

rose! And how pleasing—were we not Christians, we might say how proud—the thought, that there and then the Church made entrance in her Saviour's name upon this Western hemisphere, and that the claim thus put on record will be owned and honored, and the land in its whole length and breadth return to that communion, which first reared its altar, and unfolded first the banner of the Cross."

THE COLONIAL CHURCHMAN.

LUNENBURG, THURSDAY, MAY 19, 1836.

CLERICAL MEETING AT CHESTER.—The first meeting in this year, of the Clerical Society of this District, took place at Chester, on the 11th and 12th inst. There were present, the Rev. Messrs. James Shreve of Chester, J. T. T. Moody of Liverpool, J. W. Weeks of New Dublin, T. H. White of Shelburne, and J. C. Cochran of Lunenburg. Divine Service was performed three times in the church of St. Stephen, to numerous congregations, notwithstanding the busy season of the year. Forty-six communicants knelt around the altar, amongst whom the aged individual noticed at the last meeting in Chester, was enabled once more to be found. The weather was most propitious, the services interesting, and the impression of last year seemed to be deepened in the minds of all that such meetings are calculated, by the Divine blessing, to animate and edify both clergy and laity; to strengthen an enlightened attachment to the church, and advance the cause of sober and rational, but fervent piety. The next meeting of the Society is to be held in Lunenburg and New Dublin on the 22d, 23d & 24th June.

One of the members of the Clerical Society for the Annapolis District, informs us, that they had a very pleasant, and as he hopes, profitable meeting at Aylesford, on the 27th April, and that their next is to be held at Digby on the 17th June.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—We call attention to the journal of the arduous Missionary tour performed by the active and energetic Archdeacon Wix, of this Island, in the winter of 1835; and comprising an amount of personal labour, hardship and privation, which few missionaries can equal; all performed apparently in the spirit of zealous devotion to the cause of the Saviour, and of love to the souls of those numbers, who, it will be seen, are in danger of perishing for lack of knowledge. The narrative is couched in such modest and unostentatious terms, that a cursory perusal will give but an inadequate idea of the services rendered or the hardships undergone. Indeed, no details, however minute, can give the reader a due conception of what is endured in such scenes as the Archdeacon describes. We observe that an account of this tour has been published in England in a larger form, and if we can obtain a copy, we shall give extracts from the work. Let those, if any there be, who consider an Archdeaconry, or a Bishopric in the colonies a mere sinecure, ponder over this specimen of the labours of the one, and read in the Society's Reports the more extensive labours and more heavy responsibilities of the other. There is not one of our colonial Bishops (now thank God eight, if not nine in number) whether in the Eastern or Western hemisphere, who may not appropriate to himself, the title which the sainted Heber loved to claim of 'Chief Missionary' in his diocese. Nor is it too much to append to each of their mitres, the apostolic catalogue of "perils by land and perils of waters, perils in the wilderness, journeyings often, cold and weariness, and watchings often, besides that which comes upon them daily, the care of all the churches." And to all who delight to impute a worldly and a covetous spirit to those who fill the Episcopal Bench, we recommend attention to the munificent charities of the Bishop of Durham, as noticed in our columns to-day,—and to another noble instance of a spirit 'not of this world' in the voluntary resignation by the Bishop of Quebec of £1000 per annum of his income, in order to effect the appointment of a second Bishop, to meet the wants of his immense diocese.

JAMAICA.—We are indebted to the Lord Bishop of this Island, who has added his name to our subscription list, and kindly promised to make known our paper to his Clergy, for the communication of some information respecting the Church in that quarter which will be new to our readers. The number of the clergy is stated to be very inadequate to the wants of the diocese, but yet much larger than when his Lordship first came there eleven years ago.

Rectors and Curates on the Island Establishment, supported by the colony, 41.

An Archdeacon and Clergymen on the stipendiary list from England, 8.

Clergy supported by Church Missionary Society, 4.
Clergy supported by Society for Propagation of Gospel in foreign parts, 9.

In the Bahamas—Rectors, 4; Curates, 1.

Honduras—Rector, 1.

Grand Caymenas—Rector, 1.

Total in the diocese, 69.

In reference to the great change in the condition of the slaves the Bishop adds—"All matters here are perfectly quiet, and the new system coming by degrees into operation effectually. I observe a considerable improvement every where. We are establishing schools, and training Masters in a central School at Kingston, where there are in three establishments in that town upwards of 900 pupils, and from 15 to 20 masters and mistresses preparing for the country parishes. This School is connected with the National School, in London, on Dr. Bell's system of education; and all the institutions in this Island will be in union with the central Establishment in Kingston. These schools are under the superintendance of the clergy."

CLERICAL SOCIETIES IN JAMAICA.

To the Honourable and Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Jamaica.

Mosley Hall, Monday, March 7th, 1836.

My Lord,—Though I shall have the honor of seeing you in a few days, and of personally congratulating you on your arrival amongst us, yet I feel it my duty, as Acting Secretary to the Jamaica Eastern Clerical Meeting, to lay before you a copy of the Resolutions adopted by that body at their first Session in October last, and, in conformity with the tenor of one of them, to solicit your Lordship's acceptance of the office of patron of the Society. From the names, and long established reputation of some of the members, your Lordship has the best guarantee, that no political or irrelevant topics can find admission amongst us; or should any member have the temerity to introduce such subjects, that they shall meet with instant and decided animadversion. Indeed, my Lord, our object is the same with that of our brethren in England—to strengthen each other's hands by mutual consent and encouragement—to establish (as far as the nature of the country will permit) that social intercourse which ought to exist among the Ministers of Religion—to devise such measures as may enable us to act in concert, and give energy and vitality to the ministrations of our Church—and to receive mutual edification from hearing each other's opinions on the various religious subjects which may come before us. These, my Lord, are the objects of such societies in England, and I can state, from personal experience, that much of the zeal and learning which reflect such honour on our brethren at home, is mainly attributable to the establishment of clerical meetings.— Hoping that your Lordship will give me permission to publish your reply to this letter for the satisfaction of the Clergy.

I have the honor, my Lord, to be your very humble and obdt. servant,

JOHN MAGRATH.

HIS LORDSHIP'S REPLY.

To the Rev. John Magrath,

Bishop's Pen, March 11th, 1836.

My dear Sir,—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th inst. enclosing some Resolutions which were passed at a meeting of the Clergy called "the Jamaica Eastern Church Meeting" on the 28th October last, and with which, with the exception of a part of the 4th, I am happy to express my entire concurrence.

The exposition of the Scriptures and the appoint-

ment of a Preacher on such an occasion, appear to me to partake more of a professional character than is quite consistent with the general tone, and sober view, which all the other resolutions take of the objects of such meetings, and which I would rather see confined to those objects. With this single remark I heartily give my support to a mode of communication amongst the Clergy, which the climate, and other obstacles of this country render so very desirable, and from whose friendly intercourse and brotherly coalition on the important interests of their sacred profession, much benefit must arise to the interests of Religion.

Wishing every success to your new institution, I remain, dear Sir, very faithfully and truly yours,

C. JAMAICA.

At an Ordination held at St. Andrew's Church, on Sunday the 13th inst. the following gentlemen were ordained—

FRIESTS.

The Rev. J. A. Johnston, and Rev. J. C. Stone.

DEACONS.

The Rev. T. R. Brandfoot, B. A. of Trinity College, Oxford: Rev. Messrs. G. W. Rowe, G. F. Waters, W. S. Coward, D. Wilson.

Sixteen Clergymen were present, besides the Lord Bishop, during the impressive service. An eloquent sermon was preached by the Rev. J. Magrath, who had been appointed by the Bishop, as preacher on the occasion. We believe the whole congregation was deeply affected both by the discourse, and the solemn rites administered.

We understand the following appointments have taken place since the ordination:

The Rev. J. Magrath, to the eastern district of Kingston.

Rev. J. A. Johnstone, to the Island Curacy of Hanover.

Rev. J. C. Stone, to the assistant Curacy of St. James.

Rev. George Osborn, to assistant Curacy of St. Ann's, in the district of Guy's Hills.

Rev. T. R. Brandfoot, to the assistant Curacy of Manchester.

Rev. G. W. Rowe, to Island Curacy of St. Catherine's.

Rev. G. F. Waters, to the new Chapel of Retreat, St. Mary's.

Rev. W. S. Coward, to the assistant Curacy of St. Catherine's.

Rev. David Wilson, to the Grand Caymenas.

The Rev. H. S. Yates, was lately appointed to St. James, and the Rev. A. F. Gerard is about to be appointed to one of the large parishes at the west end of the Island. We cannot but congratulate ourselves on these accessions to the number of Ministers of the Church of England, in eight cases of the eleven above mentioned, receiving remuneration from funds at the disposal of the Bishop.—*Jamaica paper.*

Letters received from—Rev. C. Ingles, Sydney, C.B. [one before, with remittance] Rev. Dr. Jacob, Rev. Dr. McAuley, Rev. Dr. Alley, [with remit.] Rev. Mr. Robertson, Rev. Robert Blakey, [with remit.] Rev. Mr. Townsend, L. C.; Mr. A. R. Truro, St. John, N.B.; Lord Bishop of Jamaica; Archdeacon Wix; Rev. H. N. Arnold, [with remit.]

TO THE RIGHT REVEREND THE LORD BISHOP OF NOVA SCOTIA.

Pouch Cove, Cape Francis, Newfoundland, March 29, 1836.

MY LORD,—I avail myself of the leisure afforded by my stay of a few days among the people of this settlement, who have not been often visited since Mr. Wood left them, to prepare for your Lordship and the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, the notes of the journey to the S. and W. of the Island, in which I was engaged so many months in the winter and summer of last year.

Tuesday, February 17.—On the 17th of February I left St. John's with one attendant; and having crossed Conception Bay, in which there was much ice, passed, after staying a short time at Port de Grave (the