

M. Eckhardt gave an acre of Land for the Church and Burial ground which church was completed thro' the care, & indefatigable industry of the Reverend V. P. Mayerhoffer, soliciting patronage by subscriptions, but is now in dispute; he therefore officiates at a free neighbouring House, till the disputes be adjusted. The forenoon service is regularly half past ten, the afternoon at two o'clock every other Sunday.

In Vaughan, the Church is built on Lot No. 10, in the third concession on the premises of Mr. Michael Keffer, who gave an acre of land for the same and Burial ground, and upon which by the exertion of the Rev. V. P. Mayerhoffer a country Chapel is erected. The two stations are fourteen miles apart. The service is regularly half-past ten on Sunday in German, the other in the English language.

In 1836 there were Baptisms in Markham 27; Vaughan 5; in all 32:—Marriages 11; Burials 4; Communicants in all 70.

RECTORY OF KEMPTVILLE.

Rev. Henry Patton, Incumbent. Divine service is performed regularly in Kemptville every Sunday morning, at half past 10: in Marlborough, 10 miles distant, every Sunday at 3 P.M. and every other Sunday evening at Merrickville 6 miles farther. In Kemptville and Marlborough the Churches are neat frame buildings. In Merrickville is a comfortable stone Church newly erected, which was opened for divine service on Sunday last July 30th.

The Rev. R. V. Rogers, Rector of Richmond, attended on the occasion, and preached to a numerous and attentive congregation, a very suitable discourse from Ps. 122, 6th and following verses, "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem &c."

Much credit is due to the people of Merrickville and its vicinity for the laudable zeal they have evinced in the prosecution and completion of this good work amid many discouraging circumstances. May the Lord prosper the work of their hands upon them, yea may he prosper their handy work. The services of an additional Clergyman who might take charge of Merrickville and the surrounding country are much needed.

In addition to regular services in the above Churches, there are regular or occasional services in Woford, North Gower and South Gower on week days.

There were during the year 1836, Baptisms 50; Marriages 7; Funerals 12; Communicants 55.

To the Editor of the Church.

REV. SIR,—I consider it one of the chief, amid the many advantages resulting from the publication of a Religious Periodical devoted to the interests of the Church, that through the medium of its columns, the members of our communion may be informed of many circumstances connected with the advancement of our Zion, of which they would otherwise be ignorant. The Statistics for instance furnished by the Clergy, inadequate as they are to convey any thing like a correct idea of the number of our members, warm friends and adherents, will yet when collected into "tabular form," exhibit an aggregate of communicants and services performed by the Clergy, pleasing and encouraging both to the people and their Ministers, and such as I doubt not many of our laity were quite unprepared to expect. The local information connected with the origin, progress and present state of our parishes, (which will I hope in process of time appear in the columns of "The Church") will be found interesting to all who "pray for the peace, and seek the prosperity of our Jerusalem." Among other items of intelligence, the notices of the meetings of our Clerical Societies which may be expected to appear in "The Church" will be special objects of interest to the Clergy, and will not we trust be devoid of interest to the lay members of our communion.

With this conviction of the utility of noticing the meetings of the Clerical Associations in this Province, I propose furnishing you with a brief sketch of the proceedings of the "Eastern Clerical Association" at its last Session. The members met at the house of the Rev. M. Harris, Rector of Perth, on Wednesday July 26. This Association comprises within its bounds 15 Clergymen, of whom 9 were present, viz: Messrs. Harris, Blakey, Boswell, Denroche, Rogers, Tremayne, Patton, J. Shortt and Lindsay. The Session was opened by the President offering to the throne of grace the prescribed prayers of the Society, selected from various parts of our Book of Common Prayer.

The Secretary then furnished to the meeting the substance of certain communications received from the Lord Bishop of Montreal, on the subject of a Travelling Missionary for the Johnstown and Bathurst Districts. Previous to this meeting, as our Brethren in the Eastern District had not united with us, the Society was known by the title of "The Johnstown and Bathurst District Clerical Association" and the members had formed themselves into a Society for the purpose of supporting a Travelling Missionary to visit the more remote and unprovided Townships of the two Districts named above. To carry this Resolution into effect the members had pledged themselves to the Bishop of Montreal to furnish the sum of £75 annually, for 3 years under the expectation that His Lordship (whose sanction to the measure had been previously obtained) would have it in his power to make up the sum of £100 by supplying the deficiency. It was therefore with much pleasure and gratitude, that the Society heard that His Lordship had acceded to their request by assuring them that he would grant the required £25 for one year, and that he had little doubt that means would be found to continue this addition annually.

Various other matters occupied the attention of the Meeting until the hour arrived when it became necessary to adjourn, in order to attend divine service in St. James's Church, at 6 P. M. The prayers were read by the Rector of the Parish, and the Rev. Robt. Blakey, Rector of Prescott, preached to an attentive audience a Sermon on the respective and reciprocal duties of Ministers and people.

On the following morning the meeting opened at 9 o'clock, when the brethren proceeded to discuss the 1st chap. of the Epistle to the Hebrews. So wide a field was here opened for the expression of various opinions with regard to the authorship, design &c. of the epistle, and subsequently to the contents of the

chapter itself, that but a very small portion of it was discussed when 12 o'clock the hour of adjournment arrived. Having at the request of the Rector selected Prescott as the next place of meeting, and Sept. 27th as the time of holding it, the Session was closed with prayer.

Besides the 1st chap. of Hebrews, various other questions relating to the offices &c. of the Church were incidentally discussed.

It was a very gratifying circumstance that after we returned from Church, the 6th number of your useful paper, containing the notice of the last meeting of the Midland Clerical Society was laid upon the table. May the Great Head of the Church preside over all our assemblies and so guide us by his good spirit, and further us with his continual help that in these and all our other works "begun, continued and ended in him, we may glorify his holy name and finally by his mercy obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen."

HENRY PATTON, Secretary.

U. C. College, 14th July, 1837.

A meeting of the Committee on Missions (stationary or otherwise of the church of England throughout the Province) appointed at the Clergy Convocation under the Archdeacons of the Province in October 1836, took place this day. Present,

- The Rev. C. Matthews, A. M.
- The Rev. H. J. Grasett, A. B.
- The Rev. S. Givins.

The Rev. C. Matthews having been called to the chair, and Rev. S. Givins requested to act as Secretary, the following Resolutions were proposed and carried unanimously.

Resolved, 1. That the Rev. H. J. Grasett be requested to act as permanent Secretary.

Resolved, 2. That the Rev. Messrs. Grasett and Matthews be a standing committee.

Resolved, 3. That the General Committee on Missions meet at 12 o'clock noon, on the second Wednesday in the months of January, April, July and October.

Resolved, 4. That the Standing Committee hold their meetings on the first and third Wednesdays of every month, at the same hour.

Resolved, 5. That as correct and copious information on the object referred to the committee is an indispensable pre-requisite to the effectual discharge of their duties, the Clergy in general and all members of the church interested in that important object are hereby invited to attend the specified meetings of the General and standing Committee, or to communicate personally or by letter with the permanent Secretary.

Resolved, 6. That the Prayer to be used at the opening of the meeting of the General committee, be one of the Collects for the commemoration of the conversion of St. Paul, the 5th, 7th, 9th, 16th, or 19th Sundays after Trinity.

Resolved, 7. That an Abstract from the minutes of this meeting be published in "the Church."

C. MATTHEWS, Chairman.
S. GIVINS, Secretary.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

The absence of the Editor for about a fortnight previous to Saturday the 5th inst., will account for the want of explicitness in some of the acknowledgements of Letters and Communications received during that interval.

The communication of VERUS, from inadvertence arising in some degree from the Editor's absence, was omitted to be inserted at the period promised.

We could have wished the insertion of "THE ENGLISH LAYMAN, No. II," in the present number, but want of room compels its postponement to our next,—when, we feel assured, it will be read with equal interest and edification.

The appropriate and well written poem of JUAN will appear in our next.

The poetical communication of J. P. H. shall have an insertion.

The poem on "Tobacco," possesses both talent and piety, and shall have an insertion soon.

We have been kindly favoured by the Lord Bishop of Montreal with several documents on various subjects of interest to the Diocese, which shall receive the attention which their importance demands.

We have to solicit the indulgence of those correspondents who kindly furnish us with Selections for the Church. They shall be inserted as fast as the space we usually appropriate to such articles will allow.

LETTERS received during the week ending Friday, 11th Aug. Rev. D. Robertson, subs. and rem.; Rev. T. Greens, add. subs.; (his first letter contained the remittance to which he alludes,—it was, through inadvertence, omitted to be acknowledged at the time.) The subscription of the Rev. H. Burges was duly received thro' the channel he refers to, as also that of the Rev. T. Magrath; G. W. Baker, Esq., subs. and rem.; Rev. H. Patton, rem.; Rev. B. Lindsay, add. subs. and rem.; Rev. W. Seeming, rem.; Rev. V. P. Mayerhoffer; Rev. E. Denroche, add. subs.; Rev. E. J. Boswell, add. subs.; Rev. R. V. Rogers; Messrs. A. Laurie & Co. rem.; Rev. G. R. F. Groat; Rev. C. T. Wade, subs. and rem.; Rev. A. F. Atkinson, rem.; Rev. R. D. Cartwright, rem.; Mr. J. McLaren, add. subs. and rem.; (his arrangements in regard to spare Nos. are satisfactory.)—Rev. R. H. D'Olier, rem.; F. McAnany, Esq. rem.; (his request shall be attended to.) Rev. W. Macaulay, add. subs.; Rev. J. Deacon, subs.; Rev. C. P. Reid, subs. and rem.; Rev. J. Taylor, rem.; Rev. W. F. S. Harper, rem.; H. Smith, Esq. rem.

The following beautiful scriptural illustration has been furnished us by an esteemed correspondent, and we heartily recommend it to the attention of our readers.

THE REFINER OF SILVER.

A SCRIPTURAL ANECDOTE.

Some months ago, a few Ladies, who met together in Dublin, to read the Scriptures, and make them the subject of conversation, were reading the III. CHAP. OF MALACHI. One of the La-

dies gave it as her opinion, that the Fuller's Soap, and the Refiner of Silver, were the same image, both intended to convey the same view of the sanctifying influence of the grace of Christ, while another observed,—there is something remarkable in the expression in the third verse—

"HE SHALL SIT AS A REFINER AND PURIFIER OF SILVER."

They agreed that possibly it might be so, and one of the Ladies promised to call on a Silver-smith, and report to them, what he said on the subject. She went, accordingly, and without telling the object of her errand, begged to know from him the process of refining silver, which he fully described to her. But, Sir, said she,—Do you sit while the work of refining is going on? Oh yes, Madam, replied the Silver-smith, I must sit with my eye steadily fixed on the furnace, for if the time necessary for refining be exceeded in the slightest degree, the silver is sure to be injured. At once she saw the beauty, and the comfort too of the expression—"He shall sit as a Refiner and Purifier of Silver."

Christ sees it needful to put his children into the furnace; but he is seated by the side of it: his eye is steadily intent on the work of Purifying, and his wisdom and love are both engaged in the best manner for them. Their trials do not come at random; the very hairs of their head are all numbered. As the Lady was leaving the shop, the Silver-smith called her back, and said he had still further to mention—that he only knew when the process of purifying was complete, by seeing his own image reflected in the Silver. BEAUTIFUL FIGURE! WHEN CHRIST SEES HIS OWN IMAGE IN HIS PEOPLE, HIS WORK OF PURIFYING IS ACCOMPLISHED.

THE MINISTER AND HIS PEOPLE.

Amongst the various relations of the Christian life, there is no one more interesting in its nature, or more important in its consequences, than that which subsists between the ministers of Christ and the people committed to their care. There are others indeed, the ties of which are more closely entwined about our natural feelings, and which will always be considered by many as exclusively or principally demanding their attention and regard; but by the Christian none will be esteemed more sacred, more solemn, or more affecting, than that which connects him with the instructor, the guide, the shepherd of his soul. Other relations are more or less occupied with temporary and worldly objects; this with such as are spiritual and permanent, and stamped, as it were, with the image of eternity.—Dean Pearson.

CYPRIAN.—This eminent saint, when on his road to suffer martyrdom, was told by the Emperor that he would give him time to consider, whether he had not better cast a grain of incense into the fire in honour of idols, than die so degrading a death. The martyr nobly answered, "there needs no deliberation in the case."

ARTHUR KIP.

There is a shop near my lodging—and I never yet saw a shop in which there was not something to be learned. Without going so far as to state, what I believe firmly, that, to the industrious man, labor is pleasure, I beg leave to introduce ARTHUR KIP. This young man is a plain cooper, and lives on the extremity of a street which I pass daily. He is in his shop as early as his earliest neighbor, yet I sometimes see him busy a good half hour before he is in his shop. What is Arthur about in the gray of the morning? I will tell you. He has been setting out rows of elms around the whole border of his little lot. For you must know, that he is content to live in a very uncomfortable house, in order to forward his business, and prepare his grounds, so as to "make a fair start," as he calls it. He has told me that he was induced to do this by a maxim of an ancient king, "Prepare thy work without, and make it fit for thyself in the field, and afterwards build thy house." It does one good to see Arthur among his trees; he sings cheerily over his spade and hatchet, long before the sun is up, "these saplings" says he, "will be noble branching trees over the heads of my children; and if little Tom should be a rich man thirty years hence, he will have a grove which all the money of the aristocrats in England could not cause to spring up."

Arthur has a garden also. His rule is, "first for use; next for show." So he has most of his ground in substantial vegetables for the table; but a very goodly portion I assure you in choice flowers. Why should he not? God has given the poor man these gems of the earth with a bounteous profusion; and Ellen Kip & little Tom will love Arthur and one another all the better for dwelling among the lustre and fragrance of tulips and violets.

In the bright spring evenings, I take a walk about the time that this little household comes together after work. No tavern has yet become Ellen's rival; her husband spends not only his nights, but his evenings at home. Or, if he goes abroad, it is in the old fashioned way: I mean he takes his wife and boy along. At this hour I am always sure of witnessing another of the mechanic's pleasures. Arthur and Ellen are natives of a state where young folks are taught to sing: they have already begun to bring up little Tom in the same way. They carry a tune in several parts; for Arthur is no mean performer on the violin, and Ellen sings a soprano part to her husband's bass. The neighbours are beginning to find their way out, since the spring weather has unclosed doors and windows, and there are some signs of a little musical association.

Some of the best musical talent in America is among our mechanics; and it is sad that they are so slow to discover the exquisite satisfaction which they might derive from this innocent recreation. It soothes the troubled mind; it breaks the thread of vexing thoughts; it prepares the affections for every good impression; it affords a healthful excitement; it knits families together by the gentlest bands; and it makes a paradise of home.

What mechanic is there who may not command these pleasures? What pleasures of the bar-room, the circus, the gaming table, the theatre, are equal to these in purity and genuine content? I am sure I shall have the right answer—if not from mechanics, at least from their wives.—Newark Daily Advertiser.