

THE CHURCH.

TORONTO, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1847.

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THE ARCHBISHOP OF YORK WILL (D.V.) VISIT THE SEVERAL PARISHES AND MISSIONS IN THE CORE AND WEST-TOWN DISTRICTS AT THE PERIODS MENTIONED BELOW.

Table with columns for Date, Time, and Location. Includes entries for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

THE CLOSE OF 1847.

The stream of time, down which we are silently but rapidly floating, is now carrying us past one of the great landmarks which index our progress to eternity.

We have reached a halting place, from which we may take a retrospective glance at the chequered pathway we have already passed, and seek to ascertain whether our faces are directed heaven-ward.

All men think all men mortal but themselves. There is a consideration suggested by our journal, which should have the effect of indelibly, to a considerable extent, the lesson of warning read by the expiring year.

The undivided country, from whose bourn no traveller returns. More than one happy family circle will, beyond all question, be broken in upon by the spoiler.

Should not this startling consideration have its due weight with all of us? Since a portion of our number must realize eternity, before twelve months have spent their course, how utterly foolish for any to neglect its preparation.

Let us pray for grace to live the year 1848 in such a manner, as if on or before the last day of its December, we were certain to be amidst the veiled realities of the world to come.

Small the daily loss appears, Yet it soon amounts to years. Thus another year is flown, And it is now so near our own, (Though it brought or promised good) Than the years before the flood.

But each year, let some forget, Finds and leaves us deep in debt; Favours from the Lord received, Sins that have the Spirit grieved, Mark'd by God's opening hand, In his book recorded stand: Who can tell the vast amount Placed to each of our account?

As we announced last week, the polling for two members to represent the City of Toronto in the Provincial Parliament, took place on Monday and Tuesday, and we are happy to be able to say that the proceedings were conducted in an orderly and decorous manner.

On Wednesday the state of the Poll was announced in front of the Court House, by the Returning Officer, Mr. Stanton, whose general arrangements and thorough impartiality, we may add, were deserving of the highest commendation.

The utmost order prevailed among the spectators, who mustered pretty strongly, and little, if any, demonstration of feeling was manifested, in regard to the report of the Returning Officer.

After three cheers for Her Majesty the Queen, and His Excellency the Governor-General, the assembly quietly dispersed.

We learn from our contemporary the Bazaar, that the Corporation of Quebec have lately come to a resolution, which we cannot but deeply regret.

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We have to acknowledge receipt of the Fifth Annual Report of the Incorporated Church Society of the Diocese of Quebec. It is an interesting and judiciously compiled document, which will repay a perusal by all who have at heart the well-being of our beloved branch of Christ's Church.

Our advertising columns will be found the Prospectus of a monthly journal to be published in Toronto under the above title.

We this week continue our table of the Members returned for the Provincial Parliament. Hitherto the result has been as propitious as the warmest friends of constitutional principles and good order could desire.

We have on hand some remarks from the Patriot, upon the University Question, which evince the usual soundness of principle and correctness of knowledge displayed by our esteemed contemporary in treating of that important, though greatly misunderstood topic.

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"He was in the tenor of his life a servant of Christ, and in the habit of his mind the meekness of wisdom." "I was sick and he visited me." Matt. 25. This Monument was raised as an affectionate memorial by surviving friends.

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UNITED STATES.

MASSACHUSETTS.—Conservation. We learn from the Boston Herald, that Christ Church, Swanton, was consecrated on Thursday, December 2nd. The Sermon was preached by the Bishop.

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NEW YORK.

WESTERN NEW YORK.—Ordination.—Bishop De Lancey held an ordination on October 3rd, in Zion Church, East Bloomfield. Prayers were read by the Rev. Dr. Wayland, of Cananadaga, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Conroy, of Palmyra, who read the lessons.

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ENGLAND.

DR. SCROSBY'S LECTURES IN NEW YORK.—We cheerfully call the attention of our readers to the announced notice, and trust that the Lectures will be fully attended. In addition to the interesting subjects announced, and the ability and energy of the lecturer, the benevolent object for which he has consented to appear should excite the sympathy of the public, and compel a full gathering.

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than either of his closest supporters, and was warmly applauded. S. Y. Chesley, Esq., then enquired of Dr. Macdonald, in plain and explicit terms, "whether he would support the present administration or not?" which question, after a moment's consideration he declined answering.

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