## "Ger Foundations are upon the holp hills."

The Church.

## "Stand ye in the ways and see, and ask for the Old Paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls."

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## poetry.

From the Baron's Little Daughter. A TALE OF THE FIRST CHRISTIANS.

Long years have come, long years have gone since dawn'd one bright spring day

On the purple hills of Asia, on Smyrna's silver And the breeze with perfume laden came sweet-

ly from the shore, As a little Smyrniote maiden played at her father's door.

"Oh father, dearest father," thus did the maiden say, "Why do the people gather along the public

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the plain, And where the distant sails shone white along

That strain the maiden might not hear, nor the

Fear not, my servant Polycarp! Have thou no

Now they have bound him to the stake, and the

slave-boy weepeth not, And the martyr lifted up his hands as the flame

grew fierce and hot; He looked to earth, he looked to sea; calm slept

each purple hill, How glorious was the golden light! The wave

And his eye one moment rested on the city and

deep sweet words it said-

doubt nor dread !"

how calm and still!

chance it linger'd o'er that see because his thought had gone And why with flowers and odors my tressses Back to the exiled Hebrew's isle, his own belov'd have they dressed, And laced my silver sandals, and tied my broi-St. John.

A fond, but scarce a sad farewell, that long look

seemed to take, Then the full eye was fix'd on heaven, and the "Shall we the sacred garlands twine for Heaven's high queen above? dying martyr spake : "I bless Thee, Holiest Father ; I thank Thee, Or go before his altar shrine to sacrifice to Jove ?

Or shall the whirling chariot, sire, go bounding Blessed Son, o'er the plain ? Because the golden crown is near, the race is

Or the fleet coursers, snorting fire, spring from nearly run. the silken rein?

"God of all things created, angels and earthly "Or shall sweet music linger, from harp or viol clear, Beneath the pressing finger?-Where go we I praise Thee for the agony of this departing

hour: And the gay Greek made answer, without a That thou hast deem'd thy servant meet with

all Thy martyr band, "We go to the amphitheatre, to see the Chris- To drink Christ's cup of suffering; who shall

hereafter stand, tian die.'

No pity turned that young check pale,' no sor- "In soul and body incorrupt, around Thy glory's row thrilled her heart, But she has called for her white veil, all eager Therefore I praise and magnify th'Eternal Three

to depart, For through the court by fountains dew'd, her Oh, wonderful! most wonderful! The flame

father's perfum'd court, She heard the madden'd multitude rush onward It toucheth him not, it hath not singed one hair

on the old man's head; to the sport.

And she has caught her father's hand, and chid- But o'er him, like a golden arch, the broad den his delay, And through the marble porch they pass, and He stood unhurt in the burning fire, and fer-

And through the marine porch they pass, we wently he prayed; up the crowded way, And still the throng more eager grew, and still with quicken'd pace, the Pagan people yell'd in wrath, the Roman drew his sword,

On roll'd the mighty living mass unto the pub- He pierced the side of Polycarp, and forth the red blood poured.

As waters mingle in one sea, most strange it God's elements are merciful, man only mocks

his will; How throng'd that amphitheatre the Gentile The raging fire had spared the Saint, the sword

had power to kil The Roman with his cold proud lip, half curled Dim, dim, before that innocent blood waxed the

in cruel scorn, The Syrian soft, the polished Greek, the slave He lieth a costly sacrifice on an unconsumed pyre. and the free born.

The high-soul'd and the sensitive, they filled The maiden pluck'd her father's robe; she turn'd her head aside,

that fearful spot; Ah! mercy hath no place on earth where God's twn love is not. There beauty sat with jewelled brow, and rolled The slave-boy too has look'd his last on him he

the large soft eye, And conscious stretched the neck of snow to And he has turned to his master's home, and yet

no tear-drop fell. see an old man die.

And the best blood of Asia sat smiling at her And well it was; we need not weep for the dead saints-the blest-

Alas for human nature! and alas for worldly Who have gone home triumphantly to everlasting

An ancient man with long white hair, and noble But for the mocker, the deceived, for them the mien was he, On whom that people came to gaze in his last And for the souls by sin aggrieved, who still

strive on below.

THE SEE OF SALISBURY. It was with unfeigned sorrow and regret that we lately announced to our readers the unex-pected demise of Bishop DENISON. He had been more decidedly successful in the discharge of his episcopal duties than any of those who had preceded him in the diocese of Salisbury within the memory of man; and, we may add without resitation, more eminently successful than the najority of his brethren on the bench. Through he seventeen years during which he occupied the See, his whole career was characterized by the

most untiring zeal, tempered with caution and prudence. And whilst he was blamed by some over-caution and reserve, none could charge upon him either lukewarmness in the perform nce of his duties, or a sacrifice of principle to xpediency. He was a thorough Churchman doctrine and practice, and never shrank from upholding the truth, though he wisely avoided giving unnecessary offence to those who hapened to differ from him. A faithful discharge of the duties which more immediately appertained o his office, did not hinder him from performing the work of a parish Priest. In the churches of

Salisbury he frequently occupied the pulpit; and in the year 1849, when the cholera was raging in his cathedral city, he was among the foremost who attended kindly at the bedsides of he sick, administering to their comforts in body and soul. The recent attempts to cast a slur upon his character as a public man have had but little weight with the generality of his clergy, ever. AMEN."

who, without entering into the merits of the case, have had constant and abundant proof that whatever his title to the revenues to which he laid claim, they were not hoarded up to enrich nimself and his family, but were spent freely and without grudging to advance the interests and welfare of the Church. Nor should it be

Churchman. orgotten that a large portion of the clergy of s diocese were so convinced of the justice of his cause, that they felt it their duty to unite in a cordial expression of their sympathy for that painful position in which a good man is necessarily placed by the mere imputation of

what is wro The death then, of so great' and so consistent a man, in this vacillating age, was esteemed hroughout the diocese as a blow which was likely to be felt for many a coming year And the funeral cortège, simple as it was in detail,

and well befitting the humility of a Christian Bishop, was yet rendered imposing by the pre-sence of numbers who had gone many a dreary mile over Salisbury Plain with hearts beating warmly and kindly towards their departed Chief

Which the Church has sustained in the loss of one of the truest and staunchest of her sons, we cannot but rejoice at the admirable wisdom dis-played in the selection of Mr. HAMILTON as his nuccessor. We know of no man who, both from

We would venture to observe, that in order to in worlds-we must act in families, in districts, and in kingdoms; and if we contract a distaste for the good we can do because it is not equal should be discreetly introduced into the Colonies, to the good we can conceive, we only sacrifice and there should be no attempt to carry questions by bare majorities. Where there is a deeds to words.' We presume that the prayer appointed in the large and respectable minority against a measure, prayer book to be used "in the time of war and it would be better to withdraw it till the Church

tumults," will be henceforth said in all our churches. It is also most desirable that some We may close these brief indicious observation of the Bishop of Fredericspecial prayer should be used in our families and schools; and as some persons may be of ton. opinion that this should be distinct from the prayer in the church, we venture to reprint that they will not be prevented from discussion; but the question is, whether half a dozen persons

"ALMIGHTY GOD, in whose hands are peace and war, and the issues of lie and death, for these to the world as the unanimous voice of nations, kingdoms and people, we humbly be-seech Thee to be with our fleets and with our the people, whilst those who differ from them are compelled to say nothing: or whether it be armies, to preserve, bless, and prosper them in Let thine Eye ever watch over them, not better that if there be a difference, they all things. should be settled as the wise town clerk of and thine Arm strengthen and guide them : give wisdom and faithfulness to those who command, Ephesus said, 'in a lawful assembly.

and obedience and contentment to those who serve; and to all give Thy grace and heavenly DIOCESE OF MONTREAL. benediction, that whether they live or die they CHURCH SOCIETY'S OFFICE, At a meeting of the Central Board of the Church Society, held this day, in accordance with the constitution, there were present may be Thy friends, in mind, body, and soul,

and give them a happy issue out of grace, that in all our trials we may so look to Thee for help and succour that we may obtain that peace which passeth all understanding, through JESUS The Lord Bishop in the chair ; Revs. J. Beth-CHRIST our Lord, to whom, with Thee and the HOLY GHOST, be all honour and glory, now and une, D.D.; J. P. White, R. Lonsdell, J. Ellegood, J. Fulton, C. Bancroft, J. Flanagan, E. J

J. Fulton, C. Bancroft, J. Flanagan, E. J. Rogers, G. De C. O'Grady, A. D. Campbell, R. Bartholomew, Capt. Maitland, J. D. Gibb, Esq., Dr. Holmes, Col. Wilgress, Dr. Barnston, F. D. Fulford, Esq. After prayers, the minutes of the last meet-ing were read and confirmed. While we disclaim the notion that we are entering upon what is termed a "religious" war, let us do all in our power to testify that we are entering upon it religiously. From Westminster

our rulers have called us to war: in Westminster Abbey) let them call us to worship.-English

The following report of the lay committee wes then read :

in the House of Lords last year by the Primate, rials raised ..... with the unanimous approval of the Episcopal

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that discretion is likely to be exercised we may form some idea from the charge of the Bishop be cheerfully raised by the inhabitants of the of Fredericton, which has so opportunely reached us at this juncture. His lordship observes, in

successor. We know of no man who, both from the position he has held for several years past, and from his own intrinsic qualities, is better connected by equally endearing ties with the mother church ; we have all been ordained with the position he has held for several years past, and from his own intrinsic qualities, is better calculated to fill this arduous and important the rites and subscriptions peculiar to that body; to ascertain whether the title by which the land post. There is nothing of greater moment for we cannot prove false to our subscriptions and is held would authorize such alienation (in the the welfare of a diocese than that a new Bishop should be able to take up the threads of that her. We have a prayer book which has stood of counsel being unfavorable, the Central Board

should be able to take up the threads of that work which has been bequeathed him by his predecessor—that the work of the two Bishops should so weave in together that it may be all of a piece. And it is in this point of view that we consider Mr. Hamilton's position, dur-ing the last few years in particular, as a good training for the difficult office to which he is now colled. He has been for a considerable called. He has been for a considerable main body of colonial churchmen throughout the ceived from the Central Board the full propor-

now called. He has been for a considerable main body of colonial churchmen throughout the the verter from the Central body due that proposed in the precentor and residentiary canon of his cathedral; and even before their residence in the Close of Salisbury they had lived in the intermediate the the close of Salisbury they had lived in the intermediate the close of salisbury they set the control of the set of the se

and the Rev. W. C. Merrick, of East Frampton, noxville to the extremity of Megantic furthest from that village, there is abundance, in one place, of *slate*; in another, of *marble*; in a third, who both took part in the services. who both took part in the services. The Bishop then passed down to St. Mary's on the river Chaudiere, where at the house of a solitary Protestant family, he met the Rev. W. King. This gentleman, whose residence is W. King. This gentleman, whose residence is

in St. Sylvester, has a mission of an itinerant char-acter, lying in the counties of La Beauce and of confirmations held was eleven: of persons con-Lotbiniere, and extending over a country much firmed, one hundred and sixty-four : the number of occasions upon which his lordship had preach-We may close these brief remarks with the travelled within the mission in company with Mr. King about one hundred and ten miles, and particulars which relate to the evidences of "Whether men meet in Convocation or not this without visiting all the sections upon which Mr. King bestows occasional service. There are labors: suffice it to say that great pains had six Churches within the mission, four of which been everywhere taken with the candidates for are finished for use, and these were consecrated on the present episcopal circuit, having, though devotional feeling did appear to prevail among without any architectural pretensions, been very neatly finished and fitted up, by great and perse-vering exertions used for that object. Confirma-sion in their deportment, being seen, in some tions were held at three of the Churches, and in two other places, where there are fair and regular be described which occurred at Cranbourne, the congregations, besides the confirmation of two individuals at the house in St. Mary's above men-Mr. Birtch informed his lordship that there tioned, where another solitary Protestant family from a parish adjoining attended service in the evening, and again on the next morning, making up an assembly of twelve persons. Upon one fully satisfied, but who had totally lost the up an assembly of twelve persons. Upon one fully satisfied, but who had totally lost the of these occasions also, an adult was baptised. It is the practice of Mr. King, when in making The Bishop then said that, as it was not to be his rounds, he puts up at one of these hospitable dwellings, out of all reach of public ministra-tions, to hold the regular Church Service, and house and, before proper witnesses, confirm to preach; and in order that the decencies of worship may be preserved and the usages of the Anglican Church may not be forgotten, the families provide a surplice and a scarf. The next instance of this kind is at St. Joseph, to next instance of this kind is at St. Joseph, to which parish the Bishop proceeded from St. Mary's, and in which there is but one protestant family. The whole number of persons confirmed in Mr. King's mission was sixty-one. From Mr. King's mission, the Bishop pro-ceeded to that of the Rev. H. Roe, whose

esidence is at Upper Ireland, in the County of settlement.) residence is at Upper Ireland, in the County of Megantic, and whose charge comprehends the two townships of Ireland and Inverness, with portions of three others adjoining. The length of the charge, from end to end, being about thirty-five miles. There are three Churches in the mis-sion, and a fourth in immediate contemplation.

of a very active and useful catechist and Lay reader, in the person of Mr. Ward. The mission of *Leeds*, lying also in the county of Megantic, was the last of the three in which | The winter in Lower Canada has been a remarkthe rite of confirmation was administered. This is a mission somewhat more compact, but requir-ing severe and incessant labour, which the incumbent, the Rev. J. Carry, is not slack to way to Val. Cartier, on the 16th of March, he estow. 1838, and another in course of erection, and vivid forked lightning and torrents of rain.there are different outposts where the missionary The snow was saturated with water, and the officiates. All the candidates for confirmation were within a distance to enable them to attend date, it has been again sharply cold; and on

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was a young girl between fifteen and sixteen supposed she could be brought to Church

sion, and a fourth in immediate contemplation. Two were consecrated on this circuit, and the third stands ready for consecration, but the winter, to visit the three Churches of the Val. ccremony, in this instance, was postponed on *Cartier Mission*, in charge of the Rev. E. C. account of an unexpected delay in executing the Parkin, all of which can be reached from ormalities of the patent for the site. The Quebec, returning the same day. On Sunday the 12th of March, the Bishop went to Stone-character with those already described, are all ham, distant fifteen miles from the city, and coninished and fitted up with great neatness, and inished and fitted up with great neatness, and respectably enclosed; the late indefatigable mis-sionary, the Rev. W.Wekes, having in conjunc-tion with labours of a higher aim still, taken vast who resides at Val. Cartier (where he is now who resides at Val. Cartier (where he is now tion with labours of a light and stat, taken vist pains to procure the decent completion of the houses of God within his charge. The mission certainly exhibits no falling off in any respect in the hands of his successor. Confirmations were held in all the Churches, and the whole number confimed in this mission was *sixty-six*. Mr. Roe has the assistance in his mission

There is one Church, consecrated in was overtaken by a violent thunder-storm, with applied for. at Leeds Church ; but a protracted snow-storm the 25th of March, when he went to Lake Beau-

was 96, and the sum collected £23 6s. 3d, which, with the exception of 8s. retained for incidental

expenses, was remitted to the parent society, to be divided between the Widows and Orphans'

fund and that for general purposes. This year the collections from Simcoe alone are from 80 subscribers, and amount to £18 17s. 6d.; while

Vittoria, where there will in future be a separate parochial branch, has raised £6 12s. 6d.

essentially the same as it was then described.

the operations of the society, in the matter of

annual contributions at least, being mainly con-

fined to the parish of Woodhouse. The quarterly collections from the parish of Woodhouse have

During the past year the churchyard at Vitto-ria has been surrounded with a substantial fence. A brick church at Port Dover has been contracted

for, at a cost of £500, which is well advanced towards completion; and a small church at

Waterford, under the charge of the Rev. E. R.

Stimson, will shortly be ready for the service of

God. A bell, weighing upwards of 7 cwt, has

been provided, by voluntary contributions for Trinity Church, Simcoe. It is expected, also,

that steps will be taken immediately to put the

old church and cemetery of St. John in a proper state of repair, and that the funds at the dispo-

al of the Churchwardens of Trinity Church,

Simcoe, will be applied to surround it with a

The Committee have very great satisfaction

n being able to testify that an increasing spirit

ngs of Churchmen among us, which, it is hoped,

will keep pace with the rapidly improving cir-cumstances of the population at large, the marks

of which have been discoverable in instances of

generosity, the recital of which does not enter into the duties of your committee.

Into the duties of your committee. In conclusion, your committee feel that we should bless God for the measure of success

which He has vouchsafed to this and kindred branches of the Society, and they look forward

with pleasing anticipations to the results which

may reasonably be expected to ensue from the

ynodical action taken by the church in this

rovince, and from the very important measure

the sub-division of this vast diocese, which

s now urged upon the community by our vener-

The Brantford Expositor announces the death

in Brantford, on Friday last, of Mr. Christie,

GEO. M. EVANS,

Sec. T. D. B. C.S.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Simcoe, March 2, 1854.

excellent: the timber has attracted the attention late Manager of the Brantford branch of the

of American speculators, who are commencing Bank of British North America. For a few

of Christian liberality characterizes the pro

amounted to the sum of £11 7s. 6d.

The peculiar position of this district branch,

and more efficient

suitable fence.

privilege of granting degrees. It was fully attended, the authorities of the College and the ing the congregations at Vittoria and Port Dover,

be printed, that they may be in the hands of as alluded to in the last year's report, continues

"An application was received from the Rev. THE COLONIAL CLERGY DISABILITIES BILL. The bill introduced by the Solicitor General James Fulton, for aid towards the building of a for permitting synodal action in the colonies has church now in course of erection at Mannach's passed its second reading by a majority of three Corners, in the mission of Russeltown, a stone to one, a circumstance which we trust affords building 54 ft. by 271 ft. some evidence of the progress which the synodal question is making in the country. This bill is the same in principle as that which was introduced and paid up in money and mate-

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The rev. applicant asks for £50, under the conviction that, if thus aided, the difference will to the discretion of the colonial episcopate. How

The Central Board is respectfully recom-

agony. He look'd in all the faces round, stage rising = over stage,

And some grew pale with terror, and some grew white with rage.

His was the only placid brow, the only eye So calm looks out the clear blue heaven dark Guardian:-

rolling clouds between.

There stood the Asian's pagan priest, there frowned Nicetas dark,

And the consul stern looked down on him, and

the haughty Irenarch, All cold! All proud! All pitiless! He turn'd to

the kindling pile, And his steady lip a moment moved, as with a

voice rose wide and high : Away with the godless Christian, false Polycarp,

And half the little maiden wished she had not

come to see,

When she was aware of some one near lamenting bitterly.

And lo ! a little Parthian slave close to her side

was press'd, The scourge had scarred his shoulder, the brand

had mark'd his breast. And ever as the people call'd "false Polycarp

to die. The tears came fast, and faster still, from the

little slave boy's eye.

The shout has sunk on the green hill-side, on the sea and on the city,

"What makes you weep, what makes you weep?"

said the child in childish pity. Ah! little we think how one kind word may

The boy's bright eyes looked through his tears, as sunbeams look through rain.

And he has turned to the little maid, and

brush'd his tears away, "I weep for my good lord Polycarp, for he must die to day."

"O love him not," she answer'd, "a godless

man is he. "He hath a God," said the slave boy, "a God not known to thee."

"He told me of the good, great God, who made chandize.

the bond and free.

loveth them equally. He told me of His Saviour Son, the God who required has been ascertained.

dwelt with men, Who bore their sin and punishment, and wash'd

them clean again.

"He told me of the Holy Spirit, that leaveth us

not alone. His gift who knows our weaknesses, for they

were once His own. He buried me in the cleansing sea, he traced

the cross on my brow, In the name of the *Holy Trinity*, I am a Chris-

so kind and bold :

Who now shall tend the wand'ring lambs ?" and

through the crowd.

"Ha! thou that troublest Asia! Ha! thou that

would'st o'ercast The altars of the glorious gods! thy hour is

come at last: Mad fool, deny the Crucified !" Ah ! senseless and depraved.

Thus mock'd they at the dying saint; thus God's dear mercy brav'd.

There came a sound above their heads, like a rush of many wings;

an angel sings :

Bcclesfastical Antelligence. The following items, as far as "the infringeent of Canon cxxxv," are from the London

A correspondent of the Record has taken the trouble to divide, the names appended to the Gobat protest under their respective dioceses, and gives the following as the result :- Oxford. 100: Exeter, 98; Sarum, 65; Chichester, 59 Bath and Wells, 56; Bristol 45; London, 44; Rochester, 41; Winchester, 34; Lichfield, 34; Ripon, 32; Lincoln, 31; Canterbury, 27; Peter borough, 27; Worcester, 25; York, 19; Durconqueror's smile. Then up and down, and through the crowd, one 12; Norwich, 11; Hereford, 11; Carlisle, 6;

Llandaff, 3; St. David's, 2; St. Asaph, 2; Bangor, 0; Sodor and Man, 0. The foundation-stone of a new church at Mylard, Essex, was laid yesterday se'nnight, by

Earl de Grey, who had contributed a donation of £500, and an acre of ground for the site. The building is to cost £2,500. It is early English in design, having a tower and spire The following memorial has been addressed to the trustees of Archbishop Tenison's Chapel:— We, the clergy and members of the congregation of Archbishop Tenison's Chapel, learning that the trustees intend to build a house with shop-front on the site of the vestibule, and thus to block up the entrance into Regent-street, beg respectfully to represent our strong feeling that

such a proceeding would be most undesirable for the following reasons :---". 1. That it would be a retrograde move

ment on the part of the church, as the entrance, although poor, now makes the chapel known at Regent-street, and witnesses to God for thou-". 2. That it would put an end to all hope of

a fitting church being built on this site, which, now that an ecclesiastical district is about to be assigned, becomes more than ever required. " '3. That it would involve the separation of

the school from the chapel. 4 '4 That it would be painful to see the vestibule which, although not actually consecrated, we have hitherto regarded with feelings of reverence, turned literally into a ' house of mer-

"We therefore venture to ask most earnestly Who set them all in their place on earth, and that the trustees will not resort to this measure until the impossibility of providing the funds

(Signed) "J. H. THOMAS, M.A., Minister of

the Chapel. " A. P. MORRIS, M.A., Preacher. "L. J. PARSONS, M.A., Assistant

Minister. "THOMAS PRATT, Chapel Warden."

The names of one member of each of fortyeven families, and twenty-one other persons. Only one person refused to sign of those who

were asked to do so. At a recent meeting of the committee of the tian now. "But they have bound the honor'd hand that led me to the fold, And they will seal the lips that spake in words and they will seal the lips that spake in words the destruction of the committee of the Ecclesiological Society, the Venerable Archdea-con Thorp, the president, in the chair, the fol-lowing resolution was proposed by Mr. Dick-inson, seconded by the Rev. W. Scott, and

adopted :--"The committee, on this its first meeting the slave-boy wept aloud, For once again that taunting cry rose gathering presidents, desires to express its sense of the loss sustained by the society, in the removal of one on whose patient assiduity and great theoogical learning the society and its committee ould always rely for most valuable assistance-

loss which they share in common with the devoted, and whose principles his life so con-

sistently illustrated. A correspondent writes :- " The infringement of Canon exxxy. remains in full force in the diocese of Worcester. I have just been admitted

to the holy order of priesthood, for which I was And the little slave-boy heard a voice as when charged £5 2s. 6d., without any just reason for such a demand."

No man, therefore, can have had greater op- portant point :portunities than Mr. Hamilton for knowing the crilege which now-a-days is often masked illustration :---

THE DECLARATION OF WAR.

speaks for itself, and it fullis all that is required in a State document: but we feel sure that the cipline of the Church. "With regard to the church temporalities, Brd December, 1853." majority of earnest Christian men and women evening services of the church.

such matters, and the action loses much of its disadvantageous position as compared with the ministers of other persuasions."

in such a time there is a special call, and special opportunity, for the diligent performance of our we are living at home in peace and quietness.

bench; it differs from it only in detail, leaving m

wishes and intentions of Bishop Denison—the motives by which he was impelled—the princi-laboured, but not in any way to give the colonial The whole respectfully sul ples on which he acted; and no man, therefore, an be rendered hy circumstances more fit to step in and fill the vacant See. Nor is Mr. They would be no more able to affect the Hamilton wanting in qualifications which may concur happily with these favourable circum-they were exempt from the operation of the law." stances. As a man of ability he distinguished imself successively by gaining a studentship at Christ's Church, a first class in *literis humanicr*ibus in the year 1880, and likewise a fellowship What then, it may be asked, could it do? To this it may be generally answered, that it could the Rev. J. Flanagan, a bible and prayer book adapt the machinery of the church, on the basis was granted to the Rev. J. Ellegood, for the former of church abuses (as appears from a of mutual agreement, to the peculiar circumstances pamphlet of his we lately reviewed) he is too of the colonies. Of the necessity of such adapta- Charles. good a Churchman to countenance that religious tion the Solicitor General has given some

under the name of reform. As regards practical "With regard to the relations at present ex-religion, we would only add that his zeal and isting between the clergymen in the colonies and sentatives to the central board by the sufctivity are well nigh proverbial in the mouths the colonial bishops, these were in such an unof those amongst whom he resides. Indeed, if satisfactory condition as to render some legisla- John's. we were anxious to pick a hole in this appoint- tion absolutely necessary. A clergyman in any ment, we should be reduced to the complaint of the colonies had the benefit of his endowment, to £16 12s. 7d. that a man had been fixed on who by early ser- and possessed the power of exercising his sacred vices at the cathedral, and various other arduous functions, only so long as he held a title from seconded by the Rev. C. Bancroft, that a comvices at the cathedral, and various other arduous duties, had somewhat impaired his constitution. Let us hope, however, that any misgivings which might be entertained on this score, will be over-ruled by a gracious Providence, and that Mr. bishop alone, and not as in this country, by a following members; Dr. Holmes, Chairman; Hamilton will long be spared to be a blessing to regularly appointed tribunal according to an es- Col. Wilgress, Secretary; Rev. C. Morris, Rev. his diocese, and an ornament to the Church of tablished form of law. The bishop thus became which, hitherto, he has been so bright a light. the sole autocratic power, and the clergyman at the general meeting to be held on the 3rd of had no means of having any accusation brought May.

against him tried in a satisfactory manner. The

in these realms will expect some more special the state of things was at present even still more recognition and manifestation of religion, in unsatisfactory, unless it should be subjected by mutual agreement to those regulations which a single prayer to the ordinary morning and might be necessary. The methodists in the A day set apart colonies regulated their church affairs by means for the purpose of fasting and public prayer-wherein her Majesty and all her subjects might were able to come to some arrangement by oublicly and specially implore the Divine bless- virtue of which they could lay down some form ig, would be the most prompt, natural, and of procedure. The Church of England laboured ast difficult method of carrying out this object. under disability and suffered inequality by But if it be adopted, we do hope and trust that reason of that law which bound her clergy not there will be as little delay as possible. There to hold meetings without the consent of the is in this country a sad tendency to postpore crown; and they were, therefore, placed in a

week day services in some of our parishes, especially in populous neighbourhoods. And here we must refer to a topic which we are very desirous of urging at this time. During the way there is a strong temptation to concentrate all our attention upon it and to read little else than newspapers. Now, we need not say that often on its accordance with the general opinion of those whom it is intended to regulate; hence Lotbiniere and Megantic, on the south side of duty to our poorer neighbours. While others are abroad, exposing their lives in fighting our battles, seldom be enforced. In point of fact, nothing ar care living at home in neare and quietness is found to be seldom be enforced. In point of fact, nothing at Leonoxville. His first mark was *Cranbourne*, at Leonoxville. A settlement in the is found to be more binding on a body corporate a poor, rude, and backward settlement in the we are hving at none in peace and quetness. Surely, the least we can do is to increase (rather than decrease) our exertions for promoting the spiritual and temporal welfare of our parishes. It is a time for self-denial in many things which it is a time for self-denial in many things which are allowable in times of peace. Expensive luxuries, and a constant succession of frivolous clergyman might disober synodal regulations unable to attend. It was to repair this diswhole church, to whose service his labours were amusements and gaieties, are more inconsistent because no legal penalty was annexed to their appointment that the Bishop now went to Cran

an ample field for the exercise of their powers, however small it may at first sight appear. As it has been justly remarked, "we may speculate" by the withdrawal of his license. For a few how ever small it may at first sight appear. As

"The whole object of the bill was to free the fund, have been complied with, and the money

The whole respectfully submitted. J. M. McCorp, Ch. Lay Com. On the motion of the Rev. J. Bethune, D. D.,

seconded by the Rev. C. Bancroft, the above report was adopted. The Rev. J. Bethune, D.D., reported that the

On the motion of Col. Wilgress, seconded by performance of divine service at Point St.

A letter was read from the Rev. C. Bancroft, stating that Messrs. W. Macrae, C. Pierce, E.L. "With regard to the relations at present ex- Montizambert, and N. Mott, were chosen reprebers to the Church Society in the parish of St.

Accounts were ordered to be paid, amounting

It was moved by the Rev. J. Flanagan, and mittee be named to devise a plan for further in-W. Bond, and the mover and seconder, to report

It was moved by the hon. Judge McCord, se-This most important and solemn document speaks for itself, and it fulfils all that is required but be injurious, as tending to impair the dis-that the treasurer be authorized to pay to the Rev. R. Lonsdell the sum of £30 granted on the

> The meeting was then closed with prayer. E. J. ROGERS, Secretary.

> > DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

The Diocese of Quebec is a vast and straggling charge: the Church of England being scattered over a prodigious superficial extent of country — often very thinly, and where in more compact bodies, those bodies being in some instances, widely severed from each other, there are but forty Clergymen in the Diocese, of

[The appointment of the Fast Day has since This may serve as a specimen of the sort of whom eight or nine reside in Quebec itself, there The appointment of the Fast Day has since been made: the 26th instant.—ED. CHURCH.] So much for our duty as a nation, and as re-gards a united simultaneous act of public worship: but our circumstances present a most favourable and appropriate opportunity for more week day services in some of our parishes, accessibly in neuroluous neighbourboads

amusements and galeties, are more inconsistent than ever. The time and the money are both wanted for other and higher purposes. While our troops are proving themselves good soldiers of an earthly sovereign, we must remember whose soldiers we are, as Christians. All have an ample field for the exercise of their powers, here or a manufel field for the exercise of their powers, and anyle field for the exercise of their powers, and anyle field for the exercise of their powers, and anyle field for the exercise of their powers, and no doubt such contumacy would be belonged, here or a molecular that the Bishop now went to Cran-bourne itself. The small wooden Church has been so far completed as to be used for divine service; and on Tuesday the 24th of January a consequently expose himself to the universal reprobation of the body to which he belonged, and no doubt such contumacy would be reproduced by the

losest terms of friendship, as fellows of the same intended to afford any facility for separation, The instructions of the Central Board, at the and the consequent obstruction of drifted and port, everything bore the appearance of the for the Solicitor General thus guards the im-portant point: the number from the back settlements, accessible only by unfrequented roads, and only *thirty-*one were confirmed instead of *forty-two*, the Church, could not get out from their retreat in number that had been prepared. the woods. Two others came a dozen miles upon Part of the duties thus far noticed are descib- snow shoes.

d by anticipation, having been performed on the Bishop's homeward route, from Bishop's Col-lege at Lennozville, to which place he now pro-lege at Lennozville, to which place he now proeeded, entering a portion of the Diocese in which no confirmation or formal inspection of **DIOCESE OF TORONTO.** the missions was required-the usual interval not having elapsed since these objects had ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TALBOT DISTRICT BRANCH received his attention. His present object was to attend an important meeting of the *College* OF THE CHURCH SOCIETY. The Committee of the Church Society for the Corporation, for which the Bishop of Montreal district of Talbot have much pleasure in being also came down-the two prelates having co-ordinate authority, as heads of the Corporation able to state that the improvement manifested last year, when the society seemed in a manner and visitors of the College. This was the first to be resuscitated, continues; and that there is meeting held since the attainment of the long an encouraging prospect of its becoming more

desired object of a Royal Charter conveying the

trustees resident in the neighbourhood having

been all present; besides the Hon. Judge M'Cord and the Rev. R. Lindsay, gentlemen hold-

ing the same office, who came from a distance.

As the time for these gentlemen was limited, the Corporation got through its business in one

day, by sitting nearly twelve hours with the in-

terruption only of luncheon and of tea and coffee. Matters were put in full train for future

operations, and the resolutions were ordered to

the members in preparation for the next meet-ing to be held in May. The College, though

upon a small scale, and labouring under many difficulties, has thus far, by the divine blessing,

proved of conspicuous advantage to the two Dioceses of Quebec and Montreal. It is not

confined however, to the object of preparation

for the holy ministry; and more than one-third

of the present students are designed for other

During the stay of the two prelates at

Bishop's College, the consecration of the Church

at Sherbrooke in which they both bore a part.

took place. The particulars have already ap-

peared in full in the March number of this

paper. The Bishop of Quebec, in the commencing

part of his journey home (in which he was in-

debted to the Rev. J. Butler, master of the Grammar School at Lennoxville for company

and conveyance) went to pass Sunday the 12th

of February with the Rev. T. S. Chapman, the

Missionary of Dudswell and Ham, and preached

twice for that gentleman, the first who has occupied the charge. A Church is in course of erection at Dudswell, and standing on a good

site with a tall spire, makes promise to the eye

of what there is reason humbly to trust will be

made good in a higher point of view than that

which regards the material fabric. Mr. Chap-

very long and hard day's journey in the drifted state of the roads, and assisted in the consecra-

tion of one of the Churches already mentioned.

In the other consecrations the clergy in the tract of country described attended at the several

A new day is opening itself upon the eastern townships of Lower Canada and the county of

Megantic-portions of country which, labouring

under the disadvantage of a long and severe

winter, with the want of navigable rivers, and

roads, have been kept behind hand, and insuffi-

ciently appreciated. But their natural re-

sources are great, and now, in consequence of

the construction of the lines of railway which

stances, are in process of development. The

land in many places is good and the pasturage

benefit them, and other favouring circum-

bad-in Megantic inconceivably bad-

man drove the Bishop to Mr. Roe's mission

places for this purpose.