

would, doubtless, had his life been prolonged, have rejoiced at the consummation of his labours, and in beholding the advancement of the country in wealth, peace, and prosperity. His sun, however, is now set—his race is run—his political contest is ended. Thus are we admonished not to "put" our "trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help. His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish."

THE first number of the second volume of the *Wesleyan*, a paper devoted to the interests of British Wesleyan Methodism, (formerly published in this city, but now at Toronto,) has just made its appearance; and, contrary to general expectation, is to be published semi-monthly, instead of weekly. Its typographical appearance is good, and the original articles numerous, and in general ably written. We hope it may have an extensive circulation.

In glancing over the contents of the first number, however, we were not a little surprised at observing the following rather unfriendly notice of the *Christian Mirror*:—

"We take the earliest opportunity of correcting an erroneous impression which has gone abroad that the *Christian Mirror* is an organ of the Wesleyans, or is, in some way, connected with the Wesleyan Body. On the contrary, it is, in no sense, identified with Wesleyan interests. We have no disposition, whatever, to injure the *Mirror*; but we are unwilling that it should be regarded in a false light, as either the local successor or denominational ally of this periodical."

We never had the most distant idea that such an "impression" had gone abroad as that mentioned by the *Wesleyan*, (viz. that "the *Christian Mirror* is an organ of the Wesleyans.") The only intimation we have had that such an impression prevailed in any quarter, was through a paragraph in the *Church*, and which we immediately corrected. Nothing that has ever appeared in the columns of our journal could by any possibility be construed into an attempt to circulate such an impression; but, on the contrary, many of our articles were calculated to produce the very opposite conviction.

But whilst we unhesitatingly deny that we ever aspired to be the official "organ of the Wesleyans," we, nevertheless, are by no means ready to admit that we are "in no sense identified with Wesleyan interests." Such an admission, we conceive, would be tantamount to declaring ourselves opposed to those interests; but so far from this being the case, we HAVE ALWAYS BEEN, AND STILL ARE, DEEPLY INTERESTED IN THE PROSPERITY OF THAT MOST RESPECTABLE AND HIGHLY HONOURED SECTION OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST. Our design, however, in the publication of the *Mirror*, is, purely and impartially, as we have expressed ourselves in previous numbers, to contribute, in some humble degree, to the dissemination of general religious intelligence, and other useful information; and happy are we in being able to say that these our humble efforts have been very generally appreciated by all denominations of Christians.

We avail ourselves of this opportunity to record our sincere gratitude to those numerous friends, both in town and country, who have so readily come forward to our support, as well as for the many kind assurances of approbation of our journal which we are daily receiving. Whilst it shall be our constant study to render our journal still more worthy of the support of the Christian public generally, we would, at the same time, most respectfully solicit the increased exer-

tions of our friends to procure for the *Mirror* a circulation proportionate to the expense of a journal published at so low a rate.

THE communication signed "TENDERNESS," which we promised should appear in this number, having been accidentally mislaid, it may be sufficient for us to say, that the object of the writer was to direct the attention of the Corporation to the numerous instances of cruelty daily practised towards dumb animals, in our public streets and markets; and which so loudly call for redress.

WE have much pleasure in extracting the following from the *Halifax Guardian* of the 23d ult:—

"It appears that during the course of last winter, a correspondence commenced among the Ministers of the Presbyterian congregations in connection with the Church of Scotland in the city of Montreal, which resulted in the appointment of sub-committees by the different Sessions, to form a joint committee to devise whatever ulterior measures might be deemed best for accomplishing their object. At the first meeting of the Committee, among other useful suggestions, it was resolved that an association should be formed in each of the Churches, to collect funds for Missionary purposes. At a subsequent meeting, it was resolved that an application be immediately made by the Rev. Dr. MATHIESON, to the Colonial Committee of the General Assembly, for a City Missionary for Montreal, and that the Committee engage to pay their Missionary a salary of £125 currency, with an allowance for travelling expenses. In consequence of this application, which was soon after made to Scotland, the Colonial Committee have appointed the Rev. THOMAS HENRY, a clergyman of most respectable talents, to fill that situation. Mr. HENRY arrived at Halifax on Thursday last, in the Royal Mail steamer *Caledonia*, and after spending a very short time with his friends in this city, proceeded in the same vessel in the evening, by way of Boston, to Canada."

CORRESPONDENCE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CHRISTIAN MIRROR.

MR. EDITOR,—Allow me, through your paper, to express my deep regret, that the Divinity of Christ, and the doctrine of Atonement, should have been publicly impeached in this city, without any reply.

In all cases where error is advanced, it is most desirable that it may be corrected in the same place, and before the same hearers.

Those who were at Mr. BRUCE's school room last Saturday evening, heard the orthodox plan of Atonement represented as a cruel and unreasonable plan, and contrary to the general tenor of Scripture.

All plans contrary to Scripture will be exploded by good men; but it remains to be proved, that the divinity of Christ and the doctrine of atonement are contrary to the general tenor of Scripture. It appears from the history of the Church, that most of those who have embraced Christianity, from the days of the apostles to this time, have been, and yet are, full in the belief of these important doctrines. And it is much to be lamented that a gentleman of talents and learning, who has lately visited this city from Boston, should have assailed doctrines which our Roman Catholic brethren, with most Protestants, think to be highly important. And most painful must it have been to all believers in those doctrines to have heard what I heard last Saturday evening.

There is but one Lord, one faith, one baptism—and why should we fall out by the way, especially in matters of the greatest importance?

The gentleman who has been visiting us can exhibit the excellency of practical religion, which

he has done several times to great advantage. And I do most earnestly entreat him, and all others who are engaged in controversy, to read the 4th of Ephesians, and act from the influence of the spirit inculcated at the close of that chapter.

That the Wisdom from above, which is pure and peaceable, may ever guide and direct all Ministers, and teachers of the rising race, is the prayer of

T. OSGOOD.

Montreal, October 4, 1841.

SUMMARY OF NEWS.

MR. McLEOD'S TRIAL.

ON Monday the Court met at Utica, Judge Gridley presiding, when, on motion of the Attorney General, the names of the witnesses on behalf of the State were called over, and on motion of Mr. Spencer, the prisoner's counsel, the case was postponed till today, subject to the pleasure of the Attorney General to bring it on at an earlier date.—*Com. Messenger of Oct. 4.*

The President of the United States has issued a Proclamation, condemning, in strong and in just language, the proceedings of those citizens of the United States who lend their countenance and support to the border brigandism so general of late, and denouncing the Hunter Lodges as dangerous to the peace and honour of the country. It is only to be regretted that the Executive has not greater power to make itself felt throughout its nominal jurisdiction. The Proclamation is well timed. The arrest of Grogan, against which a representation has been sent to Washington by the inhabitants of "Alburgh City," will afford the President an opportunity of further explaining his own correct opinions on the subject of the outrages so disgraceful to the Union, and so annoying to the Canadians.—*Id.*

We understand from our correspondent at Utica, that the panel of jurors made out for the trial of McLeod, consist of several Quakers and others, who are disposed to look at the matter in a light the most favourable for McLeod.—*N. Y. Herald.*

DEATH OF SAMUEL BLACK, ESQ., OF THE HON. HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY.—Died, near the mouth of the Columbia River, on the 8th of January last, Samuel Black, Esq., a chief factor in the Hudson Bay Company. The deceased was shot by an Indian of one of the tribes inhabiting that country, as an atonement, it is supposed, for the death of a chief, who fell a victim to a disease which baffled the skill of their "medicine men," and was consequently ascribed by them to the "evil spirit of the whites." Mr. Black went to the Indian country in 1802, in the service of Sir Alexander McKenzie & Co., and joined the North West Company's service at the coalition of 1805. He was an active and intelligent man; and was on the eve of retiring from the Indian country, when the savage and unprovoked attack which caused his death was committed.

LORD SYDENHAM, it is understood, has left legacies and remembrances to the Officers of his Suite, and to most of his household: amongst other bequests, it is reported that he has left £600 to Mr. Murdoch, late his Chief Secretary, to publish a Memoir of his administration in Canada.—*Mercury.*

PRINCE ALBERT has announced to the Rev. Dr. Hodgson, the Provost of Eton, his intention to present the sum of fifty pounds annually to Eton College, as a prize for that boy who shall be the most distinguished in the school in a knowledge of modern languages.

A recent London paper mentioned that the British Government had given £300 to aid in printing for the blind. A noble act of magnificence.

HON. JOSEPH HOWE.—The Halifax papers mention a rumour that this gentleman is to receive the appointment of General Colonial Secretary, with a salary of £1100 sterling a year, and to take up his residence in Canada.

WIDOWS.—No city in the world contains so many widows as Paris. There are fifty-three thousand six hundred and twenty-five in the city, and sixty-four thousand and eighty-two in the department.

ISLE OF MAN CENSUS.—The population of the Isle of Man is:—Males, 23,024; females, 24,262.—Total, 47,286; being an increase of 6,228 since 1831.