

Grace; mine shall be daily, on your behalf, even as I now present them to my Heavenly Father for you and yours, "that your praying may be more abundant in Jesus Christ, by my coming to you again—only let your conversation be as it becometh the Gospel of Christ: that whether I come to see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind, striving together for the faith of the Gospel."

I am,
Your affectionate Minister
and Brother in Christ Jesus,
(Signed) **GEORGE W. HILL,**
Curate St. George's.

To the Rector, Churchwardens, Vestry,
and Parishioners of St. George.

NEW CHURCH.

On Friday, the 8th inst. at 2 p. m., the Church lately erected at Preston, in the Mission of Dartmouth, to replace that burnt down some few years ago, was consecrated by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, as was also the Burial Ground attached to it. The Venerable the Archdeacon assisted in the service, and the Prayers were read by the Rev. James Stewart. The Rev. Geo. Morris, Rector, and Rev. Messrs. Bullock, Maturin and Cochran, were also present. The Building is a very neat one, in the old English style, and is exceedingly creditable to the zeal and the taste of those who have been instrumental in its erection. It will contain, closely packed, about 120 persons, the number probably present on Friday. The Bishop preached an instructive and appropriate discourse from 122d psalm, 1st verse.—The name given to the Church is that of St. John the Evangelist.

CONVERSIONS FROM ROMANISM.—Few persons are aware of the number of these which are every week occurring in England, besides the multitudes in Ireland. These conversions have been especially frequent in the Parish of St. Paul's, Bermondsey, London. Sixty-three persons are mentioned as renouncing Popery within a few days. At Warrington on 13th ult., 3 more. At St. Matthew's, Westminster, 6 males and 2 females did likewise, about the same time.

JUBILEE OF B. & F. BIBLE SOCIETY.—The subjoined items in reference to this celebration in London, were mislaid when first selected. We now publish them with pleasure, and wish we had space for some of the excellent speeches delivered at the great meeting in London.

THE BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY.—Although not strictly, that is exclusively, a Church Society, we cannot let the jubilee celebration of the British and Foreign Bible Society pass without a word of notice. At Exeter Hall, on Tuesday, Churchmen and Dissenters, Prelates and Nonconformists, and a fair delegation of the nobles of the land, met to celebrate the opening of the fiftieth year of the Society's existence. The speeches were gems in their way—that of the young Duke of Argyll was alike creditable to his head and his heart. There was not a man of the thousands who listened who did not feel proud of him as an honour to our common country. The sermon at St. Paul's on Wednesday has, perhaps, never been equalled. The Lord Primate of all England preached in presence of members of every Christian denomination in England—save one. The metropolitan cathedral never saw such a gathering; and the most rigid of principle could hardly venture to find fault with a proceeding which brought Nonconformists from all parts of the empire to worship God within the Church of England, and to hear words of eloquent and affecting truth from the lips of her noble and accomplished Lord Primate.—*Church & State Gaz.*

On Wednesday morning the Archbishop of Canterbury preached the Jubilee Sermon at St. Paul's Cathedral. A densely crowded congregation was assembled, and all seemed to feel that the occasion was not only unprecedented, but, of its kind, unparalleled. Among those present we observed the Bishop of Winchester, Bishop Carr, the Earls of Shaftesbury and Carlisle, the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs, Mr. Alderman Hunter, a numerous body of clergy and leading Nonconformist ministers. A large number of persons were unable to obtain admission. Before the litany the choir sang the anthem, "Thy word is a lantern unto my feet." At the close of the liturgical service, the archbishop took his text from Isaiah xxxii. 20, "Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters." After expounding the passage as illustrative of the functions of human agency in carrying on the missionary work, he showed that the Bible was the basis of all religious teaching, and that it was God's will that it should be perpetuated and circulated. The origin, principles, and progress of the

Bible Society were then reviewed. Its foundation was to be traced to the influence of a true spirit of Christian love. It originated in the want of Bibles for a portion of our own land, but the spark did not stop where it was first kindled. The attention thus drawn to the destitution of our native land had its sphere of operation speedily enlarged, so as to take in the whole world. The growth and continued unity of the Society might be considered an evidence that it was indeed the word of God. By its instrumentality the Bible has been translated into nearly every known language, and the Scriptures had been made accessible to nearly 400,000,000 souls, to whom it was closed when the work was begun. No one believing the word of God could doubt the results of this extending distribution of the Bible. God had given it for the conversion of the heart, for the healing of the nations, and shall He not do it? Like the leaven, though working silently, it leavens the mass. Its effect upon our own country might be seen by all who would compare the present state of society with what existed fifty years ago. But much remains to be done; and when we consider how large a portion even of Christendom still needs Scripture light, past success should only be regarded as the earnest of what may yet be accomplished.

After the sermon preached on Wednesday by His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury in St. Paul's Cathedral, on the occasion of the jubilee of this Society, the collection in aid of the jubilee fund amounted to £53: including £100 from the Archbishop of Canterbury, £100 from the Earl of Carlisle, and £100 from the Bishop of Winchester.

PLEASANT WORDS.—We have great pleasure in transferring to our columns, from the *Christian Messenger*, the following handsome tribute to the first Teacher of King's College, coupled as it is with the expression of such liberal sentiments, in reference to the great change which has just been effected in the constitution of that seminary—a change from which we augur the happiest results.

A Bill has just passed through the Legislature by which the Provincial Endowment of King's College of £440 has been relinquished on the part of the friends of that Institution, and a new Constitution granted, whereby it is hereafter to be vested in the management of a new Board of Governors, consisting of members of the Episcopal Church, who are the body mainly interested in its support and welfare. There is no doubt that the friends of the College have acted wisely in taking this step, which will at once avoid all the difficulties and evil consequences that have arisen from the disunion of counsels in the governing authorities of the College. We sincerely trust that a bright and useful career in the diffusion of sound learning is before an Institution, with the history of which, some of our own earliest and most pleasing recollections are connected. No time will efface from our memory the varied acquirements, the intellectual powers, or the kind and paternal counsels and ministrations of the Rev. Dr. Cochran, under whose auspices the College was first opened. This tribute we feel is but just to pay to the memory of one whom we had every reason to regard while under his charge as an affectionate parent, and in whom any subsequent differences in opinion in religious matters, never caused any estrangement of feeling.

LATEST FROM ENGLAND.

THE Steamer America from Liverpool, arrived at 8 p. m. on Wednesday, with 120 passengers, 20 for Halifax. The news is not of deep importance. Flour had declined 6d per barrel. A conspiracy had been discovered at Berlin,—20 persons were arrested and 80 houses searched. The affairs of the Continent generally wear an unquiet aspect. The Pope still hesitates about going to Paris to crown the Emperor, which ceremony is postponed until August. The accounts from the Cape by this mail are more encouraging, Sandilli is said to have given up the contest. From India the news is that the war is nearly over with Ava—but many valuable lives have lately been lost—among them Capt. Loch of the Winchester, Lt. Kennedy, R. N., Capt. Pryce, N. I. and 88 men, (killed and wounded.) The Great Britain, steamer, had returned from Australia. Great emigration continues from England to America, and the eastern land of gold. A "good service" pension of £300 a year has been conferred on Vice Admiral Sir G. Seymour of this station.

THE steamer Niagara from Boston, with 132 passengers, did not get in until 8½ o'clock yesterday morning, owing to fogs and head winds. She left this at 11. R. W. Fraser, Esq. U. S. Consul, came passenger.

Capt. Chearley has been appointed Warden of the River Fisheries for the Co. of Halifax, and Indian Commissioner for the Western Counties.

We are sorry to state that a sea-faring man named John Hutt, belonging to the Eastern Passage, was found drowned a few days ago. He has left a wife (of Lunenburg) and two small children.

ITEMS.—DOMESTIC.

The body of another child has been found on the Common in a box. Are any steps taken in such cases to discover the guilty authors of such barbarities? A contemporary properly suggests that much blame attaches to those parties who cannot but be cognizant of antecedent circumstances, leading to such acts, and who ought to be on the watch and give the requisite information.—A pensioner named John Collins was "found drowned" on Sunday at Sackville.—A "Provincial Agricultural Exhibition" has been advertised by the Lieut. Governor next autumn. A preparatory Meeting is called at Mason's Hall on Wednesday 27th inst. at 3 o'clock.—It appears by the Report of the Committee of the House, on the Penitentiary, that there are now in prison 23 males and 2 females. Mr. Fish, the present superintendent, is well spoken of. Chains are dispensed with. Expenditure £1100.—An interesting report from the Committee on the Paupers' Asylum, Mr. Creighton, Chairman, gives the following items. Paupers received during last year, men 284, women 241 children 204; deaths, 41 men, 19 women, 13 children. Whole number remaining 1st Jan'y, '53, 357—of whom 21 men, 23 women, and 2 children, are lunatics. The Committee while reporting favourably of the present state of the Asylum, remark, that twice as much accommodation is required as is now available, and they strongly recommend an additional Building. They also notice the sad condition of the Lunatic department, from the same want, and state that some of the patients are obliged to be kept in the same place with other paupers. We trust this crying evil will soon be remedied by the erection of a special Asylum, worthy of the Province, and in accordance with the humane and enlightened practice of other countries. Expenditure of the year £2766, earnings of the House £163 5.

FOREIGN.

The 7th instant was a day of fasting and humiliation in Massachusetts. They shew us a good pattern in these things—last year we had no thanksgiving day, notwithstanding our many mercies. It is highly proper to begin the season by solemn prayer to God for a blessing on the labours of our people by land and by sea.—Further indications of Gold have been discovered in Lower Canada and Vermont. Near Sherbrooke, a lump of gold weighing 14 oz. was lately found.—Small pox has appeared in Montreal, causing several deaths.—A fire took place in March at Windsor Castle, causing damage to the extent of £20,000.—Lady Franklin's vessel the Isabella, was on the eve of sailing for Behring's Straits.—Another dreadful steam boat explosion occurred at Galveston, Texas, by which 39 lives were lost.—The "ice crop" in the U. States has been so short this season, that high prices are expected.—Dates from the Cape of Good Hope to 11th Feb. The war still going on in the usual way.—Two Wesleyan Missionaries had been unjustly driven from the Boer Republic, situated beyond British lines. They were humanly endeavouring to stop the traffic in slaves.—Among those who lately took the degree of A. B. at Cambridge, was Mr. Crummell, a colored gentleman, whose father was a slave. He is in Episcopal orders, and is to proceed to Liberia.—The leaves of the Coffee plant are said to afford an agreeable and nutritious article of diet, and may yet in some measure supplant the tea.—Mrs. Fillmore, wife of the ex-President of the United States, is dead.

THE PROVINCIAL.—We beg to acknowledge the receipt of the April Number of this publication, which fairly maintains its claim to the patronage of all who would foster and encourage the efforts of native talent, and preserve some record of subjects of local interest, such as may strengthen the attachment of our sons and daughters to the land of their birth. We do not mean that all the articles are of equal merit, or that some of them are not at variance with our own taste and judgment; but that taking the work altogether, literally and typographically, it is entitled to more support than it receives, and that our best wishes for a longer life than has been allowed to its predecessors in the cold paths of Provincial literature.

KING'S COLLEGE, WINDSON,
April 8, 1853.

At a Convocation held this day in the Collego Hall, the Rev. Geo. W. Hill, A. B. of this University, Curate of St. George's, Halifax, and Chaplain to the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia, was admitted to the degree of M. A.

We omitted in our last to acknowledge the receipt from B. G. Gray, Esq. of a neatly got up Almanac, and other publications in reference to the "Professional Life Assurance Company, of London, of which he is the Agent at Halifax. Having lately called the attention of our readers to the importance of Life Assurance in general, we need only remark, that the opportunity presented by Mr. Gray is not less advantageous than those offered by the other various Associations before the public.

LETTERS RECEIVED.

From Rev. R. Avery, with Pension Drafts—money will be forwarded by next mail if obtained. From Rev. C. Elliott, Picton, with £3.