THE COLONIAL CHURCHMAN.

" BUILT UPON THE FOUNDATION OF THE APOSTLES AND PROPHETS, JESUS CHRINT HIMSELF BEING THE CHIEF CORNER STONE. Eph. 2 c. 20 v.

I have been somewhat surprised never to have seen in

your valuable paper, any remarks from an abler hand upon

our pious mother church .- It may be after all that I am

I shall be happy to discover that in this I am mistaken :

but my great admiration of this beautiful christian poet,

must be my apology for having trespassed so far upon

much fear of contradiction, that " all who admire the ele-

gant simplicity, the reverential fervour, the noble eleva-

tion of our venerable ritual, and who have been warmed

and animated by the evangelical spirit which pervades it,"

If any thing which it is in the power of an humble indi

vidual to say could effect it, this author would be in the

hands of every true lover of his church and of true chris-

tian poetry. If when you can find room for it, you would

insert in the Colonial Churchman, such extracts as you

may please to select, those of your readers who are not al-

ready acquainted with this elegant writer, will judge whe-

ther any thing I have said has furnished an adequate idea

From the Weels Observer.

CHURCH SOCIETY OF NEW-BRUNSWICK.

A good deal of discussion has taken place in the public

I confess, Sir, that though myself a warm advocate for

the Society, I am not disposed to censure those, who after

I am an advocate for the Church Society, because I see

And what is to be the future condition of the church in

this colony? Are these numerous fields which are even

prints relative to the Church Society which has been

will be pleased also with Keble.

of his beauty and worth.*

Messrs. Editors.

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Missionaries for this Province.

all our sacred services.

VULUME III.

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HYMNS. END OF THE YEAR.

Time hastens on; ye longing saints, Now raise your voices high; And magnify that sovereign love Which shows salvation nigh.

As time departs salvation comes, Each moment brings it near: Then welcome each declining day;

Welcome each closing year.

Not many years their course shall run, Not many mornings rise, Ere all is glories stand reveal'd To our transported eyes.

NEW-YEAR.

As o'er the past my memory strays, Why heaves the secret sigh? Tis that I mourn departed days, Still unprepared to die.

The world and worldly things beloved My anxious thoughts employ'd; And time unhallow'd, unimproved,

Presents a fearful void.

Yet, holy Father, wild despair Chase from my lab'ring breast ;

Thy grace it is which prompts the prayer, That grace can do the rest.

The strife remnant all be thing !

And when thy sure decree Bids me this fleeting breath resign, Oh ! speed my soul to Thee.

For the Colonial Churchman.

Messrs. Editors,

Although no poet, nor the son of a poet, I am yet an ex-Geeding admirer of a little volume styled "Keble's Chrisof churchmen, cannot see its constitution and design in tian Year." the same light in which they present themselves to my

There is something in this delightful author so calm mind. It would perhaps be too much to expect that all of and tranquilizing, so comforting to a religious mind, that should take the same view of this subject. But as those withdraw their hand from any further assistance towards us. cannot but regret that a work which abounds in such beautiful poetry should not be more extensively known avowing that they are opposed to it, I see not why those then it is. I judge of its scarcity from not seeing it offer- who are its friends should have less reluctance in saying a acts? Are we accustomed to say to those who, notwith-ed for any it is acts? Are we accustomed to say to those who, notwithed for sale by any of our booksellers. few words in behalf of it.

Although many of your readers may be acquainted with the book in question, yet great numbers of them, I am formation of such persons I would briefly remark, that the author held not long since, and for ought I know to the contrary, still holds the distinguished place of Professor of poetry in the University of Oxford. The work is ex-

that in England, having gone through more than twenty editions, which of itself is no trifling recommendation; it has also been republished in the United now white for the harvest, to be without labourers to ga-

It is an admirable accompaniment to our Prayer Bock; of christians moving onwards, and are we to stand still, it is an admirable accompaniment to our starting with a called the ' Christian Year,' because commencing with AA. Advent it carties us through all the great events which befell the world's Redeemer, furnishing a piece for every sion of a copy of the valuable work to which he refers.— Sunday in the year, as well as for the occasional services ED. C. C.

and offices of the Church. The poetry is so beautifully a- folding our arms in fancied security, content with the prodapted to the different occasion for which it is designed, gress we have already made?

that the pious worshipper after having joined in the pub- I know there are numberless new districts forming in lic ministrations of the sanctuary, in taking up this book, very many parts of this province, consisting of families finds his soul elated with almost heavenly joy. The spirit which pervades it is in entire accordance with the reli- wont to enjoy in the bosom of the church, to remote places, gion of the Gospel, which is so beautifully diffused through and of emigrants also from the parent kingdom, who plant themselves down in the wilderness, destitute of the opportunities they had been blessed with in the land of their fathers, of hearing the Word preached, and of having the sa-Keble, nor any recommendations of it to those who love craments rightly and duly administered.

NUMBER 4.

And what is to become of such places and persons? incorrect in imagining this author to be so little known, and Shall no effort be made to furnish them with the "cup of blessing" and the "bread of life?" Or shall we say it is too early in the day for anything to be done by the united efforts of the church? Do we forget that for nearly half a your indulgence. I think I am safe in asserting without century the ministry of the church has been maintained among us by the liberality of British christians; and because England has done so much for us are we to do nothing for ourselves? It may be said, "we are yet in our infancy. Let us wait another twenty or thirty years and then let the work be undertaken. By that time we shall have gained some wisdom from experience."

But supposing we put off the day for the present: the time must come that united effort and zeal must beenlisted if we would see the church enlarge her borders. Look what has been done in the different Dioceses in the United States. In almost every State great exertions have been made to promote the cause of Missionary Societies, as furnishing the best hope and promise for the church. But with us it is too soon to undertake an object whose sole aim it is to extend and perpetuate our church.

But upon the supposition that we wait for future years before any movement be made, where then shall we find those people who would now gladiy enlist under our han ners, and hail our Ministers as the messengers of glad tidings to their saddened hearts?

Is it reasonable to imagine that they will for such a length of time retain their warm feelings of affection towards our Zion? No. others more active and better acquainted with human nature will step in, and finding them tired with looking for help from us, will easily win them a candid examination of its claims upon the consideration over to their peculiar views, and the church will be left to mourn over the procrastination of those who should have been active in advancing her cause.

> It is I am told assigned as a reason for opposition to the Church Society, that the moment we make an effort ourwithdraw their hand from any further assistance towards us.

standing their best exertions, still find themselves in need of assistance from their more favored fellow beings, "You Quite confident, know very litile about it; and for the in-lent institution which has already done so much for the nothing for themselves." No, the members of the church church in this country, we can look for that Society to take nothing for themselves." No, the members of the church upon itself any additional expenditure in providing more have been already too long standing still, under the erroneous ideas that every thing necessary was doing by the Society in England.

> If we examine that Society's last Report, we shall find there is a sad falling off in their funds: and let it not be ther in the harvest? Is no advance to be made in the movements of the church? Are all other denominations consequence of what is doing or attempting to be done in this country.

Let it be remembered that in the Report of the Society. for Propagating the Gospel in Foreign Parts, for the year 1835, and published in 1836, their collections for that year fell much short of those of the preceding one, and stock