

Providence, may so lengthen out the career of his mortal existence, that many years may yet be spared to him, to progress in his "well doing." His exertions are verily those of one, who is determined "to spend and be spent in the Lord."

FOR THE CHRISTIAN REGISTER.

"But where is the Bethel flag of Canada hoisted," is a question asked in your 6 No. page 87 of the Register. I am rejoiced to be able to record small beginnings even in Canada, and in some measure, furnish an answer to your query. Though no Bethel flag has been actually hoisted. Divine worship and preaching were commenced on board some vessels at Quebec last summer, and I was informed, the Rev. Isaac Purkis of St. Johns Chapel, preached to a very attentive Congregation on board a vessel, one Sabbath afternoon, and that those interesting meetings were begun at Quebec by a Mr. Baker, who preaches to a small congregation of Baptists in that place. But that important work already begun at Quebec, will I hope and trust reach the Port of MONTREAL; and that when our navigation opens, the sweet sound of prayer and praise will be heard on board many a vessel in this Port. Let Episcopalian, Methodist, and Presbyterian join in this glorious work, and let those who have so nobly begun the work at Quebec, proceed with renewed energy and vigor. "Remembering their labour will not be in vain in the Lord." It would be very desirable and important if the Religious Tract Society of Montreal, would appropriate a grant of Tracts to some benevolent individuals at Quebec and Montreal, to distribute among small vessels and Coasters, which seldom go to any Port where tracts can be obtained—(Some French Tracts should also be

sent.) Sincerely hoping the blessed Gospel will be preached to sailors in Canada, with the same zeal and success as it appears from your paper to be done in Europe and the United States, I am, Sir, Yours, &c.

A Friend to Sailors.

Montreal, 17th March, 1823.

Religious Summary.

We learn that France has effected an annual saving to the Nation, by her revolution, of more than *thirty millions of dollars* in her Church establishment. Before the revolution, the number of secular Clergy, Monks, Nuns, and inferior Ministers, was 460,078, about one to every 52 persons in the kingdom. The present number of her Clergymen is 35,643, and their income 4,657,000 dollars. They are paid out of the National Treasury, the same as the army or navy. Tythes are abolished—357 of the clergy are Protestants, who do not belong to the State Church, but they are paid in the same manner as the Catholics.—The London Religious Tract Society has distributed 60,000 copies of a Tract "on prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit."—Dr. Pinkerton observes that "true religion is again rising triumphantly from under the pressure of infidelity in Denmark."—It is said to be a rare thing in Sweden, to find an adult that cannot read—what an astonishing contrast is there presented between this country and highly civilized France.—Intelligence has been received, that the Missionaries of New-Zealand have been driven from these Islands by the natives.—We learn that the Christian population of the Colony on the African coast, amounts to 10,000, mostly blacks, who are principally engaged in agricultural pursuits.