

wards declined apace, and did not long survive him." These were his circumstances in age. The vigour of his life had passed; though not the affection and tender-heartedness of a father. But when the anticipated prop of his old years was gone, then alone—dishonoured—an outcast—he bowed his head and died.

The record of the labours, sufferings, and sorrows, of the learned, pious, and deeply-injured Nonconformists, is not only on high, but also among men. And not for sectarian purposes, (the writer would not pen one sentence, not even in any indirect way, to give pain to one worthy member of any religious body,) but as a beacon to future generations, long may it remain: living Christianity, though weak in its instruments, is mighty through God. Conscience has its claims, and truth its power, which no human arm can destroy, nor even long arrest. Never was counsel more turned to foolishness, nor purposes and anticipations defeated, than in the advice given to Charles, as to the then Clergy, and consequences thereof. Good men may be ejected, and the body may be killed; but divine truth is imperishable; with new vigour it shall spring from what was designed to be its tomb, and immortally live. The severity of the persecution to which these good men were exposed, is not to be estimated by intolerant laws, and popular virulence only, but by the gradation of a far nicer scale. To be a proverb and by-word, to stand despised and alone, where they might naturally wish to be esteemed and loved; to be taunted, thwarted, and rebuked by former companions and friends; this is the refinement of moral persecution,—the reproach that breaks the heart. Bartholomew Westley was driven from Charmouth; yet the fruits of his ministry remained. About twenty-five years after the last-mentioned date, the Nonconformists erected a chapel in the village, of which the Rev. John Brice, formerly of Magdalen College, Oxford, was the first Minister. This clergyman had been Curate to Mr. Thorne, of Weymouth, next the Incumbent of Marshwood, Dorset; from which he was ejected, 1662. Mr. Brice continued the Minister of the chapel at Charmouth, unto the time of his decease, March 15th, 1716. To the Christian kindness of the late Rev. Benjamin Jeanes, of Charmouth, when he was sick unto death, the writer is indebted for the following list of Ministers, the successors of Mr. Brice:—The Rev. — Batten; — Henderson; — Seaward; Isaac Tozer, 1795; — Miall, 1796; — Crook, 1810; Benjamin Jeanes, from 1812 to 1838.

In the direct fruits of his ministry, the Rector of Charmouth is but little known; and, though ejected, dishonoured, and alone, hath not the Lord greatly "comforted Zion" by his descendants? The grave, in some unknown spot, contains the dust of the silenced Mr. Westley; but when will his name be extinct in the world?

(To be continued.)

It was stated by a speaker at a recent meeting of the Church Missionary Society, that a Methodist Missionary had translated the Prayer Book (some portions of it we presume) into three dialects of the Cingalese.

## Religious Intelligence.

### THE ORDINATION SERVICES.

LIVERPOOL—Aug. 6th.

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On Wednesday evening, the proceedings were resumed in the same chapel, which was again exceedingly crowded. The 701st Hymn, "How beautiful are their feet," was first sung, and the Rev. G. Madden engaged in prayer. The President then gave out the 744th Hymn, "The Saviour, when to heaven he rose," after which the names of the candidates were called over.

The President said,—They would now resume the delightful and edifying work in which they had been engaged on the preceding evening. Nothing could afford higher gratification to a pious mind than the testimonies of the grace of God as they had been permitted to listen to; and, having addressed them yesterday, on the divine institution and ineffable importance of the Christian ministry, he would not detain them, this evening, by any further observations.

Daniel Baker, Henry Hine, David Gravel, (a Welshman, whose statements were interpreted by the Rev. Hugh Carter,) S. W. Christophers, William Webb, Peter Dudd, (whose conversion was mainly effected through the instrumentality of a pious sister,) Thomas Buddle, and T. A. Rayner, gave testimonies not less satisfactory; but we have not space for the details.

The President, in closing these services, stated that the other candidates had delivered testimonies of the same nature in the presence of their brethren, that the whole would be solemnly set apart to the sacred office on the following evening; and he exhorted the congregation to attend them, and unite in devout prayer and intercession, that God would bestow on them the sanctifying unction of the Holy Spirit.

The 474th hymn—"Captain of our salvation take," was then sung, and the Rev. T. Waugh engaged in prayer.

### THE ORDINATION.

Long before the hour appointed for the commencement of the ceremony Brunswick Chapel was crowded to an extreme, so that the ministers had great difficulty in obtaining access to the seats reserved for them, and many were unable to gain admission. The young men occupied the two sides of the platform in rows of four each.

The President (Mr. Lessey) gave out the 744th hymn "Brethren in Christ, and well-beloved," and the Rev. Robert Newton engaged in prayer.

The names of the Candidates having been called over,

The President said—My beloved friends we are now about to celebrate a very solemn religious ordinance. The young men surrounding me, on the right hand and on the left, have passed through successive examinations, as to their conversion to God, their religious experience, and their call to the ministry, and on all these subjects they have witnessed a good confession, not only before their brethren who, by a solemn act in Conference assembled, have received them into full connexion with us as Ministers of Jesus Christ, but they have also witnessed a good confession before many witnesses. Before I proceed to conduct the celebration of this solemn ordinance, I entreat you to exercise yourself in silent secret prayer. This is no ordinary occasion. I will not detain you