# The Church.

"Stand pe in the ways and see, and ask for the Old laths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls."

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## THE COMMON-PLACE BOOK.

#### VIRTUE OF SAINTS.

It has been well observed that the more we atudy the lives of holy men, either in the Bible or authentic human histories, the more we shall find reason to believe that the virtue in which each of them excelled was the very one which by nature was hardest for him to practise; as for instance it was said of Moses, that he was "very meek, above all the men that were upon the face of the earth and yet nothing appears more plain than that he had by nature a quick, indignant temper. Job is in like manner set forth to us as the model patience: but who can read those most moving complaints and protestations which he pours forth chapter after chapter throughout the greater portion of his book, without being convinced that his hatural disposition was one marked by keen feeling, and by a deep abhorrence of anything like acquiescence in injustice? and this circumstance made the trial of faith, which he had to undergo, especially grievous to him. And so again in the New Pestament, we find one of those who were named hoanerges, sons of thunder, the most perfect earthly example of meekness and of charity: while 8t. Paul, who had once prided himself on that strict observance of the forms of the law, which he had learnt at the feet of Gamaliel, and perhaps in some measure also, on the Gentile wisdom he had acquire also, on the Gentile wisdom he had acquired in the schools of Tarsus, we find so changed as to be made God's great and most appropriate instrument in humbling the wisdom of the Greek before the Cross of Christ, and in setting aside the traditions and ceremonies of the Jews. Rev. Sir G. Prevost.

WATCHFULNESS, THE CORRECTIVE TO SELF-CONCEIT. The constant and careful observation of our hearts will serve to prevent immoderate self-love and self-conceit; to render us sober and modest in our opinions concerning, and in our affections towards ourselves; qualifying us to comply with the apostolical precept, to say to every man not to think of himself more highly; that is, not to overween or over-value ourselves and our own things; for he that by serious inspection upon his own heart shall discern how many fond, impure and igly thoughts do swarm within him; how averse thoughts do swarm within man, while inclinations are from good, and how prone to evil; how much his affections are misplaced and distempered; who shall observe how clouds of da kness, error, and doubt, do hover upon the face his soul, so that he quickly taketh up opinions,

best good; and what corrup mixtures cleave to his best purposes; who takeh notice how backward he is unto, and how col in devotion toward God; how little sensible of hs goodness or fearful of his displeasure, or careful & performing his duty toward him; how little it is that he desireth or delighteth in the good, that he pitieth and grieveth at the evil of his neighbovr; low sluggish also and remiss he is in the pursuance of his own highest concernment; he that doth, say, frequently with heedfulness regard these imprfections and obligations in his own heart, how can he be ravished with self-love? how can he be much taken with himself? Can any man dote on such déormity, admire such weakness and wickedness? No, surely. That men are so amorous of themselves, so haughty and arrogant in their conceit, oith constantly arise from not reflecting on their own hearts; not beholding themselves attentiely enough in that mirror, not considering, according to representation there, how little lovely or wothy they are: if they did practise that, they would se reason, and thence become inclinable rather to respise, to loathe, to pity themselves." - Dr. Isaa Barrow.

O, SING TO ME OF HEAVEN!

-The following interesting anecdote was communicated by an officer of he army engaged in General Taylor's division.

"While stopping at the town of Matamoras, a number of our soldiers, as was their custom, met together, to spend their time in rude and noisy revelry. Amid these social gatherings the sound of vocal and instrumental pusic was always heard. Indeed the majority of our men were excellent singers; and as they came from various parts of the Union, the favourite airs of each section were soon made families, and shough with the section were preferred such as were of a light and trifling cast, still they were acquainted with, and often sang, the tunes most popular with the different religious societies. The company to which we have alluded had been assembled some time; the wine was flowing freely, and their hilarity steadily increased; everything seemed to promise them enjoyment. At this time, a soldier belonging to a Southren regiment entered the room, and taking a seat in the midst of the company, began singing very deliberately, a hymn, commencing, "O, sing to me of heaven!" The tune was solemn and affecting, and the language was moving and impressive. strangeness of the circumstance at once secured the attention of all present, and as the singer proceeded, the effect was striking, the liquor ceased to flow, the rude oaths were hushed, and the sound of their merriment died away; and when the last verse was concluded, a perfect stillness reigned—the spell of revelry had been broken, and their anticipated gayeties were doomed thus singularly to disappointment."

#### Ecclesiastical Intelligence.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

THE CHURCH SOCIETY.

The Galt Branch of the Church Society held its an-The Gait Branch of the Church Society held its anniversary meeting in Trinity Church, on Wednesday evening. The attendance was very numerous. The Rev. Mr. Boomer presided, and read the Report, which stated, that notwithstanding the heavy expenses the Congregation had incurred during the last year in paying the galleries of the Church and various other. Congregation had incurred during the last year in pewing the galleries of the Church, and various other improvements, the subscriptions had increased from £21,—the amount received in 1851, to £44 in 1852, and this, independent of considerable sums subscribed. in Preston and Beverly, which were included in last year's amount. This money was expended in sup-porting Missionaries in the Backwoods—in distributing Bibles, Prayer Books and Tracts,—and in assisting poor students to complete their education at the Universities. The Report was unanimously adopted.

The meeting was addressed at considerable length by the Rev. Messrs. Cronyn, of London, Palmer, of by the Rev. Cronyn, of London, Faimer, of Guelph, Ruttau, of Paris, and Bent of Dundas, and also by Messrs. Shade, Nicholson, Tye, and Rich. It also by Messrs. Snade, Nicholson, Tye, and Rich. It closed, as it had begun, with prayer, and singing the Evening Hymn by the choir. Mr. Boomer pronouncing the benediction.

This was propably the most interesting as certainly it was the most gratifying meeting, ever held by the Society in Galt, and promises well for the future prosperity of the Church Society, in this neighbourhood.—

Galt Reporter

TESTIMONIAL.

A simple, but ornamental and highly useful piece of domestic furniture, has been presented by the members of the Episcopal Church, resident on the shore of Lake Huron, to the Rev. Geo. J. R. Salter, B. A., accompanied with an appropriate address, to which and the answer thereto, (forwarded to us by one of the

and soon layeth them down, ad often turneth from one mistake unto another; hw unsettled his resolutions are, especially in the pursuance of the best good; and what corresponding to the pursuance of the best good; and what corresponding to the pursuance of the best good; and what corresponding to the pursuance of the best good; and what corresponding to the pursuance of the best good; and what corresponding to the pursuance of the best good; and what corresponding to the pursuance of the best good; and what corresponding to the pursuance of the pursuance of the pursuance of the best good; and what corresponding to the pursuance of the pursuance prevailed throughout the Province.

CHURCH SOCIETY OF THE DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

The Treasurer acknowledges the following receipts during the week ending 4th February, 1852:— FOR DIVINITY STUDENTS' FUND,

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The Treasurer acknowledges the following receipts during the week ending 11th February, 1852:FOR DIVINITY STUDENTS' FUND.

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T. W. BIRCHALL, Treasurer. 11th February, 1852.

To the Rev. J. R. Salter, B. A.

Rev. Sir.—We, the undersigned members of the Episcopal Church, resident in the Townships of Sarnia, Plympton, and Bosanquet, on the shore of Lake Huron—in thankfulness for favors gratuitously rendered to us in your ministerial capacity, (invariably under circumin your ministerial capacity, (invariatory under circumstances of no ordinary inconvenience,) and especially to mark the high sense we entertain for you as a minister of the Gospel—ask your acceptance of this humble tribute of our gratitude and esteem, which, we trust, will often remind you of those with whom you have been so often in Christian communion—and, assuring the statement that tumpingled feelings of pleasure will always acceptance. you that unmingled feelings of pleasure will always accompany the retrospect of that Christian intercourse, we beg to subscribe ourselves, Rev. and Dear Sir, with heartfelt wishes for your health and future happiness' your grateful and affectionate friends,

RICHARD FAITHORN } For Sarnia. JOHN JONES ABRAHAM INGLIS THOS. L. CROOKE For Plympton. S. C. HILL THOS. PARKINSON For Bosanquet. JAMES PARKINSON

Very sincerely do I thank you, my kind friends, for those expressions of your regard, which you have to-day conveyed to me; and truly do I trust that the same affectionate spirit which your Address breathes, may ever characterize the relationship that subsists between us. The desire on your part that this feeling of regard may be permament, is fully evidenced by the handsome testimonial which you present to me: and while I gratefully accept it as a memorial of hours passed in Christian communion and friendly intercourse, I trust it may be a means of stimulating me to further exertions to promote the glory of God, and the welfare of my Very sincerely do I thank you, my kind friends, for to promote the glory of God, and the welfare of my fellow men.

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I was in all truth and sincerity, that there is not entertain recungs of the most code to whom I do not whose best interests, whether in time or eterhand am not anxious to promote, and I can assure you the kind expression of your regard yields me a feeling of gratification, which I am unable adequately to express.

With regard to your allusion to my services, I cannot but be conscious that an indulgent feeling on your part has led you to estimate them more highly than they deserve; by God's mercy and goodness I may have been the humble instrument in working some good, yet I feel that there is much, too much, for which I need to crave the forgiveness of Him whose servant I am.

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I am aware how many amongst you have felt the want of the regular ministrations of the Church, to which you have been accustomed in your early years, and how ardently you have longed to meet together in holy worship, especially on that day set apart for sacred rest; and I trust the time is not far distant when the residence amongst you of a minister may give you those opportunities, unless your Church should be crippled in her means and spoiled of her inheritance by the hand of violence and oppression.

May you have grace to account it your choicest privilege to be in communion with the Church of your. Fatherland, wherein you have God's Word as the sole standard of Revealed Religion—wherein God's worship is offered up in words hallowed by the use, and washed in the blood of our Fathers—wherein you have a duly authorized ministry, and those holy sacraments generally necessary to salvation—all teaching and enforcing the glorious tidings, which proclaim to a perishing world salvation through the blood of your Redeemer.

#### DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

MEETING OF THE CLERGY AND LAW REPRESENTA-TATIVES OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

The Clergy and Lay Representatives of the Diocese on Tuesday, the 22nd instant, at noon. The Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Montreal opened the meeting with prayer, after which the names of the Clergy and of the Delegates from the different parishes of Montreal, assembled at the National Sci and extra parochial places were called over, and the

and extra parochial places were called over, and the following were found to be present, viz:—

CLERGY.—Rev. Dr. Bethune, Rev. Dr. Adamson, Rev. A. D. Campbell, Rev. J. Irwin, Rev. Dr. Leach, Rev. Mr. Bond, Rev. J. Ellegood, Rev. Mr. Robinson, Rev. Jos. Abbott, Rev. E. J. Rogers, Rev. W. Abbott, Rev. N. Anderson, Rev. Mr. Armstrong. Rev. Mr. Bancroft, Rev. Mr. Braithwaite, Rev. Mr. White, Rev. Mr. Brethour, Rev. Mr. Constantine, Rev. Mr. Coppul Rev. Mr. Davernay, Rev. Mr. Flannagan. Rev. Mr. Brethour, Rev. Mr. Constantine, Rev. Mr. Cornwall, Rev. Mr. Duvernay, Rev. Mr. Flannagan, Rev. Mr. Forest, Rev. Mr. Fulton, Rev. Mr. Griffit, Rev. Mr. Gavin, Rev. Mr. Guerout, Rev. Mr. Hagard, Rev. Mr. Judd, Rev. T. Johnson, Rev. J. Johnston, Rev. J. Jones, Rev. W. Jones, Rev. Mr. Lonsdale, Rev. Mr. Lindsay, Rev. J. Lindsay, Rev. Mr. Lockhart, Rev. Mr. Morice, Rev. Mr. Morris, Rev. Mr. Montain, Rev. Mr. Machin, Rev. Mr. O'Grady, Rev. Mr. Pyke, Rev. Mr. Rollet, Rev. F. Robinson, Rev. J. Reid, Rev. R. Stephenson, Rev. Mr. Scott, Rev. Mr. Sutton, Rev. Mr. Slack, Rev. Mr. Townsend, Rev. Mr. Whitten, Rev. Mr. Whitten, Rev. Mr. Whitten, Rev. Mr. Young.

Rev. Mr. Young.

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Hon. John S. McCord, Colonel McDonald, George
Pyke, Esq., John Converse, Esq., Arthur Ross, Esq.,
Chas. Phillips, Esq., — Francis, Esq., Mr. Gault,