

about nine o'clock having been occupied in various duties throughout the whole of the day.

"Still holding a seat at the Board of Education for the district of Conception Bay, I started for Harbour Grace on Monday,—saw there the chairman of the Board on the subject of the master's appointment,—and laboured hard to prevent some of the many evils which the Education Act is calculated to inflict on the Protestant population of this unfortunate colony. I am sorry to say I found Mr. Burt in bed, suffering from another somewhat severe attack in the head; but I have since heard he is better. Some of his people in Spaniard's Bay being sick, I left Harbour Grace early on Tuesday that I might visit them on my return; after which I proceeded to Bay Roberts, where I saw Mr. Howell, and then crossed in a boat to Port-de-Grave. On Wednesday I had a call to a house about seven miles in the woods;—to this I attended,—and afterwards crossed the country to Brigus, which I reached shortly after dark. On the following morning, before breakfast, and with the thermometer at zero, I was again on the way, with my face towards St. John's:—but before I reached Kelligrews I was benighted in the long woods, quite fatigued, hungry, and thirsty. Discovering, however, after a while, a spark flickering from a chimney, I made towards it:—and to my great comfort, on my arrival at the house, I learnt that Kelligrews was not much more than a mile distant.—This distance I managed to get over; and after a night's rest, in the house of the poor but kind-hearted Mrs. Hodge, I bent my way toward St. John's, where, after an absence of twelve days, and a journey on foot of one hundred and fifty miles, I found, through the protecting care of a merciful God, all my family in health, though the typhus fever was, and still is, raging around us.

"I have not stated to your Lordship all the duties I was called upon to perform, or all the visits I made. Your Lordship's experience in these matters will abundantly testify, that the sick and the destitute, in remote districts, are generally anxious for the presence of a passing Missionary, and that he cannot but gratify their very proper desire. I purpose shortly to take a tour along the southern shore, to visit Bay Bulls, Ferryland, Cape Broyle, Caplin Bay, Aguaforte, Fermuse, and Renew, where I know the people are most desirous for the visits of a Clergyman."

NOVA SCOTIA.

From the Venerable Archdeacon Willis, Halifax.

"I have frequently four services and four sermons on a Sunday, as was the case on Easter day, when the Sacrament of the Lord's supper was administered to more than 200 communicants.

"I have been enabled to take my share in the services of the Church, on every Sunday and Festival during the last year; and I humbly desire to be thankful to a kind Providence for my preservation in health and strength."

Rev. W. Cogswell, Curate of St. Paul's, Halifax.

"I have officiated every Sunday during the year 1838; I have taken part in 258 services, and delivered 163 Sermons and Lectures. I have visited 183 families in the parish of St. Paul's and 100 in the adjoining parish of St. George.

"I have paid 900 visits to the sick and well.—The Sunday School has been in active operation during the year; the attendance about 150."

Rev. Richard J. Uniacke, Newport.

"I entered upon the cure of this parish in the middle of September 1837, and from that time have had the satisfaction of meeting large and attentive congregations almost wherever I held divine service; and in my pastoral visits have found a people warmly attached to the Church, and willing in every way to encourage the labours of their minister."

Rev. Henry L. Owen, Aylisford.

"During the year 1838, I travelled 2386 miles in the performance of my duties."

Rev. Joshua Weeks, New Dublin.

"I have preached during 1838, 162 times; read prayers about as often; and travelled in duty 2,154 miles. I have made 115 visits to separate settlements."

HOME REPORT.

Since the commencement of the present year the following Missionaries have been sent to their several stations:—

*New South Wales.*—Rev. Messrs. W. B. Clarke, M. A. Jesus Coll. Camb; J. Jennings Smith, M. A. Cath. Hall, Camb; John Morse, M. A. Pemb. Coll. Oxon; Robert Allwood, B. A. — Coll. Cumb; Charles Spencer, M. A. Christ's Coll. Camb; Robert T. Bolton, M. A. Clare Hall, Camb.

*Jamaica.*—Rev. J. S. Le Gros, B. A. Downing Coll. Camb.

*Canada.*—Mr. R. Lonsdell, (to be ordained by Bp. of Montreal.)

The following gentlemen have received their appointments, and are preparing for their voyage:—

*Australia.*—Messrs. J. Yelverton Wilson; Chas. Woodward, B. C. L. Queen's Coll. Camb; Edward G. Pryce, B. A. Trin. Coll. Dublin.

*Canada.*—Rev. Richard Anderson, B. A. Trin. Coll. Dublin.

*British Guiana.*—Messrs. John Robinson; William Scurr, of the University of Durham.

*Jamaica.*—Messrs. David Osborne, Catechist; Thomas Hooper, Schoolmaster; A. H. Harkheim, Schoolmaster.

*Barbadoes.*—Mr. Charles Sims, Catechist.

A further sum of £500 a year has been placed at the disposal of the Bishop of Montreal, for the maintenance of additional Missionaries in the provinces of Upper and Lower Canada.

Meetings in furtherance of the Society's designs have been held in various parts of the country during the last quarter, at nearly all of which the Bishop of Nova Scotia has attended. In many instances they have been followed by the formation of Parochial Associations; and when the greatly extended operations of the Society are taken into account, especially in Australia, to which colony alone thirty Missionaries have been sent during the two last years, it is obvious that nothing short of a general and united effort can suffice to maintain it in its full efficiency.

\* \* The returns of Collections under authority of the Queen's Letter are not yet quite completed, but the amount received up to the present time is £37,100.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

*Church in Canada.*—Several petitions were presented. The most important were thirty, by Mr. Pakington, from different townships in Upper Canada, stating that the petitioners had settled in that colony under the firm persuasion that they were to enjoy the benefits of the British Constitution, a part and parcel of which was the Established Church—that there was no support for that church from tithes, which, however, they did not wish to see established (hear, hear), but they considered they were entitled to the same protection as the Roman Catholics of Lower Canada and they prayed that the House would not sanction the diversion of any property granted originally for the support of the Church to any other purpose. Also a petition from the chiefs and warriors of the Onondago and other Indian nations who had been converted to Christianity by the Church missionaries, to the same effect. The signatures were attested by Adam Elliot, the missionary; and he gave notice that if early next session her Majesty's Government took no steps in this matter he should feel it his duty to call the attention of the House to the frightful extent of religious destitution existing in Canada. The hon. member also presented a petition from Church Staunton, in Devon, to the same effect:

*Picty of the Queen Dowager.*—The Duchess Dowager of Beaufort has been the means of much spiritual good among the higher ranks of society. I happen to know that she carries on an extensive correspondence with persons in her own station in life, on the subject of evangelical and experimental religion.—

Among her Grace's correspondents on purely religious topics, is the Queen Dowager Adelaide. I can state with certainty, that since the Queen Dowager left this country twelve months ago, for Malta, for the benefit of her health, she has written her Grace a series of letters which indicate a remarkable spirituality of feeling, a most intimate acquaintance with the Scriptures, and the clearest view of evangelical truth.—*Metropolitan Pulpit; by the Author of "Ransom Recollections."*

THE LITTLE HAND.

By Mrs. Sigourney.

Thou wak'st, my baby boy, from sleep,  
And through its silken fringe  
Thine eye, like violet, pure and deep,  
Gleams forth in azure tinge.  
With frolic smiles and gladness meek,  
Thy radiant brow is drest;  
While fondly to thy mother's cheek  
Thy little hand is pressed.

That little hand! what prescient wit  
Its history may discern,  
Ere time its tiny bones shall knit  
With manhood's sinews stern?  
The artist's pencil shall it guide,  
Or spread the snowy sail?  
Or hold the plough with rural pride,  
Or ply the sounding flail?

Through music's labyrinthian maze,  
With thrilling ardour rove;  
Or weave those tender, tuneful lays,  
That beauty wins from love?  
Old Coke or Blackstone's learned tone  
With weary toil explore;  
Or trim the lamp in classic dome,  
Till midnight's watch be o'er?

The pulse of languid sickness press,  
Or such high honor gain  
As in the pulpit raised, to bless  
A pious listening train?  
Say, shall it find the cherished grasp  
Of friendship's fervour cold,  
Or startling feel the envied clasp  
Of treachery's serpent fold?

Or linked in hallowed union, blest,  
Of changeless love benign,  
Press some fair infant to thy breast,  
As thou dost cling to mine?  
But oh! may the Almighty friend  
From whom our being came,  
This dear and powerless hand defend  
From deeds of guilt and shame;

From cruel war's discoloured blade,  
From withering penury's pain;  
From dark oppression's direful trade,  
And from the miser's gain.  
Grant it to dry the tear of woe,  
Wild folly's course restrain;  
The aims of sympathy bestow,  
The righteous cause maintain.

Write wisdom on the wing of Fate,  
Even 'mid the morn of youth,  
And, with benevolence sublime,  
Dispense the light of truth.  
Discharge a just, a useful part,  
Through life's uncertain maze;  
Till, coupled with an angel's heart,  
It strikes the lyre of praise.