

The Church Times.

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CHURCH FELLOWSHIP.

THE Mother Church of England, and her American daughter, have been drawing closer and closer of late years, and in various ways have been consolidating that unity and concord which ought ever to subsist between churches identical in constitution, faith and practice.

The latest act of brotherly love on the part of the Parent Church, has been the sending of a delegation to represent it at the approaching General Convention of the P. E. Church of the United States, as noted in the subjoined extract from the Boston Church Witness:

We learn from the Church Journal that the Venerable Archdeacon Sinclair, of Middlesex, and the Rev. Ernest Hawkins, Secretary of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, arrived in the Steamer Arabia, on Tuesday morning. The Rev. J. P. Gell, who was appointed on the same delegation, was unable to come, and in his stead were appointed the Right Rev. Dr. George Trevor Spencer, sometime Lord Bishop of Madras; and the Rev. Henry Caswall, who are expected to arrive in Boston in the Cunard steamer next week. The Venble. Archdeacon, with the Rev. E. Hawkins and lady, left the city on Wednesday morning, on a tour through the North and East, intending to visit Catskill, the White Mountains, Boston, Quebec, Montreal, Niagara, &c. and return to New York in time to attend the General Convention, and if possible the Convention of the Diocese.

The Committee of the Society appropriated \$300. to pay the expenses of this Delegation to the Church of America; but the Delegates have all declined to draw upon the funds of the Society in any degree; just as our Deputation had done last year.

The following are the instructions, as given by the Society to its Delegates, on this auspicious occasion:—

"The Right Rev. George Trevor Spencer, D. D., late Lord Bishop of Madras, and Vice President of the Society; the Venerable John Sinclair, M. A., Archdeacon of Middlesex, and Vice President of the Society; the Rev. Ernest Hawkins, B. D., Prebendary of St. Paul's, the Secretary of the Society, and the Rev. Henry Caswall, M. A., Vicar of Figheldean, one of the Proctors in Convocation for the Diocese of Salisbury.

"H. Rev. Father in God and Rev. Brethren,

"The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, in accordance with a resolution adopted at a meeting of Bishops held in the city of New York, on the 29th of April, 1852, and fully sensible of the honour of the invitation therein contained, has appointed you to be its representatives at the triennial meeting of the Board of Missions, to be held in New York during the session of the General Convention, in October next.

"The principal objects which the Society has in view in sending you on this honorable mission, are the following:

"I. To show its appreciation of the readiness and alacrity with which the Bishops of the American Church who were assembled on the occasion referred to, sent a Deputation of Bishops and clergy to take part in the concluding services of the Society's Jubilee year.

"II. To strengthen and improve, so far as your influence—as a delegation from the Society—may extend, the intimate relations which already happily exist between the mother and daughter Churches, and which are the proper fruit of their essential spiritual unity.

"III. To receive and communicate information and suggestions on the best mode of conducting missionary operations.

"By keeping constantly in view these great purposes of your mission, you may, under the blessing of God become the honored instruments of promoting a closer union in feeling and action between members of Christ's body who are parted from each other by distance and national separation, and of quickening the love and zeal of the Church, both in America and England.

"Looking confidently to such a result, the Society commends you to God's good Providence, with a fervent prayer that he will keep you in safety, and prosper the work on which you are sent."

THE SUSPECTED MURDER.

THE Coroner's Inquest on the body of the poor sailor of H. M. S. Cumberland, mentioned in our last, terminated after a patient investigation of three days, in a verdict of wilful murder against Murpby and the other five dwellers in his abominable den, who have in consequence been all committed to gaol, to take their trial, which some say cannot come on before April next. No positive testimony has as yet appeared to bring home the fearful crime to any one individual, but suspicion of foul play resting upon the house, all its inmates have been committed.

The probability is, that whenever a proclamation is issued in the premises, (of which as yet we have seen nothing,) some one of the six will turn Queen's evidence, and thus fix the bloody deed in the right quarter. Meanwhile we regret to see the evidence given before the Coroner's jury spread before the public eye

by a portion of the City press. We regret this, first because of the disgusting and demoralising scenes which that evidence unveils, and which must make the print that records them unfit to be laid on the tables of our families. It is bad enough to have it even suspected that such things are done in our midst—but far worse to hold up for the inspection of wives and daughters, and young children, the revolting pictures, drawn in that evidence by the polluted creatures who dwell in those types of the infernal regions. And another objection to the publication of what transpired before the Coroner's Jury, is that the effect cannot but be to prejudice (whether right or wrong,) the minds of its readers, in the awful matter which involves the lives of six fellow creatures.

But horrible as this affair is, we hope good may grow out of it. We have long been amazed that these dens of iniquity are permitted to exist, and to carry on, openly and unblushingly, their vile trade, to the utter disgrace of our community, and the wholesale ruin of body and soul, to all who are connected with or entrapped by them. Is there not LAW enough to take hold of the unprincipled wretches who thus traffic in the destruction of their species? If there is, we hope the whole community will petition the City authorities at once to put that law into execution, without fear or respect of persons, whether they be landlords or tenants. But if this, the foulest nuisance that can pollute the moral atmosphere of any land, is as yet untouched by law, (which we can hardly believe) then let every hand sign an indignant remonstrance to the Legislature, and procure such an enactment as will make it easy to punish any monster who shall henceforth outrage decency, humanity and religion, by entering upon such a nefarious business within the borders of a Christian country.

☞ We are happy to see that the ravages of the pestilence at New Orleans, were diminishing at the latest date, the deaths per week having come down to 950—still a fearful amount.

Among the victims will be found a Clergyman of the P. E. Church, whose exertions had been unremitting. He died at his post.

☞ The last mail brought the news of the death of two distinguished men in the Army and Navy of Great Britain, General Sir Charles Napier, and Admiral Sir George Cockburn. The former had faced death on many a hard fought field in all parts of the world, and it is said was covered with wounds. But at last he has been obliged to submit to the Universal Conqueror, introduced by sin into this dying world. The latter veteran had also seen much service, and was actively employed on the North American station during the last war. He likewise commanded here at a later period, during the visitation of Cholera in 1834, at which time he acted a noble part and exercised unbounded charities in behalf of the suffering population of the city, especially in the Parish of St. George, in which the Admiralty House is situated, and the Rector of which had unlimited authority to apply to the Admiral for whatever aid he might require, for the relief of his parishioners.

THE FREDERICTON CATHEDRAL.—Our readers will find in our columns a full account of the ceremonies observed at the recent consecration of this structure, at which a numerous and distinguished assembly was present.

THE FISHERMAN'S CHURCH, TURN'S BAY.—The undersigned gratefully acknowledges the kindness of those who have sent him the following contributions during the week; and he would earnestly beg the continued assistance of all who love God and value the souls of their fellow men, in behalf of one of the most spiritually destitute places which he has ever met with, in the course of a ministry of nearly 30 years.

J. N. DeVries, Esq., R. N. Hospital	£1	0	0
Further donations by the hands of Rev.			
F. Wells, H. M. S. Cumberland,	1	3	1½
Law. Hartsborne, Esq.	1	0	0
Hon. S. B. Robie,	2	0	0
James Croucher, Esq., St. Marg. Bay,	1	5	0
Mr. D. Clarke,	0	7	6

☞ Several of these donations were accompanied by the most encouraging expressions of interest in the object.

Sept 15.

J. C. COCHRAN, Miss'y.

ST. PAUL'S COMMITTEE D. C. S.

THE Quarterly Missionary Lecture of St. Paul's Local Committee, Diocesan Church Society, will be delivered at St. Paul's, on the evening of Wednesday next, Sept. 21, by the Rev. R. H. Bullock.

Wm. GOSSET, Sec'y. St. Paul's Com.

☞ The Railway Demonstration took place at St. John on Wednesday, 14th ult. It was computed that there were 30,000 persons present. The first sod was turned by Lady Head. The Hon. J. W. Johnston was present. The procession, two miles long, must have been a splendid affair. Mr. Jackson, it is expected, will make a visit to Halifax.

Some time since, a statement appeared in the papers that Capt. Abbinott of this port, had been stabbed by the Cook of the vessel, in which he was sailing for Australia, and which had proceeded on her voyage immediately after,—thus leaving much anxiety as to the result on the minds of his wife and other friends.—We are happy to perceive by the following extract from a Yarmouth paper, that he had recovered.

"We are happy to learn that Capt. Abbinott, who was a fellow-passenger in the Fanny, had recovered from his wound. It appears that the ship was getting under way, at the Cape of Good Hope, a fracas occurred in the galley between the steward and colored cook, and Capt. Abbinott, while endeavoring to separate the combatants, was stabbed with a knife by the cook, in the left side, to the depth of four inches. A surgeon being on board, his wound was immediately dressed, and after laying for some hours apparently at the point of death, he began gradually to recover.—Meantime the ship was brought to her moorings, a signal hoisted, and a boat, well manned, sent off by the authorities on shore to the ship—the testimony of Capt. Abbinott taken—the cook ironed, conveyed on shore and examined before Justices, and at the request of the Captain and passengers (in order to avoid further detention) again placed on board the ship to be conveyed to Australia, for trial. On arrival at Port Phillip, he was tried and sentenced to one year in iron, and nine years hard labor on the public roads.

We are also indebted to Mr. Alden for a Melbourne paper of 11th May, and for the perusal of a letter from Charles Richan, (son of Capt. Ezzar Richan, of this place), dated Melbourne, May 19th. Mr. R. communicates some information respecting the Yarmouth passengers per Brilliant and Fanny. T. V. B. Bingay, Esq., and family had taken a residence out of Town. Messrs. James Moody, John Bond, John Bingay, and Alex. and Robt. Murray, had gone to the diggings. Capt. Fletcher was making canvass tents in Melbourne. Mr. Wetmore was employed in a boarding house. Mr. Richan had returned to the city after two months unsuccessful labour at the diggings, but intended trying the diggings again. He speaks of others, as well as himself, being disappointed with the "Paradise (lost)," and advising his friends in Nova Scotia to stay where they are, and not think of emigrating to Australia."

EVIDENCE OF IMPROVEMENT.—Under this heading a City contemporary has the following remarks, the hopeful spirit of which is much more cheering and congenial to our feelings than the endless croakings about all manner of persons and things, which are so continual around us:—

"It is not unfrequently asserted, both in the public prints and otherwise, that Nova Scotia is not only far behind most other countries, but that she is actually retrograding. In order to show the utter falsity of such a representation of matters, we might simply refer to the present condition of our Revenue. From a comparative statement furnished us of the revenue received during the half year ending 31st July, 1853, we find that the increase over the corresponding period of previous year amounts to £1,026 17s. 0d.: in other words whilst the revenue paid in during the six months ending 31st July, 1852, was £43,050 12s. 0d., that received for the same period in 1853, reached the sum of £44,077 9s. 0d. Other facts might be adduced, shewing unmistakable signs of improvement both in city and country. Real Estate in the City of Halifax has not commanded a more ready sale for years past, than it has done this present season,—in some cases bringing a price far beyond the highest expectations of its owners. The increase in the wages of laborers, mechanics and artisans, affords another instance of renewed activity in the Capital. And never before, we believe, have our farmers in the interior commanded higher prices for their produce of every kind, nor have they ever had readier sales, than during the last ten or twelve months. Altogether the symptoms of improvement are decidedly favorable, and the only thing now required to cheer and encourage the hearts of our people, and stimulate their energies, is an early commencement of the long talked of—long looked for—RAILROAD."

SUNDAY SCHOOL, LUNenburg.—On Sunday (the 4th inst., an interesting examination of the Sunday School in connexion with St. John's Church, in this parish, was held in the National School Room, attended by one hundred and fifty-two scholars, and the Rector, Superintendent, and twenty-two teachers. The School was opened as usual with prayer and singing, after which the classes were examined in portions of Scripture they had committed to memory, also in the Church Catechism, and the recital of collects and hymns. The different classes acquitted themselves to the satisfaction of those members and friends of the Church who were present, and gave evident proof of growing acquaintance with that Word of Truth which alone is able to guide their infant minds in the way that leadeth to eternal salvation. It would be a source of ap-