

From the Episcopal Recorder.

"THERE REMAINETH THEREFORE A REST FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD."

Rest from the toils of life, Rest from consuming cares, Rest from the spirit's strife With sin's deceitful snares. Rest from all sorrow, pain, From all that mars the peace, The fears, the yearning's vain, That will not, cannot cease.

Rest to the mourning heart, Rest to the weary breast, Longing from earth to part, By sin and wo oppress. Rest to the pilgrim band, Dwelling as "strangers" here, Seeking a better land, In glory to appear.

Rest on that peaceful shore, Where storms may never beat, Where tears are known no more, Where the loved, the parted meet. Rest in the Saviour's fold, The bosom of his love, Rest with the saints of old, The blessed host above.

Rest, that no change can know No foe can e'er invade, Rest that will ever flow, Lasting, eternal made. Rest, that more sweet appears, Each step of life's lone way, While faith the spirit cheers, And points from earth away.

THE LORD'S DAY IN A FAR-OFF LAND.

The day happened to be Sunday, and we went to join a family-party at morning prayers, in the Hotel Britannique. We assembled in a plainly furnished room; there was neither picture, nor statue, nor marble ornament of other days, to excite the feelings; and the only music to be heard was the simple song of praise and thanksgiving, breathed forth from true hearts. But we looked around on countenances beaming with devotion; on fellow-worshippers of the God, whose chosen temple is in the hearts of his children; on members of the same visible church, who, scattered abroad in a foreign land, far from the altars at which their kindred were kneeling, had met on this day, the universal Sabbath, as brethren, to join hand, and lip, and heart, in praise and prayer, and to exchange words and looks of kindness and good-will among each other. We listened to the touching and simple language of our beautiful liturgy, and gave utterance to the same prayers which our forefathers uttered before us, and which our children will breathe forth when we are at rest. I have heard—can it be true?—that some people complain of the tediousness of repeating the same form of prayers Sunday after Sunday, and wish even to abolish the use of our liturgy. Is it nothing for the wanderer in far-off lands to know, when the holy day arises, that his kindred and friends, wherever they may be—some toiling on the rough ocean—others quietly assembling in the haunts of his childhood—shall on that morning breathe forth the same praises and thanksgivings as himself? Will it not tend to keep the heart of the exile free from the vanity, the frivolity, perchance from the idolatry, with which he is surrounded, to picture to himself, when the Sabbath sun streams in at the casement, the far off nook in green England, wherein the grey-headed old father, and the gentle mother who bore him, and the innocent, far-haired sisters, have met together to pray for the well-being of the absent one? O, yes; he will take up his Prayer-book, his mother's birth-day gift, wherein her own dear hand has traced his name; and though he be absent in body, yet will he be present in spirit, and while he breathes forth the same words that ascend from the village-church at home, he will be grateful that he too is a child of the Church of England.

[Evenings Abroad.]

THE COLONIAL CHURCHMAN.

LUNENBURG, THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 1838.

A SERMON, preached in Trinity Church, St John, N B. by the Rev. J. W. D. Gray, assistant minister, upon the death of his late Majesty William IV. and upon the accession of Queen Victoria, from Daniel II. 21—"He removeth kings and setteth up kings." This discourse contains an energetic enforcement of the duties of subjects to those in authority over them: he classifies these duties under three heads—1, honour and respect for the Ruler's office. 2, a full, willing, and unqualified submission to the laws: 3, the duty of praying for those in authority. We subjoin a brief but animated sketch of the enviable privileges which are ours as subjects of the British crown.

"When we look back upon the glory and happiness we have so long enjoyed, we are compelled to exclaim, how great and manifold have our national mercies been! How many temporal blessings has a gracious God showered down upon us! What whole-ome laws do we live under! What freedom do we enjoy! What power does our nation possess! What honour among the kingdoms of the world! And how long have these great and incalculable blessings been secured to us! But far beyond all other privileges, what spiritual mercies have been vouchsafed to us! What a mercy is it that we are permitted to possess the clear and sacred light of the Gospel of Christ, while other nations are suffered to dwell in darkness and ignorance. What a mercy to have the free use of our Bibles, and to enjoy the ordinances of a pure and Apostolic Church, which recognises and teaches the holy doctrines of that sacred book! Can we look around us and behold these evidences of divine mercy and goodness on every hand? Can we look back and reflect how long we have enjoyed them? Can we look forward and see what God has prepared for us, if we love and obey him, beyond the reach of time and change? and not feel disposed to say with the Psalmist, "Praise the Lord O our souls, while we live we will praise the Lord: yea, while we have any being we will sing praises unto our God?"

In connexion with this passage comes the following earnest, scriptural, and truly conservative appeal—

"But, my Brethren! if we really value these transient blessings, let us prove that they are dear in our estimation by pleading with the author and giver of all good things for their continuance with us. Let us beseech him not merely in the language of formality, but with earnestness and heartfelt sincerity, to behold with his richest favour our youthful Sovereign, "to replenish her abundantly with the grace of his Holy Spirit, that she may incline to his will and walk in his way," and that the reign which has now commenced, may prove, through the blessing of heaven upon it, an era of light and peace, and holiness and happiness to our country. Let us pray that the Constitution of our country, which has so long been the glory of our nation and the admiration of the world, may be preserved in its integrity; that our Church, notwithstanding its numerous assailants, may still flourish, and bless the land where it exists; that the pure principles of Protestant Faith may still be adhered to with unbending firmness—in a world, that may be "a people fearing God and working righteousness." If we have ever traced the histories of those great powers which, in different ages have held the sovereignty and rule in this lower world, if we have ever attended to the surmise of God in Holy Writ, we shall know that national prosperity and national piety must go hand in hand. While England fears God, and reveres the Gospel of Christ, England will stand and flourish; when this character is lost her glory must wane, and her power decline. If then we wish well to the present and immortal interests of our fellow subjects, let us pray for the advancement of vital piety among all classes and ranks of men. Then shall our country flourish and rejoice under the favour of the Most High. Then shall our nation rise above the difficulties which at present encompass it, and England shall still be permitted to say, as the favoured nation of old, was instructed to do—"What nation is there so great, who hath God so nigh unto them as the Lord our God is, in all things that we call upon him for? What

nation is there so great, that hath statutes and judgments so righteous" as those which God has in our possession?"

CHURCH SOCIETY OF THE ARCHDEACONRY OF BRUNSWICK.

In conformity with the provisions of the Constitution of the Church Society of the Archdeaconry of Brunswick, held its general Committee Meeting on Thursday, February 5th; and its Anniversary Meeting on Friday, the 9th, in the Parish Church of the district.

On Thursday, prayers were read by the Rev. Mr. Jarvis, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. Dr. Merrill. After Divine Service, the General Committee proceeded to make the annual appropriation of the funds of the Society. By the Treasurer's account then submitted, it appeared that a balance in his hand of £329 8 4, which was increased by monies paid at the meeting to £389 6 7; of this the General Committee resolved to place at the disposal of the Executive Committee, £200, for 'missionary visits to neglected places;' £50 for 'aid to day and other Schools, in which Church principles are taught;' £50 for a 'supply of Books and Bibles in strict conformity with the principles of the blessed Church;' and £80 for aid to the building, enlarging of Churches and Chapels—instructing the Executive Committee to comply in all cases with the recommendations of the local Committees.

On Friday, prayers were read by the Rev. Mr. Lee Street, after which, the Venerable the Archdeacon delivered an Address to the Society, which will be printed in the Report. The Archdeacon, as Vice President took the Chair; when the Report of the appropriations of the General Committee has been read, the same were confirmed and the following Resolutions passed;—

That an application be made to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, in behalf of this Society, to aid in the maintenance of one or more visiting Missionaries; and that the same be made acquainted with the exertions of this Society to provide for the wants of neglected places.

That each Local Committee of the Society be requested to furnish a list of such Sunday Schools as are now, or may be within the next three months set on foot within their respective districts; and that they may deem worthy of assistance from the Society; and that on or about the 1st of June next the Executive Committee do consider such returns, and divide among them the sum appropriated to the object—allotting to each School its share of the same either in money or books, as the Local Committee may desire.

That the Archdeacon, Dr. Somerville, Mr. B. and Mr. Dibblee, be a Committee to purchase to the prescribed amount; and that the Executive Committee do dispose of them with due attention to the recommendations of the Local Committees.

That an advertisement twice inserted in the Gazette, (the last time ten days before the meeting) be deemed sufficient notice for a Meeting of the Executive Committee to the Members thereof.

That the subscriptions to the Society be considered as becoming due at each Anniversary Meeting.

That His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor be respectfully requested to except the office of Secretary of this Society.

That Her Majesty's Attorney General, and Mr. Owen, be a Committee to purchase to the prescribed amount; and that the Executive Committee do dispose of them with due attention to the recommendations of the Local Committees.

That the Rev. Frederick Coster, be re-elected Secretary.

That the Rev. John M. Sterling, be re-elected Assistant Secretary.

That the following Gentlemen be elected Members of the Executive Committee:

- George F. S. Burton, Esquire, Fredericton,
George Clements, Douglas,
John T. Coffin, Westfield,
Samuel Caruana, Saint Mary's,
Richard Ketchum, Woodstock,