

to be vested in the "Church Society." We like not the plan at all. It is said that they were legally given, and that therefore until that is definitely settled, we cannot legally disturb them. But the very parties who pleaded thus have altered the law, and taken a prerogative from the Crown, and conferred it on the Church Society; and we cannot see, if that is lawful, why the patronage could not have been abolished altogether. But legal or no legal, these Rectories must go,—the people's *stat* is, that they are to be abolished; and a new Parliament, we trust, will have more principle and firmness than the present, which is fortunately to expire, and then we may hope for something like a national equality. The Church of England may have every Minister called Rector, or Archbishop, if it so please it, but it shall not be by act of Parliament, and there shall be no rectorial lands given or held as endowments from the Crown. Are we to have their Rectors? Are we to be tolerated in their parishes?

There has been much wonderment about the Rectory Patents issued by Sir John Colborne. People have said, what do these Patents convey? how are they drawn up? what is the power granted? &c. We give below a veritable copy of one in full, only, for certain reasons, leaving blank the name of the place.

#### PROVINCE OF UPPER CANADA.

WILLIAM THE FOURTH, BY THE GRACE OF GOD, OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND, KING, DEFENDER OF THE FAITH.

Whereas, His late Majesty King George the Third, by letters patent, under the Great Seal of the Kingdom of Great Britain, bearing date the 28th June, in the third year of His said late Majesty's reign, did erect, form, ordain, make, and constitute the Province of U. C. and L. C., and their dependencies to be a Bishop's see, according to the Establishment of the Church of England, to be called from thenceforth the Bishopric of Quebec.

And Whereas, by a certain Act or Statute of Parliament of Great Britain, passed in the 31st year of the reign of His said late Majesty, entitled, "An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the 14th year of His Majesty's reign, entitled, an Act for making more effectual provision for the Government of the Province of Quebec, in North America, and to make further provision for the Government of the said Province," sundry provisions were made respecting the allotment and appropriation of land for the support and maintenance of a Protestant Clergy within the said Provinces, respectively, and it was, among other things, more especially enacted, that it might and should be lawful for His Majesty, His heirs and successors, to authorise the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or other person administering the Government of each of said Provinces, respectively, with the advice and consent of His Majesty's Executive Council, within the same, from time to time, to constitute and erect in every Township or Parish which then was, or thereafter might be formed, constituted, or erected, within such Province, one or more Parsonage or Rectory, or Parsonages or Rectories, according to the Establishment of the Church of England.

And whereas, We, having due regard to all our loving subjects resident within the Township of —, in the District of —, and being desirous of making a permanent provision for their instruction according to the Doctrine and Discipline of the Church of England, and also for the support of a Protestant Clergyman, duly ordained according to the Rites of said Church, have, pursuant to the provisions of the said recited Act, and by and with the consent of our Executive Council of our said Province of Upper Canada, determined to erect and constitute, and by these presents, and by and with the advice and consent aforesaid, do erect and constitute a Parsonage or Rectory within the said Township, according to the Establishment of the said Church of England, to be hereafter known, styled and designated as the First Parsonage or Rectory within the said Township of —, otherwise known as the Parish Church of — in the said Township of —.

And by virtue of the same authority, and by and with the advice and consent of our said Executive Council, We do hereby command that there shall be from henceforth and forever set apart from and out of the lands which We now hold in our said Province, by virtue of our Royal Prerogative, certain parcel or parcels of land situated in the said Township composed of Lots Nos. — and —, in the — concession of said Township of —, containing by admeasurement 400 acres, as a Glebe and Endowment to be held appurtenant with the said Parsonage or Rectory: We intending and willing, by virtue of our Royal Prerogative, forthwith to present an Incumbent or Minister of the said Established Church of England, to the said Parsonage so hereby erected and constituted as aforesaid, with its appurtenances; saving, nevertheless, to ourself the right of hereinafter erecting and constituting one or more Parsonages or Rectories within the said Township.

Given under the Great Seal of our Province of Upper Canada. Witness, our trusty and well-beloved Sir JOHN COLBORNE, K.C.B., Lieutenant Governor of our said Province, and Major-General Commanding our Forces therein, this 21st January, A. D. 1836, and in the sixth year of our Reign.

(Signed)

J. COLBORNE.

By command of His Excellency in Council,  
D. CAMERON, Secretary.

#### REVIEWS.

A BOOK OF DEVOTIONS AND SERMONS, designed chiefly for the use of Mariners. By the Rev. GEO. MACDONNELL, Bathurst, N. B. Author of "Heathen Converts to the worship of the God of Israel." Sold by ARMOUR & RAMSAY, Toronto.

This is a 12mo of 362 pages, well printed, and well got up altogether by the respectable house of Armour & Ramsay, in Montreal; and as a volume, has a more British look about it than any thing we remember having seen of Canadian handiwork. With regard to the matter of the volume, we are able to speak in very favorable terms. The author is a good man, and breathes through the whole of it a spirit of earnest piety. The first part comprises a series of morning and evening prayers for one month, and the second part consists of discourses of a practical and expository nature on Bible passages, more particularly having reference to those "that go down to the sea in ships." The sermons are evangelical and faithful, and the prayers, though labored a little (as all prayers composed for publication are apt to be), are still remarkably good. Though designed especially for sailors, yet in many a family it would be very useful, and might help to erect a domestic altar where there is none; and in a congregational library, as a devotional work, along with the sermons, would, we think, be highly prized by not a few. To those having relatives or friends on our lakes, or on the "salt sea," we recommend that they put them in possession of this little volume; and a dollar for a token of friendship, next to the Bible, could not be better bestowed. Sailors are notoriously a too careless class. Their occupation leads them away from the sanctuary and the holier influences, and if by such a book as this they could be brought to see the wonders of grace, while they see the wonders of Providence in the deep, the author would be richly rewarded; and he who can put this useful volume into a sailor's hand, may be the means of "saving a soul from death, and hiding a multitude of sins."

COSMOS. a Sketch of a Physical Description of the Universe. By ALEXANDER VON HUMBOLDT. Vol. III. HARPER & BROTHERS, New York. Sold by ARMOUR & RAMSAY, Toronto.

The "Cosmos" is now completed, as proposed by its celebrated and venerable author—the man of a thousand journeys, and whose lifetime has been spent in untiring study, and searchings after knowledge. As he tells us himself, "in the late evening of an active life," he offers a work "whose undefined image has floated before his mind for almost half a century," and it is a work worthy of his fame. Profound it is,—speculative, sometimes, it is,—full of facts and authorities,—requiring great attention from the reader; in fact, to be studied, not simply read,—but it will richly repay a most patient, continued attention. In the present volume, the author gives much that was wanting in the previous volumes; or rather, he carries out what he formerly had hinted at. He carries us into the secret study of the philosopher—he sets our eye to the telescope of the astronomer—he rushes with us across the orbits of other worlds—he spans the firmament, and seems at home in regions where angels fly—he overpowers us with the magnitude of the stellar system, and we are led more intelligently and more devoutly to exclaim with Israel's royal bard,—"O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth; thou hast set thy glory above the heavens. When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars which thou hast ordained: What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?"

The whole work is exceedingly cheap, and ought to be added to every private and public library.

DEALINGS WITH THE INQUISITION; or PAPAL ROME, HER PRIESTS AND HER JESUITS. WITH IMPORTANT DISCLOSURES. By the Rev. GIACINTO ACHILLI, D. D. HARPER & BROTHERS, New York. Sold by ARMOUR & RAMSAY, Toronto.

Who has not heard of Dr. Achilli, the Roman Catholic Priest—the Dominican prior—the man who more than once for his free thinking, that is, for taking the liberty to think differently from what Popery had taught him, was subjected to many trials, and at last was cast into a dungeon to die; and had it not been for the interposition of the British Evangelical Alliance, would never have come out of the prison to which the Inquisition had consigned him! In this octavo of 350 pages, there is much interesting matter, both concerning Dr. Achilli personally, and Popery, in its thoughts, words, and deeds, especially as it is at Rome. We are strongly inclined to give extracts, but our space does not permit. There are records of many conversations and arguments interspersed through the volume, which are good, only we wonder how Dr. Achilli remembered them so accurately. The work is temperately written, and the interest of the reader is sustained throughout. Were it in sabbath-school and congregational libraries, we are sure it would be read with avidity. The price is 3s. 9d., and it is thus within the reach of all.