

frequent and perilous obstructions, till they reached Sir John Franklin's Return Reef, which was the limit of his survey. Their boat navigation could be prosecuted only as far westward as long. 156 deg. 26' in lat. 71 deg. 3'. Leaving Mr. DEASE and five men at this point, on the 1st of August, Mr. SIMPSON started with the other five men to complete the journey on foot; and on the 4th reached Point Barrow, stretching out to the N. N. W., where they had the satisfaction of seeing the ocean extending to the southward, and the flow of the tide came from the *westward*. A fine open channel presented so inviting a prospect in that direction that, had such been his object, Mr. SIMPSON would not have hesitated to prosecute the voyage to Cook's Inlet in his skin canoe. They returned in safety to the mouth of the Mackenzie, which they reached on the 17th of August, and Fort Norman on the 14th of September; whence they purposed to start in July next, to resume their survey to the eastward, with a view of connecting the discoveries of Sir JOHN FRANKLIN and Capt. BACK. One cannot but admire the perseverance and enterprise of this exploring party, whatever may be the value of their topographical discoveries.

THE "CHURCH" AND THE "TIMES."

A correspondent, who is a member, we believe, of the English Episcopal Church, thinks we ought, in justice to ourselves, to take some notice of a letter that appeared in the London *Times* newspaper of the 18th of April, and was reprinted in the Cobourg *Church* paper a few weeks ago. Our attention is especially directed to the following paragraphs:

1. "I suppose you are aware that the Home and London districts were the only disaffected parts of the Upper Province. I was not much

surprised, as from personal observation in various parts of the country which I visited.....I can ascribe the existing spirit of insubordination simply to one cause—the absolute lack of sound scriptural education and faithful preaching. A large body of the disaffected are Universalists.....I believe nearly two thirds of the prisoners confined in the jail.....Not a few also of the Quakers of Norwich township have been suspected, and very many professed Baptists have been found arrayed in the ranks against our Sovereign leige Lady the Queen.....The Wesleyan Methodists here...have all rallied on the side of order and good government; and I am also happy to say that I know not of one member of the Church of England, nor have I heard of any where my personal knowledge does not extend, being detected in aiding or abetting this unnatural and unwarrantable outbreak." This purports to be an extract from a letter written by the Rev. Thomas Green, Stewart travelling Missionary, London District.

2. The writer of the letter in the *Times*, after quoting these and other remarks, adds, "we see who are the disaffected and who are the contented. How desirable then by every possible means to increase the number of the latter, and draw off from the ranks of the former. In a word, how all-important is it for the promotion of good order and peace in Upper Canada to look well to the provision existing for the sound religious instruction of the people there in the principles of the Church of England. Can it be doubted that the efficiency of the Church in Canada is important towards quelling existing disorders, and promoting a healthier tone of society, harmony amongst the inhabitants, and obedience to the laws? In the disaffected parts of Upper Canada it is evident it must be available to this end."