

THE COLONIAL CHURCHMAN.

LUNENBURG, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1837.

WE are happy to find that H. M. S. Vestal, in which the Lord Bishop and family were passengers, had arrived at Portsmouth after the uncommonly short passage of thirteen days.

IRELAND.—We have received a late file of the Dublin Record, for which we are indebted to the kindness of Capt. R. Binney, who resides in that country. It is painful to observe their columns filled with accounts of outrages upon the Protestant population, in connexion with the recent elections. In some instances, mobs have collected to the amount of 20,000 persons, and the assistance of the police and the military has often been necessary. These papers contain also numerous accounts of personal violence attempted upon the established Clergy, which we regret to observe as proofs of the continuance of that atrocious system of persecution which has for years been carried on against that excellent but sorely injured body of men, for the purpose, no doubt, of exterminating the Church Establishment altogether, and introducing the dominion of the Pope in its stead. We trust, however, that He who has promised that "the gates of hell shall not prevail against his Church," and has thus far preserved it, will continue to watch over and defend that part of it especially which in Ireland is surrounded by adversaries who would gladly devour it if they could.

CHESTER.—The Clerical Society of this district assembled in the Parish of St. Stephen, Chester, on Wednesday the 18th of October. To the members of the church these meetings are always acceptable, and we trust profitable.—To the members of the society, who are thus brought together to animate and encourage each other in the work of the ministry, they are ever deeply interesting. Of this little band of brotherhood, two were absent,—the Rev. T. H. White, whose labours here, in the early period of his ministry, are yet remembered by both Rector and people, and whose presence recalls to memory the scenes of happier days; and the Rev. J. Staunage, with whom, after so long an absence, his brethren hoped to have enjoyed the pleasure of a meeting.

At ten o'clock on Wednesday, the members assembled at the Parsonage: after the usual prayer for blessing from on High, and much profitable conversation on matters connected with the church, they read together in the original, a portion of St. Paul's 2d Epistle to Timothy, which affords matter for deep reflection to the ministers of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. At 3 p. m. they proceeded to church—prayers were read by the Rev. J. C. Cochran—the Lessons by Rev. J. W. Weeks—Sermon by Rev. J. T. T. Moody, from 1st Thessalonians, 2d c. 7 & 8 verses. After the sermon, many of the children of the Sunday School, upwards of 80 in number, sang the beautiful little Hymn, "the Happy Meeting," published in the last No. of the C. C. Having all learned it from the youngest to the oldest, and having practised singing it for several weeks, it was particularly pleasing to hear in unison so many voices, from the child of four years old, to the youth of fifteen. The circumstance of that being the last time the school would be assembled for the season, gave rise, during the singing of the hymn, to many serious reflections in the minds of the friends, teachers, and parents of the children, lest many who had met together that day might not meet again on earth to unite in the service of God. These serious reflections were well followed up by an affecting and solemn address to the children from one of the Brethren, with a kind admonition so to live that they might "meet in Heaven to part no more."

On Thursday morning there was again Divine service in the church,—sermon by Rev. Mr. Weeks,

from St. Mat. 25 c. 46 v. The Holy communion was administered, and 30 of the laity united in that Heavenly feast at the table of their Lord.—In the afternoon, the sermon was by Rev. Mr. Cochran, from St. Luke 21st c. first 4 v. The congregations were respectable and attentive. In the evening, there was a meeting of the members of the church in the National School house, for the purpose of forming a Committee of the Diocesan Church Society,—there was a crowded assembly of nearly 150 persons. After singing a part of the 67th Psalm, the prayers used at the meetings of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge were read by the Rector, who then addressed the meeting and stated the object for which it was called. He then read the proceedings of the meeting at Halifax, in May last, remarking upon each of the objects embraced in the Rules of the Society—more especially the 2d—"Missionary visits to neglected and destitute places."—The meeting was then addressed at some length by the Rev. Mr. Moody, who dwelt especially upon the 4th object of the Society. Some remarks were also made by Rev. Mr. Cochran, upon the obligation all were under to give something according to their ability. To every friend of the church and religion, but especially to the clergy present and the Rector, it was particularly gratifying to behold the alacrity and cheerfulness with which almost every person present came forward to put down their names—even children added their mite—thus satisfactorily shewing that they were not unmindful of the religious privileges they enjoy, and were anxious they might be extended to others: and although unable to give much of this world's goods, yet of the little they possessed, they would gladly give, not grudgingly or of necessity. The Society was then duly organized. The Rules of the Lunenburg committee were adopted (C. C. vol. 2d No. 18)

At the close, Bishop Heber's Missionary Hymn was very pleasingly sung; and after prayer and the benediction, the meeting separated—all gratified with the proceedings of the evening, and with feelings of gratitude to God—that as from Him must come the blessing, so to Him alone belong all the praise and all the glory.

Chester Committee of the Diocesan Church Society.

For the Rules of this Society see Colonial Churchman, No. 18, vol. 2, (*mutatis mutandis*.) The following gentlemen were elected Officers of this Society for the ensuing year:—

- PATRON.  
Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia.  
PRESIDENT.  
Rev. James Shreve, D.D. Rector of the Parish.  
VICE PRESIDENTS.  
J. S. Wells, Esq.  
Mr. W. Marvin,  
Doctor Kearney.  
SECRETARY.  
W. Greaves, Esq.  
TREASURER,  
George Mitchell, Esq.  
STANDING COMMITTEE.

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| James Walker, Esq. | Mr. Edward Zwickler, |
| Mr. John Sanders,  | " Wm. Ross,          |
| " Joseph Lordley,  | " Thomas Whitford,   |
| " Alexander Lynch, | " Amos Lovett,       |
| " George Turner,   | " Thomas Naas,       |
| " John Duncan,     | " Wm. Reeve,         |
| " John Feader,     | " John Wambolt.      |
- (Communicated.)

Guysborough, Octob. 14th, 1837.

Messrs. Editors.—A brief notice of the formation of the Church Society in this place, having been put into my hands, I have much pleasure in forwarding it for insertion in your useful paper. The morning of Wednesday 11th, the time appointed for this meeting, proved very unfavourable, and the attendance was but small. However it is evident that a growing interest is excited amongst the members of the church in behalf of this Society, and we have reason to hope that the more it is known, the more

it will be valued and supported. This surely is cause for gratitude to God. The movers of the resolutions and those who seconded them gave proof of the interest which they felt in the objects of the Society, by the remarks which fell from them during the meeting. We may with the blessing of God, look forward to the happiest results, in every parish, when pastor and people blend their interests together, for the general good, supporting, strengthening and encouraging each other, and when they unite their influence and their efforts to advance the cause of Christ, amongst themselves, and to extend the blessings of the Gospel to the dark corners of the earth—More of this spirit we want—more lay-helpers in forwarding this great work and labour of love—more zeal and energy proportionate to the importance of the work, and the bond of union to be more and more closely drawn between pastor and people.

United zeal be shown,  
His wondrous fame to raise,  
Whose glorious name alone  
Deserves our endless praise.

CHURCH SOCIETY.—A meeting was held on the 11th instant, pursuant to adjournment, at Guysborough for the purpose of forming a Committee of this Society, when the following resolutions were submitted and passed!—

On motion of W. F. DesBarres, Esq. seconded by W. O. Heffernan, Esq.

Resolved, That it is the duty of the members of the church in this country, to imitate the illustrious example of the church in England, which by means of its two great Societies for Promoting Christian Knowledge, and for the Propagation of the Gospel, has been engaged for upwards of 100 years in sending the Gospel and its ministers to various parts of the world.

On motion of S. Campbell, Esq. seconded by Robt. Hartshorne, Esq.

Resolved, That it is at all times the bounden duty of those who profess and call themselves christians, to assist and contribute to the utmost of their power in sending the Gospel and its blessings, as well to the destitute in our own land, as also to those in Heathen lands.

On motion of Mr. John J. Marshall, seconded by Mr. S. Russell,

Resolved, That as we have freely received assistance from others in our time of need, and the Church now solemnly calling upon us to assist her in the great work in which she is engaged—that in obedience to the call, every proper exertion be made to forward the objects of the Church Society.

After the objects referred to in the resolutions had been spoken to by several of the members present, the following Rules for the government of the Committee, were unanimously agreed to:—

For the Rules of this Society see Colonial Churchman, Vol. 2, No. 18. (*mutatis mutandis*.)

The following gentlemen were elected Officers of this Society for the year ending on the first Monday in April, 1838:—

- PATRON.  
Right Rev. and Hon. the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia.  
PRESIDENT.  
Rev. C. J. Shreve, A. B. Rector of the Parish.  
VICE PRESIDENTS.  
Joseph Marshall, Esq.  
Robert M. Cutler, Esq.  
TREASURER.  
Robert Hartshorne, Esq.  
SECRETARY.  
S. Campbell, Esq.  
STANDING COMMITTEE.

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| Mr. Robert Bowles,  | Mr. John Marshall,   |
| " Valentine Dort,   | " Samuel R. Russell, |
| " John McDonald,    | " James Fory,        |
| " Alvarous Atwater, | " Isaac Wylde,       |
| " George Stropel,   | " Edward Lipsitt,    |
| " James Key,        | " Peter Webber.      |

Previous to the close of the meeting, a subscription paper was handed round, when the sum of £5 14s. 6d. was subscribed by the persons present, which added to the sum subscribed upon a former occasion, makes the total sum of £17 9 0.