

Mr. Spencer, of Liverpool, is stated invariably to have passed from secret communion with God to what he described as "that awful place," a pulpit. The uncommon interest and effect which appeared to rest upon his ministrations, were drawn more directly from his heavenly habits of mind, than from those unrivalled powers of pulpit eloquence that command universal admiration.—*Bridges' Christian Ministry.*

From the Episcopal Recorder.

THE LATE BISHOP RYDER.

The character of Dr. Ryder, Bishop of Lichfield and Coventry, formerly bishop of Gloucester, is very extensively known and highly appreciated in this country. He died of an apoplectic fit, on the 31st of March, in the fifty-ninth year of his age. An English paper in noticing his death gives the following description of his character, which does no more than justice to its excellence:—

"It was impossible to be brought into contact with the late bishop without perceiving that his whole soul was influenced with one great desire, namely, the faithful discharge of the ministry entrusted to him by the Lord Jesus. His active mind was ever on the watch to devise means of doing good, and it is well known that his exertions were as much beyond his physical strength, as his charities were disproportioned to what, in the selfish calculations of worldly prudence, would have been considered the resources of his income.—Nor was it only by what may be the merely external qualifications of activity and benevolence that his lordship was distinguished, for he was at least equally remarkable for fervent piety, and all that is lovely and of good report in the Christian character. The courteousness of his uniform demeanour was manifestly the unaffected expression of a heart deeply imbued with the very mind of Christ, and few things were more striking in his deportment than the union of the most profound humility, with a dignity which always commanded respect, and an occasional solemnity of denunciation which was well calculated to rouse the indolent and alarm the guilty. His style of writing was natural, elegant and perspicuous; often abounding in earnest pathos, and sometimes in eloquence of a high order. The Church could indeed spare such a man at such a time; and we are well assured that his best eulogy will be the universal grief which his removal will occasion, not only among the clergy, to whom he was a guide, example, friend, and father, but among the laity also; and we believe that even those who dissent from the Church of which he was so bright an ornament, will sympathize with the reverence which attends his memory, in proportion as they are themselves advanced in all that constitutes the essence of true religion. His lordship was the youngest son of the late Lord Harrowby, and brother of the present Earl. He was born in 1777, consecrated bishop of Gloucester in the year 1815, and translated to Lichfield and Coventry in 1824. His lordship married in 1802, Sophia, daughter of Thomas March Phillipps, Esq., and sister of the present Member of Parliament for the county of Leicester, who survives him, and by whom he has left nine sons and three daughters to deplore the loss of a most tender and watchful husband and father."

Dr. Butson, bishop of Killaloe, dyed a few days before bishop Ryder. He is to be succeeded by Dr. Sandes, Senior Fellow of Trinity College, Dublin.—This appointment is said to give very general satisfaction.

Of another appointment, that of Dr Longley, Head Master of Harrow School, the London Record thus speaks:—

"We have received from a quarter entitled to reliance the following relation of circumstances attending the nomination of Dr. Longley to the Bench. When the bishoprick was offered to him by the Premier, he wrote to his lordship to state his inability to vote for the Irish Church Bill, as it was presented in the last session of Parliament. To this letter, it is stated, Lord Melbourne wrote a reply to the effect that he felt no disposition to bind the conscience of any man—that he made the appointment with the complete understanding that Dr. Longley was on all occasions to act according to his own views of the case—and that it was enough for him to believe that he should find in Dr. Longley a cordial supporter of all measures which had for their object the real reform of existing evils and abuses both in and out of the Church,

"If this relation be correct, which, as we have said, we have every reason to believe is substantially the case, there is no doubt it is creditable to both parties. The appointment of Dr. Longley indeed must be viewed, upon the whole, with much satisfaction. He is represented to be a person of Scriptural principles, of real piety, of extensive learning, and active benevolence—that benevolence exhibiting itself, as in other channels, by the support of the Bible and Church Missionary Societies. We learn he is to be consecrated, in the first instance, to the see of Bristol, and when Ripon is erected into a see, Bristol is to merge in Bath and Wells, and Dr. Longley is to be translated to Ripon."

Rev. S. Bottomley.—The late Rev. Samuel Bottomley, for the long period of fifty-seven years the pastor of a christian congregation at Scarborough, in the beginning of his ministry, had inscribed on the dial in his chapel the impressive sentiment, "On this mortal eternity depends." A most impressive consideration, which should never be forgotten in the house of God; either by the preacher or his hearers.

Systems, schemes, and hypotheses, all bred of heat in the warm region of controversy, will, like meteors in a troubled sky, each have its turn to blaze and pass away. But the Bible is eternal like the sun, the never-failing source of light and life.—*Bp. Warburton.*

The Scriptures were written, not to gratify our curiosity and make us astronomers, but to lead us to God and make us saints.

The golden beams of truth and the silken cords of love, will draw men on by a sweet violence, whether they will or no.—*Cudworth.*

THE COLONIAL CHURCHMAN.

LUNENBURG, THURSDAY, JUNE 30, 1836.

CLERICAL SOCIETY.—Our second meeting in this year was held in this town during the last week. There was divine service in the parish church on Wednesday, morning and evening;—at St. James's Chapel, Mahone Bay, on Thursday p. m.; Lunenburg in the evening; and on Friday morning at St. Peter's, New Dublin. The weather was very unfavourable on the first day, which operated against the attendance, but it was still respectable, especially at Mahone Bay, where, as well as at New Dublin, it was truly encouraging to see numbers suspending their worldly labours, and gladly coming from a considerable distance, to the house of the Lord. In looking over a late number of the Episcopal Recorder, we find the following remarks appended to a notice of a somewhat similar clerical meeting at Churchtown, Pa.:

"Associations are not only profitable to our people, but they are highly so to ministers. There is an egotism, a self-gratulation contracted in the study, which is removed by the attrition consequent upon the free inquiry and interchange of ideas which obtain among brethren. Ministers that are accustomed to dictate laws to their little senates in their own houses, or to preach Sabbath after Sabbath in their own pulpits, are inclined to be dogmatical, and to adopt the positive and arbitrary manner of a "Diotrephes, who loved the pre-eminence." By mingling with their brethren, they discover the excellencies of others, and their own faults; they learn to "be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another," they study to "be of the same mind one towards another; not to mind high things, but to condescend to men of low estate."

It is also well, for another reason, for the servant of the sanctuary occasionally to travel abroad, and preach among strangers. The presence of new faces and attentive congregations will induce him to redouble his efforts. The joy he imparts to others, will be returned with accumulated interest upon his own heart. The Lord will reward every effort he makes to promote His glory. The servant that honours God, will God honour; and he that watereth others will find his own soul most abundantly watered.

Ministers assembling, as they did in the Association at Churchtown, in the mutual donation and reception of friendly offices, correcting each other's errors, promoting each other's welfare and usefulness, provoking one another to love and good works, cultivating that "charity which beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things," convey some idea, although faint and obscure, of the happiness of heaven, where, if faithful unto death, we shall "come to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and Church of the first-born, to Jesus the mediator, and to God, the Judge of all."

SHEDIAC.—A friend writes that this place has quite the appearance of a village, and has improved much in the last few years, and is still improving. The church is a neat building with Gothic windows and handsome spire; the pulpit of bird eye maple, with crimson velvet hangings upon it and the Altar. There is a well toned organ, and the singing is correct and solemn. A commodious parsonage house has been provided, and the requisite sum raised for the support of the minister: and, moreover, the churchwardens were about ornamenting the burial ground, by setting out alternately oaks and elms around it." All which indicates a proper spirit, such as is not always to be met with, but will ever be manifest where religious advantages are duly prized.

BISHOP CHASE has returned to the United States, having collected about £1750 sterling for his seminary in Illinois, besides obtaining other valuable assistance for the same object.

LETTERS received since our last—from Rev. J. Black, Sackville, N. B. (with remit.); Rev. L. C. Jenkins, Charlotte Town, P. E. I. (with ditto.)

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"Sigma" and "Vindesoriensis" are received. "Albert's" communication has been some time delayed, but shall appear in our next. We are sorry that there is any disappointment as to the papers for Sydney or the Mines. They have been regularly sent through the Post Office, as they have been also to Fredericton and other places, where we are informed they have not arrived in due course. We thank the new missionary at Sackville, N. B. for the unsought addition to our subscription list, from that quarter. A little exertion on the part of our brethren in their respective parishes, is all that is wanting to make that list as large as it ought to be in this flourishing Diocese.

DIED.

Lately, at St. Margaret's Bay, Miss Nancy Bouteiller, after a long illness, in which and in the hour of death she was supported by the faith and hope of the Gospel. As a mark of her attachment to the Church she left a handsome benefaction towards the purchase of silver communion plate for the Altar.

At Windsor, Mrs. Fraser, wife of Dr. Benjamin Fraser, after a short illness.

At the same place, Miss E. Tremain, daughter of John Tremain, Esq. of Halifax.

At Bangor, (Me.) Mrs. Lampson, daughter of Dr. Webster, of Liverpool, N. S.

We cannot record these four deaths, all occurring in the morning of life, and that (with regard to two of them especially) a morning gilded by the brightest prospect of a long and cheerful day of earthly happiness, without at the same time imploring all who read the brief announcement, to regard it as one more warning, that "here we have no continuing city."

"Let this vain world allure no more,
Behold the opening tomb;
It bids us use the present hour,
To-morrow Death may come.

Oh! let us to that Saviour fly,
Whose arm alone can save;
Then shall our hopes ascend on high,
And triumph o'er the grave!"