

us unnecessary trouble: the first field was much better than this."—"Very true, sir," replied the good old man, "but it was not mine." This stroke, says the author who relates it, goes directly to the heart. I defy an atheist to produce anything like this. And surely he who does not feel his heart warmed by such an example of exalted virtue, has not yet acquired the first principles of moral taste.

THE CHRISTIAN MIRROR.

MONTREAL, THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 1844.

NEW WESLEYAN CHAPEL.

THE LAYING OF THE FOUNDATION STONE.

THIS imposing and solemn ceremony took place on Friday last, in the presence of a large concourse of spectators. It will be remembered that the Wesleyans of this city, early in March last, held a meeting to devise means by which suitable church-accommodation might be provided for their increased and increasing congregations. At this meeting about £3,500 were subscribed for this purpose; and the arrangements necessary for its accomplishment being concluded, the above day was selected for the commencing ceremonial. Shortly before three o'clock, a numerous and respectable congregation assembled in the present Chapel, corner of St. James and St. Francis Xavier streets. The services were opened with singing and prayer by the Rev. MATTHEW LANG; the lesson was read by the Rev. JOHN B. BROWNELL; and, after an impressive and appropriate discourse by the Rev. WILLIAM SQUIRE, of Quebec, from Acts vii. 48, 49, the concluding prayer was offered up by the Rev. ROBERT COONEY.

The above services being concluded, a procession was formed under the direction of JAS. MATHEWSON and J. SPROSTON, Esqrs., which walked to the site of the contemplated edifice in the following order:—

The Architect, George L. Dickinson, Esquire; the Builder, Mr. David Brown.

The Trustees.

The Rev. W. M. Harvard, Chairman of the District; and the Rev. R. L. Lusher, ex-Chairman.

The Rev. Messrs. Lang, Brownell and Cooney—Ministers on the Station.

The Ministers of the District, according to seniority. The Local Preachers and Class-Leaders.

Private Members of the Church and Congregation.

The weather had been very unfavourable during the previous part of the day; but just after the procession had assembled upon the ground, and when the moment had arrived for performing the solemn act, which constitutes the title of this article, the sky began to brighten, and the sun, as if it wished to signify its approbation, shone forth with more than usual lustre.

The foundation of this new "House of prayer" was laid by Alderman FERRIER, supported by Alderman LUNN and Councillor MATHEWSON; after which, the first named gentleman delivered a short but appropriate speech. He expressed the high satisfaction he felt, in common with his auditory, in the pleasing fact of the great spread of Christianity in the city of Montreal within his own collection; giving indisputable proof, that the devoted men through whose instrumentality this enlargement of the fold of Christ was ef-

fectured, were of the true "Apostolical succession." In the course of his remarks, he stated, that twenty-years ago, when he first took his seat in the Chapel they had now left, there was ample accommodation for the congregation; but that for some years past it was found impracticable to accommodate the numerous applicants for pews. Hence the necessity for erecting a more commodious place of worship. He then announced the cheering intelligence, that in the building they now contemplated erecting, 500 free sittings would be secured for the poor, in addition to the requisite increase of regular pews.

A bottle containing a parchment scroll, inscribed with the names of our revered and beloved Queen, and his Excellency the Governor General, the architect and builders, the names of the trustees, the official members of the church, the subscribers to the building fund, and the Wesleyan Ministers of Canada East, was deposited in the stone. With this document there was also deposited some of the leading city papers, some of the current coin of the realm, and other memorials. A short, but very suitable, address was delivered by the Rev. Mr. HARVARD; and this formed the appropriate conclusion of services and ceremonies of a very impressive and beneficial character.

The above Chapel is to be built of stone, and in the pointed Gothic style of the second period. The total length of the interior, including the entrance, lobby, staircase, &c., will be 100 feet; width, 69 feet; height, 41 feet. The external dimensions are 111 feet in length, 73 feet in breadth, and 86 feet in height. There will be three class-rooms under the gallery, and beneath the Chapel will be a capacious school-room, 99 feet long and 54 feet wide, and connected with which there will be five additional class-rooms. This edifice, when completed, will be capable of containing about 2,500 persons, and is to be provided with 500 free sittings.

Missioners.—There are already two Missionary Ships on the seas, and lately another has been launched, built at the Royal Navy Yard, in Harwich. As she moved from her place, the children of the Independent congregation on one side, commenced singing a beautiful hymn; and on the other side, the Wesleyan Sunday-School children sang—"And the work of the Lord shall revive." Her name is *John Williams*; the other two are called the *Triton* and the *Camden*.—*Christian Guardian*.

BENEVOLENCE.—On Sunday last, two sermons were preached in the Wesleyan Chapel, Stockton, by the Rev. J. Heaton, of Hartlepool. After the services collections were made in aid of the Benevolent Society, in connexion with the above chapel. The design of this society is to visit, pray with, and relieve the afflicted poor. It was commenced in 1795, and since that period 15,000 visits have been paid, and £900 distributed. Last year 600 visits were paid, and £30 distributed. The Society is supported by subscriptions and donations.—*Sunderland Herald*.

RELIGIOUS PERIODICALS.—The circulation of some works of this nature in England is now

very extensive. The *Evangelical Magazine*, which has for more than half a century advocated, in the most Catholic spirit, the principles indicated by its title, and the profits of which, amounting yearly to more than £1,300, are devoted to the support of widows of ministers, has a circulation monthly of 16,000 copies; while the *Christian Witness*, a work published at similar intervals, under the editorship of the Rev. Dr. Campbell, and intended to promote the success of Christianity, with an especial regard to the views entertained by the Congregational body, already circulates 30,000 copies, though the first number was issued only in January last. The profits of this periodical, (which may be considered an organ of the Congregational Union of England and Wales,) are to be applied to the support of aged ministers of the gospel.—*Leeds Mercury*.

THE BIBLE STUDENT AND FAMILY MONITOR.—This is the title of a new Periodical just published by E. H. WILCOX, No. 9, Spruce street, N. Y. This gentleman has for many years made himself eminently useful as an efficient agent for the different religious papers of this city. We are glad to see him appear as the publisher of a work which bids fair to succeed well and be a credit to our city. It is the only paper we know of whose leading object is to call attention to the Bible, a very timely effort indeed. Let it therefore receive that patronage which it deserves from every family.—*Correspondent of the N. Y. Enquirer*.

VEGETATION.—On every hand, hill, plain, and valley have partially put on the verdant robes of summer; the trees are gradually arraying themselves in foliage, and some of the earlier seeds have vegetated and sprung up, to cheer the hopes of the horticulturist and farmer. Six weeks ago the whole "vegetable kingdom" was apparently devoid of life; but sunshine and showers have done their work, and the effects are visible in the revival of "plant, and tree, and flowering shrub."—Ere autumnal frost and storms shall again chill and desolate our happy country, the earth will have brought forth abundantly, the harvest-hymn will have been sung, and sufficiency of food for man and beast will have been produced by the summer's vegetation, and secured for use. Some men are so forgetful of Providence as to attribute the annual productions of the earth to the laws of nature; but did not the Great Being, who established those laws, by his constant superintendence, regulate them, disorder and chaos would soon ensue, and the fruits of the earth cease to supply the wants of myriads of his creatures.—*Novascotian*.

FIFTEEN DAYS LATER FROM ENGLAND.

THE *Unicorn* arrived at Quebec on Tuesday the 4th, with the English Mail to the 19th May, per the *Caledonia*. She made the run to Halifax in ten days.

The political news is of little importance. Nothing has been done in the case of O'Connell.

The ten-hours factory bill has received its quietus.

Sir H. Hardings has been appointed Governor General of India.

On Friday, the 17th, the House went into committee on the Customs' Duties Bill, when Mr. Ewart endeavoured to persuade it to equalize the duties on foreign and colonial coffee. America was cited as imposing no duty on foreign coffee, but the Chancellor of the Exchequer met this by stating that America grew no coffee of its own. Ultimately, the motion for the equalization of the duties was rejected in a thin House by 39 to 28.

The cotton market has received a terrible reaction, in consequence of the news received in England by the *Acadia*. The market was desponding, and there had been a serious reduction in the sale of that staple.

Flour has fallen—an advance has taken place in the value of colonial built ships—the timber trade looks well—the provision market is dull.

Sir Henry Hardinge, the present Governor-General of India, was aide-de-camp to Sir John Moore at the battle of Coruna, January 10, 1809, and was close to the lamented General when a cannon-ball carried away his left shoulder and part of the collar-bone, leaving the arm hanging by the flesh.—*Globe*.