

and Joseph Lordly and Thomas Whitford, Wardens at the present time.

Francis C. Millitt, Franklin Feader, Edward Zwicker, James Thomson, jun. John Anderson, George Morash, Peter McQuin, John Hawbolt, George Druncan, Leonard Hawbolt, Henry Jones, Vestrymen.

The plan was suggested and drawn by Wm. Greaves, Esq., James Zwicker, master carpenter.

The Venerable Societies for the propagation of the Gospel, and Promoting Christian Knowledge, granted each £100 sterling, to assist in erecting the Building.

"Except the Lord build the house, their labour is but lost that build it."—Ps. 127. v. 1.

The following was engraved upon the cover of the box, as the Rev. gentlemen arrived but a few minutes before the service commenced—

"Assisted by the Rev. J. C. Cochran, Rector of Lunenburg, and the Rev. Mr. Disbrow."

The Rector then proceeded to lay the corner stone in the following form—

"Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." "I lay the corner stone of the house of God, which is to be erected on this foundation, and to be devoted to the worship and service of Almighty God—in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost,"—striking the stone as he repeated the name of each person of the Trinity.

A suitable prayer in the language of the Liturgy, with some of the collects, was then offered up to Almighty God, to which a loud Amen was fervently responded by the deeply interested congregation.

The following appropriate anthem was then sung—"Have respect therefore to the prayer which thy servants pray before Thee, that thine eyes may be open upon this house day and night. Lift up your heads O ye gates, and be ye lift up ye everlasting doors, and the King of Glory shall come in, Who is the King of Glory! The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle." After which, the Rev. J. Shreve, standing on the corner stone, delivered an address; in which he alluded to the occasion which had called them together, as being one of no common, no ordinary moment,—since the laying of the corner stone of a building designed and intended for the worship and service of Almighty God, is, and must be, to a christian people, always an interesting ceremony. He added, that if the stone, upon which he stood, had been laid in the faith of Jesus Christ, who is both the foundation and the corner stone—then it was an event on which they had reason to congratulate each other—an event for which their children, (many of whom had witnessed the ceremony) would praise the Lord.—While it forms, he remarked, a new and very interesting era in the history of our Parish, it furnishes an evidence how, from small beginnings, when your forefathers, few in number and many of them now no more, worshipped God in a private room instead of a public temple—this congregation has grown up to a fullness of stature, sufficient not only to authorize but to demand the present undertaking, since we were compelled to cry out "Give us room, for the place in which we worship God is too strait for us." He alluded to the assistance received and promised from individuals not connected with the congregation; from the newly formed Diocesan Church Society; but above all, from the noble generosity—the Heaven-born liberality of those Venerable Societies in the mother-country, who have so long been "doing good and communicating to others":—and that therefore as they were beginning to see their long cherished hopes realized—hopes so long deferred as almost to make the hearts of some faint—in the commencement of a more spacious house of worship, the occasion called for an expression of devout thanksgiving to the great Head of the Church, under whose Spirit they had been thus far guided, and he rejoiced to say, thus far prospered.

About 45 years, he added, had elapsed since the frame of the building in which they lately worshipped God, was erected, and which as more decayed than many anticipated, and would not long have stood the violent winds and blasts of wintry storms. When it had been built 20 years, it was found necessary to erect galleries, to afford accommodation to the increasing numbers; and now that 25 years had passed away since that was done, it was but just to suppose that a largely increased number must have been in want of some fixed and satisfactory accommodation;—this fact would more strikingly appear when he mentioned, that during his residence among them, he had baptized upwards of 1300 souls, who alone would more than three times have filled the former building, and had married more than 200 couple. Accommodation therefore had to be provided, unless the selfish hearts of any were inclined to let the rising generation wander upon the mountains like sheep without a shepherd, or join themselves with others whose creed they themselves could not conscientiously subscribe to. It is true, he said, the re-

collection of the many pleasant, and we would hope profitable hours, as the sacred day of rest and the Holy seasons called us to the House of Prayer,—which were spent within its walls, and the hallowed associations connected with it, tend to mingle some sorrowful emotions with the joy which the ceremonies of this day are calculated to inspire. We cannot prevent our thoughts from going back to the time when in the building now removed we took sweet counsel with those we loved, and offered up our prayers to the Father of all mercies, the God of all comfort,—while some few perhaps can yet call to mind the holy instructions received from him* who marked out the spot where the old church stood, but who lived not to see it erected. Near this hallowed spot his silent dust now sleeps in peace!—For that, among other reasons, we would have the spot still hallowed, by raising the new church upon an enlarged foundation of the old. And while we reflect upon the early death of your first minister, we might with profit ask, where are many who once worshipped God within those walls?—There are marks in this consecrated field where many of them have gone! They have ceased to mingle among the living—their eyes are closed—their tongues are silent—they are numbered among the dead! O could the faithful servant, who first entered this place, far from his native land, as a herald of the Gospel, with others who followed him, have looked forward to this day,—could they have anticipated such an abundant growth from the seed which they planted in faith, and watered in hope; how light would have been their labour of love,—how sweet would have been their toil! He then alluded to the Scriptural form of worship, and the distinctive principles of the church, which, with the Divine blessing, had hitherto kept those who adhered to them free from error, and firm in the faith "once delivered to the Saints"; and humbly trusted that such would ever there be attended to, and the Gospel as it is in Jesus proclaimed. We build, (was added,) this house in faith, in hope, in charity—without distrust or fear—in hope and confidence, when we look at the hundreds of children in our different Sunday schools in the parish, that when our voices no more are heard, a generation will not be wanting to sound forth this hymn of praise—"Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ!" In charity—for while we conscientiously differ from some of our christian Brethren on points not unimportant, we still desire to be united with all who love the Lord Jesus in sincerity, in the bonds of christian love. Most devoutly do we also hope and pray, that the harmony which for many years has pervaded this parish, with but few, and those small exceptions, which ought now for ever to be laid aside by brethren of the same faith—most earnestly do we hope, that this harmony may continue and increase. It will be the surest pledge of our prosperity that our Jerusalem is built as a city at unity in itself. O pray then for his peace, that it may be found within her walls, and knit all hearts together in the bonds of a close and holy fellowship, of unity and love! Allusion was then made to the numbers all hoped would there enjoy the blessings of the Gospel—be renewed, strengthened, comforted—to the small number of the fathers of the parish still alive—to the changeableness which is stamped on every thing here below. He concluded by saying, that when the time shall come, as come it will, when the tyrant, Death, shall lay his icy hand on you, as he already has on others, and your ears are no longer blessed with the sound of the gospel; and when the lips which now address you shall be cold and silent in the grave—our holy religion bids us look forward in humble hope! that instead of worshipping in the church militant here on earth, we shall have a building of God, a house not made with hands, but one eternal in the heavens, for Jesus Christ's sake.

The Missionary Hymn was then sung; after which the children of the Sunday school present, nearly 80 in number, with their teachers retired to a corner of the square which had been reserved for a paragonage house and garden, where seats and a table had been prepared; the latter well filled with refreshments which after they had sung a portion of the 119th Ps. "How shall the young," &c. were distributed to them by their teachers. Their happy faces seemed to keep the spectators on the spot; as few, if any, left until the children had finished and sung the hymn "the Happy Meeting," when they were allowed to amuse themselves in play, and the congregation dispersed, all pleased and deeply impressed with the services of the afternoon.

The notice was necessarily very short, as it was impossible, owing to the uncertain state of the weather, to fix upon a particular day when the workmen would be ready. Very few, however, of those who heard of it, were absent; and very many have since expressed their regret that they heard not of it in time. To the children it will be a day long remembered; and when in future years with their families around them, they will be worshipping in the church, their thoughts will doubtless often turn to the day of happy childhood when they saw the corner stone of the building laid. The church, which is to be in the Go-

* Rev. Mr. Lloyd, frozen to death between Chester and Windsor.

thic style, 60 feet in length and 40 in breadth, 21 feet post, with a tower 13 feet square and 52 feet high, to be finished with turrets and pinnacles, was raised on Saturday in the presence of some hundreds of persons of all denominations; all seemed ready and willing to lend a helping hand if required: the day was remarkably pleasant, and we may add, Providentially calm. Great cause also is there for thankfulness that not the slightest accident or injury occurred to any one; and when the small means which a little town affords to supply the necessary rigging, &c. required to raise such a building, is considered, great praise is due to those concerned in the erection of it; and to many of the young men of the place, for their activity and zeal, some of whom, in the eyes of those who were not sailors, exposed themselves to no little danger. "Except the Lord build the House, their labour is but lost that build it. Prosper Thou the work of our hands upon us, O prosper Thou our handy work."

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.

In a Convocation holden on Thursday March 19th the Degree of Doctor in Civil Law by diploma (the highest honour the University can bestow) was conferred upon his Royal Highness Prince Albert.

"The Rev. the Vice Chancellor of the University of Oxford.

"My Dear Sir,—I inclose a copy of a letter which I have just now received from Prince Albert,

"Believe me, ever yours most sincerely.

"WELLINGTON.

"London, March 28th, 1840."

"My Lord Duke,—Although I attempted to express my thanks when I had the pleasure of seeing your Grace, and of receiving at your Grace's hands the diploma granted to me by the University of Oxford, I feel that I did not sufficiently express to your Grace my sense of the obligation I was under, and I have now to request that your Grace will have the kindness to convey to the Masters and Scholars of the University of Oxford the very lively satisfaction which I have derived from the distinguished honour conferred upon me, and I feel this honour to be greatly enhanced by the medium through which they have made their communication. I remain, my Lord Duke, yours faithfully,

"ALBERT.

TO AGENTS AND SUBSCRIBERS.—Those Agents whom the Publisher could not see while in the country, are particularly requested to proceed in collecting the arrears and dues for the present Volume, and to make such remittance as may be in their power as soon as possible. It is desirable that correct statements of their respective accounts should also be furnished.—The alterations and improvements in the *Colonial Churchman*, alluded to on a former occasion, and which should commence with the next volume, depend, in a great measure, upon the assistance now afforded by its subscribers and patrons generally; and if they intend that it shall be maintained with credit to the Church and a proportionate share of mechanical respectability and interest,—they will support the undertaking and shew earnest of their intentions, by paying up without delay, either to the agent or nearest clergyman in the parish, and by forwarding the names of as many new subscribers as can be obtained.

SUMMARY.

The news from England by the Great Western is our latest; but we hope a few days will bring the *Britannia*, the first of the Cunard line of Steamers, with intelligence to the first instant, and (what will be more interesting still to churchmen,) with our respected Bishop, who was to embark in that vessel.

A new Clergy Reserve Bill had been introduced by Lord John Russell, worse than the old. It is hoped that even if forced through the Commons, it will be quashed in the Lords.

The *Unicorn* is hourly expected from Quebec with the Governor General, and we see that it is supposed a Congress of Governors will meet his Excellency at Halifax.

We regret to hear of several extensive failures in St. John, N.B. especially that of the enterprising Mr. Whitney. We hope these difficulties will soon pass away, and that increasing prosperity may attend that flourishing city.—The Chief Justice of that Province has gone to England for his health.

The Bishop of Newfoundland is engaged in a visitation of that Island, and has been warmly welcomed by the Clergy and laity of the churches in St. John.