

would go to the abolition of a solemn enactment of our Constitutional Charter;—and the wanton violation of established law, or the reckless spoliation of vested rights can never, by the right-minded and the Christian-minded, be otherwise considered than as an innovation upon the obedience due to constituted authorities. Besides, we conceive it very clearly demonstrable that the resolution itself involves certain erroneous premises,—as for example, that the church of England in this Province desires an ascendancy over other denominations. It seems to us a most unfair mode of reasoning to allege that the manifestation of some zeal in the maintenance of a lawful property amounts to a desire of supremacy over others. Nor can we conceive how the exercise of this zeal is any more the indication of such a spirit, than are the very natural efforts of the Wesleyan body themselves to secure what they deem their legal right in the chapels and burial-grounds which have lately become the subject of litigation!

That the desire, however, of the Church of England in Canada to retain the means, which are legally hers, of increasing the number of her ministers, and extending the benefits of her Protestant and Scriptural principles, can fairly be construed into a love of dominion over others, is a conclusion at which the unprejudiced mind can scarcely arrive. To augment her folds, and multiply her shepherds is certainly her ambition; and it is one of which, if culpable, she is content to bear the blame.

We believe that it has very generally been conceded that upon the body of the English Church and Clergy, a spirit of intolerance is not justly to be charged; and none have been more forward with this acknowledgment than Methodists themselves. Why, then, should the extension of that church,—when any accompanying civil or religious jurisdiction, affecting other denominations, is neither expected nor asked,—be a subject of alarm or jealousy to a single Christian mind? With Wesleyan Methodists, retaining, as we presume they do, the principles of their founder, ought it not rather to be a cause for congratulation? They confess with earnestness, yes and with affection, the blessed influence of the Establishment in the Mother Country, and they feel and declare it to be the great bulwark of Protestantism:—may not the day, by possibility, arrive when, in these Provinces, the diffusion and settlement of the same principles may be hailed with similar thankfulness and joy, as that which has interposed a successful barrier against the blight of infidelity, the sullenness of bigotry, or the ravings of fanaticism?

It is our painful duty to announce to our readers, the mournful intelligence of the death of our beloved monarch
King William the Fourth.
 This most melancholy event took place at Windsor Castle on the 20th of June, at ten minutes to three o'clock.—As the packet ship which brought the afflicting intelligence sailed from London on the day of the demise of His Majesty, we are unable in this number to give further particulars of that distressing event.

CHURCH STATISTICS AND INTELLIGENCE.
 RECTORY OF CORNWALL.

The Rev. George Archbold, Incumbent. Service is performed once in Cornwall, in the forenoon, on each Sunday, and once in MoulINETTE, on each Sunday evening. At the latter place a very handsome church has recently been erected, and finished in a superior style, at the sole expense of the late Adam Dixon Esq. In the year 1836, there were Baptisms 129; Marriages 22, Funerals 45; Communicants 112.

CHURCHES OF TECUMSETH AND WEST GWILLIMBURY.
 To the Editor of the Church.

MR. EDITOR.—As there is nothing connected with the interests of our Church of greater importance than the affording every possible facility to the procuring of resident ministers in every place where a demand for them exists, it cannot but be gratifying to your readers to find by the letter from the Bishop of Montreal, which appeared in the third number of "the Church" that such strenuous exertions are employed at the present time in England, for the obtaining of more adequate funds for this express purpose; and that the "Experiment" which has just been tried in the Townships of Tecumseth and West Gwillimbury, has proved so completely successful: and of course likely to lead to numerous other similar applications and results. You are aware, perhaps, that on the strongly expressed desire of many of the Protestant Irish Inhabitants of Tecumseth and West Gwillimbury, to the Rev. Henry Hugh O'Neill, the Travelling Missionary, that a Clergyman might be sent to them, in which case they would do all they could to contribute to his support; Mr. O'Neill applied to the "Upper Canada Clergy Society;" and they promptly responded to the call by sending out to them the Rev. Mr. Ostler, who has just been ordained Priest in reference to these two Missions, by the Bishop of Montreal; and who was to settle among them, provided that they on their part, would pledge themselves to secure for the next ten years, a suitable sum towards his maintenance, in addition to that allowed by the Society. This they have done with an alacrity and liberality highly creditable to them; and which affords a pleasing indication of the extent of Church attachment, which only needs the fosterings of hope to be called into strong and lively exercise. One circumstance was mentioned to me which was exceedingly pleasing. A person presented himself as a subscriber of a dollar, whose means were far from affluent, and who was also a member of another communion. On being asked if he was apprised of the nature of the engagement into which he was entering, he answered "yes—an annual subscription of a dollar for 10 years for the support of a Church Minister;" and producing a five dollar note he added, "and here is my subscription for the first five years."—The whole sum, I find, which is already pledged is £78. 5. 0. per annum.* These willing-hearted people also are taking

* It may not be unacceptable to your readers to be furnished with the form of the Instrument employed on this occasion, as it may possibly prove a guide in other similar instances, or at least, show into what kind of engagement it is necessary to enter in order to obtain similar aid from the society of which mention has been made above, in reference to Tecumseth and West Gwillimbury, or from any other similarly designated funds.

measures for the procuring [of a house for their minister who has just arrived among them; and they are now anxiously desirous of completing the two churches, one in each Township, which for some time past have been in progress of building.—In regard to these, however, they are under the necessity of looking for aid to others; and it is, I believe, the intention of Mr. O'Neill to plead their cause, and that of others similarly circumstanced, as occasion may require. On his way from these Townships to Toronto, he appealed to the people of Thornhill on their behalf, and I was glad to find that the collection amounted to £14 7 0, a sum, indeed, but trifling in proportion to the demands of the case, and yet such as if followed by similar contributions from other Churches, will prove in no small degree subsidiary to the attainment of their wishes. In all such cases the Apostolical declaration should have its full weight, "and truly their debtors they are." As Christian brethren—as members of the same communion—as those who have already the privilege of churches and a regular ministry themselves—they should feel it incumbent upon them to stretch out a ready and liberal hand, to aid those who are thus struggling in their incipient effort, and are half overwhelmed with the multiplicity of their present purposes. I am quite glad that Mr. O'Neill has entered with so much spirit into these different matters; and would hope that his endeavours in these and all other respects will be attended with no ordinary measure of blessing from above.

Believe me, Mr. Editor,
 Yours very sincerely,
 A GRATIFIED OBSERVER.

TO THE CLERGY OF THE MIDLAND, NEWCASTLE, AND PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICTS.

Reverend Brethren,—I take this method of reminding you that the next meeting of THE MIDLAND CLERICAL ASSOCIATION will be held in St. Peter's Church, Cobourg, on WEDNESDAY, THE 9TH OF AUGUST, at TEN o'clock, A. M. when a punctual attendance is earnestly requested.

I am, Rev. Brethren,
 Your faithful servant,
 A. F. ATKINSON,
 Secretary.

St. John's Parsonage,
 Bath, July 21st, 1837

CHURCH CALENDAR.

JULY 30.	10th Sunday after Trinity.
AUG. 6.	11th do.
13.	12th do.
20.	13th do.
27.	14th do.

[FROM THE COLONIAL CHURCHMAN.]
DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

THE VISITATION.—Agreeably to public notice and to the citations sent to the Clergy of this Archdeaconry, the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia held his second Visitation at St. Paul's Church, Halifax, on Thursday the 18th May, which was attended by thirty Clergymen from the several parishes in this province, seven being absent from various causes. The usual service was performed at St. Paul's on Thursday morning, the prayers being read by the Rev. Dr. McCawley, president of King's College, Windsor; after which the Bishop delivered his charge in a very impressive manner. As this important document will appear in print, in compliance with the unanimous wish of those to whom it was addressed, we shall merely observe that the altered circumstances of the Clergy since the last visitation, made it necessary for his Lordship to advert at considerable length to the temporal affairs of the Church, and to the present and prospective resources for its support. Favourable notice was taken of the Clerical Societies which have been formed in various parts of the Diocese, and have already been instruments of so much benefit to their members and their respective congregations. But the most prominent object recommended in the Charge, was the formation of a CHURCH SOCIETY, for the purpose of combining the Laity and Clergy more effectually together, and concentrating their energies for the promotion of the interests of the Church and of Religion in general. We give in another column the proceedings afterwards had on this subject. His Lordship's address was listened to with marked attention by the Clergy, and by a large congregation of the laity. His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor was present. After the duties at St. Paul's were over, the Clergy repaired to the National School-house, where several subjects, suggested by the Bishop for the advantage of the Church, were discussed in a brotherly spirit.

On Friday, there was again morning service in St. Paul's, when prayers were read by Rev. Dr. Shreve of Chester,—sermon by Rev. Edwin Gilpin of Annapolis, from John, 17th ch. 21st and 22d verses, on the obligation and the benefit of preserving the unity of the Church,—a sound and very seasonable discourse. After Divine service, the Archdeacon and Clergy went in a body to the residence of the Bishop, where the following address was presented to his Lordship:—

To the Hon. and Right Rev.
 The Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia.

We, the Clergy of the Archdeaconry of Nova Scotia, beg to convey to your Lordship the expression of our thanks for the excellent and affectionate Charge yesterday addressed to us; and

"We whose names are subscribed to these presents declare ourselves hereby firmly bound, ourselves, our heirs and administrators to pay or cause to be paid during the space or term of ten years from this date, annually, the sums opposite to our respective names to A. B. C. D. and E. F. their Executors, Administrators and Assigns, Trustees for receiving subscriptions towards the support of the clergymen of the united church of England and Ireland, stationed in the townships of Tecumseth and West Gwillimbury. The payment to be well and truly made yearly—that is to say on the ___ day of ___ in each and every year during the term of ten years as aforesaid; and for the purpose as aforesaid, and for no other purpose whatsoever. Signed and sealed this ___ day of ___ in the year ___.

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under a sense of the great appropriateness of your remarks to the present circumstances of the Church in this colony, we venture to solicit that it may appear in print.

But while expressing our wishes on this subject, we cannot but take occasion to acknowledge our obligation to your Lordship for the active and successful zeal which you have ever manifested for the spiritual and temporal interests of the Church in this Diocese, since the Providence of God has placed it under your care.

In particular, we desire to make known to your Lordship, our grateful sense of your unremitting endeavours to uphold the collegiate Institutions at Windsor, which, under Divine Providence, appear to constitute the indispensable means of training up a succession of qualified men for the ministry. On looking back to the alarming perils which lately impended over them, we have reason to consider your zeal and exertions as the chief cause to which may be justly attributed their present successful operation, and the permanent footing on which they are now established.

We rejoice to find that, notwithstanding the difficulties in which the Colonial Church has for some time back been involved, it still continues, under God's blessing to be prosperous.

In conclusion, we cordially reciprocate your Lordship's wishes to preserve unanimity and zealously to co-operate for the promotion of "true religion and virtue." And that it may please an overruling Providence, to grant us a long continuance of your successful supervision of the Church in this extensive Diocese, and to accompany all your endeavours with His blessing, is the sincere and ardent prayer of—(Signed by)

ROBERT WILLIS, Archdeacon, and all the Clergy.

To which the Bishop extemporaneously replied, in a very affecting manner, and in the following terms:—

I thank you sincerely, my Reverend Brethren, for the affectionate address which you have just presented. It is gratifying to me to find that we all have the same view of the circumstances under which the Church in this colony is now placed; and as you consider the Charge, to which you listened with kind attention, may be made useful, your desire to see it in print shall be gratified.

Your affectionate regard overrates the value of the endeavours which I have felt it my duty to make on behalf of the Church committed to my superintendance. If they have been blessed with any success, you will join with me in giving all praise and glory to Him who alone can make the feeble efforts of his servants effectual.

The Collegiate Institutions at Windsor are deserving of our warmest regard and best exertions. They have been endeared to me from the time of their first establishment, and shall never want such aid as I may be enabled to afford for their defence and support. I need only say that of thirty Clergymen, which the present visitation has assembled, no less than twenty-six were educated there.

For your affectionate desire to co-operate in every effort to cherish unanimity in the Church, I return my repeated thanks;—and for your prayer that our connexion may be long continued as fellow-labourers in the service of our Master, I would return all my heart can offer. The period of our happy union is with Him who cannot err when He shall see fit to interrupt it. Let it be our prayer that the connexion, while it continues, and the separation when He shall sever it, may alike be blessed by His unbounded mercy, to His glory, and the benefit of His Church.

JOHN NOVA SCOTIA.
 May 19th, 1837.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

RUFUS has been received. His well written communication will appear shortly under the head of "The Saurday Preacher."

LETTERS received during the week, ending July 28th, 1837; (in our last for 21st June, read 21st July.)

Rev. G. Hallen, rem:—Mr. H. Sinton, rem;—Rev. A. F. Atkinson, rem:—Rev. J. Grier, add. subs:—Rev. R. Y. Rogers, subs. and rem:—Rev. G. Salmon, (will feel indebted to him for the careful return of all back Nos. in his possession;) Rev. T. Johnson, rem:—H. Ermatinger Esq. rem:—(postmasters are only expected to pay 10s. per annum)—Rev. W. F. S. Harper, subs:—H. Hughes Esq. add. subs:—Rev. Geo. Archbold.—Major Phillipotts R. E. with enc.: Rev. J. L. Alexander, subs: his request shall be attended to if possible.—T. Parker, Esq. rem:—Revd. J. Cochran, subs. and rem:—Revd. J. Padfield, subs:—his request shall be complied with if possible.—Rev. W. Abbot will oblige us by returning the back Nos.:—Rev. H. J. Grasett, with enc.:—Rev. S. Armour, subs. and com:—A. Davidson, Esq. back nos. with note:—Rev. R. Rolph, add. subs. we shall take an early opportunity of attending to his request:—Rev. T. Greene, add. subs., he shall be written to next week. Rev. C. B. Fleming's packet of No. 4, duly received: [will he oblige us by the return of the others transmitted, as they are much wanted to furnish fresh subscribers in U. C. ?]

We have to acknowledge, since our last, the receipt of the Philadelphia Episcopal Recorder, and of the Gambier Observer, Ohio;—for which we beg to offer our best thanks. Our valuable ally, the Gospel Messenger, is also regularly received; but we have been favoured, as yet, with only one No. of the Boston Christian Witness, from the columns of which we lately presented our readers with a beautiful and valuable extract.

WANTED.—To take charge of a select school; to lead the singing in the Church, and to instruct in singing the youth of the congregation,—a person fully adequate to each of these duties. He must be a truly correct, pious person, and a communicant of the Church of England. Good recommendations founded upon personal knowledge of character, from a clergyman of the Church will be required. A liberal salary will be given. For further particulars reference can be had (if by mail, post paid) to the Rev. T. B. Fuller, to D. M'Gregor, or T. M'Crear Esquires, Church Wardens, Chatham, U. C.

Chatham, U. C. July 1st. 1837.