

place, to return to her own country, that she might again join with others in that pure and scriptural worship which is to be found in the Episcopal church, and to which she had been accustomed in her early life; and if by the good providence of God, her prayers should be granted, no circumstance whatever should make her swerve from the church of her fathers.

These were the sentiments she expressed to me as near as I can recollect, and I commended her for them; and told her that I would use my utmost endeavors to procure her a passage to America, which promise I was enabled to fulfil shortly after, and I was gratified to learn in the course of some nine or ten weeks, that she had arrived safe among her friends.

ROLIAS.

YOUTH'S DEPARTMENT.

For the Colonial Churchman.

THE SUNDAY SCHOLAR AND THE OLD MAN.

"Where have you been, you look so glad?"
Said a grey-haired man to a lively lad—
"From the Sunday School I now return,
Where lessons of Truth and Religion I learn.
'Tis pleasant my teacher in class to meet,
Who looks so pleased as our tasks we repeat.
Were you thus taught, when you were young?
"Ah! No," replied he, with faltering tongue;—
"I did not thus my Sabbaths employ,
When I was a roving and thoughtless boy:
Few Sunday Schools were then in this land—
Kind teachers of youth were but a small band.
On Sunday we idled and romped as we pleas'd—
We quarrelled, and swore, and rambled, and teaz'd.
Oh! that those days I e'en now could recall,
And go with you, my lad, to yon Sunday School."
Then the penitent man heav'd forth a deep sigh,
While the lad gaz'd upon him with pitying eye,
And a soft pleasing note in the light breezes fell,
'Twas the afternoon call of the Sunday School bell.
The old man wiped away a lingering tear,
And beckon'd the lad to approach him more near.
"Haste, boy to your school, and more and more love
These hours which you ever should aim t' improve,
When you learn of a Saviour who entered the grave,
And then rose again lost sinners to save.
Sometimes think of those thousands—aye, millions my boy
Deprived of those blessings you freely enjoy;
And bring to your mind and your thoughts while you can,
These words of a wandering and helpless old man—
Follow holiness, meekness, religion and truth,
And serve God sincerely in the days of your youth;
Oh! give to your Saviour the best of your days,
And serve thou, and love Him with life's grateful praise."
Next winter this lad the same path along
Saw slowly pass by a funeral throng—
He was told—"We bury, with solemn prayers,
The poor friendless old man with grey hairs."
March, 1838.

SIGMA.

For the Colonial Churchman.

THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH.

As the following plain and forcible remarks of Bishop Kennet seem calculated to promote a due observance of the Holy Sabbath—insertion of them in the Colonial Churchman is solicited by

A FRIEND OF YOUTH.

Be diligent and constant in going to Church.
If thou dost not yet understand the public offices of religion, yet be present at them, that thou mayest the sooner learn them. The Church is a place where God sends down his blessing, be there ready to receive it: like holy David, be glad, when thy parents or friends say unto thee, Let us go up to the house of the Lord.

When thou comest within the Church, remember the place whereon thou standest is holy ground: and therefore pay due reverence to it. If thou enterest the Church in a rude and indecent manner, thou wilt seem to despise, and to profane that house which God hath called holy.

When thou comest to thy proper seat, there again consider that thy business at Church is to serve thy God and to save thy soul: and to fit and prepare thyself for this serious and sacred work, offer this or the like prayer unto God:

"Blessed be thy Name, O Lord, for giving me this opportunity of public worship in thy house, O let the thoughts of my heart, and the words of my mouth, be now acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer."

After this, refrain thy eyes, and set a watch before the door of thy lips. Do not by any laughing or whispering, seem to forget where thou art. Be quiet and composed. Behave thyself with reverence and godly fear.

When prayers are begun, then attend to the lips of the Priests; consider the meaning of what you hear, and at the end of each prayer devoutly say, Amen. Join in those parts in the public Service that are allotted to the congregation; that is, make the Responses clearly and distinctly; read each other verse in the Psalms with an audible voice; join in the repetition of the Creed.

While the Psalms are singing, believe this an excellent way of rejoicing in the Lord, and help to praise God with the best member that you have.

When the Sermon begins, give all heed and diligence. If thy judgment cannot so well comprehend the subject and method of the Sermon, yet the text alone, if well remembered, may be a useful and comfortable saying, and may at some other time suggest unto thee a great many good thoughts and meditations. However, listen carefully to all the discourse, and especially to the sentences, and to the examples of Holy Scripture. 'As a new born babe desire the sincere milk of the Gospel, that you may grow thereby; grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.' So that being early instructed and confirmed in the true principles of religion, thou mayest be hereafter steadfast and unmovable: that when thou comest to be a man, thou mayest not then be like children tossed to and fro with every wind of doctrine, by the cunning craftiness of those who lie in wait to deceive.'

When Church is done, do not seem in haste to fly from the Lord's house. First offer up a private request to God for a right use of his holy ordinances, in this or the like form:

'Glory be to thee, O Lord, for admitting me at this time to thy house and thy service: accept my prayers and thanksgivings: and, Lord, make me a doer of thy word, not a hearer only, lest I deceive my own soul.'

After this, when the assembly is departing do thou walk leisurely out in due time and order; not running or thrusting to be gone, but grave and silent, meditating upon the truth, and resolving upon the practice of somewhat that thou hast heard.

THE COLONIAL CHURCHMAN.

LUNENBURG, THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 1838.

INDEPENDENCE.—We observe by the "Church" that there is a person calling himself a minister of the Gospel, in the city of Toronto, U. C. who dared to disobey the very proper command of the Governor of that Province to observe the 6th February as a day of General Thanksgiving to Almighty God, for the happy deliverance of their country from the bloody designs of the Rebels. This person, it seems, is a Mr. Roaf, the "Independent Minister" of that city; and while his fellow citizens were pouring forth the grateful feelings of their hearts to their Gracious Preserver, he was employed in publishing to the world, a justification, as he calls it, of his unholy and disloyal conduct. The Editor of the Church remarks on the subject, "We hardly know to what sensation most readily to

yield,—to indignation at the deliberate contempt of authority which that letter evinces,—to compassion for the excessive folly, the almost ravings of insanity, which that attempted justification contains,—or to grief that either ignorance or wilful neglect of Scripture precedent and precept should attach so palpably to any person who attempts to teach Christian truth!"

INSTITUTE AT BORDENTOWN, N. J.—We have to acknowledge the receipt of the catalogue of this institution for the year 1837. It is under the management of the Rev. Edwin Arnold, D. C. L. formerly of King's College, Windsor, assisted by four teachers; and it appears from numerous testimonials appended to this pamphlet, and coming from most respectable quarters, that its reputation is very good. The number of students is stated to be 76. Terms 200 dollars for 10 months, for board, lodging, washing and instruction.

RUBRICAL.—An Edition of the Book of Common Prayer, with the directions respecting the order of the service printed with red ink, which are commonly called Rubrics from the latin *ruber*, red, in which colour they were originally printed, is about being published by Rev. Dr. Bayard, of New-York.

NEWPORT.—We are happy to hear that the members of the church in this parish have determined to build a Parsonage house forthwith. This is as it should be, and as it must be wherever it is desired to secure the residence of a clergyman. Those parishes whose incumbents now enjoy a government allowance, should remember that this will cease when they are removed, and that then a larger demand will be made on them for the support of their minister, and that therefore now is the time to exert themselves in providing a house, and thus save the burden of a yearly rent.

NEW BRUNSWICK.—The Bench and Bar of this Province have requested Chief Justice CHIPMAN to sit for his picture, to be placed in the new Court House in Fredericton, in token of their respect for his character and talents;—and, for the same reason, the pupils of the Rev. Dr. Somerville, Professor in King's College, N. B. have made a similar request of him, with the intention of placing the likeness in the College.

CHURCH BELLS.—The following notice may be worth attention by those whose churches are without that appropriate and useful appendage, or are provided with such as are not deserving of the name. In most cases, a subscription would be readily raised for such a purpose, where perhaps it could not for another:—

Church Bells.—A large number of bells which once belonged to dissolved convents and monasteries in Spain have been sent to this country for sale.—They are consigned to Mr. Fitch, No. 68 Exchange Place, New York. These bells are of various sizes, and weigh from eighty to eighteen hundred pounds, all of them being of superior tone and finish. A good opportunity is now offered for churches in want of bells to procure them at a reasonable rate, the price being fixed at thirty cents per pound.—*Epis. Rec.*

LETTERS received—Rev. N. A. Coster. (with remit.) Rev A. D. Street, with ditto.; Charles Desbrisay, Esq.

☞ Several favours in our next

DIED.

In this town, suddenly, on the 16th instant, aged 66 years, Mrs. Catherine Creighton, widow of the late Colonel John Creighton, a respectable and attached member of the Church.