

reminding the Meeting of their obligations to the Ven. Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, gave an interesting account of the history and progress of the Church in the Parish of Lunenburg, and called on the Members to shew their grateful sense of the Ven. Society's benefits to the Parish, by vigorously exerting themselves in behalf of the Church Society in this Diocese.

Which Resolution was seconded by H. M. Moyle, Esq. and passed.

The fourth Resolution was moved in a most feeling manner by H. S. Jos, Esq. M. P. P., and seconded by Mr. W. M. Lawson, and passed unanimously, viz:—

That while we mainly attribute the steady progress of this, the oldest Committee of the Diocesan Church Society, to the zealous exertions of its first Presidents the Rev. J. C. Cochran, we gladly avail ourselves of this opportunity to express the sense we entertain of his valuable labours in its behalf; and request the Rector to convey this expression of our feelings to our late President.

To the above Resolution the Mover begged leave, with permission of the Meeting, to introduce and move the following additional Resolution, viz:—

That the thanks of this Society be given to Charles B. Owen, Esq. for his services as Secretary during fifteen years; the duties of which office he zealously and faithfully discharged; and that a copy of such Resolution be forwarded to him by the President.

Which being seconded by Mr. Lawson, was also passed unanimously.

The Rev. W. H. Snyder, A. M., of Mahone Bay, in a lengthened and most interesting speech, moved the adoption of the fourth Resolution, setting forth the varied and known wants of various portions of this Diocese, calling on every member of the Church not to cease his exertions so long as there was a child unbaptized or uninstructed throughout the length and breadth of the land.

The Resolution was seconded by Mr. Alfred Savary, Student of King's College, in a classical and interesting speech, and being supported by Mr. Joshua Kaulbach, Churchwarden, unanimously passed.

Daniel Owen, Esq. moved the next Resolution, in a speech ably urging the claims of our destitute fellow countrymen, and of six hundred millions of unenlightened heathen throughout the world; J. H. Kaulbach, Esq. seconded the same, with a recommendation to all to increase their exertions and subscription.

The last Resolution was moved by Mr. James Milward, and seconded by Mr. George Anderson, nominating the Board of Officers, the Standing Committee, and the Delegates for the ensuing year, the mover expressing his hope that the new Board of Officers would not fall short of the exertions of their predecessors.

After the members were invited to send in their subscriptions during the week, a collection was taken, and an interesting evening was closed by singing the favourite missionary hymn by the lamented Heter, and the Apostolical benediction.

The Church Times.

HALIFAX, SATURDAY, JAN. 8, 1853.

EPIPHANY.

AMONG the many privileges for which the member of the Church has cause to be thankful, may be reckoned the appointment of certain days, for the commemoration of the various events connected with the great mystery of human redemption. As these days recur, in the progress of the ecclesiastical year, the attention of our members is naturally fixed upon subjects most important and interesting to their souls. The Minister of the Church is, in a measure, forced to make these subjects the topics of his pulpit instructions; and the minds of both preacher and hearers are thus likely to become practically impressed with all the great truths, and life-giving doctrines of our holy faith. In the progress of our Church year, we are now come to the festival of the EPIPHANY, which name is attached to all the Sundays between this and Septuagesima.

The "manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles," which had its beginning in the visit of the wise men, under the miraculous guidance of a star, to the Infant Saviour, ought to be a subject of joy and congratulation to us all, whose forefathers were Gentiles, "a people that walked in darkness and had no light." And the serious Churchman will not listen, without deep and personal interest, to those sublime words of prophecy, which he hears from week to week, proclaiming the sure and glorious progress of Gospel light throughout

a benighted world, until that happy consummation shall indeed arrive, when Christ shall be acknowledged and adored by every heart and in every land. Nor at this season should we forget to put to our hearts the wholesome enquiry whether the "Day Star" has arisen there,—whether the Divine light has been kindled within us, and is actually shining around us, so that "men may see our good works and glorify our Father which is in Heaven." This is the main point with us all. In vain does the glorious "Light of the World" shine abroad upon other lands and other souls, if we are content to remain shrouded in the gross darkness of spiritual ignorance, or if we belong to that class who "love darkness rather than light because their deeds are evil," and upon whom "condemnation" is already pronounced by the Lord. The Collects for this season are all beautiful and may profitably be transferred from the Church to the Closet. In that for Thursday last, we are reminded of the importance of "knowing God now by Faith," and are made to pray, that after having been led here by Divine guidance, in the good and perfect way, we may be permitted hereafter to have "the fruition" or enjoyment, of the "glorious Godhead" in the world above. May all our readers be enabled to utter this, and their every prayer from the bottom of believing hearts, and may the daily life of every Churchman in the land be a reflection of the rays of the "Sun of Righteousness."

CHURCH INCREASE IN ST. JOHN, N. B.—We perceive by the following extract from the *Witness*, that the City of St. John is now divided into three parishes instead of one as formerly. Including Portland, of which Rev. Mr. Harrison is Rector, there are now seven clergymen and five churches.

The Churchmen in that quarter have ever shown themselves liberal and spirited, in all their doings for the benefit of their Church, and kind and considerate towards their Pastors. Long may such be the case, fulfilling the Scripture assertion, that "it is good to be always zealously affected in a good thing."

We have before had occasion to notice the exercise of this liberal spirit, in reference to their Church paper, which has not been left to the unaided efforts of its able Editor, but has been repeatedly sustained by the voluntary pecuniary gifts of intelligent Churchmen, who consider it an important auxiliary in the cause of religion. It would give us heartfelt pleasure to be able to record similar instances of gratuitous support to the Church paper of this Diocese, which is almost universally allowed to be important to the interests of the Church, but yet seeks in vain the moderate degree of patronage required to maintain it.

"We learn that all that part of the City lying north of Union street has been set off from Trinity Parish, by the Rev. I. W. D. Gray, Rector, preparatory to its being erected by law into a new Parish for ecclesiastical purposes. The Rev. George M. Armstrong, late of the Diocese of Montreal, who had been nominated to the District by Dr. Gray, and received the Bishop's license, entered upon his pastoral duties on Sunday last. The Rev. Gentleman preached a most impressive sermon from 2nd Thess. iii. 1, "Brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified, even as it is with you." After urging the duty and importance of prayer, and showing its manifold advantages to both ministers and people, he alluded to his new relation to the congregation; his need of their prayers, his heartfelt desire to promote their spiritual welfare, and his earnest hope that the word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified among them, and by them. The Bible, and the Bible only, would be the rule and standard of his preaching, as it had been of those who had preceded him there, and he concluded by emphatically declaring he would know nothing among them save Jesus Christ and him crucified. The Rev. Dr. Gray, occupied the pulpit in the afternoon, and took for his text Phil. i. 27, "Only let your conversation be as it becometh the Gospel of Christ, that, whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the Gospel; and in nothing terrified by your adversaries." After enforcing the leading topics of the text, and observing that they were the truths he had been endeavouring for twenty-six years to enforce from the pulpit, he expressed his satisfaction, that in now transferring the charge of that congregation to other hands, he was happy to be able to cherish the hope that the same vital truths would be preached to them.—*Church Witness*.

The Diocesan Church Society of Nova Scotia will meet at Halifax, (D. V.) on the 10th February. That of New Brunswick, at St. John, on the 20th January.

The Duke of Wellington, now that he is no longer above ground to contradict falsehoods, is made to say many things which his tongue never uttered. Among these may be safely reckoned an alleged apophthegm in reference to our Diocesan, which took its round through the papers, (and we were surprised to see it copied by religious journals) some months ago, and has now been started on its journey a second time, by the "Sun" of Friday. Even if true, we cannot see that it could add much to His Grace's fame, or that it has any point but that which ill nature may give it. But it carries falsehood and absurdity on the very face of it.

The Duke knew full well that it is from their Chaplains, and not from Bishops that as a body soldiers hear sermons. It may be regarded, therefore, without hesitation, as a certain article made out of "whole cloth."

A writer in one of the City papers blames the *Church Times* for charging the inhabitants of Sheet Harbour with insubordinate conduct in reference to an attack upon a Sheriff's officer. "Let every man bear his own burden," say we, and having weight enough to carry, on our own account, we beg to decline what belongs to another. We have no recollection of saying a word on the subject at all.

Shades of the Hamlet, and other Poems. By Rev. A. Gray, Rector of Digby, N. S. Halifax, E. G. Fuller. Price 3s. 9d.

This is the title of a very neat little volume now on sale at Mr. Fuller's American Book Store, which we cordially recommend to our readers. We remember the pleasing efforts of Mr. Gray in this line, more than thirty years ago, when we were both in the classic "shades" of Windsor, and we have since frequently read his poetic effusions with pleasure. To say that the reader of these poems will be strongly reminded of the gentle smoothness and simplicity of Goldsmith, is perhaps the best commendation that we can bestow. Among the most spirited of the pieces is that entitled the "Reign of Poetry," which abounds with fine ideas and genuine fire. The numerous pupils of the Author's Tutor, the late Rev. Dr. Cochran, will read with interest the tribute to his memory, contained in the last of the collection, in which there is also a touching allusion to the late Rev. Charles Morris, who lost his life by his devoted attention to sick emigrants at Grosbo Isle, Quebec. The book will make a nice New Year's Gift, and we hope will be generally taken.

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The Rev. J. C. Cochran thankfully acknowledges donations from the Lord Bishop, the Master of the Rolls, John Spry Morris, Esq. and Mrs. Desbrisay, Sen., in answer to his Card in behalf of indigent persons in the neighbourhood of Halifax.

We see by an exchange paper, that an alumnus of King's College, Windsor, Rev. Dr. Suther, of St. George's, Edinburgh, was almost elected Bishop of St. Andrews, Scotland, the Rev. C. Wordsworth, Warden of Trinity College, having only a majority of one vote. Dr. Suther is a native of Halifax, and is married to a daughter of the late Hon. James Fraser, whose sister is the lady of General Gore, now commanding the Forces in Nova Scotia, &c.

We cut the following from the *Newfoundland Times*, the Editor of which paper seems to think the prayer would be appropriate in that quarter.

SENSIBLE PRAYER.—"The Rev. J. G. Wood, at Fairfield, Indiana, after praying for the general Government, prayed for the Governor of the State; and then for the Legislature thus read,—The Lord have mercy on our Legislators, spare their lives until they