such a day. Six holy men of God, robed in the vestment of the sanctuary, and headed by one a Bishop indeed—one who, like the first of Israel's kings, carried every where the impress of his high dignity, entered the holy temple, and took possession of it in the name of the most high God.

And when that venerable man supplicated, in his own peculiar manner, the Almighty God to accept that their service, and to bless it with such success as might tend most to his own glory and the furtherance of their happiness, both temporal and spiritual,—every heart, if not every tongue, answered "amen." Nor do we believe that there was one present who did not perceive the propriety and beauty of having a place peculiarly consecrated for divine worship, and separated from all profane and common uses—a temple blessed, if I may use the expression, by the highest officer of God's church, for the holiest and best of purposes.

With this ended the services proper to the consecration. But the gratifying duties of the Bishop did not end here. He had introduced to him many of the numerous congregation before they separated to their several homes, each thankful for having been privileged to be present on such a day and in such a place; and amongst the rest, the architect himself, to whom, in the presence of many, his lordship said, "If it rested with me, Mr. —, you should be the architect of all the churches to be erected within my diocese."

In bringing this imperfect account of the erection and consecration of "a Country Church" to a close, we would pray the Giver of every good and perfect gift, to grant that all who worship there may worship in spirit and in truth; that all who proclaim the glad tidings of salvation there, may be attended with a blessing from above; that all who enter those courts may enter the courts of God's house in heaven; and that all, who on that joyous day rejoiced together, may rejoice for ever in the paradise of God.

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to an attack which might be almost suddenly fatal, he dwelt on the prospect without alarm, for he rested upon that faith, whose high privilege it is to rise above present suffering, and to regard death itself as the gate of immortal life.

No man was more free from selfish feeling. His honours and successes were valued for the sake of his family. His services and life were for his country. He had a truly English heart, and served her with entire devotedness. Nothing, indeed, could be a finer commentary than his own career, upon her free and equal institutions, which, by the force of those qualities they so powerfully tend to create, had enabled him to rise from the condition of an unfriended orphan, to the dignity of the British peerage.

He cherished a very strong attachment to the Church; and for more than thirty years had been a member of the society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, which he joined when the claims of the society were so little appreciated, that only principle could have prompted the step. It might therefore be expected that he would feel deep anxiety, when the safety of that Church was threatened.

Not many days after, he suffered a most violent attack of the illness he had long anticipated. The immediate danger was soon averted; but the extent of the disease left not the smallest hope of recovery. He lingered until the 23rd of January, calmly awaiting the event which his gradually increasing weakness convinced him was inevitable.

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His wisdom and generosity were incomparable.—During all the troubles of the times he lived quiet in the Temple, a professed and known cavalier; and no temptation of fear or profit ever shook his principle.—He lived then in great business of conveyancing, and had no clerks but such as were strict cavaliers. One, I have heard, was so rigid that he could never be brought to write Oliver with a great O.

The Garner.

CONVERSATION WITH GOD. The most of men are little within: either they wear out their hours in vain discourse with others, or possibly vain discourses with themselves. Even those who are not of the first sort, and who, possibly, have their times of secret prayer, yet do not so delight to think of God, and to speak with Him, as they do to converse in other affairs, and companies, and discourses, in which there is a great deal of froth and emptiness.

The quiet of domestic life offers little to be recorded; and except when public or private claims might call him for a short time from home, Lord Exmouth passed the remainder of his life at Teignmouth. He had nobly done his duty; and now enjoyed in honourable repose, all that the gratitude of his Country and the affection of his family could bestow.

up in the abyss, whose raging waters rise higher than the mountains, and filled the air with broken waves, with an universal mist; and with thick darkness, so as nature seemed to be in a second chaos; and upon this chaos rid the distressed Ark, that bore the small remains of mankind. No sea was ever so tumultuous as this, nor is there anything in present nature to be compared with the disorder of these waters; all the poetry, and all the hyperboles that are used in the description of storms and raging seas, were literally true in this, if not beneath it.

MAN A DEPENDENT BEING.

That God, when he created Man, endued him with faculties sufficient for all the purposes of his existence, it were impious to doubt; but to suppose that he gave him faculties, by which he was to become independent of the Divine aid or control, is a supposition without warrant or foundation. Nay, it is not only unsupported by authority or proof, but is contrary to what we might reasonably expect, from considering the relation that subsists between the creature and the Creator.

CONTENTMENT BETTER THAN AMBITION.

Ambition devoureth gold, and drinketh blood, and climbeth so high by other men's heads, that at the length, in the fall, it breaketh its own neck; therefore it is better to live in humble content, than in high care and trouble. For more precious is want with honesty, than wealth with infamy. For what are we but mere vapours, which, in a serene element, ascend high, and, upon an instant, like smoke, vanish into nothing?

MISTAKING THE END OF KNOWLEDGE.

The greatest error of all the rest, is the mistaking, or misapprehension, of the last or furthest end of knowledge; for men have entered into a desire of learning and knowledge, sometimes, upon a natural curiosity, and inquisitive appetite; sometimes, to entertain their minds with variety and delight; sometimes, for ornament and reputation; and sometimes, to enable them to victory of wit and contradiction; and most times, for lucre and profession; and seldom, sincerely to give a true account of their gift of reason, to the benefit and use of men: as if there were sought in knowledge, a coach, whereupon to rest a searching and restless spirit; or a terrace, for a wandering and variable mind to walk up and down, with a fair prospect; or a tower of state, for a proud mind to raise itself upon; or a fort or commanding ground, for strife and contention; or a shop, for profit or sale; and not, a rich storehouse, for the glory of the Creator, and the relief of man's estate.—Lord Bacon.

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