was of black walnut, most elaborately and beautifully carved; the columns were of stone, and their high arches, separated and yet united, clustering in the centre and separated and yet united with the separated directed towards the sky, seemed, by their resemblance to those buildings in other lands where Christ is honoured, they are summoned to undergo a new experiment. to be typical of a Triune God. At the east was a contri vance partaking of the character of a pulpit, and a double flight of steps, on either side of which was a high-backed episcopal looking chair, beautifully carved, as indeed was the rostrum, and the whole enclosed in a chancel like railing, before which was a font most exquisitely designed.

I cannot describe to you the amazement with which I contemplated what I witnessed, for I could not forbear asking the question of myself, "Into whose name do the parents baptize their children—into the name of God?" I will not follow up the painful into the name of God?" I will not follow up the painful

I then went to Trinity Church. The building is small, but the congregation, though not numerous, was apparently devout. The Service was very impressively read, and an eloquent and beautiful sermon was preached by a gentleman whom I afterwards learned was the reverend Rector of Grace Church, Philadelphia, from the text, "And to the poor is the Gospel preached." The discourse was beautiful, but it was not applicable, for while the was an applicable, for while the gospel was as a shown by the gracebast that the Gospel was as the course was beautiful, but it was not applicable, for while the gracebast that the Gospel was as the course was beautiful, but it was not applicable, for while the gracebast that the Gospel was as the course was beautiful, but it was not applicable, for while the gracebast that the Gospel was as the course was beautiful, but it was not applicable, for while the course was beautiful, but it was not applicable, for while the course was beautiful, but it was not applicable, for while the course was beautiful, but it was not applicable, for while the course was beautiful, but it was not applicable, for while the course was beautiful, but it was not applicable, for while the course was beautiful, but it was not applicable, for while the course was beautiful, but it was not applicable, for while the course was beautiful, but it was not applicable, for while the course was beautiful, but it was not applicable, for while the course was beautiful, but it was not applicable, for while the course was beautiful, but it was not applicable, for while the course was beautiful, but it was not applicable to the course was beautiful, but it was not applicable to the course was beautiful, but it was not applicable to the course was beautiful.

fusion to which he aspires, but I thank God who has market for his spirits, because the British distiller fusion to which he aspires, but I thank God who has placed me where these varying winds of doctrine are restrained, and that he has been pleased to "fetter" my presumptuous judgment by those "Articles, Creeds and Catechisms," which next to His Holy Word is the most precious possession of the Universal Church.

Your obedient servant,

ERASMUS OLDSTYLE.

Market for his spirits, because the British distiller must be protected at all hazards. Such are the advantages which free trade holds out to the British West Indian Colonies. Such the crooked policy of Great Britain towards these her loyal and exemplary subjects. A policy which we may say has ended in their total and complete destruction; and in riveting

To the Editor of The Church.

Sir, -I have read with much pleasure your remarks on "Church Music," in The Church of the 29th October. Your pointed testimony in regard to Congregational Sing Your pointed testimony in regard to Congregational Singing being led in such a note as "the greater portion of men's voices can sing the air with tolerable ease," is extremely satisfactory. At present, under the existing system in our choirs, of females leading in the melody or air, congregational singing is rendered a physical impossibility. I am much pleased too with your observations on the propriety of the "Choir being placed on the floor of the Church," i. e. on each side, so that the music may e sung antiphonally, in accordance with scriptural pre-dent. The present organ-loft and orchestral arrangement, is an impropriety which ought to be reformed as speedily as possible. I dissent from your opinious on unison singing; but am so much pleased with your frank admission that "a great and radical change is required in regard to the kind of music in use in our congregations of the state o tions, that I have no disposition further to debate this matter. I must, however, set you right in regard to your questioning the opportunities I have had of hearing the Gregorian music. I have heard this most ecclesiastical Gregorian music. I have heard this most ecclesiastical articled in so strict and stringent a manner, that music over and over again sung in the Greek Church in clings to my memory. Oh! how unlike to the effeminate music one hears in our own Churches-to such tunes for instance as "Arabia," and that frightful composition, Jackson's Te Deum.

In conclusion, I trust you will continue occasionally to instruct and enlighten our Choirs on the duties of their sacred office. By so doing, Mr. Editor, you will render important service to the cause of sound religion.

Your's truly,

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TORONTO, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1847.

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THE WEST INDIAN COLONIES.

The accounts which we are now receiving from Indian Islands, tend to confirm our worst fears for the ultimate safety of these once splendid dependencies of the British Crown. The cry is re-echoed every where, without contradiction, that they are absolutely ruined; and as it is not to be supposed that Britain will recede from her present legislative position, we must confess our inability to believe that Free Trade, as carried out by the Government, can do otherwise than precipitate the evils which the Colonies foresaw and predicted would result from the measure. Evils which would completely annihilate those means, without which it is impossible for the cultivator and manufacturer of sugar to carry on his operations, viz., the

confidence and assistance of the merchant.

When the British nation determined that the institution of slavery should no longer be tolerated in our dependencies, the West Indian Colonists sought not to obstruct the scheme of African Emancipation. On the contrary, they have done every thing in their power to render the success of the measure as perfect and complete as possible. We may appeal to all, in any way conversant with the subject, as to the truth of this averment. Never was a revolution of corresponding magnitude effected with so little disturbance to a community, and from which all those antagonistic feelings, which are so inherent to party, so speedily subsided. Ireland has for a much longer period enjoyed Roman Catholic Emancipation, -does she exhibit such a picture of harmonious intercourse between her opposing parties, as do the white classes in the West Indies and their coloured brethren, the late slave population?-We grant that the disturbance in the relations between master and servant, consequent on negro emancipation, did, in some of the islands, produce a serious interrup- and taxation is unbearable. tion to that regular and constant supply of labour which is so essential to the cultivation of the cane.-The labourers, wishing to exercise their newly acquired privileges, took possession of unoccupied land, and cultivated it on their own account. This was a natural, though, to both interests, an injurious act, because the labourer engaged in the cultivation of garden patches, which merely sufficed for his own maintainance, abstracted from the staple cultivation that labour by which, and by which alone, wealth and prosperity could be brought to the country in general,-thus importing into the West Indies some of those social evils which have proved such a bane to Ireland. In Barbadoes, where there was no unoccupied land, a very different state of things existed. There labour was plentiful and the people fully employed; and notwithstanding that a circle of dry years visited it after the passing of the Emancipation Bill, the quantity of sugar exported was not less than in corresponding circles under the system of slavery. Last year, being the first bountiful year of season, with which the island had been blessed, Barbadoes exported thirty-four thousand hogsheads of sugar, being a quantity considerably greater than it had ever done under the institution of bondage.

Had, then, the British Government and people been perfectly consistent in their moral and religious antipathy to slavery, surely they would have adopted such measures, as would have secured the success of Emanlimiting. It was their solar and inneresting data to cipation. It was their plain and imperative duty to have given every discouragement to the products of slave labour, which designing speculators may have designed to introduce into the market; or, at all earns his bread by his own industry, subscribed £40 in the flock are events, they were bound to have continued their protec- hard money. Such doings, on the part of the flock, are tion to a people upon whom they were experimenting, the best mirror of the character and influence of the pasand to have refrained from commencing the working of tor. Even beyond the limits of the country, Mr. Cocka more hazardous problem, ere the success of the first land collected about £70 for the undertaking, and Mr. had been solved. It was declared by the late Premier, Finlayson, of Lachine, mainly from a regard to the man, that it was the wish of her Majesty's Government to sent him a check for £50. consider the Colonies as integral portions of the King-

mrst struck my fancy in Hanover-street. The Sexton was ringing the bell, inviting men to worship: I inquired of him what Church it was. His first answer was "Orthodox;" but observing my perplexity, he said it was "Unitarian." I entered, and I was struck with the beauty and tarian." I entered, and I was struck with the beauty and the sublime and a clergyman but as a nurse; then came the failure of covernment for the Colonies, was received with the tarian." I entered, and I was struck with the beauty and the sublime and a clergyman but as a nurse; then came the failure of covernment for the Colonies, was received with the tarian." I entered, and I was struck with the beauty and the failure of the covernment for the Colonies, was received with the sublime and a clergyman but as a nurse; then came the failure of covernment for the Colonies, was received with the sublime and a clergyman but as a nurse; then came the failure of covernment for the Colonies, was received with the sublime and a clergyman but as a nurse; then came the failure of covernment for the Colonies, was received with the sublime and a clergyman but as a nurse; then came the failure of covernment for the Colonies, was received with the sublime and a clergyman but as a nurse; then came the failure of covernment for the Colonies, was received with the sublime and a clergyman but as a clergyman but finish which characterized its interior; the wood, which Colonists were content to fight through their tempo-

Suddenly, however, and with scarce any preparation, They are unexpectedly called upon to enter into a tural, one, of sending a Bishop with the M sibility may accrue from that measure. The West Missionaries with a Bishop at their head. course was beautiful, but it was not applicable, for while it was shown by the preacher that the Gospel was especially designed for the poor, it was fully as well shown by the place that it was only intended for them who could pay for their pews: the poor were excluded, for there was not, as far as I could observe, one free sitting. It is no less true than painful that in the Bishop's Church at Boston the poor are excluded from hearing the Gospel preached to them.

The Baptist Register is welcome to the religious conreached to them.

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How can the West Indian planter stand erect under such a complicated pressure of discouragements? In the first place he is forbid competition with the English refiner, and compelled to enter the lists with with the slave producer. Again, the slave holder is mitted to transmit his products to Britain in vessels built by slaves-manned by slaves-and owned by slave proprietors-whilst the colonist must transmit his produce to the British market in vessels manned by free-men, who consequently cannot take it at a price by any means as reasonable as the former. Strange as this statement may appear to many of our readers, it is nevertheless undoubtedly true. Ships manned by slaves are constantly trading to England; and not only are the bondsmen narrowly watched while the vessel is in port, but they are nominally It is now a good many years ago, but the recol- escape from their owners is almost a matter of impos-

their total and complete destruction; and in riveting

on the wrists of the slave those shackles which Britain

From private sources we learn that the work of destruction and desolation is rapidly going on in Jamaica. In that island FIFTEEN ESTATES HAVE BEEN ABANDONED DURING THE LAST SIX MONTHS, besides several previously given up. And in other islands parties are inspecting their properties with the view of determining whether it be profitable any longer to continue the working of them. Every expedient has been tried to render the cultivation of the cane by implemental labour as profitable as possible, but beyond a certain point they cannot aspire; and do as they may, the sugar manufactured by slaves must be cheaper than that produced by free men, unless indeed where the population is so dense as to compel labour at diminished prices, or leave starvation as the alter-

In whatever light we view the ruin of the West India Colonies, the picture is a sad and a most dismal one. Who can refrain from sympathising with a body of once opulent proprietors, lured on to their destruc- Gregorian music arises from actual experience of tion by a too confiding dependence on the promised protection of the Mother Country. But above all, opinion of persons apparently well qualified. We beg we shudder to contemplate the probable effect which to express our obligation to him for the use of many hat ruin will produce upon the negro. The white back numbers of the Parish Choir, (furnished through man may escape to America with the remnant which a private friend,) which have filled up several gaps in he can haply glean from the wreck of his property.—

Our own knowledge of the nature of Gregorian music,

But the poor negro must remain, and remain to degeand will, we trust, enable us to make practical experimake the same Church property forever. nerate into the hideous barbarism of St. Domingo .- ment of it. It was the settled and oft repeated conviction of a highly educated and intelligent gentleman of their own race, who long and ably conducted one of the leading ournals of the Tropics, that no greater curse could befal his black brethren, than the withdrawal of the whites from among them. He regards their departure hints to choirs on the subject of chanting. as the signal for the return of the negro to barbarism, anarchy, and superstition. Where, let us ask, is money to be obtained to carry on the social and moral provements necessary, as regard both civilization nd religion? How is the Church to be supported? How are the schools to be carried on? How are the nagistracy and the other legal tribunals to be kept up? In a word, where are the means to come from to antagonize that relapse into a degraded and barbarous state which is natural to man when left without these ccessory laws of control, and the presence of which s so essential to civilization?

It is not to be wondered at that, in these circumtances, the Kingston Chamber of Commerce should speak out, as they have lately done in the following emphatic terms :-

"That this Chamber views with alarm the commerce of the country daily dwindling into insignificance. Confidence is shaken to its very centre; and it is but too plain to perceive that our most respectable citizens (foreseeing, no doubt, worse evils to come, and no energy exerted to avert them) are leaving the country with the little they fast becoming abandoned. Poverty stares us in the face

RED RIVER SETTLEMENT.

The settlements at the Red River, or Prince Rupert's Land, are very little known in this Province, although there are several very zealous and active Missionaries labouring amongst the Indians and white population in that country. It will be remembered that this settlement was visited by the Lord Bishop of Montreal two years ago, and that he Confirmed a large number of persons and held an Ordination. It has Died during week ending Monday Morning, 1. 14 long been named as one of the places to which a Bishop is to be sent, but as yet nothing definite has been done. Amongst our Colonial Ecclesiastical Intelligence will be found a most interesting letter from the Rev. John Smithurst to the Bishop of Montreal, giving a general view of the present state of that Mission .-ther particulars contained in a letter from a gentleman of high rank in the settlement, who takes a lively interest in the prosperity of the Church. The Mr. Cochran alluded to in the following extract is the gentleman who was on a visit to this city, for the purpose of recruiting his health, some few months ago:-

"Almost immediately after your Lordship's departure, Mr. Cockran, with characteristic zeal and generosity, threw himself, heart and soul, into the erecting of a new church, to be built of stone, and to accommodate eight

consider the Colonies as integral portions of the Kingdom. By this he was understood to mean, that each
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of self-devices as integral portions of the Kingmany places with return is no one due
will, I fear, cause us to labour under the same if not

first struck my fancy in Hanover-street. The Sexton from, the whole connected body. This announcement diate events appear to have conspired to preserve his

The settlement at the Red River presentingstriking instance of the mischief arising from poing the Church on what may justly be deemed a Bdrbyterian model, in place of the only correct, becaused y Scripcontest with that very element which England had or before them. The Bishop of Montreal' appi-copal jected from her social existence, because she felt its visit to that Mission has been productive of much blighting influence, and was satisfied of its moral benefit, inasmuch as it was a great comfort, the Miswrongs. In subjecting her Colonies to competition sionaries,-it encouraged them to persever in spite with slavery, the British Government has been guilty of all difficulties, and it completely put a kop to the desires of England, they must enter into the grand they both believed and taught was necessary to the experiment of free trade, but only so far as serves the existence of the Church; and this was and is the more purposes of the English people. They must not look severely felt by the Missionaries, because they are for any share of the advantages which by remote pos- surrounded by an active and vigilant body of Romish

> CHURCH SOCIETY OF THE DIOCESE OF TORONTO. We are requested to intimate that such of the Clergy as have not received copies of the Per Report journal. of the Society, for distribution in their respective parishes, can have them by applying at the Depository. If ordered by post, it will be necessary to point out the means by which they are to be forwarded.

The present appears a fitting opportunity of urging pon our Clergy the pressing necessity of bringing the bjects and claims of this Society prominently before the flocks committed to their charge. We have reason to rear that this in many instances is very inadequately one; and that in many parts of the Diocese the most deplorable ignorance prevails of the real state and position of our Church. No later than last week we ceived a communication from a Missionary who has gloried in having struck from the limbs of her own lately entered upon a field of labour comparatively new, in which he says, "It will astonish you to learn that most of the Church people in the mission were ignorant in Church matters-they did not know that there existed an Incorporated Church Society in the Diocese. They had been told that the Church was St. Ge dying away-becoming Puseyites, Romanists, &c." A diligent and judicious circulation of the Annual Report would go far to provide an antidote for such a state of things as is above described, and which we apprehend is by no means uncommon.

In glaucing over the list of subscriptions, we could additional —per Rev. Paul Shirley St. Paul's Church Chatham not avoid being painfully struck with the small anounts contributed, generally speaking. The same inpression was made upon a valued correspondent in the St. John's Church, Peterboro', contributed, generally speaking. The same inpres-Really the Church Society's Report almost nakes S. E. Station, York, West, who thus expresses himself on the surject: me sick. Different times must come or ever the Church is triumphant. At present the abildance Ingersoll, me sick. Different times must come of ever the Church is triumphant. At present the children of Zion do not take pleasure in the stones thereof, if we Look at even the St. Paul's do. Dunaville ..... 0 10 0 are to judge by their subscriptions. Look at even the St. Paul's do. Toronto list, and then think of it as the offering of near 10,000 Church people, for the extension of the Church of Christ, and that in a country where there are no tithes or church-rates. And I know not butthe country places are still worse. Surely, surely a werse than Laodiceau lukewarmness is amongst us; we must be aroused, or I fear that the torch of persecution may be permitted to flame." This is plain speaking, but is there not a cause? May the great Head of the Church put it into the hearts of his people to show more unequivocally their faith by their works; and to bear in mind that whilst He can do without their aid, they must render at his tribunal a searching account of the talents committed to their charge.

We insert with much pleasure the communication similar music and not from mere hearsay, or even the

upon whom the responsibility rests of procuring an for signature first, to William Fussey Wallace; next to Fran-

We have been favoured by Mr. Rowsell with a copy of "the Churchman's Almanac" for the ensuing year, and we have much pleasure in stating that it fully sustains the reputation which it has acquired. It embraces a vast amount of information both civil and ecclesiastical, and is got up in the beautiful style which characterizes the publications of this gentle-

There is also before us Messrs. Scobie and Balfour's Canadian Almanack and Repository of Useful Knowledge, for 1848." This is an exceedingly meritorious work, and contains a prodigious amount of matter. Indeed we can hardly understand how it can be furnished for the price of seven-pence half-penny. The map of Upper Canada alone which goes along with it is worth the amount charged. A very large sale alone can remunerate the spirited publishers, and we sincerely trust that this will not be awanting.

The Rev. N. Watkins, Travelling Missionary in the wherever we go. The expenses of living are enormous, Johnstown and lower Districts, requests that all letters and papers for him may be addressed Farmersville, near Lansdowne.

Wednesday Evening, November 17. Total number at present in Sick Hospital, ... 579 morning of 18th Nov. In the Convalescent Hospital ...... 235

15th inst. ..... Admitted this day (Wednesday) 17th inst...... Died during the last twenty-four hours ...... Discharged to Convalescent House, from ... 47 8th to 15th inst. Discharged from do. do. do. ... 60

DEATH OF DR. HAMILTON.

The mortal remains of this able and lamented physician were interred on Wednesday Morning last, in St. James's Cemetery. Large numbers of the principal inhabitants of the City attended the funeral.— There was every reason for evincing this public respect for the memory of the deceased. was a conspicuous case of intrepid self-sacrifice to duty. He became a member of the Medical Staff of the Hospital soon after the first arrivals of the sick Emigrants; and, so far from being buoyed up by any feeling like the ardour and excitement which kindle the courage of the soldier when once the strife of battle has commenced, he entered upon his hazardous duties-we are told-with constitutional depression and unfavourable augurings of the future, which amounted, we might say, to a settled expectation and presage of death. Even in this discouraging state of mind he shrank not from offering his services, and to the last was eminently fearless and faithful in performing the task which he had undertaken. There is no one but Even in this discouraging state of mind he

Clergymen of the Church of England; and his body duration. The only members of his family who were duration. The only members of his family who were present were the Hon. John Hamilton, and Robert Hamilton, Esq., his brothers: his wife and children our other difficulties. He has, doubtless, purposes of are in a distant land.

DEATH OF THE MAYOR OF MONTREAL. On Friday last, intelligence was communicated Telegraph to Toronto, that John E. Mills, Esq., the Mayor of Montreal, had died of typhus fever, contracted in the discharge of his duties as a member of the Board of Health.

Mr. Reford (who has been appointed Collector for this paper in consequence of the regretted retirement of Mr. Ryall) will, in the course of the week, visit the Eastern Townships of the Home District and the Western Townships in the Newcastle and Colborne Districts, on a collecting tour. It is hoped that our Subscribers will be prepared to pay him the amount of their dues, and that they will kindly render him every assistance in their power to advance the interest of this

Ecclesiastical Intelligence.

CANADA.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

THE CHURCH SOCIETY OF THE DIOCESE OF TORONTO. ctions made in the several Churches, Chapels, and Missionary Stations throughout the Diocese of To-ronto, towards the fund for the support of the Widows and Orphans of the Clergy in this Diocese:—

Previously announced in No. 91, amount.... 339 19 21 St. Paul's, London,
—per Churchwardens St. Peter's Church, Thorold .....£2 19 3 St. Paul's do. Port Robinson. 1 16 3 St. John's do. Stamford ..... 1 0 6 -per Rev. T. B. Fuller ... orge's Church, St. Catherines, —per Churchwardens
St. Luke's Church, Clark's Mills £0 15
St. James's do., Portland ...... 0 5
St. Paul's do., Sydenham and -per Rev. A. Townley..... 106 collections, amounting to .....£376 11 83 T. W. BIRCHALL,
Treasurer. Toronto, Nov. 18, 1847.

CHURCH MEETING. (From the Brantford Courier.)

At a meeting of the Members of the Church of Eng-land, in the Town of Brautford, convened in said Church on the 8th day of November, 1847, pursuant to legal no-J. C. Usher, Incumbent, Allen Good, J. K. Buchanan, D. M. Gilkison, Joseph Gardner, Angus Bethune, Wm. Kerby, Sen., Chas. Merrigold, Chas. Foster, Henry Lemmon, A. Bunnel, E. Bunnel, Jr., Wm. Lines, and John

Although the day was very wet and unfavourable, and the attendance much smaller than could have been wished for the business which required immediate attention, viz., the liquidation of the Church debt, it was deemed right of TALLIS, and are glad to hear that his fondness for to go into the matter without delay. Accordingly the Secretary, Allen Good, having read the minutes of the great meeting of Dec. 15, 1846, (which formed the basis of all the proceedings up to the present date, in relation to the debt), and the Trustees (J. K. Buchannan, Charles Merrigold, and Allen Good) having made their report of what had been done since December last, towards carry-

1. Resolved-by Alexander Bunnel, seconded by Wm.

Kerby, TALLIS may depend upon our returning to the subject; but our next point will be to ascertain by whom the music of the Church ought to be directed, and alteration of it; after that we may perhaps give some hints to choirs on the subject of chanting.

To signature risk, to william Passey Wallace, like to Enos list Leonard, heir of Reuben Leonard, deceased; then to Enos Bunnel, who, at the time of signing, is to be paid the sum agreed upon; and then to Thomas Richardson (minor), heir of William Richardson, lately deceased, when the proportion due to him shall be paid to Mrs. Richardson, widow of William Richardson; and lastly to Thropholus Lugger, heir of Robert the wishes of the Lugger deceased, when the amount due to him shall be paid the past year. ording to the composition agreed upon .- Carried.

2. Resolved-by Angus Bethune, seconded by Henry

That the Trustees, Allen Good, James K. Buchanan, and Charles Merrigold, be requised to call at once on the contributors to the List entered into on the 15th Dec. last, and require from them notes at three months or shorter if convenient to the parties, for the amount of their subscriptions; said notes to reevent of a final settlement with all parties having claims on the

Business being ended, the meeting adjourned.

(Signed) JAMES C. Us

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, KINGSTON .- On Sunday afterno this very neat edifice, which has been lately erected in Queen Street in this city, by private subscription, and which is intended as a monument to the deceased mem bers of the Cartwright family, was opened for Publi Worship. The congregation was large and highly respectable. The Service was read by the Rev. Mr. Gregg, the present incumbent, and an impressive and appropriate Sermon was preached by the Ven. the Archdeacon, who took his text from the Book of Genesis, 28th chapter and 17th verse, "How dreadful is this place, this is none other than the House of God." The ladies and gentlemen composing the choir of St. George's Church kindly volunteered their services on the occasion. Mr. Holland, the organist, presided at the piano-forte, which was placed at his disposal by Mr. Dewe, of this city. After the services vice a collection was made in aid of the funds for building the Church. This is the second Episcopal Church that has been opened in this city during the last two years.—

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

THE REV. CHAS. BANCROFT, Minister of St. Thomas's Church, delivered his farewell sermon to the members of that congregation, on Sunday evening last, previous to leaving for St. John's, where he assumes the charge left vacant by the lamented decease of the Rev. Mr. Dawes. - Transcript.

RED RIVER SETTLEMENT.

LETTER FROM THE REV. JOHN SMITHURST TO THE LORD BISHOP OF MONTREAL. Indian Settlement, Red River,

July 30, 1847. My Lord,—By the spring canoes, which reached here on the 12th ultimo, I had the pleasure of receiving your Lordship's letter of April 9th, and must beg leave to offer

my sincere thanks for the kind remembrance. Through the Divine mercy, the settlement has been in Through the Divine mercy, the sector, but the people ealthy state during the present summer, but the people ealthy state during the present summer, but the people ealthy state during the present summer, but the people ealthy state during the present summer. have suffered much from a scarcity of provisions. I informed your Lordship that the harvest of las was a failure. This has been severely felt by the Indians, nd has been the cause of a diminished attendance both at the church and the school. Whole families have been compelled to go away for several weeks together, either to some good fishing place or to the plains for hunting. In this way I have frequently been deprived of one-fourth, and sometimes of one-half, of my congregation. I must do the Indians the justice to say, that they have made great sacrifices to avoid leaving the means of grace and of instruction, but there is no remedy when starvation is impending. I know many who suffered a good deal before they work and of the property of the same of the property of the same of the property of the same of the property of the pro party should enjoy reciprocal advantages, each party ministering to, and receiving corresponding benefits of the Candidates were present. The was atmosphered to, and receiving corresponding benefits of the Candidates were present. The was atmosphered to, and receiving corresponding benefits of the Candidates were present. The was atmosphered to, and receiving corresponding benefits of the candidates were present. The was atmosphered to, and receiving corresponding benefits of the candidates were present. The was atmosphered to, and receiving corresponding benefits of the candidates were present. The was atmosphered to, and receiving corresponding benefits of the candidates were present. The candidates were present to the contemplated return has, this season, diffused an universal joy, which evidently comes from the depth of tended, during the tapid progress of his sickness, by

grain, but now there is not so much as a single pound of flour to be purchased in the whole settlement. pend upon the coming harvest, and from what I can learn the produce is likely to be very small. The Hudson Bay company have been bringing up from Canada to Fort several Clergymen.—Halifax Times. William, during the spring, large supplies of flour, to be brought on by canoe to Red River, for the soldiers. mercy in these mysterious dispensations, and will, in the end, cause all things to work together for good. As regards the Church at Red River, I think I may

say that every thing goes on as well as could be expected.

Mr. Macallum has the charge of the Upper Church.

Mr. James has the duties of the Rapids and of the Middle Church, officiating at the former in a morning and at the latter in the afternoon of Sunday. The congregation are, I am told, large at both places; but I have never been at

either since the arrival of Mr. James.

I perform service at the Indian Church on the Sunday morning. There are now two sermons, one in Indian and the other in English, instead of the old system of an interpreter translating sentence by sentence. This appears to answer much better, for the old people find it easier to understand a continuous discourse in Indian than one broken into so many fragments. The young people were also very desirous to have an English sermon, so that both parties are now suited. I am not able to read the Indian sermons fluently, so that I always employ Mr. Cook to read them between the Litany and the Communion Service: I am thus able to rest for a few minutes, and my own English sermon comes in its proper place in the Communion Service. One of the barrack-rooms at the Lower Fort has been fitted up for the performance of Divine service, and I preach there on the Sunday afternoon. The service is not only attended by the garrison, but also by many of the surrounding inhabitants, who are allowed free admission by the Commanding Officer. We have a good choir, formed from the privates of the Sixth, and the sergeant of the Royal Sappers acts as clerk. All and the sergeant of the Royal Sappers acts as clerk. All behave with great propriety, and I trust that good may be done. I am sorry to say that the full Church service is not performed at the Upper Fort, Mr. Macallum not feeling able to undertake the same. They have a short service, read by one of their own officers, on a Sunday

Mr. Cowley is still at Manitoba Lake, but meets with

very little success among the Saulteaux.

Mr. Hunter is, I believe, getting on very well in the Saskatchawan with the Crees. There are now nearly five hundred baptized Indians under his care. By some mis-take his last letters have not come to hand, and are, I believe, at Norway House, having been left behind by the beneve, at Norway House, naving open left benind by the boats, so that I shall not receive them probably till October; I cannot, therefore, speak with any degree of accuracy of the present state of things in that quarter.

There are, I think, no changes of importance at Red River since I last wrote to your Lordship, nor am I aware of any other information which I could communicate libely a be interesting.

likely to be interesting.

In conclusion, I must solicit a continued interest in

your Lordship's prayers.

I remain, my Lord,

Your Lordship's Obedient humble servant, JOHN SMITHURST.

NOVA SCOTIA.

The following account of the recent proceedings at Windsor, relative to King's College, has been forwarded by one of the Alumni, with a request that it may be pubished in the Times :-ENCENIA AT KING'S COLLEGE.

Pursuant to public notice a larger body of the Alumni

met the Governors at Windsor on this occasion than at any former period.
Since the Associated Alumni assembled with the Governors in the Autumn of last year for a similar purpose, they have taken the important step of seeking and obtaining an Act of Incorporation. Although some difference f opinion was known to exist at the time as to the expediency of this measure among the friends of the Institu-tion, it was merely a difference of judgment as to the most efficient method of promoting the interest of the College. The entire unanimity and the earnest desire to co-operate for the good of their common 'Alma Mater' evinced on this occasion, leave no room to doubt that all differences of sentiment have now vanished, and that the gentle mother' who numbers her sons from the vener-

able Visitor of the College down to the youngest member on the matricula, has enlisted in her behalf one common and ardent determination to uphold and sustain her. As the Greek historian, with prophetic eye, proposed to himself to erect an edifice of no ephemeral duration, but one which should be κτημα εις το αει, 'an everlasting possession,' so it is the avowed determination of every Ammnus or this venerable institution to put forth his best exertions on its behalf, that with the blessing of Providence on those exertions, he may, contemplating his own part, however humble, in the good work, be enabled to

exclaim with the poet :-Exegi monumentum acre perennus,
Regalique situ Pyramidum altius;
Quod non imber edax, non Aquilo impotens
Possit diruere, aut innumerabilis
Annorum series, et fuga temporum."

On Monday, the day previous to that appointed for the Encomia, the weather was fine, and permitted the various parties who attended to travel with comfort. On Tuesthe Governors (happily it is the only cause) that although they have gracefully granted to them one part of the gif to Æolus 'accumbere epulis,' yet they have strangely omitted to confer the other and make them 'nimborumque tempestatumque potentes.' Torrents of rain and peals of thunder visited the classic groves, contrary to all he wishes of the Alumni on this occasion, as on that of

After the consecration of the new Chapel of Ease, the Governors and the Association proceeded to the College Hall, where the degree of A. M. was conferred on Rev. E. B. Nichols, A. B., and that of A. B. on Mr. B. G. Gray, ommoner. The Governors having retired to the Col lege Library, the Alumni proceeded to business in the Hall, and were shortly after requested to meet the Governors in a free conference on the important subject of raising a permanent fund, which has occupied the attention of both parties for some time past. The same happy spirit of unanimity which characterized the other proceedings, prevailed also on this subject, leaving little doubt of the successful issue of their joint endeavours.

The Visitor then announced the pleasing intelligence that the services of a gentleman of high attainments, a that the services of a gentleman of high attainments, a senior Wrangler of Cambridge, has been secured as a Professor of Mathematics, who is expected shortly to arrive from England. With the deep learning and varied acquirements of the Rev. Dr. McCawley, and the benefit acquirements of the Rev. Dr. McCawley, and the benefit to be derived from the tuition of so accomplished a modern linguist as Dr. Mantovani, together with the instructions of the gentleman above alluded to as Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy, Windsor will afford the means of acquiring a liberal education second at least to none in the Province; and will, we trust, continue to send the form the really man as more adorn in various

forth from its walls such men as now adorn in various professions the rank of the Alumni.

At seven o'clock, the Alumni, impelled by that abhorrence of a vacuum which, though esteemed by some unexploded doctrine, exerted a singular influence on this occa where a more natural state speedily supervened. After the removal of the cloth, his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor proposed the usual toasts. In answer to that of "Prosperity to King's College," the President of the College, in the course of an eloquent address, alluded most gracefully and feelingly to the loss sustained by the Institution since the last annual meeting, of one who "as a scholar, a gentleman, a christian, and a divine," was

among its brightest ornaments.

After several addresses in the happiest style of eloquence and humour by other gentlemen present, all of whom pledged their influence and efforts for the support of the College, his Excellency retired, and the assemb guests followed his example, all having a common feel-ing of pleasure at the brightening prospects of the Col-lege, of which this happy meeting seems to be the pre-

cursor and pledge.

On Wednesday, the Governors of the Institution and the Incorporated Alumni again met in the College Library, and finally arranged their measures for raising the proposed funds. An examination was then held, conducted by the Presidents of the College and of the Incorporated Alumni, (the Rev. Dr. McCawley and the Rev. Dr. Twining) of the candidates for the vacant scholarships, four in number; which were adjudged severally to Messrs. Robert Hazen, Robert Haliburton, Reginald Bullock, and

We cannot conclude this notice of the Enconia-the results of which must be highly gratifying to every friend of the College, without expressing the sense entertained by the Alumni of their deep obligations to his Excellency Sir John Harvey. They believe it to be mainly owing to his kind and influential exertions in their behalf, that they have been placed in a position to benefit the Institution they love; and to the same source they trace in great degree the unanimity which has happily prevailed on the late occasion.—Halifax Times.

ORDINATION.—On Sunday, 19th Sept., an Ordination was held by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, in Christ Church, Windsor, when Mr. William Taylor, A.B., and r. James Breading, Scholars on the foundation of P. G. F. S., were admitted to the Order of Deacons. Prayers were read by the Rev. E. B. Nichols, and the Sermon was preached by the President of the College. The Candidates were presented by the Archdeacon, and the Holy Communion was administered to the Clergy and

Consecration .- On Tuesday, 21st Sept., at 10 o'clock. All de-tan learn ison Bay to Fort

UNITED STATES.

GENERAL CONVENTION. This body closed its session on Thursday, the 28th of

Those who expected it to settle, finally, the difficulties of the Diocese of New York, have been disappointed but we believe what has been done, will commend itself upon reflection, to the sober judgment of the Church, as the result of cautious, prudent, forbearing and wish

All the measures which were proposed by individual members of the Convention, bearing upon the New-York case, were rejected or allowed to lie on the table, and the Canons reported by the Joint-Committee were adopted.

The Convention has dealers and the the

The Convention has declared, very decidedly, that the Diocese of New York is not vacant. It has a Bisloy and although suspended from the exercise of the dute of his holy office, it can have no other. Under existing ircumstances therefore, immediate and full relief cannot e had. The measure of relief to be obtained, is provided for by the authority which has been given to Diceses thus circumstanced, to invite other Bishops to perform

or them Episcopal services.

The Faith and Patience of the Diocese of New York are put to a severe test, but the hotter the fire the pure

the gold that passes through it.

There is much cause for felicitation to be found in the character of the late Convention. It was strong in sound Church principles. Nothing of a radical, innovating, or disorganizing tendency could have found favour with it. Its proceedings were conducted with singular course and kindness. Subjects which have been the cause of and kindness. Subjects which have been the course warm controversy elsewhere, were discussed in Convention with corresponding to the course of the cause of the course of t tion with earnestness tempered with moderation, with respect for opposing opinions, and with admirable Christian temper.

tian temper.

The effect will be felt, we hope, in drawing into closer fellowship and communion all who are of the one fold, in promoting union and unity in the Church, and harmony and peace, on the basis of truth, among all her meaning the fellowship are the fellowship and peace, on the basis of truth, among all her meaning the fellowship and peace. bers.—Banner of the Cross.

(From the N. Y. Churchman.)

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In reviewing the proceedings of the General Convention in relation to the affairs of our Bishop and Diocese, we cannot refrain from an expression of satisfaction to find that most of the principles contended for by We journal have been confirmed and put beyond dispute. have contended that Dr. Onderdonk, though suspended is still the Bishop of the Diocese, so that the Diocese is not vacant; and this view has been clearly taken up by the General Convention. We have opposed the scheme of an election by the Diocese of an Assistant Bishop possessed of full Episcopol powers and authority, and this scheme has received no countenance from the General Convention. We have contended against the lawfulness of the sentence of indefinite suspension, and this ness of the sentence of indefinite suspension, and the General Convention has sustained the correctness of the view for the future, having provided by Canon that her after no such punishment shall be known in the Church On all these points the General Convention has been considered to the contract of the con manifestly governed by principle; and it is satisfa-to us to know that in those matters in which they freely legislate from principle alone and without having their course warped by a regard to present expediency, that is to say, in every measure which would not lead an immediate resumption of duties on the part of our unit fortunate Bishop, they have arrived at the conclusions which we have maintained and advancated.

which we have maintained and advocated.

It must be owned that these points are of great importance; and though the House of Deputies have not come up to our expectations, yet we gratefully acknowledge that much of their action has been in the right direction and tended, in some degree, to check encroachments on the receive prescript liberties.

our Ecclesiastical liberties.

1. The first result which we notice is the decision that the decision t

1. The first result which we notice is the decision the Right Rev. Dr. Onderdonk is, in law and fact, the Bishop of this Diocese.

2. The plan of an Assistant Bishop to be invested with full Episcopal power and authority, and independent the lawful Bishop of the Diocese, is another rock on which we might have been wrecked, and which we are thankful to have escaped.

all to have escaped.

3. The third result effected by the Convention, is the prohibition of all indefinite suspensions for the future.

The position of the Bishop is stronger, not only because it is now beyond reasonable dispute that he is the Bishop is the property of of the Diocese, but because, as such, he will be now the centre of unity, around which all sound Churchmen will rally; some from mere principle, and only with the resultion to do nothing to aggravate his condition; others, whose confidence in his integrity is unshaken, only from principle, but from affection also, and with etermination to use every honourable means to pro

But we cannot see that the position of the Diocese ! anged for the better by the action of the Gen in the same condition as before. deed, is authorized to put the Diocese under the charge of the Bishon of another Diocese under the charge of the Bishon of another Diocese under the charge of the Bishon of another Diocese under the charge of the Bishon of another Diocese under the charge of the Bishon of another Diocese under the charge of the Bishon of another Diocese under the charge of the Bishon of another Diocese under the charge of the Bishon of of the Bishop of another Diocese, or of a Miss Bishop; but supposing that the Convention co have this one See filled, for a time, by two B will yet be but for a time, and they will still be forward to "relief." To whom are they to look as before, to the General Convention, consisting as before, to the General Convention, conservations of Bishops, and a House of Clerical and puties, governed by known rules and canons, majority of the Bishops acting from their own gure and discretion. The "relief," then, which which it was itself represented, to which it could ap for "relief;" it has, pro hac vice, a provincial council which its voice will be powerless except it be raised the tone of entreaty and except.

the tone of entreaty and supplication.

We have made up our mind that this state of things to continue, in all human probability, for a long time come. With so large a number as fourteen previous committed against him, Bishop Onderdonk has small reson to expand a release to the past son to expect a relaxation of his sentence on the the Bishops. The sentence, indeed, remains the sall ever; if it were unlawful before the last General Control ever; if it were unlawful before the last General tion, it is unlawful now; an ex post facto law cannot le timate an ex post facto sentence; but as the Diocese not, so it is fair to suppose it will not, dispute the lawful ness of the sentence. These, we believe, are the lawful not ways in which an honourable or desirable can be attained; and as we have no hope from either, thankful thankful thankful not have the last General times and the last cannot be attained; and as we have no hope from either, and the last cannot be attained; and as we have no hope from either, thankful thankf have concluded to be content with our lot, the it is no worse, and to discharge the duties belong it with as much evenness and composure as if it we last for life. Stability is one great end of legislation to that, we believe, the General Convention has collected to the convention of the collected to the convention of the collected to the c

CONSECRATION OF THE BISHOP OF MAINE Christ Church, Hartford, on Sunday morning last ult., was the scene of an event which will not forgotten by those who were present. The Consecration of its late Rector, the Rev. Dr. Burgess, as Bishop of its late Rector, the Rev. Dr. Burgess, as Bishop of the Rev. Dr. Burgess, and Bishop of the Rev. Dr. Burgess, and Bishop of the Rev. Bishop of the Rev. Bishop of the Bishop of the Rev. Bi Maine, drew together a concourse of people, greater, bably, than even that large Church has ever before

Morning Prayer was commenced at 103 o'clock by the Rev. Henry L. Storrs, Rector of St. John's Yonkers, R. S. assisted in the Lessons by the Rev. Thomas F. Fales, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Brunswick, Maine. Sermon was, very appropriately, by the late Provincial Bishop of Maine, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Henshaw, Bishop of Rhode Island. He took for his text St. Paul's words Timothy, let Exicle iii. 15 10 Paul Adam mayest and Timothy, 1st Epistle iii. 15, "That thou mayest k how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the House of which is the Church of the living God, the pillar ground of the truth."

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After an able and impressive sermon, the Rt. Rev. Dr.
Carlton Chase, Bishop of New Hamshire, commenced the Communion Service, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Eastburns shop of Massachusetts, reading the Epistle, and the Rev. Dr. Brownell, Bishop of Connecticut, the

The Gospel being ended, the Bishop elect, vested his Rochet, was presented to the Presiding Bisl Rt. Rev. Dr. Philander Chase, of Illinois, by Brownell and Eastburn. The Testimonials dema Brownell and Eastburn. The Testimonials demands the Presiding Bishop were then read—those from Dioeese of Maine by the Rev. Nathaniel T. Bent, Re of St. John's, Bangor; those from the House of Cle and Lay Deputies, by the Rev. Alexander Burgess, tor of St. Mark's, Augusta; and those from the House of St. Mark's, Augusta; and those from the Bishops by the Rev. John Blake, also of the Dioees Maine. The Litany, the examination of the Candiband the remainder of the Consecration Service were the Presiding Bishop. The Bishop elect was assisted.

and the remainder of the Consecration Service weed by the Presiding Bishop. The Bishop elect was assisted putting on the Episcopal Habit by the Rev. Messrs. Bear and Alexander Burgess.

The Bishops of Illinois, of Connecticut, of Massachy setts, of Rhode Island, and of New Hamshire, laid prohamds on the head of the elected Bishop, the former pronouncing the consecrating words, "Receive the Ghost," &c., and delivering the Bible.

The Service of the Holy Communion was then resumed by the Presiding Bishop, with whom the new Consecration is the consecration of the Presiding Bishop, with whom the new Consecration is the consecration of the Presiding Bishop, with whom the new Consecration is the consecration of the Presiding Bishop, with whom the new Consecration is the president of the Consecration of the Presiding Bishop, with whom the new Consecration is the Consecration of the Presiding Bishop, with whom the new Consecration of the President of the Consecration of the Consecration of the Consecration of the President of the Consecration of the

by the Presiding Bishop, with whom the new Consect ted Bishop, with others, and several clergy and a lark number of the congregation communicated. All the Bishops present took part in the administration.

shops present took part in the administration.

Besides the clergy named above, there were present like the clergy named above, there were present like the clergy named above, there were present like John Morgan, Payne, Jackson, Coxe, Everest Long, and Hubbard of North Carolina.

The services, on the whole, passed off with good effect, not withstanding some irregularities and improprieties in the control of notwithstanding some irregularities and improprieties its performance, which must have given pain to all pre