

wards to join themselves to the triumphant heavenly host; the judgment set; the books opened; the frightened anazed look of surprised wretches; the equal administration of the final judgment; the adjudication of all to their eternal states; the heavens rolled up as a scroll; the earth and all things therein consumed and burnt up! And now, what spirit is there any more left in him, towards the trivial affairs of a vanishing world? How in different a thing it is to him, who hears himself highest in a state of things, whoso he foresees the certain hastening end? Though he will not neglect the duty of his own place, he is heartily concerned to have the knowledge and fear of God more generally observed in this apostate world, and is ready to contribute his utmost regular endeavors for the preservation of common peace and order in subserviency thereto; yet, abstractedly from these considerations, and such as have been before mentioned, he is no more concerned who is uppermost, than one would passing by a swarm of flies, which hath the longest wings, or which excels the rest in sprightliness or briskness of motion.—John Howe.

The Berean.

QUEBEC, THURSDAY, JAN. 29, 1816.

In the report—of which we give a condensed account in another column—presented at the recent Anniversary of the MIDLAND DISTRICT BRANCH of the Toronto Church Society, an expression was used which we have omitted there, but to which we must now advert, because it gave occasion to proceedings deserving of serious notice. After advertizing to St. James's Church recently completed, the report mentions the church-building now in progress at Kingston in the following terms: "The other, which is to be dedicated to St. Paul, and to commemorate the late Rev. Robert David Cartwright, is already in progress."

When a resolution had been proposed and seconded, to the effect "that the report be received and published," the Rev. R. Y. Rogers rose and objected to the expression "which is to be dedicated to St. Paul." We quote from the Coburg Church the following account of the sequel:

"A Rev. gentleman present, judiciously inquired of the Secretary what meaning he attached to the term excepted against. The Secretary replied, that the word *dedicated* was in common use, in the connexion in which it stood in the report; and that he meant by it exactly what he supposed other people meant who used the term. The Resolution was soon afterwards put to the meeting and carried."

This seems to have closed all reference to the matter for that time: but it is satisfactory to state that the matter did not rest there, as appears from the following announcement which we take from the Kingston News:—

"A Meeting of the parishioners of the parish of St. George's Church, Kingston, was held at the Sunday-school house of the parish, on Monday, January 12, 1816, at 3 o'clock, P. M. pursuant to notice given by the Rector, at the request of several of the parishioners."

"The Reverend George Okill Stuart, Rector of Kingston, and Minister of St. George's, presided at the meeting, expressing thus its motive and object:

"GENTLEMEN.—This meeting of the Parishioners has been called by me at the request of several gentlemen, who regret the dissemination which has arisen in consequence of the discussion of a certain phrase employed in the Report of the Committee of the Midland and Victoria Branch of the Diocesan Church Society, and who are like myself anxious to restore our former happy state of peace and concord. The phrase which has been considered exceptionable, and which was objected to, on Wednesday last, by the Reverend Mr. Rogers, was "the dedication of the new Church to St. Paul." The questions, therefore, which I now invite you to consider and dispose, are the following: 1st. The meaning of the phrase, "to dedicate a Church to one of the Apostles or Saints." 2nd. The expediency of declaring the opinion of the congregation on the sense in which they consider that this phrase was used on the late occasion, in order to prevent misconception, and to maintain the unity of our faith in the bond of peace."

"On motion of the Hon. John Macaulay, seconded by George Baker, Esq., it was Resolved.—That whereas, upon the reading of the report of the Branch Diocesan Society, at the meeting held in this town, on Wednesday last, exception was taken to that part of the Report which adverted to the intended dedication to St. Paul of the Church now building on Queen-street,—the parishioners here present, with a view to prevent misconception, do now think it proper to declare, that, in the adoption of the said Report, without alteration, they are to be understood, so far as this parish is concerned, to have merely recognized a form of expression which appeared to have been used in England, as conveying the meaning that the new structure would, on its completion, become a House of God, dedicated and set apart for His public worship and for other sacred uses under the distinguishing name of SAINT PAUL; and that they were not called on to concur, nor did they actually concur, in applying the phrase which has been the subject of discussion in any sense which is inconsistent with the true faith of the Church."

"On motion of Colin Miller, Esq., seconded by Thos. Askew, Esq., it was Resolved.—That the foregoing Resolution be handed to one of the Churchwardens, in order that it may be sent to the Church newspaper for publication on the same day as the Report to which it alludes."

(Signed) GEORGE OKILL STUART, Rector of St. George's and Chairman of the Parish Meeting.

In treating this matter, which we think

involves important principles, we are far from imputing to the Secretary, who owned the expression as his and chose to retain it, any intention of conveying by it a meaning inconsistent with the faith of the Church—we leave that question as undecided as the resolution of the St. George's parishioners leaves it: we will even admit the expression to be often heedlessly adopted by those who are not in the secret counsels of those concealed Romanists who retain a connection with the Church in order to corrupt the faith of her members by the clandestine introduction of unsound tenets and superstitious practices. We must, however, say that when a clear-sighted individual—a brother Clergyman—made objection to the term used, it would have been no more than right and proper to give that closer consideration to it which might have led to the willing abandonment of the one term, and substitution of another, not liable to exception. The spirit which replies, to the conscientious scruples of a mind sensitively alive to the dangers threatening the doctrinal purity of our Church, with the marvellously luminous piece of intelligence that the writer means by the term "exactly what he supposes other people to mean who use it"—is any thing but calculated for either the promotion of good feeling or the elucidation of truth.

It is exceedingly satisfactory to find that the parishioners among whom the lamented CARTWRIGHT used to go "preaching the kingdom of God" and to whom the intended building is to be a memorial of the true-hearted Anglican pastor whose "face" they "see no more," have taken care to clear themselves of any part of the "misconception" which, upon full consideration, they think it not unlikely must spring from the introduction of the term objected to: they are solicitous that the report itself may not go forth without their disavowal of any such application as might easily be made, "inconsistent with the true faith of the Church." And it is not a little surprising that, with such a document, signed by the venerable the ARCHDEACON who presided over the parish-meeting, in the columns of the Church, there should be found editorial comment in the same number which, though it seems to have been intended to bear only upon the Clergyman who raised the objection, fastens in reality upon the author of that authoritative exposition of "godly and wholesome doctrine," the fourteenth Homily of our Church. It is the framers of our doctrinal Church standards that fall under the censure flung from modern editorial chairs, of "hypercriticism" and "straining at a gnat"—for in the third part of the 14th Homily "the English Churchman is taught thus:—"Although Constantine, and other Princes, of good zeal to our religion, did sumptuously deck and adorn Christians' temples, yet did they dedicate at that time all churches and temples to God, or our Saviour Christ, and to no saint; for that abuse began long after, in Justinian's time." Now it is undoubtedly the practice of the Church of England—and Hooker uses his judgment in showing it to be unobjectionable—to call churches by the names of Angels and Saints; but to dedicate them to Saints is an Abuse of which the Reformation has rid the Church of England, and the restoration of which the enlightened Anglican will resist in its incipient stage of seed-sowing, in order that it may not have to be resisted, at more peril to the cause of evangelical truth, in the advanced progress of fruit-bearing. If he is in earnest about the fulfilment of his ordination-vow, that he "will be ready, with all faithful diligence, to banish and drive away all erroneous and strange doctrines, contrary to God's word," he will not be content to let the former abuses creep over the Church again and nar that good work which was effected at the Reformation. He has to watch for souls; he knows they cannot be saved by service to Saints, Martyrs, or Angels; not to these therefore, does he dedicate the places of worship which he has helped building, but to God who gave his Son, and to the Saviour who was crucified for sinners.

THE SCOTCH EPISCOPAL CHURCH.—A letter from the Lord Bishop of Cashel in reply to a sermo from the Bishop of Moray, (which is couched in such intemperate language that we prefer not printing it) and to the one from the Bishop of Edinburgh inserted in our last number but one, has been published and will be given to our readers in our next number. It is but right, as we have inserted Dr. Terrot's letter in full, that Bishop Daly's reply should likewise find a place in our columns.

SOCIETY FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE.—The Rev. Walter Blunt's motion respecting the Apocrypha (see Berean, December 18th) has been defeated by the Treasurer's moving the previous question, which was carried by 176 votes to 62.

SECESSIONS TO THE CHURCH OF ROME.—The list of unfortunate individuals who are following out their Tractarian views by openly joining the Church whose doctrines they have embraced, swells with every arrival from the mother country; but as now and then a report of some particular case is contradicted, which makes us reluctant to give publicity to lists of names as we find them inserted in periodicals, we find it wholly out of our power to state either

the number or the names of the Perverts with any confidence. A case of some note is that of Mr. Scott Nasmyth Stokes, B. A., Scholar of Trinity College, Cambridge, late Secretary to the Cambridge Camden Society, author of the Christian Kalendar (a pernicious publication) and the donor of the stone altar which the Camden Society placed in the Round Church, but which has been removed since its condemnation by the Ecclesiastical Judge.—This opportunity may be taken for mentioning that the Rev. Mr. Faulkner has had all his expenses in fighting the hard battle of Protestantism against romanizing Church Architecture refunded to him by private subscriptions.

Another seceder who had a name for the so-called Anglo-Catholic character of his productions is the Rev. Frederick W. Faber, M. A., late Fellow of University College, Oxford, and Rector of Elton, Hants.—It is stated that Mr. Oakley has entered as a student in Theology at St. Edmund's College, Hertfordshire, under Vicar General Griffiths: what can he have to learn yet?

CONVERSION OF A R. C. PRIEST.—The Rev. Roderick Ryder, R. C. Priest, has been received into the Protestant Church at St. Audoen's, Dublin, by the Rev. Thomas Scott. He was in full standing with the Romish Church, until he abandoned it; since then his character has been assailed by a Galway print so that he has thought it needful to appeal to the laws of his country in vindication of it.

Mr. T. B. Macaulay has written a letter to the Secretary of the Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce in which he expresses himself to the following effect: "I do not think that, if we had formed a Government, we should have entertained the question of paying the Roman Catholic priests of Ireland. I cannot answer for others, but I should have thought it positive insanity to stir the matter."

In the same letter, the member for Edinburgh distinctly attributes the failure of the attempt at forming a Russell ministry to Lord Grey.

THE WAY FOUND, WHERE THE WILL IS PRESENT.—From a letter by the Rev. Francis Evans, Rector of Smeeco, Talbot District, published in the Coburg Church, it appears that a number, by no means great, of persons attached to our communion in the township of Charlotteville in that district commenced the building of a church at Vittoria in June 1814, though, with the exception of £10, liberally bestowed by Lord Metcalfe, they were almost totally left to their own resources. The building was completed so as to be opened for divine service on Sunday the 16th November, when two admirable and instructive sermons were preached, one in the forenoon by the Rev. B. Cronyn, Rector of London, and one in the afternoon by the Rev. H. J. Grasett of Toronto. The building will accommodate 200 persons very comfortably, but had to hold a crowded congregation of between 3 and 400 individuals on the day of opening. The following remark which closes the letter is well deserving of serious consideration in many quarters where despondency prevails on account of want of means to carry forward religious enterprises: "The completion of so good a church as that of Vittoria, by so few persons, with so little aid, convinces me that the reason why we hear of so many places badly in want of churches, is because there is in those places the want of a determination, by God's help, to have churches."

ECCLESIASTICAL.
Diocese of Quebec.
INCORPORATED CHURCH SOCIETY.
At the stated Meeting of the Central Board of the Church Society, held at the National School House in Montreal, on Wednesday 21st January 1816.

PRESENT.
The Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Montreal in the Chair.
Rev. Dr. Bethune, Rev. W. Dawes, Secy.
" M. Willoughby, " D. B. Parthier,
" Jas. Reid, Hon. Geo. Moffatt,
" W. Adamson, Col. Wilgress,
" W. Leach, Capt. Mottand,
" W. Bond, Dr. Holmes,
" F. Broome, T. B. Anderson, Treas.
" D. Robertson, Wm. Lindsay, as Ch.
" W. Abbott, Warden of the Parish
" Chs. Bancroft, Church.

The meeting was opened with the usual Prayers.
The Secretary read the Minutes of the last Meeting.
The Secretary read the Report of the Lay-Committee, which was received.
On the subject of employing a portion of the proceeds of the Sermons preached on behalf of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen being introduced, the Secretary having stated that he was prepared with a scheme of Mutual Insurance of the lives of the Clergy of the Diocese of Quebec, for the benefit of their Widows and Orphans, it was read to the Meeting.
Resolved 1.—That the whole amount collected on behalf of the Widows and Orphans be invested in Bank Stock.
2.—That the Dividends when due on the investment be made immediately available to the relief of the Widows and Orphans.
In reference to the second item of the Report of the Lay Committee it was resolved
3.—That a Committee of four be appointed to make such alterations in the Petition to the Legislature, on the subject of the Clergy Reserves presented last year, as they may deem necessary.

The Committee to consist of The Hon. George Moffatt, Rev. W. A. Adamson, T. B. Anderson, Esq. and Rev. D. B. Parthier.
His Lordship having stated that his attention had been called to an Advertisement for the sale of portions of the Clergy Lands, it was resolved,
4.—That the above Committee, in conjunction with the Lord Bishop, be a Deputation to wait on His Excellency the Administrator of the Government with a Petition to be framed by the said Deputation, praying His Excellency to stay proceedings with regard to the sale of Clergy Reserves in this Diocese, until the effect of the Petition to be presented

at the next Session of the Legislature can be known.
A series of resolutions from the Rector and Church Wardens of Christ Church in the City of Montreal, as constituting a Sub-Committee of the Society under 11th Act of the General By-Laws were read by the Secretary and subsequently withdrawn.
It was moved by Col. Wilgress and seconded by Rev. Wm. Bond, that a Committee be appointed to consider and report upon a proposition to employ a portion of the fund to make provision for the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen, in the insurance of a number of lives.
The meeting then adjourned to Friday 23d at 2 o'clock.
(Signed) G. J. MONTREAL.

At an adjourned Meeting of the Central Board of the Church Society held in the National School Room on Friday 23d January, 1816.
PRESENT.
The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop, President, in the Chair.
Rev. Dr. Bethune, Rev. Wm. Leach,
" W. A. Adamson, " Wm. Dawes, Sec.
" M. Willoughby, " D. B. Parthier,
" D. Robertson, Hon. Geo. Moffatt,
" C. Bancroft, Col. Wilgress,
Capt. Mottand.

The meeting was opened with the usual Prayers.
The Committee appointed on the 21st inst. to address the head of the Government as a Deputation from the Board, reported:—
The Secretary read the Petition to the Administrator of the Government praying that he would stay the sale of Clergy Reserve Lands till the effect of Petitions to be presented at the next Meeting of the Legislature be known.
It was approved;—and on one of the Committee waiting upon His Excellency, it was arranged that he would receive the Deputation at noon to-morrow the 24th.
The Secretary announced the resignation of the Rev. E. G. Sutton as travelling Missionary of the Church Society for the District of Montreal.
Resolved.—That the Secretary be authorized to request the Rev. R. G. Plees to furnish this Board with a Report of his duties, so long as he is in the receipt of an allowance from this Society.

The Quarterly statements of the Treasurer's accounts were read.
Ordered, 1.—That the sum of £12 10s. be paid to the Rev. R. G. Plees, as Travelling Missionary at St. Remi.
2.—That the amount of £3 18s. 4d. be paid to Rev. Mr. Parthier for advances and incidental expenses.
The sum of £2 18s. 4d. to the Estate of the late Robert Weir.
" of £2 7s. 5d. to the Morning Courier for Advertisements.
" of £1 3s. 5d. to Campbell Bryson for Stationery, &c.
" of £1 14s. to the Secretary for postage, &c.

Resolved, 1.—That it be an instruction to the Secretary to obtain from the Honorary Counsel Forms of deeds of Conveyance, that they may be printed for the purposes of the Society.
2.—That it be an instruction to the Secretary to draw the attention of the Lay Committee to the fourth Clause of the 13th Art. of the Constitution.
3.—That it be an instruction to the Finance Committee to require, as a condition of any future recommendation of a grant of the funds of the Society towards the erection of Parsonage houses, that the house shall be substantially built.
4.—That it be an instruction to the Committee appointed to prepare the Petition to the Legislature, respecting the Clergy Reserves, to embody in the Petition, a statement that, in accordance with a rule of the Society, the Lands would be placed under the control and management of the Lay Committee of the Society.
5.—That the Lay Committee be empowered and instructed to take upon themselves the protection and management of the Land vested or hereafter to be vested in the Church Society.

The Report of the Finance Committee was read.
Ordered, 1.—That the sum of £15. be granted to the Rev. E. C. Parkin for the purpose of completing the Parsonage House at Val-Carrier on the condition specified in the Report—and that the Lot on which it is erected be conveyed to the Incumbent under the Church Temporalities Act.
2.—That the sum of £10. be paid to Rev. I. P. White, towards the completion of the Parsonage House at Chambly.
3.—That the sum of £12 10. be granted to the new Church erecting at Melbourne, when the roof shall have been finished.
4.—That the sum of £12 10. be loaned by the Society to Mr. Ward, Catechist in Inverness, in this Diocese,—to be repaid by two yearly instalments of £6. 5. each, with interest, the first payment to be made on 1st July, 1817.
Ordered.—On the application of the Rev. A. Balfour—that the subscription of materials made in his Mission, during the last year, be granted to him, for the purposes set forth in his application.
The Bishop stated that in accordance with a request of the Central Board at its meeting in Oct. last, he had held a Conference with the Managing Committee of the Montreal Branch of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, upon which the Rev. W. Leach, the Secretary, read the following Resolution.

"Resolution of the Meeting of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge.
"This Meeting was called for the purpose of holding a Conference with the Lord Bishop on the subject of the propriety of merging that part of the duties of the District Committee of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, which refers to the importation of Books and Tracts, in the Book and Tract Department of the Church Society."
"The sense of the Meeting having been taken it was resolved that, a special General Meeting be called, for the purpose of recommending the adoption of the foregoing."
Resolved.—That a special Meeting of the Central Board shall be held on the day before

each General Annual Meeting of the Society for the purpose of receiving from the Secretary the report of their proceedings for the past year, and of considering the same.
(Signed) G. J. MONTREAL.
MONTREAL.—CHRIST CHURCH.—At the confirmation held in this Church on Thursday last, the solemn rite was conferred upon 325 persons from the various Episcopal Churches in this Parish. Morning Service was performed by the Revd. Dr. Bethune, and the Revd. W. A. Adamson, the former reading the prayers, and the latter the lessons for the day. The Rev. Mr. Dawes of St. John's, assisted the Lord Bishop in the Confirmation Service, acting as Chaplain to His Lordship—at the close of this Service the Bishop delivered an extempore address to the newly confirmed, pointing out, in clear and forcible language, the nature of the rite just administered, and the obligations assumed by its recipients; after which His Lordship preached a Sermon on the rites of Baptism and Confirmation, and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The Church was crowded to excess, and the whole Service was conducted in a most solemn and imposing manner.
The Lord Bishop again preached in this Church on Sunday afternoon, at St. Thomas's in the morning, and at Saint George's Chapel in the evening.

Diocese of Toronto.
The Annual Public Meeting of the Midland & Victoria District Branch of the Church Society was held at Kingston on the 7th inst, the Venerable THE ARCHDEACON in the Chair. The report, prepared by the Rev. T. H. M. Bartlett, one of the Secretaries, gave a very favourable view of the progress and efficiency of this branch. The Rev. John Pope, Minister of St. Mark's, Barriefield, Pittsburgh, officiates regularly every Sunday in the church on the Perth Road, near the farther extremity of the same township, and has the sum of £50 cy. per annum assigned to him by the Committee of this Branch in consideration of these services. The Committee, in concert with the Parent Society in Toronto, have undertaken to furnish the usual stipend of a Travelling Missionary, £160 sterling per annum, to labour in the District. The completion of St. James's Church, Sturatsville, Kingston, is mentioned with the progress made in the erection of another church in that city to commemorate the late Rev. Robert David Cartwright; as also the laying of the foundation-stone of a church on Wolf Island, immediately opposite to Kingston, which now enjoys the regular services of a Clergyman, the Rev. J. A. Allen.
The Cash Account of the Kingston Parochial Association shows receipts, total £231 10s. 6d.; disbursements, £181 7s. 2d., which leaves a balance of £47 3s. 4d. in hand. The remittances to the Parent Society at Toronto, included in the disbursements, have amounted to £51 18s. 9d.
A Juvenile Association exists among the Teachers and Scholars of the St. George's Sunday School. They have collected £92 1s. 2yd, and disbursed that amount in a variety of items, including £24 7s. 2yd, for the support of a Travelling Missionary in the Rev. S. Givins's mission.
The sales made at the Depository of Bibles, Prayer Books and religious publications have amounted to £111 18s. 3d. since the last report. It is mentioned that in the Rectory of Nanapanee, the Chapel in the rear of Richmond has been enlarged, by the exertions of the members of the Church in that neighbourhood. The new stone church in the centre of the township of Tyendinaga has been opened, but being in an unfinished state, a renewed effort is about to be made for its completion.
The report concludes with commendatory remarks upon the Incorporation of the Parent Society, and the efforts now making to bring the Clergy Reserves under its management, and with strong representations of the Society's claims upon the increasing support of Churchmen.
Suitable resolutions were proposed and adopted during the proceedings which succeeded the reading of the report.

DEATH OF THE BISHOP OF JERUSALEM.
(From the Jewish Intelligencer of the London Society for promoting Christianity amongst the Jews.)
The following extracts from a letter from the Rev. W. D. Veitch, dated Cairo, Nov. 26, 1815, will convey to our readers the mournful tidings of the sudden and lamented decease of the Right Rev. Michael Solomon Alexander, D. D., Bishop of the United Church of England and Ireland at Jerusalem:—
"I have a very melancholy and painful duty now before me. I write in Mrs. Alexander's name, and my sad information is that the bishop is no more. It pleased God to remove him from us by one of those extraordinary dispensations which so painfully prove how frail is the tenure by which we hold what is valuable or dear; and I feel that silent submission is the proper position for us. We know who has acted, but not yet why he has acted thus; doubtless, ere long, the vision will speak; at present all seems dark and mysterious.
"I can afford time but for a brief account of this sad event. We (the bishop, Mrs. Alexander, Miss Alexander, and myself) were on the way to Egypt—crossing the desert. We had got as far as a place called Abu-Suwreh, on Friday, the 21st. Here, for the first time, we had a severe fall of rain during the night; and the next morning the bishop complained of indisposition, very similar to that from which he suffered at the conclusion of his journey from Damascus to Beyrout, last spring. During the day he gave up his horse, and went in a litter on a camel, in which Mrs. Alexander travelled; and on our arrival on Saturday night at a place on the eastern branch of the Nile, just opposite the town of Ras Oraldi, where we encamped for the night, he seemed very much better—was very cheerful at dinner in my tent—so much so that we all remarked it, and fondly hoped that the next day's rest, to which we all looked forward with great pleasure, would enable him to make out the remainder of his journey in comfort. But it was otherwise ordered; he had rest indeed, but not on earth. As soon as dinner was over he retired, and very soon