

the whole work of redemption were finished; as if to preach him is his resurrection, and ascension, and exaltation, were not as important as to preach him in his humiliation and agony. To shew the sinner that his repentance is accepted, you must shew that it has been presented at the mercy-seat; you must exhibit our great High Priest as having laid aside the garments of sacrifice for those of dignity and glory, and ascended into the holy place on high; "how to appear in the presence of God for us." Intercession must be preached as the crowning act in redemption. But intimately connected with this office of Christ as our interceding Priest, bearing our names upon his breast plate is that of the great Prophet of his church, "in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge," and of whom every disciple must learn "the way, the truth, and the life." Essential also to the right enforcement of his priestly and prophetic office, is the exhibition of Christ, exalted to be a prince as well as a Saviour, having "all power in heaven and earth," claiming supreme dominion in the hearts of his people—able to subdue all enemies under his feet, and make all things work together for good to them that love him. It is Christ reigning as King—"Head over all things to his church," that set the seal to all that is availing in his mediation as our Priest, that clothes our message with authority, as well as with mercy and wisdom and makes the tender entreaties of divine compassion the peremptory commands of infinite sovereignty. For no purpose is a heavenly skill in the preacher more needed than to exhibit the tenderness of Christ as enforced by his authority, and his authority as commended by his tenderness—to preach him as a Judge and also as an Advocate,—to declare not only the love but "the wrath of the Lamb;" to exhibit his infinite freeness, fulness, and yet the rigid exclusiveness of his salvation to him "that believeth;" so as always to "speak a word in season to him that is weary," and never a word of encouragement to him that persists in his sins. The cross, like a pillar of cloud, is all light to the people of God—all darkness to such as neglect so great salvation.

Rev. John A. Clark.—We regret to learn that this gentleman has been obliged to retire for a season from the field of his ministerial labors. In compliance with the most competent medical advice he sailed on Monday last for Europe. He is now added another example of the many who are yearly failing in health, from the variety and excess of their studies and labors. It is believed that rest for a twelve-month in genial climate will restore him to health; and we participate with his numerous friends in their desires and prayers that such may be the result. Though he has been connected with the parish of St. Andrew's but little more than two years, though he came to it with feeble health, his labors have been abundant and his success signal. He leaves a large and attached congregation who, it gives us pleasure to add, have, besides continuing his regular salary, made liberal provision for his expenses abroad.—*Episc. Rec.*

THE COLONIAL CHURCHMAN.

LUNENBURG, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1837.

CHRISTMAS DAY.—Once more we have been permitted by the good Providence of God to witness the Anniversary of the birth of the blessed Redeemer of mankind.—How excellent is that order of our church which presents to the successive notice and meditations of her children the great things which the Lord has done for them, from the hour that "He was made flesh and dwelt among us," to that in which with his parting breath He cried out upon the cross, "It is finished!" Let our praises ascend to God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, for that He looked upon our lost estate, and gave his only Son up to all the

humiliation of his earthly course for our sakes. And to the blessed Person himself—the Eternal word—the only begotten of the Father—most hearty should be our thankfulness and continual our adoration. Every return of this festival far from lessening these feelings, should rather find us with increasing love and more fervent gratitude than the last, and our praise be endless as his love. We cannot say with St. John that he has "dwelt among us," or that we have been eye witnesses of his glory, and his goodness, as those could, who enjoyed the blessed privilege of being his bosom companions. But does He not still dwell among us by his Spirit. "Lo I am with you always, even to the end of the world." Is not His presence most comfortably felt by every one that truly believes on his name, who have all "one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all who is above all, and through all and in them all?" And can we not still behold his glory as we read and meditate upon his holy word, where the works that others saw are written for our learning upon whom the ends of the world have come. There we may behold the face of Jesus Christ as in a glass—and be changed by his Spirit from glory to glory. And is not He present where two or three are gathered together in His blessed name, according to his promise? And is He not still full of grace and truth, to our great and endless comfort. Are not his offers of grace still freely and mercifully made to us all—and his promise ever sure to all that seek him with all their hearts and souls and strength. Let us praise God for making these things known to us, which he had hidden from the generations that have gone by, and which are still hidden from millions that dwell on the face of the earth—who are ignorant of the Saviour's love and the Saviour's name—whom no day-spring from on high hath visited, to give light to them that sit in darkness, and to guide their feet into the ways of peace. But it is not enough to praise God for these his favours—not enough to enjoy privileges such as we enjoy. Our condemnation will be great in proportion to their greatness, if we abuse them. We must live up to them, and act up to them.—How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?—While we adore the goodness of God, as displayed at this time, O let us shew we feel it by closing with the offers of grace and pardon which he brought—by adorning the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.

Let us try to imitate his gracious love likewise at this season, by extending ours to all around us. It is the season for remembering the Divine love to man—let it be the season of our forgiveness to all who may have injured us. In the great love of our Master and only Saviour, let us lose sight of the petty annoyances that may unhappily have arisen to divide us. "If God so loved the world, let us also love one another"—Since Christ has extended to us the arms of redeeming mercy, let us extend to each other the hand of mutual forgiveness, and heal the breaches which the corrupt and sinful passions of our nature may have made. Let our hearts warm with pity and tenderness and sympathy towards those who are less favoured than ourselves in the outward circumstances of life—and let us do our best to relieve them according as God has given us the ability. While He gives us comfort at home, health and plenty, let us remember how many are less favoured—how many aching hearts there are throughout the wide world—how many families are clouded by domestic sorrow, owing to the loss of some who were present last year, and contributed to the comfort of the domestic scene.

And let us pray to God for all these, that the Saviour of men may be their Saviour; and in the midst of their various trials, may refresh their souls. And even if our own lot be one of trouble and privation at this time, let us still not forget to praise the God of our salvation, for this happy season. For indeed, to whom is it so full of happiness as to those who have their evil things in this life;—to whom should the glad tidings of great joy be so glad, as to those whose hearts are bowed down under the weight

of tribulation. None should receive with more thankful hearts than they, the joyful news that "Unto us there is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." The happiest Christmas, be it remembered, is that, not in which we have most of this world's joy—but in which we most truly feel and realize the mercies of redeeming love, and are most closely drawn towards our blessed Saviour, in faith and love and obedience.

THE COUNCIL.—Since our last her Majesty's Council for this province has been dissolved, and we are yet uninformed as to the creation of another. But of this we are sure, that no men will be found more worthy of the confidence of the country or better qualified and disposed to promote its best interests, than those who have so long and so faithfully and gratuitously discharged the important duties of that Board. They have been a salutary check to the restless and revolutionary spirit of which there have been some indications amongst us, and to them the province has often been indebted for preventing the evils of crude and inconsiderate legislation. We cannot but regard the dissolution of a Body, collectively and individually, so worthy of respect and confidence, with feelings of regret, and with some misgivings as to the consequence of this first breaking up of our old institutions. It is some comfort, however, to know that the new Councils are not to be elective, and we trust the public will still have the benefit of the services in both, of those who have already served their sovereign and their country so well.

The Legislature is summoned to meet on the 25th of January, for the dispatch of business.

LUNENBURG NATIONAL SCHOOL.—The usual examination of this institution took place on Friday last in the presence of several of the parents of the children, and other gentlemen of the town, to whom it was highly gratifying to remark the improvement which had been made by the scholars since the last examination. Their reading, writing and cyphering, and their answers in geography and history, as well as the acquaintance of the first classes with the use of the globes, were such as we think would not easily be surpassed in any school in the province, and called forth expressions of commendation of the zeal and diligence of the teacher, Mr. W. M. B. Lawson, who has for more than four years conducted this school with satisfaction to the public and credit to himself.—It is no small part of the pleasure derived from the consideration of the advantages which have resulted from this school, that these advantages have been gratuitously afforded to a large number of children who would otherwise have grown up in ignorance. We commend it to the continued and increased patronage of the community.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BAZAAR.—We are happy to find that the sum of Sixty Pounds has been realized at Halifax by the late Bazaar in behalf of the Sunday Schools attached to St. Paul's Church. The fingers of the young ladies who assisted in the undertaking, were seldom better employed than in thus furnishing means for the instruction of the ignorant, and the clothing of the naked. And without envying our brethren their success, we cannot but wish that some other Sunday Schools were as liberally endowed.

PUBLIC MEETING.—Agreeably to a requisition from the magistrates and other inhabitants of Lunenburg, addressed to J. H. Kaulbach, Esq. High Sheriff, a public meeting has been called of the inhabitants of this township to be held at the Court House on Saturday next at 11 o'clock, for the purpose of expressing their opinion on the unhappy state of affairs in Canada, and for shewing their loyalty to the Queen, and their attachment to the British Constitution.

D I E D.

Lately in this town, Mr. George Dobson, son of the late Mr. Thomas Dobson, merchant, of Halifax.