

dare not assert, on the one hand, that their sacraments are unessential to those who piously receive them; or, on the other, that they are blessed in the same manner, as when duly administered by those divinely commissioned for that purpose.

VI. [Moved by the Rev. G. C. Street, seconded by F. P. Rubidge Esq.] That the congregations of Peterboro' and the neighbouring townships, and the members of the Church of England among us, generally, be earnestly called upon by annual collections, donations, and subscriptions, for the supply of the General Depository now about to be established here, and through it to such other Depositories as shall be established in the neighbourhood.

VII. [Moved by the Rev. T. Fidler, seconded by the Rev. A. N. Bethune.] That this Meeting cordially unite with the Newcastle District Committee of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, in the expression of their humble and fervent thanks to the Father of Mercies, that He has been graciously pleased to enable them to continue unto this day, and that it is our fervent prayer that He will aid and assist our feeble attempts to diffuse the Word of God, and that form of sound words which constitutes the Book of Common Prayer, among the spiritually destitute of our fellow creatures.

THE CHURCH.

TORONTO, SATURDAY, MARCH 20, 1841.

We have already afforded very gratifying proofs to our readers of the increasing interest which is felt, in many parts of this Diocese, in behalf of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge; and the admirable appeal in furtherance of its cause which we had the pleasure of publishing in our last two numbers, is not amongst the least of the testimonies to the value of this noble Institution, nor one of the least striking indications of the hold which it is gaining on the public mind.

It has been objected, we are aware, that the Tracts disseminated by the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge are not of that decided and edifying character which can ensure the united approbation even of Churchmen: this may be so; but with the pains which we know to be taken, of late years especially, in the supervision of those Tracts, we are hardly allowed to entertain the fear that such as are of a nature in the slightest degree opposed to the general spirit of the Church as expressed in her authorized formularies, should be placed upon its catalogue.

Several Branch Depositories of this excellent Institution are, we are happy to perceive, in the course of formation in this Diocese; and we have reason to believe that every parish of the Church of England in the Newcastle District will, before many months, have a Depository established within its bounds, and managed by a local Committee.

Sermons were preached, in furtherance of the objects of this Society, on Sunday the 7th instant, in the churches of Cavan, Emily, and Peterboro'; and if the expected results from these appeals were not realized, much of the disappointment is to be ascribed to the effects of the severe snowstorm which raged through the previous night, and rendered the roads, in many situations, all but impassable.

On the evening of Monday the 8th instant a public meeting was held in the Church of Peterboro', for the purpose of establishing a permanent Branch of this Society. The chair was occupied by the Rev. C. T. Wade, who opened the business of the Meeting with some excellent prefatory remarks; after which, appropriate prayers having been offered up, the following Resolutions were unanimously adopted:—

I. [Moved by the Rev. A. N. Bethune, seconded by the Hon. T. A. Stewart.] That as there has existed, during the last twelve years, a Branch of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, called the Newcastle District Committee, the principal Depository of which is in the Town of Cobourg; and whereas the several other congregations of the Church of England within this District have been invited to co-operate in the furtherance of the great object of this venerable Society, this Meeting, deeply impressed with the importance of the subject, is determined to aid the said Newcastle District Committee by every means in its power.

III. [Moved by the Rev. S. Armour, seconded by J. B. Fortane Esq.] That the Peterboro' Branch Association of this Society be managed by a Committee composed of the following gentlemen:—Rev. C. T. Wade, Hon. T. A. Stewart, H. Flood Esq., C. Rubidge Esq., S. F. Kirkpatrick Esq., W. H. Wright Esq., M. Clarke Esq., J. G. Armour Esq., and the Churchwardens for the time being, with power to add to their number; and that the Rev. C. T. Wade and M. Clarke Esq. be joint Secretaries and Treasurers.

* The true Church is the universal fellowship of God's faithful and elect people, built upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ being the head corner-stone. And it hath always three notes or marks, whereby it is known:—pure and sound doctrine, the sacraments ministered according to Christ's holy institution, and the right use of ecclesiastical discipline.

and in such other places in the neighbourhood as the Committee shall see fit.

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principle by which we wish to abide; but, whilst I will not mistake abuses for institutions, and give to the former the defence which I should give to the latter, so, on the other hand, I will not mistake institutions for abuses, and attack them as if they were nothing more than vices in our political system.

We would request the attention of our readers to the correspondence, which will be found under our Colonial head, between W. J. Kerr, Esq., and Col. McDonell, of Kingston, on the occasion of a presentation of a sword to the latter gentleman, for his services rendered during the rebellion of 1837-8.

The Lord Bishop of Toronto will hold his next General Ordination at the Cathedral, Toronto, on Sunday the 25th of April. Candidates for Holy Orders, whether of Deacon or Priest, are required to obtain previously the Bishop's permission to offer themselves, and they will be expected to be furnished with the usual Letters Testimonial, and the Si Quis attested in the ordinary manner.

Sir George Arthur left this city on Thursday last, on his way to England.

THE ELECTIONS.

WE find from our exchange papers and other sources, that in this Upper division of the Province the following is the state of the Elections:—

FIRST RIDING OF YORK.—Mr. Price has been returned by a majority of 120.

THIRD RIDING OF YORK.—Mr. Small has been returned by a majority of 111.

TOWN OF NIAGARA.—At the close of the poll, Mr. Campbell, 98 Mr. Boulton, 96 Mr. Campbell returned.

LINCOLN.—Mr. Campbell returned.

MIDDLESEX.—Monday, at the close of the poll, Mr. Parke, 112 Mr. Ermatinger, 77 Col. Clench, 45 Col. Burwell, 4

OTTAWA.—On Monday, at the close of the poll, Mr. Day was 12 ahead of Mr. McGee.

GREENVILLE.—Mr. Crane has been returned for this county.

RUSSELL.—The Hon. Attorney-General Draper has been returned without opposition.

Mr. Sherwood, 399 Mr. Dunn, 321 Mr. Monroe, 328 Mr. Buchanan, 313

FRIDAY.—at 2 o'clock.

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COMMUNICATION.

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our princely care that the churchmen may do the work which is proper unto them, the bishops and clergy, from time to time in convocation, upon their humble desire, shall have licenses, under our broad seal, to deliberate of, and do all such things as, being made plain by them, and assented unto by us, shall concern the settled continuance of the doctrine and discipline of the Church of England now established; from which (so settled by convocation in the first instance, and with the consent of the civil power in the next) we will not endure any varying or departing in the least degree.

Another accession to the Church of England.—(From a correspondent of The Times.)—We had last week the satisfaction of announcing, that the Rev. Dr. Warren, (a distinguished Wesleyan preacher) had been ordained, by the Bishop of Chester, minister of an Episcopal chapel in Manchester; and now we have to state, that on Sunday last the Rev. Robert Aiken, M.A. of Zion Chapel, Waterloo-road, and William-row Chapel, Spitalfields, preached his final sermon at the former place, previous to his return, under the direction of his diocesan, to the Church Establishment, of which he was formerly an ordained minister.

Civil Intelligence.

FURTHER EXTRACTS FROM OUR FILES BY THE PRESIDENT.

THE SULTAN AND THE QUEEN.—The distinguished circle of the Court has been greatly interested within the last few days by an incident of rather peculiar and pleasing description—namely, the receipt of a "letter of felicitation" from the young Sultan Abdul Medjid to Her Majesty the Queen, on the occasion of the birth of the Princess Royal.

IMPORTANT DISCOVERY AT BRIXWORTH CHURCH OF A ROMAN BASILICA UNDER THE CHURCH.

Most of our readers are probably aware of what is now the theme of discourse amongst the lovers of ecclesiastical architectural antiquities,—that the parish church of Brixworth, in this county, exhibited the finest specimen of the Roman or Anglo-Roman building in the whole kingdom. Its antiquity was first suspected by our townsman, Mr. George Baker, and was subsequently ascertained and carried higher in the scale of centuries by the discoveries of his friends, Rickman and Britton, the latter of whose diaries have been acquired in by numerous antiquaries who successively visited and inspected the building, and compared it with other authentic remains of the Roman era.