

early zeal for the interests of his Church,—the Rules were adopted, which will be found on page 106.

About £100 were subscribed in a few minutes, and the next day when a deputation waited on his Excellency to request his acceptance of the office of Patron, he was graciously pleased to signify that he would be a yearly subscriber of Ten pounds.

It is our earnest prayer, and our firm belief, that this Society, so long a desideratum in the system of our ecclesiastical affairs, will (if prudently managed) be the means, in God's hands, of decided benefit to the Church and the cause of Religion in general. Now is the time for all who profess to be members of the Church to come forward and manfully avow it, and lend a helping hand to support her, and extend her happy influence as "the Church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth."

On Monday and Tuesday evenings, Divine service was performed in St. George's Church, to large congregations.

Upon the whole, we think we are doing nothing more than expressing the general sentiments of our Brethren, when we say that this Visitation has been highly important to the interests of the Church at this particular crisis. It has advanced the cause of unity, so dear in the Saviour's sight, who prayed that this Church might be one, as the Father and He are one. It has drawn closer than ever the cords of affection by which Brother is joined to Brother in the Lord. It has awakened afresh lively emotions of gratitude to our venerable Bishop for his unwearied solicitude for the spiritual and temporal prosperity of the Church, and has more than ever impressed us with attachment to his person. It has aroused the slumbering attention of the people, and fixed it, we trust, with increasing interest and admiration upon their Church. It has, in short, sent us back to our respective fields of labours, refreshed in our souls by the public and private sources of light and strength which it opened upon us—by the united prayers and supplications and Sacraments of the sanctuary, and by the sweet converse we took in the house of God as friends. And we are now going on our way rejoicing, thanking God for what we have seen and heard, and taking courage to work the works of Him that sent us with new diligence, alacrity and zeal. May the Lord crown all that has been said and done, and all our future doings, with His all-sufficient blessing, and to Him be all the praise.

AFRICAN SCHOOL.—We were delighted with a visit to this interesting and important institution at Halifax, founded by the Bishop about two years ago, for the benefit of coloured children, and which has, so far, succeeded beyond the expectations of its most sanguine friends. Perhaps no part of the population of this Province had been more neglected, as respects moral and religious culture, than those for whom this School is designed. But now, it is most gratifying to know, that those who before were growing up in idleness and vice, receiving only such an education as the streets of a dissolute metropolis usually affords, are daily trained in such a manner, as under the Divine blessing, may make them useful members of society here, and heirs of eternal glory hereafter.

The School was examined on Monday the 22d ultimo, in presence of the Archdeacon and several of the Clergy: and all seemed highly pleased at the proficiency of the scholars. Their reading would have done credit to the faintest in the land; and their answers in Bible history would have been honourable to students in theology of greater pretensions. In short, evidence most convincing was afforded that whatever may be the outside covering of the head, the interior can be, and has been, furnished with sound and useful knowledge. The greatest credit is due to Mr. Gallagher, the conscientious master: and to Mr. Inglis, who has bestowed much time and pains on the superintendence of this school, where he enjoys the gratification of seeing already the fruits of his gratuitous labour. A class of adult coloured persons meets him each Monday evening in the school, for instruction in reading, and in the Scriptures. The singing is very attractive.

But of all the interesting objects in this most interesting establishment, we were most deeply affected by wit-

nessing the blessing of education imparted to a boy entirely blind. His answers *memoriter* were excellent, but besides, we had the pleasure of hearing him read for himself on one of those books with raised letters, which are among the blessed inventions that God has communicated to the present age. Surely none of the great discoveries in the arts and sciences is more truly the subject of delight to a reflecting mind, than this by which the eyes of the blind are opened. We understand that a complete apparatus for an Infant School has just been received from London, a present from a female society there for the improvement of the African race.

MAHONE BAY.—A new Bell has just been added to St. James' chapel, at this beautiful place. It has been procured from Boston, weighs 376 lbs. and cost altogether about £34. The tone is good, and it performed its interesting duties for the first time on Sunday last, when as usual, a large congregation filled the church. For which of those who were then assembled it will first toll the funeral note, is an interesting and solemn subject of enquiry. May all strive to be ready not only for that, but for the more startling sounds of the Archangel's trump, calling them to irreversible Judgment.

KING'S COLLEGE.—We are happy to find that £200 a-year have been granted by the untiring benevolence of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, for reopening the Divinity scholarships at King's College.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—We understand that a ship of war is soon expected to convey the Lord Bishop to this Island, to perform the arduous duties of another Episcopal visitation of its difficult settlements and harbours.

☞ We must apologize to our correspondents, for the omission of several favours this week.

MARRIED.

At Newport, on Sunday the 7th May, by the Rev. Mr. Morris, Mr. Samuel Mumford to Miss Maria Jane, second daughter of William Mumford, Esquire.

DIED.

In this town, since our last, Leander, son of Capt. W. Moser, in the 5th year of his age.

MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCE.

Extract of a letter from Mrs. HILL, wife of Rev. J. H. Hill, P. E. missionary at Athens, dated Dec. 19th, 1836.

Our duties and responsibilities increase daily, and we might well shrink from the proper discharge of them if we trusted in our own strength; but we look away from ourselves and find comforts and consolations which none can take from us. And as they proceed from God, so they lead us to him and we gratefully acknowledge that it is the power of divine grace alone which can produce spiritual life, and that we are but the feeblest of God's instruments. The emissaries of Satan have been at work in the region round about us, and many of our missionary brethren in Turkey have been compelled for a season to suspend their labors. In Smyrna and Constantinople the missionary schools are closed. God has dealt more graciously with us—and although the shafts of the evil one were sent, they have dropped unheeded—and we remain unharmed. I can truly say that our mission was never more prosperous than it is at present—and nothing is wanting in Greece but the means to take advantage of the numerous openings around us and to sustain the important institution of the church in Athens, the influence of which is beginning to be felt throughout Greece.

The poor of this world are becoming rich in the knowledge of God, and the way-side soil, which heretofore receives the seed of the word, promises a more productive harvest than the well-prepared fields of more favored regions. Our minds at this time are greatly solemnized by the approaching death of one of our family—a poor girl, who eighteen months since was poor, ignorant, and friendless—but now is rich in the graces of the Spirit, endued with heavenly wisdom, endeared to us by the strong ties of spiritual

affinity—and waiting with patient submission the will of her heavenly Father, to enter into the inheritance which is incorruptible, undefiled, and which fadeth not away. Such proofs of the effect of our teaching (of which this is by no means the only one) gives us a satisfaction which makes us almost indifferent to the opinion which man may form of the manner in which we have performed our duty here—the evils which might arise from high condemnation are prevented by the conviction that the Divine power alone can bring to spiritual light so dark and ignorant a mind as that whose gradual change we have been with so much interest contemplating. And censure harms us not, knowing that angels are rejoicing where the worth of a soul is known and appreciated. I have had since my return many interesting proofs of the impression which the feeblest teaching has made, and have received a lesson myself not to despise the day of small things. A young girl—the daughter of one of the most respectable Athenian families, who had left the school for nearly two years, and upon whom, if I had been asked, would most certainly have said no serious impression had ever been made—undertook voluntarily to answer those who endeavored to raise the cry of proselytism against the missionaries. "They say our teachers wish to take our religion from us, I can bear my testimony that it is false. I was in that school and there I learnt what my own religion really was—my parents never gave me religious instruction for they were as ignorant of the duties of Christian parents as I was of mine. My teachers taught me what was my duty to God. Before proceeding to our daily studies, before a book was opened, or a piece of work touched, we were taught to offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving to that Being who had kept us through the past night, and to implore a blessing upon the day, upon which we had entered. This is what I call religion to acknowledge God in all our ways. The externals of religion are nothing." I cannot express to you the surprise and gratification with which I heard this—for well did I remember the extreme feebleness with which our religious instruction was given during the period this girl attended our school—we were but very lisping in the language of the country—and were often discouraged when we contemplated the spiritual chaos around us—and the inquiry constantly forced upon us was, "shall those dry bones live?" Thanks be to God, who strengthens our faith by enabling us to see evidences of his power, we believe they will receive the breath of spiritual life, and become an exceeding great army, to be engaged in extended the conquests of the Redeemer.

I need add no more to induce you to do what is in your power to carry out the designs of the Lord. I trust our church will be found equal to the great resolve she has published to the world. To enable her to perform that which she has undertaken, each one of her members must be found doing their duty. You, I know, often think and pray for us—continue to do so, for we feel that our great strength lies in the prayers of God's people.—Believe me yours, most affectionately,

F. M. HILL.

Settling Accounts.—When a minister was spending a few weeks in Edinburgh, there came, on business to the house where he was, a man of the world. He was introduced to the minister in the following manner. "This is an acquaintance of mine, and I am sorry to find though young and healthy, never attends public worship." "I am almost tempted to hope that you are bearing false witness against your neighbour," replied the minister. "By no means," said the man, "for I always spend my Sunday in settling accounts." The minister replied, "You will find, sir, that the day of Judgment will be spent in the same manner."

COMMUNION WITH GOD.

There is a nearness to God which we are not only allowed, but called to in the loving dispensations of the gospel, so that now we are not to be strangers any longer but friends; we are to have fellowship and communion with God. Why do not our hearts even leap for joy? Why do not our souls triumph in those discoveries of love? Even because we know not the greatness of our privileges, the highness of our calling, the excellency of our advancement, the blessedness of this life, the sweetness of those employments, the satisfaction of those enjoyments, the comfort of this heavenly life, the delights of this communion with God.