

## MILES COVERDALE.

The following is a copy of an inscription on the monument to the memory of this illustrious character, just completed by Mr. G. Sharp, of Gloucester:—  
 "To the memory of Miles Coverdale, who, convinced that the pure Word of God ought to be the sole rule of our faith and guide of our practice, laboured earnestly for its diffusion; and with the view of affording the means of reading and hearing in their own tongue the wonderful works of God, not only to his own countrymen, but to the nations that sit in darkness, and to every creature wheresoever the English language might be spoken. He spent many years of his life in preparing a translation of the Scriptures. On the 17th of October, MDXXXV, the first complete English printed version of the Bible was published under his direction. The parishoners of St. Magnus the Martyr, London Bridge, desirous of acknowledging the mercy of God, and calling to mind that Miles Coverdale was once Rector of their parish, erected this monument to his memory, A. D. MDCCCXXXVII."

## LEARNED CHURCHMEN.

In the peaceful and ordinary season of the Church the services of her ecclesiastical champions may not be needed; but when danger threatens, and when an attack is feared from heresy or false doctrine, then the church does with her critics and her philologists, what the state does with her fleets that are going in ordinary—she puts them into commission, and to these learned and highly-gifted ecclesiastics, more than to any blind or hereditary veneration on the part of the people, does she owe it, that both the Arian and the Socinian heresies have been kept from her borders.—*Dr. Chalmers.*

## LIBERAL BEQUEST.

We understand that a new Episcopal Church is about to be erected in Northampton. A pious and benevolent lady, connected with the Establishment, lately deceased, has, by her will, left 100,000*l.* as a national legacy, for the express purpose of building churches; and Northampton, it appears, is one of the favoured towns destined to share her munificence.

## THE COLONIAL CHURCHMAN.

LUNENBURG, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1837.

THE BISHOP.—Our readers will have seen from the public papers, that his Lordship and family have sailed for England in H. M. S. Vestal, on the 23th ultimo. We are assured that the prayers of his clergy and people, which he has particularly requested in a very affectionate Circular addressed to the former, on the eve of his departure, will not fail to be offered to the great Head of the Church, that He would be pleased to protect him from all dangers, prosper his endeavours for the benefit of the Church, and grant him a safe and speedy return to his diocese, to which he has already rendered such important service, both before and since it was committed to his entire charge. The unwearied zeal and unceasing watchfulness, and laborious perseverance, with which he has devoted himself to the advancement of the interests of the church, and the comforts of his clergy, richly entitle our Bishop to the grateful regard of all who are placed under his superintendance. The Circular to which we have alluded, though addressed to the clergy, contains much in which the laity are concerned, and therefore we take the liberty of giving a few extracts from it.

After 'acknowledging with heartfelt gratitude to God, the very becoming and exemplary manner in which many of the clergy have endured severe trials and hardships; and bearing cheerful testimony to their unwearied zeal and distinguished diligence and devotion to the service of their Lord and Master, and after earnest exhortations to his Brethren to be diligent and persevering in seeking for help from the Holy Spirit,' his Lordship proceeds—

"I renew the entreaty, which many of the Clergy have already received from me, for zealous attention to the formation and immediate and active exertions of the

"CHURCH SOCIETY." It will be found, as we trust, under the heavenly blessing which we implore for it, a powerful instrument in uniting us, as members of one family, in holy christian love. I beg you to meet every objection that may be grounded on the existence of pecuniary difficulties, by showing plainly that money is but a secondary object at present, however useful and even necessary it may be in carrying forward all the designs of the Society. Let the poorest see and feel that he is gladly received and welcomed, as the richest, in this band of brotherhood; and let not one member of the Church fail to be enrolled in it. This Society may be best to the promotion of the happiest intercourse between pastor and people, as well as among all the members of the flock with each other; and when due attention is excited universally among those members, for the Church, and for all that pertains to her, their good will towards all who bear the christian name will be cherished without any compromise of principle; and the hearts and hands of those to whom God has given ability to do her service, will surely be opened, and their bountiful offerings for her prosperity, will be sanctified to her, and to themselves.

I rejoice in being able to inform you, that the University of King's College, at Windsor, which has hitherto been the chief nursery for the Colonial Clergy, as well as the Collegiate School there, are happily in a flourishing condition, which should call forth our gratitude.

Divinity Scholarships will in future be supported at that college by the benevolence of the Societies for *The Propagation of the Gospel*, and *For Promoting Christian Knowledge*. The amount of each Scholarship will, for the present, be £40 Sterling, per annum, although this sum will be liable to reduction, if it should be found necessary. The Scholarships will be held for five years, if the Scholar remain so long in college, and keep the necessary terms for the degree of A. M. In disposing of them, a preference will be given to the sons of missionaries, if they be well qualified.

The attention of yourself and of your flock will also be required for the encouragement of education generally; and you cannot be too earnestly engaged in securing the efficiency of your Sunday schools. These should be made particularly interesting to all of every age, who can derive benefit from their instruction. *The congregation should all assist you in giving warm encouragement to those excellent Institutions.*

Be assured that my daily thoughts will turn towards you: my daily prayers, imperfect as they may be, will be offered for your continual direction and blessing from above. I beg to be remembered in the prayers of the church, and in your private petitions to the heavenly throne. Fervently commending yourself, your flock, and your labours among them, to the Grace of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, I am, Reverend and dear Sir, your affectionate Brother,  
 JOHN NOVA SCOTIA.

CONFIRMATION.—We have received the short communication of our respected correspondent "U. T." on this subject, and especially dwelling on the importance of the due preparation of all who come forward for the reception of that apostolical rite, "a rite," our friend observes, "which I have ever considered of the utmost importance to the Church when administered and received according to the design of our pious Reformers. This rite should doubtless be attended by due preparation of heart and mind in the recipient, and strict examination, and circumspection on the part of the parochial minister who gives the requisite certificate, or presents the youthful candidate to his Bishop: assuredly no clergyman who has the true interests of his flock at heart, would miss so good an opportunity of directing the 'young in the way they should go.' But my experience has shewn me that young people are extremely averse to public religious examination, and scarcely less so to public religious instruction, and that they will avoid both the one and the other if they can obtain the Rite without them."

In reply to his inquiry as to the practice in other places, we can inform him that in the parishes along this western shore, much time and attention are bestowed by the parochial clergy, upon the instruction and preparation in heart and understanding of all whom they present to the Bishop. For several months before confirmation, the young people are required to attend their pastor; and not only to comply with the rubric so far as "to say the Creed, the Lord's prayer and the Ten Commandments, and also to answer to the other questions of the short Catechism," but they generally commit to memory besides, Lewis's or some other

exposition of the church catechism, together with a catechetical account of the nature of, and authority for, confirmation. Nor is it forgotten to address them particularly and constantly as to the importance of spiritual qualifications, above all others, for this holy ordinance—for obtaining which they are exhorted to use diligent prayer for the help of God's Spirit, in private; and are frequently called to unite with their minister in public, in addresses to the Throne of Grace in their behalf. And finally, when the chief earthly Shepherd "comes down" to lay his hands upon them, like Peter and John of old, to confirm those whom Philip the inferior minister had baptized and prepared for them, we conform to the rubric after the catechism, by "giving in writing with our hands subscribed thereto, the names of all such as we think fit to be presented to the Bishop to be confirmed."

GRATIFYING.—We have been favoured with the following extract of a late letter from England, giving a short but interesting notice of the state of our late King's mind during his last illness, as well as of the exemplary devotion to him and piety towards God, of his excellent consort.—The mention of our present Queen is such as to confirm the favourable impression which has already been made upon the public mind:—

## EXTRACT.

"The character and tone of mind of our young Queen, so far as it has had scope of development, is certainly full of good promise.—All that you can hear of the Queen Dowager, during the late King's illness, is in no degree overstated. The Archbishop spoke of it in the highest terms. Her devotion to her husband shewed itself in the minute and constant attentions of a common nurse; and her unfeigned piety towards God supported her own mind through all her trials, and no doubt greatly assisted to the elevation of the King's, whose whole deportment and apparent seriousness, repentance, faith, and resignation, his Grace also spoke of with much satisfaction."

BISHOP STEWART.—We sincerely regret to be obliged to record the death of this amiable and exemplary prelate, which occurred in the month of July in England, whither he had gone last year for the benefit of his health. He has not left behind him a more humble, devoted, single-minded, and pious servant of the Lord; and his loss will be deeply deplored by his diocese in which he was universally respected and beloved, as well he might, seeing that for the sake of that Diocese he turned his back upon the allurements of rank and wealth in his native land, and spent his means and shortened his days in building up the church in the wilds of Canada. No doubt we shall receive from the pen of some of his clergy, some farther notice of this estimable Bishop, which they are more qualified than ourselves to give, and in the mean time we refer our readers to a sketch of him which appeared in No. 7, vol. 1, of the Colonial Churchman.

ST. GEORGE'S, HALIFAX.—We omitted to notice the formation of a Committee of the "Church Society," in this parish; but we are unable to state any particulars of its organization. In every case we shall be glad to publish the names of officers, with an account of the meeting held, &c. We call particular attention to the earnest advice of our Bishop in this number, respecting the formation of these committees throughout the diocese; and we shall be happy to publish the proceedings of the General Committee at Halifax, whenever they are sent to us.

THE CLERICAL SOCIETY for this District purpose (DV) to meet in the parish of Trinity Church, Liverpool, on Wednesday and Thursday the 13th and 14th instant.

## DIED.

In this town, on the 31st ultimo, Mrs. Sarah Paine, aged 67 years.