

his labours in this city before his ordination will be made public ere long. Every occurrence of this nature is fraught with interest to every Christian heart; giving assurance that the 'blindness which has happened unto Israel in part' is yielding to the glorious light and liberty which is found in the Gospel. May God bless his labours abundantly, and give him many souls as seals of his ministry, and for a crown of rejoicing in the day when the Lord shall make up his jewels."

#### THE NEW BISHOPRIC AT THE WEST.

Under this heading the *Brantford Courier* has some observations, which we quote for the purpose of keeping up public attention to the undertaking now on foot, of raising the necessary Endowment for the New Bishoprics. The West appears to have completed the collection; and as soon as the Governor General is satisfied as to its completeness and validity, we suppose the Clergy and Lay Delegates of the Western Diocese will be called together by the Bishop of Toronto, in order to proceed to the election of a Bishop.

We do not know exactly how matters are getting on in the proposed Eastern Diocese, but we believe the resolution is almost unanimous to proceed at once with raising the Endowment, without any reference as to who shall be Bishop; leaving that point to the Synod of the proposed Diocese to decide, when called together for the purpose.

"As a body of Christians, the Church of England is highly respectable and influential, and the welfare and active zeal of the people of that church, must be looked upon with pleasure by every man who is not a bigot. It is pleasing to see any intelligent orthodox denomination advancing with energy in the good cause of spreading religious principles through the land; and more especially so, when we find that denomination laboring under any unexpected and unusual disadvantages. In this latter condition, the Church of England, in this Province, is now undoubtedly placed. Deprived of King's College University, that denomination was thrown upon its own resources, for furnishing a suitable place of learning for its youth; which, however, it nobly did furnish, by establishing, on the purely voluntary system, through the indomitable energy of the Bishop of Toronto, Trinity College; an institution which occupies a proud position among our places of learning. Then, also, the Government saw fit, and wisely, at last, as things had been allowed to proceed, to secularise the Clergy Reserve lands; thus throwing the support of the Clergy—the union with the state, in all monetary matters, being forever sundered—upon the voluntary subscriptions of the people, after the present men, to whom the Government was pledged, shall have passed away. The Clergy immediately made over the sum total of their commutations to the Church Society, (and thus allowing the Church Society to obtain the highest legal interest it could,) by merely securing about £100 per annum each, laid the foundation, with much self denial on their part, of the nucleus of an endowment for future ministers, while the people seem willing to make up any deficiency, and are preparing themselves to support their clergymen liberally, by their own exertions.

Then the old diocese of Toronto was found to be too large, and too populous, for the proper oversight of any individual Bishop whatever; and it was proposed that two new dioceses should be formed within the limits of the former bishopric of Toronto. This has been done. The next thing was to furnish the means to endow these bishoprics, in order that the privilege of selecting the persons to be consecrated might be granted by the Crown to the people; the state refusing to appoint Bishops till their salary was secured. We have not yet heard of the precise state of things, with regard to the endowment of Kingston or the eastern diocese; but we are informed that things are advancing most satisfactorily in our western diocese. On Thursday, the 20th ult., a meeting of the subscribers to the Episcopal Fund, was held at St. Paul's School House, London, at which the gentlemen who formed the deputation—the Rev. Evans, Boomer, and Dewar—reported the result of their labors. Among those present to hear the report of the deputation were the Revd. Brough, Cronyn, O'Neil, Elwood, Usher, Farquier, Mockridge, Marsh Roberts, Revol, Canfield; and Messrs. Shade, J. Lawrason, Hon. G. G. Goodhue, Jofroy, and W. W. Street.

The chair was taken by Rev. Dr. Cronyn. The report of the deputation was then read, when it was found that the sum of upwards of £10,400, exclusive of all expenses, was secured in cash, and undoubtedly good notes, which are to be (some of them already done) immediately converted into mortgages on real estate. It was further declared

that £2,000 more might be including the £100 over the £10,000 named above) considered also sure to be obtained. Thus the minimum sum (£10,000) has been secured, which the Government required. A letter was also read from a Church Society in England, which contained enquiries of a most friendly nature, and from which it was concluded by the deputation that that society would contribute handsomely to the undertaking.—A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the gentlemen forming the deputation. A very liberal spirit pervaded the whole meeting, one gentleman, for instance, Mr. Shade, of Galt, offering to make one of twenty to furnish £25 per annum, additional to his subscription, for four years to augment the fund. After a good deal of friendly and interesting conversation, and the passing of a resolution to inform the Bishop of Toronto, officially, of the success which had attended the labors of the deputation, and requesting his lordship to take such steps as should be necessary to secure the election of the person for Bishop; the meeting separated, highly pleased with the ascertained state of affairs.

We congratulate our fellow churchmen upon the liberality which has been exhibited in this particular, and consider it highly creditable to this part of the Province, that so large a sum as some £12,000 should be paid for one object—and that too, while so many local improvements are being carried on, as for instance, in this town where we are building a very costly church—in so short a time.

The gentlemen forming the deputation deserve much praise for their energy and industry.

We may consider the appointment of a Bishop to this new diocese as sure to be made. As the sum mentioned by the Government has been secured, we see no reason why we may not expect the election to take place within a few months.—*Toronto Echo.*

#### Correspondence.

FOR THE CHURCH TIMES.

#### BURIAL OF THE DEAD.

"The Damsel is not dead but sleepeth."

—3. Mark c. 39.

In thy sweet sleep, rest, maiden rest,  
The angels watch thy quiet bed;  
Till at thy Saviour's high behest  
The earth restore its ransom'd dead.

Around thee Darkness cowers the wing,  
And silence awes the standers by,  
While from the dust and ashes ring (a)  
The changes of mortality.

Turn O my soul from this dull scene  
Where Death his ebony sceptre sways,  
To that abode of light serene;  
When Christ the hidden Life displays, (b)

Plumed with the rays of evening day  
And purified from earthly leav'n,  
By carrier-angels borne away, (c)  
Our own bright pioneer to heav'n!

To all the cares of earth estranged,  
From all the ills of earth set free:  
Our Friend is life and death unchanged;  
That "Friend is all in all" to thee.

One upward glance—one lowly prayer,  
One chant of praise for glory won;  
I own my God's paternal care,  
And cry my Father's will be done!

From thy sweet sleep, wake maiden wake,  
Soon shall thy Saviour call to thee,  
To share His blessing and partake  
The joys of immortality." (d)

(a) "Ashes to ashes, dust to dust."—Burial Service.

(b) Cor. iii. 3, 4. (c) St. Luke xvi. 22.

(d) St. John v. 28.

Halifax, 13th Dec. 1856.

#### DIOCESAN CHURCH SOCIETY.

LUNENBURGH COMMITTEE.

The Annual Meeting of this Committee was held at Lunenburg, in the Temperance Hall, on Wednesday evening, the 7th inst. Several speakers occupied the platform. The female portion of the community was well and largely represented, approving themselves at this, as at all their annual gatherings, worthy successors of those who were "last at the cross, and first at the grave;" and although several of the male heads of families gave their valuable assistance on the occasion, still the old stereotype of at least eighteen centuries' standing, "I pray thee have me excused," has not yet become obliterated. The small proportion of males to be usually observed at the Lord's Table, and at the meetings of the Church Societies, will probably not be materially changed till we have either more trials, more fervent love, or—the Millennium. What-

ever effects it, will be a blessing; for unhappily these dear bought privileges are oftentimes neglected, whilst the claim of being true Churchmen is still retained.

Instead of an Annual Report, several extracts were read from that of the Executive Committee, showing a very satisfactory increase in the income of the Society, and the successful accomplishment of an object long had in view—the creation of a fund for the relief of Clergy Widows and Orphans. In addition to which, the President referred with much pleasure to the purchase of a valuable addition to the Rectory property, by means of the amount invested by this Committee in the Endowment Fund, aided by a timely grant from the Endowment Sub-committee, as well as by the Rev. Mr. Snyder and B. Zwickor, Esq., from Mahone Bay; and the suggestion of the Hon. Mr. Rudolf that this Committee should comply with the desire of the Society, and send, for publication in the Annual Report, an historical account of this Mission, was unanimously approved of. The choir of St. John's Church favored the meeting as usual with excellent music.—The officebearers were continued as the previous year.

The Parishioners having succeeded in thoroughly repairing and painting two of the Churches in this Mission, have already taken steps to do the same for their third church, beside which some much needed improvements are going on at the school in one of the poor fishing stations, where service is held by the Rector once a month. The work on the Church alone will require at least £50. Supplementary to the fund in hand, a Bazaar will be held on the LaHave River, near the Church referred to, next July, and any aid given to the object, by friends within or out of the Parish, in materials or otherwise, will be thankfully received and acknowledged.

The half yearly examinations of St. John's Sunday School took place on the afternoon of Christmas day. Though the weather was unfavorable, about a hundred teachers and scholars attended, and the examiners and friends present expressed themselves highly gratified at the discipline and advancement of the school.

Interesting and creditable examinations of the Grammar School, and one of the Female Schools, were held by the School Commissioners and Trustees of the District on the previous day.

Lunenburg, Jan. 9, 1857.

#### News Department.

Extracts from Papers by the steamer Niagara from Boston.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.

THE SUBMARINE TELEGRAPH.—The President has transmitted to the Senate, in reply to the resolution of that body, a letter from the New York, Newfoundland, and London Telegraph Company, in which the President is informed that contracts have been made for the manufacture of submarine cables, to connect the continents of Europe and America, and that it is expected to have the line between New York and London open for business by the 4th of July next. As the work has been prosecuted thus far with American capital, and by the efforts of the administration to ascertain the feasibility of the enterprise, it is the earnest desire of the directors to secure to the government of the United States equal privileges with those stipulated for by the British government. In this desire the Lords Commissioners of the British Treasury have acceded in the most liberal spirit, by providing that "The British government shall have a priority in the conveyance of their messages over all others, subject to the exception only of the government of the United States in the event of their entering into an arrangement with the company similar in principle to that of the British government; in which case the messages of the two governments shall have priority in the order in which they arrive at the stations." The American directors say they cannot doubt that the reservation made in favor of the United States will be deemed of great moment, and, therefore, ask the President to take such action in the premises as he may deem the interests of this government may require. The company will enter into a contract with the government of the United States on the same terms and conditions as with the British government, and such contract they suppose will fall within the provisions of the constitution in regard to postal arrangements, of which this is only a new and improved form. Her Majesty's government engage to furnish aid by ships to lay the cable, and it is suggested our recently finished war steamers are the very best to assist in this business. To avoid failure in laying the cable, the company request that the President will make such recommendation to Congress as will secure this