

THE COLONIAL CHURCHMAN.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL.—On the festival of St. Michael, 29th ultimo, there was an annual examination of the Sunday School attached to St. John's Church in this town.—This was its Tenth anniversary, and there were present 154 scholars who were examined in Scripture lessons from the Old and New Testaments, and in smaller catechetical works, which they had committed to memory.—Large portions of the Word of God have been learned during the year, besides collects, hymns and psalms, all which, it is hoped, may not be in vain in the Lord, but may in His own good time produce the fruits of righteousness in the lives of some, at least, of these children. Upon the whole, this examination afforded additional evidence of the usefulness of the School, and appeared to be gratifying to a respectable number of spectators.—We beg leave here to repeat our invitation to our Brethren, to send us some notice of the Sunday Schools in their respective Parishes.

NEW BRUNSWICK.—We are indebted to a friend in that province for the following notice of the Archidiaconal meeting of the Clergy which was held at Fredericton on the 8th ultimo, and we gladly give it to our readers, with our hearty good wishes for the success of any measures which may be for the good of the church in that flourishing portion of the Diocese. We understand that the meeting was a very comfortable and harmonious one, and that it is expected the Clergy will annually enjoy the like pleasant privilege of taking sweet counsel together, and holding united deliberations on the interests of the church:—

“The Clergy belonging to the Archdeaconry of New-Brunswick met at Fredericton on Thursday the 8th September.

Many important subjects were brought under their consideration, but none of more vital importance than a plan submitted by the Venerable Diocesan for the formation of a **CHURCH SOCIETY**, which is designed to embrace every Parish within the Province.

The objects contemplated by this Society and its constitution, will, of course, in a short time, be made public. In addition to the advantages likely to result from this Society, if carried into full effect, it cannot fail to be highly advantageous to the Church at large, that the Clergy should be more frequently brought together to have the benefit of mutual counsel, upon such subjects, as may with the Divine blessing, be instrumental in advancing the present and future prosperity of our beloved Zion.

Divine Service was performed on Friday, in the Parish Church;—the Rev. Henry Jarvis read prayers, and a sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Alley. On Saturday, Prayers were read by the Rev. Mr. Black, and the Rev. Frederick Coster preached.

Three full services were performed on Sunday;—morning prayers were read by the Rev. Mr. Arnold: the communion service was read by the venerable Archdeacon Coster and the Rev. Mr. Street. The sermon was by the Rev. Dr. Thomson. The Archdeacon assisted by the Rev. Messrs. Arnold, Street, and Jarvis, administered the holy sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Sixteen clergymen partook of these sacred emblems of a Saviour's dying love; and renewed their solemn vows of attachment to their merciful Redeemer and of devotedness to the cause which they have undertaken. A respectable number of the congregation knelt also around the altar, to express their gratitude and love to Him who died for them.

In the afternoon the Rev. Charles Wiggins officiated in the Sacred desk and the Rev. Mr. Street preached. In the evening the Rev. Mr. Dunn read prayers, and the sermon was by the Rev. Mr. Black.

In looking around upon such a number of Clergy assembled together, one could hardly forbear the reflection, “How solemn the office of the minister of Christ.” It is an awful and almost overpowering consideration, that we are to watch for souls as they that must give an account.

Nothing could support the anxious clergyman under the many trials and difficulties to which he is exposed in discharging the duties of his high and holy office, but the comfortable declaration of the Saviour to the ministers of his church,—“Lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.”

INTERESTING STATISTICS.—At the Anniversary of the Church Missionary Society in London, the Rev. Baptist Noel gave some interesting statistics. Among others he mentioned that the whole income of Great Britain and Ireland is 514 millions sterling!! The whole missionary income of Great Britain is about £300,000 sterling, equal to \$1,332,000.

The amount of ardent spirits consumed in Great Britain and Ireland, in 1832, was nearly 26 millions of gallons! the cost of which to the consumer, was about 75 millions of dollars!! “Thus the people of this christian country spend 56 times as much for one noxious gratification, as is given to enlighten and save the world! They spend now to destroy their characters, to ruin health, to beggar their families, to destroy their bodies and their souls, to fill the hulks with criminals, and to supply the gallows with its victims, a sum of money which might, in a few years, adequately supply every heathen nation with missionaries! With the blessing of God, the cost of one English vice, might christianize the world.”—*Epis. Rec.*

WANT OF MINISTERS.—We have never known a time when the calls for ministers from vacant parishes have been so numerous as at present. The congregations of our Church have increased in a ratio far above the increase of ministers, and the knowledge of this fact discourages the formation of others where the services of the church are much needed and desired. And such being the case with respect to our parishes at home, where is the supply for missionary labours abroad! The heart sickens at the view of so many opportunities of preaching the Gospel to perishing sinners, without the possibility of finding preachers to proclaim to them its truths.

In a church of such extent as ours, there ought certainly to be found a sufficient number of devoted men to fill the ranks of the ministry to the requisite degree. The fact that such is not the case is an evidence of a great defect in the character of our piety, as well as in the fervency of our prayers. Were every member of the church as deeply impressed as he should be with the importance of our Saviour's admonition, “Pray ye the Lord of the harvest that he would send forth labourers into his harvest,” the disproportion between the ministers and members of the Church would no longer exist. We need more humble and devoted piety, more faithful and unceasing prayers, before in this or other respects we can expect to prosper.—*Epis. Rec.*

BISHOP OF MONTREAL.—We are happy to announce the arrival of his Lordship, accompanied by Mrs. Mountain and family, at Quebec, on the 11th ultimo, in good health. Long may his valuable superintendence be continued to the church which has already derived so much advantage from his zealous labours as Archdeacon of Quebec. The Bishop has brought out with him as curate, the Rev. Mr. Mackie, son of General Mackie, formerly commandant at Halifax.

ORDINATION.—We understand that at Digby on Sunday the 25th ultimo, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese admitted the Rev. W. H. Snyder, missionary at Weymouth, and the Rev. Henry Jarvis of New Brunswick, to the holy order of Priesthood.

BISHOP'S MOVEMENTS.—A late number of our paper contained notices of his Lordship's visitation in the most Eastern parts of the province, and to-day we give tidings of his ‘care of the churches’ in the extreme West. Since the ordination at Digby, we understand he has consecrated a “church in the wilderness,” in Dalhousie settlement, parish of Annapolis, a service performed in the midst of a storm of wind and rain, to which his Lordship was exposed, in a ride of about fifty miles, over roads which we imagine are none of the best. On Friday last the Bishop was at Windsor, on his way to Halifax, and we believe, is expected to be again at Aylesford this week.

Those Subscribers who are in arrears for the *Colonial Churchman*, will please to bear in mind the **TERMS** of the paper,—*Ten Shillings per annum; when sent by mail, 11s. 3d.; HALF to be paid in advance*—and that the year will expire with three numbers more.

We regret to find that the Rev. John Stannage, missionary at St. Margaret's Bay, has been obliged to take a voyage for the benefit of his health, to Jersey, his native Island. We trust that by the goodness of the Lord, he may be permitted to return, with renewed vigour, to his extensive and interesting charge.

SUMMARY.

Parliament was prorogued August 20th, by the King in person. The following is an extract from his Majesty's Speech:—

“I have regarded with interest your deliberations upon the report of the commission appointed to consider the state of the dioceses in England and Wales, and I have cheerfully given my assent to the measures which have been presented to me for carrying into effect some of their most important recommendations.

“It is with no ordinary satisfaction that I have learned that you have with great labour brought to maturity enactments upon the difficult subject of tithes in England and Wales, which will, I trust, prove in their operation equitable to all the interests concerned, and generally beneficial in their results.

“The passing of the acts for civil registration and for marriages in England, has afforded me much satisfaction. Their provisions have been framed upon those large principles of religious freedom which, with a due regard to the welfare of the Established Church in this country, I have always been desirous of maintaining and promoting; and they will also conduce to the greater certainty of titles and to the stability of property.

“It has been to me a source of the most lively gratification, to observe the tranquility which has prevailed, and the diminution of crimes which has lately taken place, in Ireland. I trust the perseverance in a just and impartial system of government will encourage this good disposition, and enable that country to develop her great national resources.”

A bill to admit Jews as Christian Legislators, was negatived in the House of Commons, August 3.

The interesting expedition on the Euphrates suffered a severe loss on the 21st May, by the sinking of the Tigris steamer, with 15 persons on board. The enterprising Col. Chesney, however, was still proceeding, and upwards of 500 miles down the river had been surveyed.

Rothschild the elder, “the Colossus of Mammon, the man of many millions,” (*Times*) has gone where the rich and poor meet together.

A Horticultural Society has been formed at Halifax, and a project advanced for the establishment of a Botanical garden there. We see not why it should not be accomplished, if commenced on a moderate scale, and we wish success to the society.

A melancholy accident has occurred at the Albion Mines, attended by the loss of four lives, and several more are still in danger.

The Newspapers contain tidings of distress from almost all parts of the world but our own happy little corner.—Spain is distracted by civil war, and is the scene of the most dreadful atrocities.—In Smyrna and other parts of the East, the plague is sweeping its tens of thousands away.—In France, the King is set up as a mark for desperadoes to shoot at.—In Italy the fearful cholera is at work—as indeed we are sorry to find it is, nearer home, (in Charleston, S.C.) And in other parts of the “land of liberty,” almost daily proof is given that the mob are superior to the law, and that life and property are consequently insecure. Incendiaries are abroad there, and have been the instruments of great destruction.—What cause of thankfulness does such a glance at other lands, minister to those who are blessed with the peace and quiet and health and plenty which Nova Scotia affords to its inhabitants! “Happy are the people that are in such a case,”—and gratefully should every heart in the length and breadth of the land, be lifted up to Him, “by whose Providence all things in heaven and in earth are ordered,” for the numberless mercies we enjoy. And careful should we be to make that best return, of faithful, holy, and obedient lives.