

our then ever. We have been redeemed that we might be a peculiar people zealous of good works. Let us not grow weary in well-doing—not lose our interest in this world or in life, while God gives us strength to work or breath to pray. Has any of your hymn-books the hymn in it commencing "Hail the day that saw him rise?" For several weeks it has periodically elevated and refreshed my spirits, especially the last four verses—"Master, will we ever say." How beautifully it closes:—

"There we shall with Thee remain,  
Partners of thy endless reign;  
There thy face unclouded see,  
Find our heaven of heavens in Thee."

We need not wait long for this heaven of heavens. Will not our enjoyment of Christ be heightened by the sympathy and love of each other? Yes, saints must assist each other in loving, praising and serving their God. What a meeting!

#### EXHIBITION OF THE BLIND.

THE Annual Exhibition of this benevolent Institution at the Tabernacle drew together one of the largest audiences ever assembled there.

The performances were highly creditable both to teachers and scholars, and elicited great applause. Among the most interesting of the pupils were two Chinese children brought to this country a few months since by Mrs. Gutzlaff. Although not a year in the institution, their performances of all kinds were given with more correctness and promptness than any of the others of the same age.

The music was excellent. The performances of the band and choir would do credit to performers with all their senses perfect.

The regret, however, which arises in one's mind, and which is the inevitable consequence of witnessing a number of our fellow mortals deprived of that chief of all blessings—that of sight—was much enhanced by the recital of the following piece of poetry composed by Miss Frances J. Crosby, for the occasion of this anniversary.

They tell us of the starry train  
That sparkless on yon sky of blue,  
When gently e'er you verdant plain  
The evening sheds its verdant hue.

And of the glorious orb of day,  
That lumes the spacious earth we tread;  
But vain, alas! its golden ray  
Upon our sightless eyes is shed.

They tell us of the landscape fair,  
The gushing fount, the pleasant shade;  
Of Spring's young flowers, that blossoms there,  
In nature's lovely garb array'd.

The smile that decks the human face;  
The brilliant eye, the joyous brow,  
Are beauties we may never trace!  
A rayless midnight shrouds us now.

But why, oh why, the falling tear?  
Why heave the sad, unbidden sigh?  
The lamp of knowledge, bright and fair,  
Fours lustre on our MENTAL eye.

And, oh! Religion's heavenly ray,  
Our bosom lights with sacred love;  
And bids us look from earth, away  
To an eternal world above.

To us our Father hath denied  
The blessing He on you bestows;  
Yet sweetly now our moment's glide,  
He gives us friends to sooth our woes.

And though we never can express  
The gratitude to you we owe,  
God your benevolence will bless,  
And His approving smile bestow.

The death-like stillness which pervaded the vast assemblage gathered together as these verses were recited in a low, sweet, melodious voice, was almost awful. To see that sightless girl standing in front of that sea of upturned faces, recalling, in her own language and that polished verse, to their recollection the beauties of the heavens and the earth, and the ever-changing and interesting study of the human countenance, the sight of which is denied to herself and associates, was most touching.—*N. Y. Rel. Int.*

**GOD IS WITH THE MISSIONARIES.**—Mr. Mason, in his memoir of Ko Thahbyu, quotes the following language from the lips of Mr. Judson, which he says expresses the feelings of every Karen missionary.

"The dying words of an aged man of God, when he waved his withered, death-struck arm,

and exclaimed, 'the best of all is, God is with us,' I feel in my very soul. Yes, the great Invisible is in these Karen wilds. That mighty being who heaped up these craggy rocks, and reared these stupendous mountains, and poured these streams in all directions, and scattered immortal beings throughout these deserts, He is present, and accompanies the sound of the gospel with conquering, sanctifying power. THE BEST OF ALL IS, GOD IS WITH US."

**FAITH IN CHRIST.**—Gideon, a converted Indian, was one day attacked by a savage, who presented his gun to his head, exclaiming, 'Now I will shoot you, for you speak of nothing but Jesus.' Gideon answered, 'If Jesus does not permit you, you cannot shoot me.' The savage was so struck with this answer, that he dropped his gun, and went home in silence.

**PROTESTANT MISSIONS AT TAHITI.**—It seems, by the last news from Europe, that communications have taken place between the English and French governments respecting the English Protestant Missions at the Society Islands. The result is stated to be a distinct assurance from M. Guizot, the French Prime Minister, that not only the English Protestant Missionaries, but missionaries and congregations of all denominations, would be not only tolerated, but equally protected by the authority of France in the South Sea Islands; and that the same protection would be carefully and impartially extended to all the mercantile and temporal interests of the subjects of a friendly power. This assurance will quiet some apprehensions which have been felt as to the influence and purposes of the Romish Propagandists, and of the ulterior design of France in extending its conquests in the Pacific.

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.**—There appears to be no pause in the preparatory arrangements of the probable seceders. A series of three plans have just been issued for churches, suited to the numerical circumstances of the different localities. According to these plans, a church containing three hundred and fifty sittings may be erected at a cost of two hundred and thirty pounds; one containing six hundred and fifty sittings, four hundred pounds; and one containing one thousand sittings, for seven hundred and twenty pounds. These estimates are made on the supposition that they are built above ground, principally of brick. Their appearance is sufficiently handsome, and the architects speak positively as to the essential points of safety and comfort.—*Scotch Paper.*

**TEMPERANCE AT THE SANDWICH ISLANDS.**—The Rev. Mr. Damon, Seaman's Chaplain at Honolulu, in a recent letter to the Seaman's Friend Society, states that the cause of temperance is rapidly and triumphantly advancing among the native population; and that the king, governors, and chiefs, and many thousands of the people who have signed the pledge of total abstinence, still persevere in the good way. The movement has not been without its influence upon foreigners, and there were some encouraging indications among the seamen. Two sailors called upon Mr. Damon to join the temperance society, and as there was none among the foreign residents, Mr. D. drew up a pledge, which he and the two sailors signed, and which may be a nucleus for a large society among the foreigners.

## THE CHRISTIAN MIRROR.

MONTREAL, THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 1843.

**THE SEASON.**—We trust, now that the busy season has arrived—that season so dangerous to the Christian—no professed follower of the Saviour will so far forget his duty, as to plead worldly engagements in excuse for his non-attendance on the means of grace. The ministers of the Gospel are exceedingly anxious on this subject, and we venture to say, that in no place are they more faithful than in Montreal. It should ever be remembered,

that the means of grace are *divinely appointed* channels, through which the blessings of mercy and grace are wont to be communicated to the sincere and devout worshipper, and that, consequently, they cannot be neglected with impunity.

The cause of this neglect, generally, is to be found, not so much in a want of time, as in a disinclination, arising from that worldly dissipation in which, at this season of the year, we are so prone to indulge. It is positively a fact, that we *may*, if we *will*, attend the means of grace, on the week days as well as on the Sabbath. From the consideration of that respect we owe to those who are placed over us in holy things, and who watch for our souls as they that must give account—from a conviction of the brevity and uncertainty of human life, and the near approach of eternity—let us not trifle with those hallowed opportunities, but cordially embrace and diligently improve them, that our growth in grace may bear some proportion to the rapid flight of time, and the solemn realities of an eternal state.

**PUSEYISM.**—To the exclusion of other matter, we have devoted a considerable space in our present number to the following interesting speech, by the Rev. John Hayden, Church of England Minister, on the subject of the Tractarian doctrines, which have exerted so mischievous an influence in our Father land, and which, we exceedingly regret to learn, have been introduced into this country, and are being industriously, though covertly, circulated amongst the people. May the great Head of the Church mercifully prevent the dreaded consequences. We are indebted to the politeness of a gentleman for a copy of the *Londonderry Sentinel* containing this excellent speech—which will well repay a perusal. In alluding to it, this paper remarks:—"It is an eloquent and powerful *expose* of some of the principal errors of Puseyism, forming an admirable sequel to the invaluable speech of the Rev. George Scott, which we recently published. Such addresses cannot be circulated too widely at a crisis like the present, and we have no doubt that several of our contemporaries will transfer it to their columns, long as it is, and pressing as the claims which other subjects have on their attention just now."

#### THE RISE, PROGRESS, AND PROBABLE RESULTS OF PUSEYISM.

Address delivered at the Monthly Meeting of the Londonderry Church Missionary Society, held on Thursday, the 7th Feb., by the Rev. John Hayden.

It has often been a subject of remark, how much practical contradiction exists between the conclusions of our judgments and the dictates of our feelings. The word of God informs us—whether we contemplate the history of the Church in the records of the past, or the prophetic warnings of the future—that we cannot hope to escape many trials and temptations, and yet, when the hour of trial arrives, we are filled with as much anxiety and alarm, as if these things had not been foretold. "These things have I told you," said our Lord to his apostles, "that when the time cometh you may remember that I told you of them." He requires us, as he did them, to stay our hearts and calm our fears in the lively exercise of faith in his word, and to be confirmed instead of being shaken in mind, even by offences to the faith, remembering that he hath told us that these things "must needs come." The Cap-