

THE COLONIAL CHURCHMAN.

LUNENBURG, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1840.

INDIA.—We are persuaded that although the Ecclesiastical Gazette is now received by all our Clergy—

We omitted to notice from the St. John papers, that the Rev. Mr. CAREY, for a short time assistant minister here, has resigned his situation, and proceeded to Canada.

THE GERMAN LANGUAGE.—Mr. Weinbeer is desirous to employ some evenings of this winter in giving instruction in the German language, if a sufficient number of pupils should offer.

In the October number of the Church of England Magazine, we observe republished the letter of the Rev. John Sprott, which appeared in our paper of the 28th May last, containing some account of the spiritual destitution of the Eastern shore of this Province, and of the Rev. Mr. Stevenson's valuable labours in that quarter.

We have given up a large portion of our Editorial space to-day to original matter, and have only room to say, that although the present number completes the 5th Volume of our Journal, it is our intention to issue two supplementary numbers, together with an Index to the last; and moreover, that as we contemplate certain changes including an enlargement and a WEEKLY issue of our paper at the present price, to commence with the New Year, we hope all arrears WILL BE FORTHWITH DISCHARGED.

Rectory, Miramichi, N. B. 26th Oct. 1840.

Messrs Editors,

The practice lately adopted by some of my Brethren—that of acknowledging certain presents received from their respective congregations through the medium of the Colonial Churchman, is so laudable a one, and coincides so completely with my own views and feelings, that I must request the favor of you to give the following a place in your next publication.

When I went to England in the summer of 1836, for the recovery of my health and voice, I received numerous memorials of respect and attachment for my

person and ministry, among which I would particularize a gold ring and silver snuff box, (not to mention the delicate attention paid to my family during my absence.) On my return to Miramichi, in the fall of 1837, my beloved flock presented me with a Tea-Service of silver, accompanied with an appropriate inscription. Since which period, they really seem to have vied with each other, in endeavouring to minister to my necessities. Some of them proffered their services to cultivate the Glebe—others supplied me with fuel for the winter season. A few sent me some choice wines, evidently with a view to reestablish my health and strengthen me to perform the duties of my sacred office.—Last winter, one of my worthy parishioners sent me flour and other necessaries; and another, observing that I was without a horse, has just been careful to supply that deficiency, by requesting me to accept a favourite one of his own.—Such signal marks of kindness and benevolence awaken those lively feelings of gratitude in my breast, which will not allow me to remain any longer silent. They speak volumes in praise of those individuals that compose my little flock who will, I trust, never lose their reward, and may possibly stimulate other congregations to imitate their bright example

I have the honor to be, Your obliged and obedient servant, SAMUEL BACON, Missionary

From the Ecclesiastical Gazette.

“ Simla, Himalayah, July 7th, 1840.

“ Rev. and dear Sir,—I beg to submit to the notice of the Venerable Society extracts from a letter addressed to me by order of the Right Hon. the Governor-General, and from my reply to that communication, by which the Society will learn that a grant of a lakh and a half of rupees and a promise of two additional Chaplains have been made me by the Hon. the Court of Directors. I am persuaded that the previous grants of the Venerable Societies for Promoting Christian Knowledge and for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts were not without their influence on this public munificence of the East India Company.

“ 2. I cannot, therefore, abstain from transmitting the extracts, in order that the Society may see that by the concurrent aid flowing in from so many quarters, there is now every reason to hope that the arduous undertaking of erecting a Protestant Cathedral, to be the Metropolitan Church of British India, will proceed on to its completion.

“ 3. It is remarkable, I think, that in the letter of the Hon. Court, the very point which I had been anxious to secure—magnitude—but which I had been induced, by the apprehension of my friends, somewhat to contract, is now insisted on as a condition of the Hon. Court's benefaction.

“ 4. Accommodation for 1000 or 1200 persons in moveable chairs, and for 2000, if benches should at any time be substituted, will eminently conduce to the advancement of true religion in the rapidly increasing capital of India. The beauty and chaste simplicity of the edifice rearing its front in the panorama of the City of Palaces will also not be without its influence. Whilst the direct usefulness of every part, (for I have no side aisles—all will constitute one magnificent room 144 feet by 63, and at the transepts by 128 feet, spanned by an iron roof 47 feet high,) the coolness at every season of our burning year (for there will be no colonnades nor galleries,) and the convenience of its situation for the great body of our multiplying gentry (two miles and more nearer to their chief residences,) will contribute, I humbly trust, to the instruction and salvation of the thousands who now rarely attend the public worship of Almighty God amongst us.

“ 5. The grand design, again, with which all these benefits are associated,—the beginnings of a NATIVE MINISTRY; the seed-plot of benefices for spiritual persons; a centre of missionary exertion; a Protestant foundation of learned, devout, and laborious lecturers and preachers to the heathen; a school of the prophets; a link between Bishop's College and its students on the one hand, and the Head Seminary of

the Church Missionary Society and the Mission Schools of that and the Venerable Incorporated Society on the other;—these and similar benefits open in the distant prospect, and render the whole design one of the grandest and most opportune for the conversion of India that has perhaps ever been presented to our Church in any of our distant dioceses, God only vouchsafing his grace to it.

“ 6. Nor do I doubt that the impulse of this fine project will aid in procuring for India that large accession of Chaplains which is indispensably needed in each of the three Indian dioceses. The admission of the Hon. Court of its acknowledged duty of providing for its Christian servants will, I humbly hope, be soon vigorously acted upon. And it is in order that the prayers of the Venerable Society may be addressed to the throne of the Divine mercy for that spiritual benediction on this new Cathedral, on its Dean and Prebends (or by whatever names the Mission-Priests may be called,) on the Society and the Hon. E. I. Company, who have so nobly supported the undertaking, that I have ventured to send for these extracts.

“ 7. Nor can I refrain from offering my most humble acknowledgments to the Most Rev. the President of your Society for his gracious condescension in convening a meeting in aid of my funds at the Archbishop's Palace at Lambeth.

“ 8. May God vouchsafe blessings a thousand fold to all who have come forward, or who may come forward, to help this great work.

“ 9. The letter written off, before my plans were digested, in the first days of June, 1836, was hasty and imperfect. My printed proposals, also, and my address on occasion of laying the first stone, were necessarily very general. All remains to be matured and permanently arranged under the advice of the Most Rev. the Archbishop and of the Societies of Friends who have assisted me.

“ 10. It will be for my successors to complete what I have begun: my own life and capacity for exertion are rapidly flowing out; but God our Father, Redeemer, and Sanctifier will aid those of the succeeding generations, as He has the past and the present.

“ 11. I am writing to the Society on the anniversary of 1822, and Bishop Turner in 1831. They have entered into rest. We must soon follow. But Christ our Lord ever liveth, and I humbly believe that both at home and in India the glory of our pure apostolical Anglican Church will break out more and more in consequence of their and others' faithful labours.

“ I am, dear and Rev. Sir,

“ Yours, &c.

“ D. CALCUTTA.

“ To the Rev. W. Parker, Secretary of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge.

STATE OF THE POLL, at Chester, at its close on Wednesday the 11th inst.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Count. Mr. Creighton, 173; Dimock, 133; Zwicker, 85; Waterman, 13; Fancy, 2; Jennings, 0.

The Uncommissioned Teacher, in Opposition to St. John and our Saviour.—The Word of God came to him (St. John the Baptist) in the wilderness (Luke iii. 1), and commissioned him to enter upon his ministry; and the holy Jesus likewise was of the same age (viz. thirty), when inaugurated to his office, by the visible descent of the Spirit upon him at baptism; to intimate, perhaps, that neither the exigencies of mankind, nor a consciousness of abilities for the work, can be pleaded as a sufficient warrant for a man to run before he is sent, and take the sacred office upon himself, without a regular and lawful call.—The institutions of God are not without a reason, and he will not be served by the breach of his commandments.—Bishop Horne.