

in, Greek, and Hebrew; the Psalms by Melancthon; the New Testament by Erasmus; and side by side with these the writings of Eck; the theses on Indulgences; the bulls of Leo X.; the *Epistola Obscure Virorum*; various works of John Huss, Virgil, Columella, and some ascetical books printed at Mayence, of which presents had been made him. Coloured glass, soldered together with lead, let in the light fall shades on his table, which has been carefully reserved, and resembles a sort of desk, in the middle of which a crucifix, the work of some Nuremberg artist, has an admirable expression. His dog usually lay at his feet whilst writing or composing, and of which he used to say, when laughing at the theologians who boasted of having seen many books, "My dog has also seen many books more perhaps than Faber, who is all Fathers, Fathers, Fathers, Councils, councils, councils." Near the door of his house was a turning machine which he had got from Nuremberg, in order to gain his livelihood by his hands, never the word of God failed to support him.

We must not also forget, that in place of those pipes which one sees now-a-day in the room of every German student, there hung a flute and a guitar on the wall of his room, on both of which instruments he played. Luther was devotedly fond of music, the language of angels in heaven, and of the ancient prophets on earth. Next to theology, it held the second place in his estimation. "Who loves not music," said he, "cannot be loved by Luther." He was charitable to excess; and often borrowed from his parishioners when he had nothing of his own to give; and at times was unable to meet his obligations when they fell due; on which occasions his practice used to be to give in pledge some of the silver goblets, the gift of the Elector, which stood on his mantel-piece.—*Monthly Chronicle.*

#### THE CHURCH'S PRETENSIONS.

"I know that some affect to discover 'lofty and arrogant pretensions in the Church.' If it be a lofty and arrogant pretension to claim descent and authority in direct succession from the Apostles of our Lord, or to labour in the exercise of that authority for the spread of Christ's Gospel, or to contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the Saints, or to maintain the belief in one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, in opposition to Romish and Protestant dissenters and schismatics, or to banish and drive away all erroneous and strange doctrine from this fold of Christ, or to aim unceasingly at the universal prevalence of Unity according to Christ's prayer and precept, or to train up the people to love God and to honor the Sovereign, or to be subject to the powers that be according to God's ordinance, or to accept the means when professed by the State, or to require them when withheld in order to enable her to attain these high and holy ends, or to inculcate universal benevolence and charity; if, I say, these may be characterized as 'lofty and arrogant pretensions,' then God forbid that the Church should abandon one particle of them, or descend one grade from her present attitude, (no, not to conciliate all the dissenters in Christendom,) but to let her maintain it fearlessly amidst the frowns and opposition of a gainsaying world. No weapon is formed against her or her pretensions shall prosper."—*Rev. William Bettridge, Woodstock, U. C.*

A gentlewoman went one day to hear Dr. ———, and as usual carried a pocket Bible with her, she might turn to any of the passages the preacher might happen to refer to. But she found she had left the Bible there; and coming away, said to her maid, "I should have left my Bible at home to-day, and brought my dictionary. The doctor does not deal in Scripture, but such learned words and phrases as require the help of an interpreter to render them intelligible."

Let those who are instrumental in bringing one into the fold of Christ on earth, remember that they add one harp to the chorus of heaven.—*Rev. Marsh.*

From the Church of England Magazine.

**The Coronation Oath and Popery.**—The present is no unfit occasion to recal the noble reply made by George III. to the whig Lord Grenville, when applied to on the Catholic Question, 1807.—"My Lord I am one of those that respect an Oath. I have firmness enough to quit my throne and retire to a cottage, or to place my head upon a block, or a scaffold, if my people require it; but I have not resolution sufficient to break an oath; an oath, I took in the most solemn manner at my coronation."

**A Conscientious Dissenter.**—At Melbourn in Leicestershire, a vestry meeting was lately held for the purpose of considering the propriety of levying a church-rate for some necessary repairs. A Mr. Stubbs, a Churchman, opposed the rate, and was carrying the meeting all his own way, when a Mr. Owen got up, and, on announcing himself a dissenter, said he could not oppose the rate, because, first, he had bought his property subject to it, and considered that by such an opposition he should be acting dishonestly; secondly, because he had a respect for the law of the land, and it was a law that a church should be kept up in every parish by an assessment of property; thirdly because he considered that by refusing a rate he should be robbing the poor, who, by law and by long prescription, had a right to be provided with a place of worship by the owners of real property, without exception. The effect of this speech was, that the rate was approved of by a majority of three to one.—*Ibid.*

**Large Collection.**—No less a sum than 695*l.* 10*s.* 5*d.* was collected at Christ Church, Regent's Park, London, on Sunday, May 10, after two sermons, one by the Bishop of London, the other by Dr. Hook, in aid of the building fund for the additional Churches in Bethnal-green.—*Ibid.*

**Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge.**—We are rejoiced to hear that at the recent meeting of this venerable Society, for auditing the annual accounts, the gross income of this admirable institution for 1840 was 92,487*l.* 4*s.* 4*d.* being an increase on the last year of 2,123*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* The increase also in the circulation of books and tracts in 1840 beyond that of 1839 was 686,253. Of this increase, the number of Bibles and Testaments formed 22,123, and Prayer-books 25,976.—*Ibid.*

**Pepish Supremacy.**—It will be seen that the sermon preached at Bilston, by the Rev. J. C. Barrat, of Birmingham, on the Roman Catholic controversy, is now published. The Rev. Mr. Burnet, of Macclesfield, we are informed, delivered an eloquent and impressive sermon very lately on Supremacy. Nearly thirty thousand copies of these sermons are said to have been already sold.—*Ibid.*

**A Profitable Martyrdom.**—It appears from an advertisement, that the "martyr" Thorogood has had nearly a thousand pounds subscribed for him! Shades of Ridley and Cranmer! who would not be a "martyr" for such substantial returns?—*Ibid.*

**The Jews.**—A Hamburg paper, the *Dorzeitung*, says, "the Jews of Constantinople have, with their Rabbi, declared that they will not wait any longer than another year for their Messiah. If within that time he does not appear, they will conclude that he has already come, and then they will try to discover by what religion he is already recognised. The Rabbi is entirely of this opinion, and has even proposed to his congregation to profess Christianity forthwith."—*Ibid.*

**New Episcopal Chapel, Alloa, N.B.**—On Tuesday, May 19th, a new Episcopal Chapel was consecrated at Alloa, Clackmannanshire, by the Right Rev. Michael Russell, Bishop of Glasgow, in lieu and by commission of the Diocesan the Right Rev. James Walker, *Præsul*, whose painful and lamented infirmi-

ty of body renders him incapable of such duty.—Bishop Russell was assisted by his Chaplain the Rev. Mr. Suther, and by the Rev. Mr. Coventry of Edinburgh. The Rev. Mr. Hunter, pastor of the Alloa congregation, read prayers; after which, a powerfully appropriate discourse was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Terrot, Dean of Edinburgh. The chapel is dedicated to St. John the Evangelist, and is a very neat and commodious structure. Its erection has been mainly promoted by the indefatigable exertions of an excellent and zealous churchman, Thomas Wilson, Esq. of Devon Iron Works, near Alloa.—*Ibid.*

**Air.**—Atmospheric air is a compound body; its elements are azote, oxygen, and carbonic acid. The two former are simple gases, the last is a mixture of oxygen and carbon. The proportion which these elements bear to one another in pure air is that which is most conducive to health. If the quantity of oxygen is increased, the circulation is quickened, and symptoms of fever appear; if, on the other hand, the proportion of carbonic acid is great, it diminishes the vital energy, produces headaches, languor, and even death. When air is respired, its composition is altered; the quantity of azote remains almost the same, but a large portion of the oxygen disappears, and is replaced by carbonic acid.—*Curtis on Health.*

From American Papers.

At the convention of the Church in Maryland, recently held in the city of Baltimore, the Rev. Dr. Wittingham was elected Bishop of that diocese.—The result is auspicious of good; and the only alloy to the satisfaction thence arising, is the difficulty in finding a successor to the post which the reverend gentleman now so ably fills in the General Theological Seminary. The Rev. Dr. Wyatt was chosen President of the Convention.—*Epis. Rec.*

An Indian Native, Baboo Ram Narayun Mookerjee, has just established an English Seminary at Jonnai, a large and respectable village near Calcutta, and engaged an East Indian teacher, solely at his own expense. There is nobleness in a Hindoo mind.—*Ibid.*

**Preaching Oneself.**—When a Minister languidly reads the Liturgy, or with abridgments and changes, that he may reserve himself for a rambling, uncogitated, extemporaneous effusion of great length and greater tediousness, he reverses the apostolic words, and virtually says, "We preach ourselves, and not Jesus Christ the Lord."—*Ch. of Eng. Review.*

**Churches in Calcutta.**—There are two Episcopal, and two Roman Catholic Churches, three Dissenting Churches, and one Unitarian Chapel in this city. A Roman Catholic Bishop has been appointed for that city within a few years.—*Chron. of the Church.*

How many people go out of their sphere under good pretences!—*Cecil.*

#### HYMN FOR THE PRESENT HARVEST.

Another harvest, gracious LORD,  
Now greets our ravish'd view;  
Again Thou dost with sinful man  
Thy covenant renew:  
Where'er we turn our eyes around,  
"The year is with Thy goodness crowned."  
Then to our God, enthroned on high,  
Our grateful thanks shall rise;  
Who thus, with never ending love,  
"Our daily bread" supplies:  
With cheerful voice His praise we'll sing—  
"LORD of the harvest"—"Heavenly King."

*Ch. of Eng. Mag.*

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