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"BUILT UPON THE FOUNDATION OF THE APOSTLES AND PROPHETS, JESUS CHRIST HIMSELF BEING THE CHIEF CORNER STONE."

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From the New York Churchman.

"HOW OLD ART THOU?"

Count not thy days that have idly flown,
The years that were vainly spent;
Nor speak of the hours thou must blush to own,
When thy spirit stands before the throne,
To account for the talents lent.

But number the hours redeem'd from sin,
The moments employed for Heaven—
Oh, few and evil thy days have been,
Thy life a toilsome and worthless scene,
For a nobler purpose given.

Will the shades go back on thy dial-plate?
Will thy sun stand still on his way?
Both hasten on, and thy spirit's fate,
Rests o' the point of life's little date—
Then live while 'tis called to day.

Life's waning hours, like the sybil's page,
As they lessen, in value rise:
Oh! arouse thee and live, nor deem that man's age
Stands in the length of his pilgrimage,
But in days that are truly wise.

For the Colonial Churchman.

NEW CHURCHES.

Messrs. Editors,

Meeting a few days since with a respectable friend of the church, the conversation turned upon the present state of the Church in England, and the exertions that the friends of our beloved Zion were now making for her increase and prosperity. Before leaving him he directed my attention to the following extract from the London Atlas, and expressed that it might appear in your columns, being a mortal souls, subjects of this professedly Christian country, who are "perishing for lack of knowledge," and think of the means which might, and which ought to be adopted for their spiritual and eternal welfare, we feel as it were a fire within our bones. That our Church and nation will shortly be severely punished by Almighty God for such unchristian, unreasonable, and impolitic neglect of the souls under

"The building of new churches in England is proceeding very rapidly, and our readers, probably, have noticed the extent to which the erection of these edifices has been carried since 1827. In the whig government, which is encouraging popish idolatry, at Winchester within that period 56 have been built and consecrated; between 200 and 300 and robbing the Church, which, like unprincipled traitors and perjured infidels, they have, every man of them, solemnly sworn to uphold. But, as we are made for the construction of 21 more. Church, the salt and preserver of our country and in that see; and the present diocesan, in the last two years, has consecrated 103 churches."

The following which I noticed in a late New York Churchman, taken from the Conservative (Eng.) Journal, will likewise, I think, afford some gratification to many of your readers:—

"Within the last few weeks the Church has got into an activity which will warm the hearts of every pious Christian in the land. Meetings have been now being held in different parts of the country, for the purpose of replenishing the funds of the excellent institution, the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts. We are encouraged to see it; in the full assurance of its glorious results. Churchmen have been far too backward in bringing their cause, their principles, their

truths, their excellencies, and their wants before the Public, and the result is, that thousands of people, ay, and Church people too, are living in the country entirely ignorant of the existence of the society just named.

But where shall we go to find the Church

Missionary Society, and the Bible Society, unknown?

Scarcely a village in the land. And what has made

the difference, but that while the friends of these two

and other similar institutions have been canvassing

the country, and making known their wants, and

getting them supplied too, the old Society for the

Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, and the

Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, have

dozed away their time in their offices, and left the

great mass of the money-giving public almost ignor-

ant of their existence, and entirely so of their wants.

We are no advocates of public parade, and can easi-

ly understand the reasons which have induced

the Church societies to move on more quietly; for,

in truth, few pious, thinking men will attend the an-

nual exhibitions at Exeter Hall, and other such places

without being most heartily disgusted. But that

other parties have practised a great deal of delusion

and cheater upon the public is no reason why the fact,

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creetly brought forward their works, their wants, tudes of the sermon on the mount, will see in both

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For the Colonial Churchman.

MORNING MEDITATIONS.—NO. V.

THURSDAY.

A prayer for the penitent soul.—

Wash Lord, and dry these bitter tears;

O let my heart no further roam!

"Tis thine by vows, and hopes, and fears,

Long since—O call thy wanderer home!

To that dear home, safe in thy wounded side,

Where only broken hearts their sin and shame may hide.

KERLE.

FRIDAY.

Habakkuk.—The conclusion of Habakkuk is, in and cheater upon the public is no reason why the fact, a beginning of Christ's proper doctrine; and Church societies should not have honestly and discreetly brought forward their works, their wants, tudes of the sermon on the mount, will see in both and their claims, especially as there is essentially no the sanctions of Canaan recede, and the vision of sin in the business, and rightly conducted, must be the better kingdom opened.—Rev. I. Davison.

SATURDAY.

Heavenly Wisdom.—

Oh happy is the man who hears,

Instruction's warning voice;

And who celestial wisdom makes;

His early—only choice.

SUNDAY.

Christian's meditations on the approach of death.—O Lord, my Redeemer, I am willing, yea, I rejoice to depart; in humble hope of entering into that rest which remains for thy people. Thou hast shown me the path of life, and supported me therein unto the present day. And now I go down to the grave without fear, still looking unto thee, who art the Resurrection and the Life, whom I have hitherto known only in part, but whom I shall shortly know, even also as I am known. My flesh and my heart fail; but thou, O God, art the strength of my heart, and portion forever.—Mrs. Sherwood.

MONDAY.

Death-bed.—This is a wonderful Reasoner. Many a proud infidel hath a death-bed humbled and reformed without a word, who but a short time before would have despaired all the ability of man to shake the foundation of his system.—Kirwan.

TUESDAY.

Gospel invitation.—See 55 Isaiah.

"Ho! ye who thirst approach,

Where living waters flow;

Free to thy sacred fountain all

Without a price may go."

WEDNESDAY.

Obedience to Christ.—22 Rev. 14.

Blessed are they who do His (Christ's) commandments, that they may have right to the tree of Life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

THURSDAY.

Backsliding.—If any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. 10 Heb. 3S.

O Lamb of God, without blemish and without spot, not give way to our feelings, we are cheered and O Lamb of God, without blemish and without spot, who hast redeemed me with Thy precious blood; by that same blood, pity and save me; even for that blood and that name's sake, besides which there is

A little more such life, activity and zeal, and a little more widely extended in the old and new world, must be saved.—Bishop Andrews.