

The Church Times.

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PARTY MISCHIEF.

The Editor of the *St. John Church Witness* appears to be a peculiar type in a class, and being a partisan himself deems that all who are not precisely of his way of thinking, must be partisans also. He boasts of being an Evangelical, and because he is a partisan, he argues, that we who repudiate party designations altogether, must be what his party calls a Tractarian or Puseyite. We are neither—and we tell him we value all parties in the Church pretty much alike, and judge of them by very nearly the same standard of judgment. They are unseasonably exercised upon the fair proportions of the Church.

Neither in the Bible, nor in the Articles and Rubrics of the Church which are based upon the Bible, do we find any reservation in favor of party names or party action. Our blessed Saviour condemns Scribes and Pharisees, Lawyers and Sadducees, parties which existed in the Jewish Church in his time, as full of the leaven of hypocrisy and malice; and we do not know that human nature has much improved down to our own age. St. Paul, another exemplar, who ought to have considerable weight with our Evangelical brother, will read him a lesson which he will do well to try to lay to heart, and being convicted of error, to teach his readers also. When therefore he so unjustly attempts to brand us with a party designation, he departs himself from the true spirit of Christianity, and without affecting our position becomes the very *ultra* thing he would fain make us seem to be. We do not wish to be misunderstood. Our intention is not to condemn peculiar doctrinal opinions, but to show that an indulgence in the bitterness of religious opposition begets a spirit of detraction, which as in our case, is too often exercised upon those who are palpably innocent of any offence.

We have had occasion recently and more than once, to correct the *Church Witness*, in its statements, especially those of its correspondents, on account of their party malignity, as well as their want of truth; and we fear that our brother is actuated by no kindly feeling toward us, in his endeavour to cheat us out of our religious identity.—Where is the Christian charity that, because we do not chuse to acknowledge ourselves by the unseemly epithets of party, and will not be goaded into their adoption, seeks to stamp us a Romaniser among our fellow Churchmen? Is it not this spirit of detraction that has led many from the pure doctrines of the Church of the Reformation, in sheer disgust at the vindictive and persecuting spirit which they found to dwell amongst a peculiar type of its members, mistaking it for the spirit of the Church, and fleeing from its unchristian and uncharitable exercise as from a pestilence.

The Editor of *The Church Witness* was not wise when he lifted the veil from so striking a defect in his mind as his Editorial against us exhibits. Neither the spirit by which he appears to be animated, nor any unfounded imputation can rob us of the title we claim. *We are Churchmen*. All party names in the Church we put in the same category, and deem them as so many inventions of the arch-enemy, and that those who encourage them will one day have to answer for the mischief they have done. Our party is the whole Church—we are as far from Rome as the Editor of the *Church Witness* believes himself to be, and as far from schism.

We trust our brother across the Bay will feel satisfied with this reply to his unjust imputation and bad logic. His sophism any tyro could detect, and it is totally unworthy of him. Here is something more. He says we made a comment on the Rushington judgment, without publishing the Judgment. If he goes back one or two Nos. of the *Church Times* he will find the Judgment.

We had almost concluded to let his allusion to the "utter destruction of St. Paul's" and the usefulness of the National School, pass for what it is worth. "Whom the cap fits, let them wear it," is a good old saw. There are friends of both however, who are not responsible for either event, and the only admission we are inclined to make in this matter, is, that we unwittingly neglected to make an exception in their favour—although it must be evident that our remarks were not intended for those who had done their duty. If they beget in some who have never lent a helping hand to sustain Church or School, an attention to these things, or in those who have withdrawn their contributions from the latter, a consideration again of its claims upon

* See 1 Cor 1

Churchmen, we shall have done an acceptable service. The Editor of the *Church Witness* probably meant to torture our comparison of the munificence that super-adorned St. Barnabas and St. Paul's in London, with the meagreness of St. Paul's and the nakedness of the National School in Halifax, into a corroboration of his charge against us. Our remarks, however, expressed no approval of superstitious practices—did not question the law as it applied to them—and went no further than to instil the proper spirit that ought to prevail in the Church in all such matters. The sophism with which he sets out backed by that with which he concludes, are alike unworthy. That "precious oil" will not "break our head."

The Lord Bishop purposes holding his next Ordination on Trinity Sunday. Deacons intending to be Candidates for the Priesthood at that time are desired to give immediate notice of their intention.

The only Confirmations proposed for this year will be held in Halifax early in March.

We do not expect an occasional gift of money highly as we may be inclined to estimate our deservings; and sympathy is so cheap that we do not value it much. The way which our brother of the *Western Episcopalian* points out, is that which might be followed with advantage to all parties concerned—relieving the editor from the tiresome and wearing monotony of weekly duties, giving a spice and variety to the columns of the paper pleasing to its readers, and creditable to the clergy themselves. If any of them are disposed to assist us, let them take the following as a rule, and we shall feel obliged for their favors:

A HINT FOR THE CLERGY.—What I now propose is, that the clergy second the editor's efforts in a way which they never yet have done, viz.: *Preach to the world weekly through the press.* Fill the paper with original matter. Make it a living thing. Articles on all subjects, appropriate articles, short articles, filled with that unction and power which the intellect and talent of the clergy of the whole Diocese can command, will do for the paper more than an occasional gift of money with over so much sympathy.—*Western Episcopalian*.

The R. M. Steamer *Arabit*, arrived on Thursday night from Liverpool. Dates are to January 19. The principal news is that which refers to the peace negotiations, in which some progress appears to have been made, sufficient to justify a belief, that peace is desired by Russia, and that she will make considerable sacrifices to obtain it. As a proof of their sincerity the funds have risen. We give as much of the news as will enable our readers to judge of the progress that has been made.

The Revd. J. S. Smith acknowledges, with many thanks, the receipt of £5 3 1/2 from friends at Amherst and Pugwash, towards painting and otherwise improving the Church at McNair's Cove, Strait of Canso.

We have before us a neat little Magazine well adapted to the capacity of children, although containing much interesting reading amusing and profitable to those of riper years. It is called *The Penny Post*, and is published by Messrs. John Henry and Jas. Parker, London. The names of the publishers will be a sufficient warranty to Churchmen, that it is just such a work as will give them satisfaction. We have ordered a few of them, and they will probably arrive in a month from date, and in the meantime we will receive Subscribers. It is a monthly periodical, and the price One Penny sterling per No.

The Annual Report of the Young Men's Christian Association is just published. The finances of the Association are flourishing, the best test, perhaps, of the interest the public take in it. The balance in the Treasurer's hands on 31st. December 1855, was £126 13 11. We are rather surprised to find that in the lecture accounts, the outlay exceeds the amount of collections. The Temperance Hall is always crowded upon such occasions, and it don't say much for those who come to the entertainment, that they go away without contributing to its expenses.

FIRE AT WOLFVILLE.—It is our painful duty to inform our readers that the house of the Rev. Dr. Cramp was burned to the ground on Saturday last, together with his extensive and valuable library. It appears to have originated in his library while he was transacting some business with Mr. Chase in his counting-house, after returning from his morning exercises at the College. He says—"after the first alarm, help was soon at hand, and we began to remove things, but after a few minutes the ceiling was dropping through,

and but little could be done. What books could be snatched up were brought out and thrown upon the snow, so that some of them are almost as much injured as if they had been burnt. My first care was to preserve my desk and manuscripts, most of which were preserved, but all my valuable books, especially the old ones, many of which cannot be replaced, are gone."

After some further details he writes, "the worst in my library, the collection of forty years." It was, we believe, one of the most valuable private collections of books in British North America, particularly rich in ecclesiastical history. The sum insured upon it will go but a small way towards replacing it. The cold was so intense at the time that one of those assisting in removing the furniture had his hands badly frozen.—*Christian Messenger*.

RAILWAY ACCIDENTS.—We are sorry to have to announce some very serious railway accidents which have occurred recently. On Monday last, two horses, working upon Messrs. Creelman & Tupper's section of the line, were precipitated over the lofty embankment adjoining the viaduct at Sackville, and both killed. Their driver had a very narrow escape, but fortunately, as we understand, did escape unhurt. A much more serious accident occurred upon Mr. Cameron's section, near Windsor. Two men were instantaneously killed by the falling in of a bank where they were excavating, on the 10th inst.; a third who was of the party died almost immediately after being dug out; and a fourth was so dreadfully mangled that his sufferings were intense and his recovery was considered very doubtful. Two of the deceased were named Keefe, and the third Collins; and the name of the man who survived was Sexton.—*Recorder*.

COURT OF VICE ADMIRALTY.—In the case of the brig *Delle*, towed into this port some time since, the particulars of which are so well known as not to require recapitulation, the acting Judge, James Stewart, Esq., gave his judgment on Monday 28th inst., in favor of the Salvors. After allowing the expenses of repairing the steamer *Merlin*, about £590, the sum of £650 was allotted for Salvage:—one half £350 to the owners of said steamer; £60 to Capt. Corbin, master of *Merlin*; £27 to the chief mate of do; £23 to second do; to eight seamen the sum of £12 10s. each; and £115 to the engineers and firemen in proportion to their rate of wages. The acting Judge took the opportunity to compliment Capt. Corbin for his conduct throughout. This decision appears to give satisfaction to Nautical men, and it is doubtless an equitable one.—*Chron*.

A building owned and occupied, both as a dwelling house and shop, by Mr. Neil McKenna, Saddler, at Antigonish was totally destroyed by fire, during the night of Tuesday the 22d instant, together with all the tools, furniture, and even wearing apparel of the occupants. Mr. McKenna and his family could but just manage to escape as they arose from their beds.

Capt. Caldwell acknowledges the receipt of Ten Pounds from A. Scott, Esq., Agent for the *Ætna*, and Ten guineas from P. C. Hill, Esq., Agent for the Equitable Insurance Office, in aid of the funds of the Union Fire Engine Company.

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4th Rule of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund: "Every Clergyman of the Church of England in the Diocese, wishing to avail himself of the benefits of this fund, shall, within six months from the 10th Octr. 1855, or within one year from taking orders, or from his admission into the Diocese, apply to the Sec'y for a Certificate of pension, and shall pay the annual sum or premium therefor, as hereafter mentioned."

The above limited time expires on the 10th of April, 1856.

5th Rule. "Any applicant after such period of time, shall only be permitted to receive such Certificate at the option of the Sub. Com., and on such terms as they shall direct."

The premiums for 1856 on Certificates already issued, are due on the 1st. Jan'y, 1856. The last day on which such premiums can be received is Saturday, 9th Feb'y, 1856.

EDWIN GILPIN, Jr. Sec'y.

WORMS.

As this is the season of the year when worms are most formidable among children, the proprietors of M. Lane's Vermifuge, Fleming Bros. of Pittsburgh, beg leave to call the attention of parents to its virtues for the expelling of these annoying, and often fatal enemies of children. It was invented by a physician of great experience in Virginia, who, after having used it for several years in his own practice, and found its success so universal, was induced at last to offer it to the public as a cheap but certain and excellent medicine. It has since become justly popular throughout the United States, as the most efficient Vermifuge ever known, and the demand has been steadily on the increase since its first introduction to the public.

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