

But by the formation of the Total Abstinence Society, how has the scene been changed within a few mouths? Now there is scarcely a drunken man to be seen! The church is crowded with attentive and well-clad hearers; I find I have the affections of my parishioners, and I should refuse to exchange my situation for the greatest preferment that could be bestowed on me."

LONDON, May 5.

We have this morning the official announcement of the acceptance of the mediation of France by the King of Naples. Previously to the arrival of the French steamer with the tender of mediation an embargo had been laid upon all English vessels in the Neapolitan ports; but according to private letters, received this morning, orders had been instantly issued for its removal, so that the trade would experience very brief interruption. An indemnity for the losses sustained by the British merchants by the sulphur monopoly is made a preliminary basis of arrangement, but the principle was acceded to by the King with manifest reluctance, and only when he found he had no other alternative. He had evidently calculated on receiving countenance from the French Government to persist in his opposition to annulling the treaty with the French company; but finding himself disappointed in that expectation, he had no other stay, and was compelled to succumb. It is farther stated in private letters from Paris this morning that on Friday, M. Thiers re-assured some of the parties interested in the sulphur monopoly, that he would faithfully redeem his pledge, to obtain for them some indemnification from the King of Naples for breach of contract. At Paris the affair is consequently considered altogether terminated, except the subsidiary point of the amount of pecuniary indemnities.

TO THE HUSSARS OF THE ARMY.

Wynyard Park,
and May, 1840.

I propose that we should give a dinner and public entertainment to Prince ALBERT, evincing our high delight at the honor conferred on us by Her Majesty's appointment of His Royal Highness to our branch of the service. Animated by feelings of loyalty to the crown and devotion to the Prince, I consider the Marquis of Anglesey, as our senior, should be requested to take the chair. I will meet all my brother Hussars now in London, at the Clarendon, at one o'clock Saturday, 9th May, to take further measures and choose a committee to carry the object into effect, if this proposal is approved of, I request commanding officers of regiments and others who have served in the Hussars to give me a line at Holderness House (if they cannot attend the meeting), expressive of their sentiments.

I remain your very faithful servant,
VANE LONDONDERRY,
General, Colonel 10th Royal Hussars.

Donegal, May 1. The weather has been for some time remarkable fine, and we are happy to say the early crops look very well.

Steam Navigation. We have read with pleasure a statement in one of the French papers, that an eminent philosopher in Paris has discovered a means by which the bursting of steam-boilers is rendered impracticable. Of course the development of his plan will in due course be laid before the public.—Northern Times.

Rome, April 9.—The day before yesterday the Belgian extraordinary ambassador and minister plenipotentiary at the Papal court, Count d'Oultremont, had his audience de congé, he intending to be absent for some time. According to rumour, his absence is to be indefinite, and the count will probably have a seat in the Brussels cabinet. With regard to the contemplated marriage of his sister, Countess Henrietta d'Oultremont, with the King of Holland, it is affirmed here, in high quarters, that it has been broken off in consequence of the countess refusing to renounce the Roman Catholic creed. The countess continues here, and will not, it appears, quit Rome for some time to come.

WESLEYAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society was held yesterday at Exeter Hall. Every part of the great room was filled almost to suffocation. Sir P. Laurie took the chair. In opening the business of the day, he did not hesitate to say that the Wesleyans had done more good in the metropolis than any other body—(Cheers). He had been an active magistrate for many years, but he never yet had to send a Wesleyan Methodist to prison—(Cheers and laughter). It appeared from the report that great success has attended the efforts of the society during the past year in Sweden and France, as well as in the Australasian and Polynesian islands; and also in Africa particularly in Caffria. Among the gentlemen present on the platform near the chairmen were Sir Augustus D'Este, Mr. Tooke, Mr. Emerson Tennent, Colonel Connelly, and many of the most distinguished Wesleyan ministers.

The Star.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 1840.

We have just learned that it is the intention of the Bishop to visit us on Tuesday next. Dr. STIRLING, Jr., having kindly offered the use of his father's yacht His Lordship will avail himself, we understand of that conveyance. The new Stone Church will be consecrated, and confirmation administered here in the forenoon of the following Sunday; in the afternoon of the same day, confirmation will take place at Carboneau.

The Rector of St. Paul's has notified his intention of attending at the Vestry every evening during this week, to receive candidates for the above-named rite.—Confirmations have already been held in St. John's; and on Sunday next several Clergymen will be advanced to full orders there.

His Lordship has received numerous addresses not only from various congregations of his own body but also from those of other denominations, to all of which he has replied in the most condescending and affectionate terms.

The following appointments we

understand have been received—The Rev. Mr. BOONE succeeds the Rev. Mr. CHAPMAN, who returns from Twillingate to take an English incumbency. The Rev. Mr. WOOD remains at Bonavista.

We further learn that His Lordship purposes remaining about ten days.

(From the Royal Gazette, June 9.)

It is with unfeigned pleasure that we this day announce the arrival of the Hon. and Right Reverend Dr. SPENCER, the first Bishop of Newfoundland. His Lordship landed, from H. M. S. Crocodile, most opportunely on Sunday morning, just in time for Divine Service; and a numerous congregation in St. John's Church enjoyed the privilege of hearing a most eloquent and impressive Discourse from His Lordship, who afterwards administered the Holy Communion, assisted by two of his Clergy. In the afternoon the Bishop preached in St. Thomas's, and in the evening we noticed him with the Governor's family at the old Church.

Notices have been given of Confirmations to be held in the Churches of this town on Sunday and Sunday week next—the Candidates to be not less than 15 years of age; and immediately His Lordship has performed his duties here, we understand it is his intention to proceed on a Visitation.

The recollection that His Lordship was more than 20 years ago a Missionary in this Island will doubly endear him to his people, many of whom remember the power and beauty of his preaching; and we are sure, that fervent prayers will be offered up, that a blessing from on high may long and ever attend him.

(From the Times, June 10.)

We have great pleasure in stating that the Lord Bishop of Newfoundland (Dr. SPENCER) arrived here at an early hour on Sunday morning last, in H. M. S. Crocodile, Capt MILNE, and immediately proceeded to Government-house. His Lordship preached at both churches in this town on the same day; and though evidently suffering from fatigue and sickness, exceedingly gratified the respective congregations. To those who know the Bishop's manner of preaching we need scarcely say that his language was chaste and classical, and his doctrine that of the Holy Word of God.

His Lordship will hold confirmation in the churches of St. John and St. Thomas, (at the latter on Sunday morning next, and at the former on the following Sunday) where the officiating ministers will, we learn, attend on every intervening day, to prepare and examine candidates for this holy rite.

His Lordship, it is understood, will shortly proceed on a visitation to the neighbouring settlements.

From the Public Ledger, June 12.

The Right Rev. AUBREY SPENCER, D. D., the Lord Bishop of this Diocese, having arrived in H. M. S. Crocodile, on Sunday morning last, a deputation from the two Episcopal Churches of this town waited on his Lordship yesterday morning, at Government House, with the following address:—

TO THE RIGHT REV. FATHER IN GOD, AUBREY SPENCER, LORD BISHOP OF NEWFOUNDLAND AND ITS DEPENDENCIES.

May it please your Lordship—

We, the Clergymen and Protestant Episcopalians of the town of St. John, beg to approach your Lordship with every feeling of respect for your Lordship's person, and reverence for your sacred office.

With the deepest sentiments of gratitude to the kind Providence which has preserved you amidst the perils of the sea, we welcome your Lordship to these shores, and hail your arrival to watch over the interests of our beloved Church, as an occasion for renewed thanksgiving to her gracious and glorious Head.

Your Lordship's previous connexion with the Church in this Colony, as a Missionary of the Venerable Society, to whose fostering care we and our fellow-churchmen are so much indebted,—your long experience and able conduct in the responsible situation of Archdeacon of the Bermudas,—your exalted talents and high reputations as a Minister of the Gospel,—and your estimable character in all the relations of life, inspire us with the liveliest and most confident hope that the greatest benefits will, under the Divine blessing, be derived by the Church from your Lordship's Episcopate; and with

earnest prayers for the outpouring upon your Lordship's labours of the increase of His favour, "without which nothing is strong, nothing is holy."

We have the honour to remain
Your Lordship's,

Most obedt, faithful servants.

[Signed by the Ministers and Congregation.]

To which his Lordship was most graciously pleased to reply:

GENTLEMEN,

For the kind terms in which you were pleased to welcome my arrival in this Colony, I beg you to accept my warmest thanks.

My connexion with the Church of Newfoundland at an early period of my ministerial life, has always been to me a grateful recollection; and with this earnest of your confidence and co-operation, I must hope that the Almighty Disposer of events will graciously permit me to be in some degree instrumental to the strengthening and extension of His Kingdom in the wide spread Diocese which in the inscrutable counsels of His wisdom He has committed to my care.

GENTLEMEN,—I entreat you to believe that the kindly sentiments expressed in your address are earnestly reciprocated; and while my prayers will be incessantly offered at the throne of Grace for every blessing upon you, my labors shall never be intermitted, so long as I have strength for exertion, to promote the prosperity of "the Church of Christ," which it is our common duty to feed, and "which He purchased with His blood."

(Signed)

AUBREY NEWFOUNDLAND.

Government House,
11th June, 1840.

TO THE RIGHT REV. AUBREY SPENCER, D. D., LORD BISHOP OF NEWFOUNDLAND.

We, the undersigned, as a Deputation appointed on behalf of the Wesleyan Missionaries in this Island, beg to offer to your Lordship our sincere congratulations on your safe arrival in this Diocese.

We hail with pleasure the appointment of your Lordship to take charge of this part of the Lord's Vineyard; and beg to assure you Lordship that our united prayers will be offered to the throne of Grace, that the blessing of the Almighty may rest on your endeavours to promote the cause of Christianity in this land.

Our venerable founder, with the fathers of our Societies, regarding the Established Church as the great stay and support of the Protestant Religion, not only in the Mother Country, but throughout the British dominions, asserted on behalf of themselves and their people, a friendly union with her—an union founded on sentiment and conviction. And we beg to assure your Lordship that it is still our wish and that of the thousands of our people in this Island, steadily to adhere to the same principles; and to do our utmost to maintain, with your Lordship and the clergy of your diocese, a cordial co-operation in the performance of our momentous work.

We deem it also a matter of congratulation that a brother of the good and pious Bishop of Madras, from whom our brethren in that part of the world have received so much kindness and attention, is appointed over the Church in Newfoundland.

That your Lordship may be long spared to fill the high station in which it hath pleased the Great Head of the Church to place you, and be rewarded with a crown of Glory in Heaven, is the fervent prayer of

Your Lordship's humble servants.

[Signed by the deputation.]

To which his Lordship was graciously pleased to reply:—

Government House, St. John's,
19th June, 1840.

GENTLEMEN,—I very thankfully receive the kind congratulations with which, on the part of the Wesleyan Missionaries to Newfoundland, you have been pleased to welcome my appointment to the charge of this Diocese, and my safe arrival in this Colony.

In my humble but unremitting endeavours, with the Grace of God, to preach and propagate the Gospel of our blessed Redeemer, it is a source of much comfort to me to know that I carry with me the prayers and sympathy of those pious and zealous persons who, though differing in some particulars from the Church to which I belong, are conscientiously engaged in promoting the great and vital truths of Christianity in many a desolate portion of this land.

For the kindly manner in which you have referred to my brother the Bishop