

published in the *Halifax Times*. We presume it must have been a slip of our correspondent's pen that would state the name of *Saint Mary's* to have been given in compliment to any lady however amiable.

**THE QUEEN.**—We find the following interesting item connected with the recent opening, by her Majesty, of the Imperial Parliament, in a late number of the *Times*, extracted from an English paper:—

"I, Victoria, &c. do solemnly and sincerely, in the presence of God, testify and declare, that I do believe that in the sacrament of the Lord's supper there is not any transubstantiation of the elements of bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ, at, or after, the consecration thereof, by any person whatever; and that the invocation, or adoration of the Virgin Mary, or any other saint, and the sacrifice of the mass, as they are now used in the Church of Rome, are superstitious and idolatrous. And I do solemnly, in the presence of God, profess, testify and declare, that I do make this declaration, and every part thereof, in the plain and ordinary sense of the words read unto me, as they are commonly understood by English Protestants, without any evasion, equivocation, or mental reservation whatsoever, and without any dispensation already granted me for this purpose by the Pope, or any authority or person whatsoever, and without thinking that I am or can be acquitted before God or man, or absolved of this declaration or any part thereof, although the Pope or any other person or persons, or power whatsoever, shall dispense with or annul the same, or declare that it was null and void from the beginning."

**PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CLERGY IN THE UNITED STATES.**—We observe by a late official statement that the Clergy of the Church in the United States now amount to Nine hundred and eighteen. Truly the grain of mustard seed planted by our Venerable Society for the propagation of the Gospel, has become a goodly tree! Long may it flourish and refresh millions with its pleasant shade, and may its leaves be for the healing of the nations of this vast continent. In no part of the world are the advantages of our ecclesiastical system more experimentally manifest, than in the United States; where, though not only unsupported by the State, but for many years discouraged and viewed with suspicious jealousy, the church has notwithstanding worked its holy way, and is still rapidly increasing in every part of the Union, standing like an Ark of refuge, to which those who are weary with the endless conflict of religious opinions, may fly and be at rest.

**INDIAN BISHOPS.**—We perceive by an English paper of Dec. 2, that "on Sunday, at Lambeth Palace, the Archbishop of Canterbury, assisted by the Bishops of Lichfield and Salisbury, consecrated the Rev. Dr. Carr, and the Rev. Dr. Spencer, respectively Bishops of Bombay and Madras.

**LIVERPOOL.**—The new Chapel at Hunt's Point in this neighbourhood, which we noticed last spring as being erected, has been lately opened for Divine service. It cost £100, and will accommodate 100 persons.

—We thank our friend PASTOR for his warmly expressed communication, and we hope the worthy gentlemen for whom he has inquired, may answer to his call, and be found ere long enriching our columns. We take in good part the strictures of his friend, but would suggest that he had better try to impart some of that life, or whatever it may be, which he says is wanting in the Colonial Churchman. We have long enjoyed the friendship of those who will find fault without helping us. We repeat once for all, that we never intended, and never engaged to do more ourselves as respects *original matter* than establish a channel of instruction for the members of our church, which we trusted a hundred pens would be ready to fill. But we have, notwithstanding, endeavoured to supply the failure of help from our friends, as far as our humble abilities and multiplied engagements would permit.

—Subscribers who are in arrears will do a *favour*, and an act of *justice* at the same time, by making EARLY PAYMENT to the Printer.

Mr. SIMON.—We doubt not that the following particulars respecting the latter end of that eminent servant of Christ, will be acceptable and edifying to our readers. We extract them from the *Christian Observer*.

#### MR. SIMON'S LATTER END.

"On Friday, Oct. 21, when the means used to relieve him were altogether fruitless, and all hope was gone that he would recover; about midnight he was raised up in his bed, and having sent for me to his side, he began what seemed to us his dying remarks. He said in a very slow and impressive manner—'I am a poor fallen creature, and our nature is a poor fallen thing:—there is no denying that; is there?—It cannot be repaired:—there is nothing that I can do to repair it. Well! then that is true. Now what would you advise in such a case?' As he made rather a long pause, I doubted whether he did not mean me to answer; upon which I replied, 'Surely, sir, to go, as you always have done, as 'a poor fallen creature,' to the Lord Jesus Christ, confessing your sins, and imploring and expecting pardon and peace.' He answered, in a very determined and joyful manner, 'That is just what I am doing, and will do.' I added, 'And you find the Lord Jesus Christ to be very present, and giving you peace?' He instantly replied, looking up to Heaven with the most remarkable expression of happiness in his countenance, 'Oh! yes; that I do.' 'And he does not forsake you now?' 'No, indeed! that never can be!' I added, 'He has said, 'I will never leave thee nor forsake thee.' He answered by a smile and gentle inclination of the head. I was afraid of wearying him, and left him for the night.

"The next morning he appeared, if any thing, to rally a little; and when he opened his eyes upon us, and saw us standing near him, he began to address us again in the same calm and deliberate manner as before. He then said, 'Infinite wisdom has devised the whole with infinite love; and infinite power enables me...[pausing] to rest upon that power; and all is infinitely good and gracious. All is right and well, and just as it should be! I am in a dear Father's hands! All is secure. When I look to Him I see nothing but faithfulness, and immutability, and truth; and I have not a doubt or a fear, but the sweetest peace. I cannot have more peace. But if I look another way—to the poor creature—O! then there is nothing—nothing—nothing but what is to be abhorred and mourned over. Yes, I say that; and it is true.' Soon after this he fell into a state of great stupor, which continued till after ten o'clock at night; when, suddenly recovering, and being raised up in his bed, he again began, 'What is before me I know not; whether I shall live or die. But this I know, that all things are ordered and sure. Every thing is ordered with unerring wisdom and unbounded love.' He then addressed one of his dearest friends in the most earnest and affectionate manner, thanking him for his kindness, and expressing his earnest wishes for his best interests in time and eternity. After this, he mentioned how anxious he had always been that his faculties might be preserved to the last, that he might be enabled to prove to all the power of those principles, which he had professed and preached through life, now to sustain in death. He then looked round very seriously upon us and said, 'You seem all to be anticipating what will not yet take place—I am not yet about to die; I know I am not; I feel that I am not yet ready.' 'Dear sir,' I said, 'and what is wanting?' He replied in a very slow and serious manner, 'Greater humiliation—more simple affiance—and more entire surrender.' I ventured to say, 'Well, sir, He will make all perfect.' 'Yes,' he replied, 'that He will.' After a short pause he proceeded, 'And my body is not yet sufficiently reduced to allow my soul to depart. I know assuredly that I shall not die just yet; you are all disappointing yourselves if you expect that now. My bodily vigour is very great, and I feel that there is yet much to be done, before my soul can depart.' He lived after this for more than three weeks.

"Nothing could exceed the calmness and dignity both of his spirit and manner. As we were afraid of exhausting him, we all left the room. There had been present a larger number of persons than usual, arising from a circumstance which it is but right to

explain. His nurses, apprehending that he was on the very point of death, had suddenly called me in; and upon my hastening to his side, I was followed by two of his friends who had just arrived, and his three servants. These were all who were present. But not exactly perceiving who were in the room, and not knowing that they were there merely by accident, he soon after sent for me, and in a very serious and affecting manner expressed his deep disapprobation of what he had seen; telling me that we were all wrong, adding, 'You want to see what is called a dying scene. That I abhor from my inmost soul. I wish to be alone with my God, and to lie before Him as a poor, wretched, hell-deserving sinner—yes, as a poor hell-deserving sinner;—[then, very slowly] but I would also look to Him as my all-forgiving God—and as my all-sufficient God—and as my all-atonement God—and as my covenant-keeping God. There I would lie before him as the vilest of the vile, and the lowest of the low, and the poorest of the poor. Now this is what I have to say: I wish to be alone—don't let people come round to get up a scene.'

**Mr. Simon's ground of hope in death.**—It is upon the broad grand principles of the Gospel that I repose—it is not upon any particular promise here or there; any little portions of the word, which some people seem to take comfort from; but I wish to look at the grand whole—at the vast scheme of redemption as from Eternity to Eternity. Then, after speaking of his bodily weakness, and the effect it might have on his spiritual feelings, he added, 'But however that may be, I wish to point out this distinction in my case: that I am not solicitous so much about this feeling or that, or this state or that, as upon keeping before me the grand purposes of Jehovah from Eternity to Eternity. Now I might wish to be able to go forth and survey all the glories of heaven, and the blessedness of that place: there might, however, be something in all that to be suspected. But in taking the great revelation of himself which God has given us, there I rest upon Him, and not upon myself. I do not depend upon feelings and thoughts, which are changing and uncertain, but I am kept by Him who changes not.' I quoted the passage, 'I am the Lord, I change not, therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.' 'Yes! that is the true view of the matter as it appears to me. For, after all, what are a man's prayers and thoughts before Him? It cannot depend upon a few poor, broken, puling words; nor do I depend upon these. But again I say, I take the glorious and majestic discoveries which God has made to me of Himself, and there I rest.' He then added, smiling as he used to do when he would qualify any strong statement, about which he himself had no doubt; 'I may be wrong in my view—though I think I am not;—[then, very solemnly and slowly] but, however, this I know, that I am a poor lost and vile sinner; yea! the chief of sinners, and the greatest monument of God's mercy; and I know I cannot be wrong here.'

**CONVOCATION OF THE CLERGY IN YORK CATHEDRAL.**—On Thursday the 16th of November, a convocation of the Bishops, Archdeacons, and proctors of the clergy, in the metropolitan province of York, convened under the mandate of the archbishop, was held in the chapter-house of York cathedral. Such a meeting has not been held during the last century.—*Ibid.*

**DONATIONS.**—Her Majesty the Queen has been graciously pleased to continue the grant of 50*l.* annually (lately given by his Majesty William the Fourth, and formerly by George the Fourth,) to the London Episcopal Floating Church; and her Majesty has likewise kindly given her royal patronage to the society.

An anonymous donation of 1000*l.* has been made to the "Society for the Employment of Additional Curates in Populous Places."—*Ibid.*

#### MARRIED.

On Sunday morning last, in St. John's Church, by the Rev. J.C. Cochran, Mr. George Arenberg, to Miss Sarah Fink, both of this town.