

COBBETT'S OPINION OF THE CHURCH.

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COBOURG, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1840.

We have often expressed our opinion of the advantages attending those periodical assemblages of the Clergy, which the formation of themselves into District Associations enables them to enjoy...

At six o'clock in the evening of each day, Divine Service was performed in St. John's Church; and on both occasions, it was highly gratifying to observe the attendance of so numerous and apparently deeply interested a congregation.

The Sermon on Wednesday evening was preached by the Rev. A. F. Atkinson from 1 Timothy iii. 15, and comprehended a very lucid and eloquent exposition of the 19th Article of the Church.

But not only is the pure word of God preached among us, but also the Sacraments are rightly and duly administered, according to Christ's ordinance...

We can understand the purity of feeling and the healthfulness of principle by which Mr. De Blaquiere is actuated in making such a declaration...

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spirit of vain-glory, but in a spirit of humble and devout thankfulness to Almighty God for the great privileges vouchsafed to us — what branch of the visible Church of Christ has evinced more — I had almost said so much — but what more of material care for her children than she has done? She may literally be said to watch over them from the cradle to the grave.

"I cannot conclude this discourse in language more appropriate than that recently expressed by one of the noblest of her champions, and most devoted and pious of her sons."

With the admirable Speech of the Hon. Mr. De Blaquiere, which will be found under the proper head, we conclude our notice of the hackneyed question of the Clergy Reserves.

Mr. De Blaquiere, although a new member and unaccustomed probably to the business of legislation, has proved himself eminently qualified to grapple with this difficult but ill-treated question.

"The depopulation of certain parts of the country, and the increase of other sects, which I am far from disparaging, have doubtless contributed to this desolation of the sanctuary."

"We have been informed that the Rev. Mr. St. John, Curate of Bigbury, has offered to contribute the munificent sum of £1000 towards the erection of the new chapel-of-ease at Stoke."

We have the pleasure of informing our readers that the Rev. Dr. Warnford has transmitted to the Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol the munificent donation of £200, to be applied by his lordship in aid of the designs of the Diocesan Education Board established in this diocese.

SPIRITUAL DESTINY OF BETHNAL-GREEN.—A few days since we announced the munificent donation of £6000 from a clergyman and his sister, in aid of the fund for building churches, &c., in the parish of Bethnal-green, and we have now the satisfaction to learn that an anonymous donation of £2000, under the title of "Commercial Prosperity," has been paid to the same fund.

PARISH CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL.—The case of these schools was advocated on Sunday last, by the Rev. the Vicar, at the parish church in the morning and evening, and at St. James's Church in the morning by the Rev. W. Harrison, B. A. in the afternoon by the Rev. J. C. Whish, B. A.

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some sum of upwards of two hundred and seventy-six pounds. Now, we place this gratifying fact in juxtaposition with the boasted fruits of voluntarism, and are quite content to wait the decision, as to whether the Church is not pre-eminently entitled to the claim of possessing among her members the individuals who are most deserving of being considered truly Christian voluntaries.

MEETING OF THE IRISH PRELATES.—THE DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE.—The Irish archbishops and bishops, at a meeting held in Dublin on the 12th instant, resolved to constitute themselves into a society for the relief of widows and orphans of deceased clergymen in Ireland.

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CATHEDRAL AT CALCUTTA.—At the December meeting of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, the Secretary read a letter from the Bishop of Calcutta, in which he stated his intention to build a cathedral at Calcutta 200 feet long, 60 feet wide, and 60 feet high, with a north and south transept, and a spire as nearly like Norwich Cathedral, as one 220 feet high could be like one 313 feet high.

WORTHY IMITATION.—We record with pleasure another instance of the extensive charities of the Lord Bishop of St. Asaph. Last week his lordship distributed clothing to nearly 200 poor families residing in the town and neighbourhood of St. Asaph.

THE MINISTERIAL NEWSPAPERS have discovered a means of extreme annoyance to the Tories. They accuse them of plotting with king Ernest to depose Queen Victoria; and it is insinuated that a recent visit of Lord Stuart de Rothesay to Hanover was made to obtain his Majesty's instructions to that end.

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SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE GOSPEL IN FOREIGN PARTS.—Last week a very numerous and respectable meeting in aid of this valuable institution was held at Stow-in-the-Wold, Gloucestershire.

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THE INDIAN ARMY.—Arrangements have been made by which the officers and men of the Queen's service in India will no longer be subjected to loss by exchange; their pay is to be paid in full at the uniform rate of 2s. per rupee.

FROM THE BANKER'S CIRCULAR.—We have good ground for stating that the bullion in the Bank at this instant considerably exceeds £3,500,000. The amount of silver exported since the 4th of December, to Hamburg chiefly, reaching about £200,000 in value, is for the regulation of the exchange, and the highest authorities in the city on this matter express great confidence that the exchange will be set right without renewed difficulty and alarm.

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