

COLONIAL CHURCHMAN.

"BUILT UPON THE FOUNDATION OF THE APOSTLES AND PROPHETS, JESUS CHRIST HIMSELF BEING THE CHIEF CORNER STONE..... Eph. 2 c. 20 v.

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THE STREAM OF DEATH.

There is a stream whose narrow tide
The known and unknown world divide,
Where all must go;
Where waveless waters dark, and deep,
And sullen silence, downward sweep
With moanless flow.

Now where, at the dreary flood,
A smiling infant prattling stood,
Whose hour was come;
Caught of ill, it neared the tide,
And as to cradled rest and died
Like going home.

Followed with languid eye anon,
Youth, diseased, and pale, and wan;
And there alone
He gazed upon the leading stream,
And feared to plunge—I heard a scream,
And he was gone.

And then a form in manhood's strength,
Was bustling on, till there at length
He saw life's bound;
He shrunk and raised the bitter prayer
Too late—his shriek of wild despair
The waters drowned.

Next stood upon that surgeless shore
Being bowed with many a score,
Of toilsome years.
Earth-bound and sad he left the bank,
And turned his dimming eye, and sank,
Ah! full of fears.

How bitter must thy waters be,
O death! How hard a thing, ah me!
It is to die!
Caused—when to that stream again,
Another child of mortal men
With smiles drew nigh.

"Tis the last pang," he calmly said—
To me, O Death! thou hast no dread—
Saviour, I come!
I read but thine arms on yonder shore—
I feel ye waters bear me o'er!
There is my home!"

For the Colonial Churchman.

Editors,
In a religious publication I have transcribed the
Diary. Your obedient and respectful ser-
vant,
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CHRISTIAN'S DIARY OF PRAYERS AND PROMISES.

Prayer—Let my soul live, and it shall praise
Ps. cxix. 175.

—Incline your ear, and come unto me;—
and your soul shall live. Isa. lv. 3.

Prayer—Create in me a clean heart, O God, and
a right spirit within me. Ps. li. 10.

—A new heart will I give you, and a new
spirit will I put within you. Ezek. xxxvi. 26.

Prayer—Turn thee unto me, and have mercy
for I am desolate and afflicted. Ps. xxv. 16.

—Behold I am for you, and I will turn un-
to thee. Ezek. xxxvi. 9.

Prayer—Receive us graciously. Hosea xiv. 2.

—Come out from among them, and be ye
separate, saith the Lord, and I will receive you. 2
Cor. vi. 17.

Prayer—Be not wroth very sore, O Lord, nei-
ther remember iniquity for ever. Isa. lxiv. 9.

—I will not contend for ever, neither will
I say wroth. Isaiah lvii. 16

Prayer—Keep back thy servant from presump-
tion, let them not have dominion over me. Ps.

Promise—Sin shall not have dominion over you.
Rom. vi. 14.

7. Prayer—Teach me good judgment and know-
ledge. Ps. cxix. 66.

Promise—The meek will He guide in judgment.
Ps. xxv. 9.

8. Prayer—Restore unto me the joys of thy salva-
tion. Ps. li. 12.

Promise—I will restore comforts to him and to his
mourners. Isa. lvii. 18.

9. Prayer—Shew us thy mercy, O Lord Ps. lxxxv. 7.

Promise—I will shew mercies unto you. Jer. xlii. 12

10. Prayer—Plead my cause and deliver me. Ps.
cxix. 151.

Promise—Thus saith the Lord, behold I will plead
thy cause, and take vengeance for thee. Jer. li. 36.

To be continued.

To the Editors of the Colonial Churchman.

sins,—
As I know that your readers, especially such of them
as are members of the church of England, (though many
others will rejoice with us in such cause of our rejoicing)
will be pleased to hear of the increase of true religion a-
mongst the ministers and members of our church, I send
you a few extracts from a letter lately received from an
esteemed brother now absent in that favoured country,
(that your readers may have fellowship with him who is an
eye and ear witness to the facts he records. Should these
extracts meet his eye, I am assured he will not be displeas-
ed with their publication. L.

“During my journeyings in various parts of this
beautiful and highly favoured land, I have been much
refreshed in spiritual things, edified by the preaching
of many faithful and talented servants of God, and
thankful to the free grace which has enlisted in the
cause of truth such talent and piety: indeed the al-
teration in the characters of the ministers of our
church is so remarkable that it is observed and spoken
of everywhere; and consequently the increase
of piety and light in the members of the church is
in proportion. May this report cheer and stimulate
us all, and quicken us by faith to desire and pray
earnestly for a similar outpouring of the Holy Spirit
upon ourselves. I attended a clerical meeting at
Liverpool, and met Mr. Buddicom and Haldane
Stewart, Jones and Barker, and many others. The
two former particularly interested me, and were very
kind, and remembered me and my flock most affec-
tionately in their prayers. I have also heard Mc-
Neil, Brown, Stowel, Melville, Noel, Bradley, and
many others eminent as evangelical and fully Gos-
pel preachers, with all of whom I have been pleased
and edified, and confirmed in my long established be-
lief that wherever the Gospel is preached in its full-
ness and in love, there the blessing of God is, and
there we find large and attentive congregations.—
Be earnest, then, my brother, whilst the day lasts:
our time is short; our temptations to sloth over-
powering. Whilst our Master was engaged night
and day in his Father's work, how dead and indiffer-
ent are we all! Let your discouragements be coun-
terbalanced by the assurance of safety in the full-
ness, freeness, and all-sufficiency of the Saviour's
righteousness,—knowing that in Him we are justified,
sanctified, redeemed from death and hell, and made
kings and princes with the Father.”

The letter contains a remark on the subject of written
and extemporaneous preaching, so unprejudiced, that it
may prove satisfactory to many of your readers.

“I went last Sunday to Clapham, to hear Mr.
Bradley and Goode, and I need not say how happy
and thankful I felt. Mr. Bradley's was an appro-
priate sermon after the coronation, and we receiv-
ed from his hand the cup and bread of salvation.—

His soul appeared full of Heaven, and animated with
love and zeal. He preaches written discourses, and
I am quite persuaded after hearing many eminent
extemporaneous preachers, that it would be gain if
most preached written discourses.”

“The demand for pious labourers in England is
now so great, that the wants of the church cannot be
supplied. The Pastoral-Aid Society want thirty
Clergymen. Almost every Bishop is looking out
for faithful servants of Christ to take the new
churches, some hundreds in number. The increase
of piety and the admiration of evangelical principles
is quite delightful. While the Lord spares us, may
we take counsel and labour together with increased
diligence in His Work, and may his grace preserve
us faithful unto death, and His free and undeserved
mercies make us inheritors of that Crown prepared
in Heaven for those who turn sinners from the error
of their ways.”

From an English Paper.

INCOME OF THE CHURCH.

There is no subject upon which the enemies of the
Church are more fond of dilating, than upon the enor-
mous wealth of its Clergy. A service, therefore, is
done to truth to state its real amount, in which
there can be no mistake, as it is extracted from the
Parliamentary returns. It will be seen that the
whole incomes of the Bishops, Chapters, Incumbents,
&c., instead of exceeding ten millions, as is generally
asserted, are under four millions, viz., £3,444,513.

Total net yearly incomes of the Bishops of Eng and
Wales, subject to temporary charges £160,292
Total net yearly income of Cathedrals..... 203,239
Separate revenues of the Dignities herein.. 66,465
Total annual income of the Archdeacons... 4,873
£439,874

Total net income of all the Incumbents in
England and Wales..... £3,004,639

Total number of Livings is 10,719. Of these Livings
there are—Under £50..... 297
— 100..... 1629
— 150..... 1602
— 200..... 1356
— 300..... 1978
— 400..... 1326
— 500..... 830
— 750..... 954
— 1000..... 323
— 1500..... 134
— 2000..... 32
— 2000 and upwards 19

Number of Parishes in which there is no Glebe
House..... 2878

Number of Parishes in which there is none fit.. 1728

Number of Parishes in which there are fit... 5947

Religious Gossip is quite as bad as any other. It
can be by no means edifying to be perpetually dis-
cussing the spiritual state of others, and giving our
opinion on their progress. We can scarcely indulge
in such comments without being in some degree cen-
sorious; and it would always do us much more good
quietly to examine our own hearts, than to interfere
with the conduct or consciences of those around us.
—Mrs John Stanford.

Apostolic Succession.—The universal consent of the
Church being proved, there is as great reason to be-
lieve the apostolic succession of the ministry to be
of Divine institution as the Canon of Scripture, or
the observance of the Lord's day.—Bp. Stillingfleet.