

THE CHURCH.

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That are ready to die; to buy of Him who is 'the Amen, the faithful and true Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God.'

The Lord Bishop of Toronto, in correspondence with a standing regulation of the Diocesan Church Society, that a collection should be made annually in aid of the Fund for the support of Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen.

The Lord Bishop of Toronto will, with the Divine permission, hold his next general Ordination in the Cathedral Church at Toronto, on Sunday the TWENTY-SIXTH of OCTOBER next.

We have too long delayed, however urgent the causes, to notice the valuable Charge of the Right Reverend Bishop Doane to the Clergy of the Diocese of New Jersey on the 25th of May last.

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But, the secret of the clamour must be traced to the perversity and delusions of the wayward heart: the road to heaven, to please these devotees of the world, must be levelled from its asperities and garnished with flowers.

It seems to me that unbelief is the great fault of modern Christianity. Our great defect, as Churchmen, is unbelief. Our standard, oftentimes, is one thing; and our action, quite another. Our principles are primitive; our practice, modern.

But presumption in man, an exalting of the creature's reason above the Almighty's revelations, and dishonouring as it is, so far from driving us to despondency, should only impel us to a more vigorous, and clear, and bold defence of the truth.

How wonderful! How merciful! How full of hope! How full of glory! That such as we are should be admitted to such a fellowship, made partakers of such privileges, inheritors of such a kingdom!

Our readers will be interested in the Letter which is commenced upon our first page to-day, detailing the views of a young man bred in the Presbyterian faith for adopting the communion of a Church which has retained the Apostolic order and fellowship from the beginning.

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And while this cold, speculative, and utilitarian feeling is so fatal to the practical influence of religion upon individual minds and hearts, nothing can present a stronger, more insuperable barrier to the unity of the Church.

While I would delight to call your attention to all that is gratifying, I must refer to some statements in the report most painful and distressing in their character. It will rest for the present with the clergy and laity, and neighbourhood of the eight churches contain in all 426 members.

The Editor of the Guardian very mildly ascribes to the venerable Society here alluded to, the propagation of "Puseyite, uncharitable, and false opinions—something which is not in the Gospel, and even contrary to it."

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The Treasurer of the Society, and the liabilities of the Association, which the Central Board partially assumed, amounted to £200 0 0.

Amount received..... £267 18 10

Amount contributed by the several parishes and missions, as reported by the Clergy, during the past year.

At Masouche there is a list of annual subscriptions, amounting to £245 8s. applied by the contributors toward the income of the clergyman, as detailed in last year's report.

At Rawdon the sum of £115 has been contributed toward the parsonage, and at Kildare additional materials and furniture have been purchased for the parsonage.

At Terrenceville it is proposed to erect a Church. A valuable site has been granted by the Seigneur, and the people are commencing to erect the materials for the ground.

This Association has its meetings at St. John's in February, when an appropriate Sermon was preached by the Rev. F. Broome, the Secretary.

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Connected with this district, the Society has the painful duty to record the lamented decease of the Rev. Henry Evans, Assistant Minister at Dunham, which took place on the 4th May last.

At Portland, in the evening, His Lordship confirmed 78 persons, and afterwards addressed them in a feeling and most impressive manner upon the open profession of religion they had then made, the duty of henceforth maintaining that profession by a religious life and conversation, and particularly inculcated the great, but much neglected, duty of Christian charity.

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