

THE COLONIAL CHURCHMAN.

LUNenburg, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1840.

**EDUCATION.**—The Rev. E. A. CRAWLEY of Horton, for some months been addressing a series of letters to the public on this important subject, with the design of turning them up to a greater interest in it, and to the establishing of some more effectual system of education than we now have, if indeed we can be said to have any. We have read those letters with pleasure (excepting of course certain parts of sectarian bearing) and we sincerely hope that they may have the effect of awakening our legislature to action in this matter. Here is work for the Reformers. We are especially glad to find the principle of ASSESSMENT laid down in these letters, as the only sure basis of any permanent and efficient system of education,—a principle which we have long been convinced must be resorted to sooner or later. How far Quadrennial Parliaments may be favourable to such a measure (consid- edly unpalatable at first to the people) remains to be seen. If it is not tried in the first session, we shall have all hopes of it being carried at all. We may return to this subject hereafter; meanwhile we hope that the any promises respecting it, which have been made at the hustings, will not be forgotten on the red benches.

**THE BISHOP'S VISIT TO NEW BRUNSWICK.**—Although the following notice of his Lordship's recent visit to the other Province, have already appeared in the secular papers, we think it proper to give it a place in our columns. He was to preach at Cornwallis on Sunday week and we resume, has ere this returned to Halifax.

St. John, N. B. November 7.

On Wednesday morning, His Lordship the Bishop of Nova Scotia embarked on board the Steamer *Maid of the Mist*, for Digby, on his return to the sister Province. His Lordship was accompanied to the steamer by the Clergy, Heads of Departments and Military Officers, and a number of respectable citizens. During his Lordship's short visit to this Province, besides performing a variety of duties appertaining to his high office, in other places, of which we have not the particulars, His Lordship held a confirmation in St. George's church, Carleton, on Saturday last; consecrated St. Luke's church, Portland, on Sunday morning, and held a confirmation in that church the same evening; held a confirmation in Trinity church in this city, on Sunday afternoon; and on Tuesday consecrated a new church at Loch Lomond.

His Lordship visited Woodstock last week, and consecrated St. Luke's church of that place; after which he held a confirmation in the same church. He subsequently proceeded to Richmond, and consecrated a church recently erected in that parish. His Lordship then proceeded to visit the churches between Woodstock and Fredericton.

On Wednesday morning, previous to the embarkation of His Lordship the Bishop of Nova Scotia, the following address was presented to him by the Rector, churchwardens and Vestry of Trinity church:—

*Address from the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestry of Trinity Church, to the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Nova-Scotia.*

Your Lord,

In the closing remarks of that excellent address which was delivered to the persons Confirmed in this Parish on Sunday last, your Lordship intimated that consequence of arrangements which are now in

progress for the appointment of a Bishop for this Province, it was probably the last occasion on which your Episcopal functions would be exercised in this part of your Diocese.

We cannot, my Lord, after such an intimation, permit this occasion to pass without expressing, as we can with full sincerity, our sentiments of respect towards your Lordship, as the warm friend and zealous advocate of the interests of that Church, over a part of which, by the Divine permission, it has been your Lordship's province, for a period of nearly twenty years, to preside.

It has been to us a subject of regret that, from causes that have required a residence in another country, as well as from the hitherto great extent of this Diocese, we have enjoyed, of late, so little of your Lordship's presence amongst us. We are deeply impressed with the belief, that to advance effectually the interests of our Church, and give full efficiency to her ministrations, we need the frequent visits and constant supervision of one of her Chief Pastors. Under this conviction, we should regard the appointment of a pious and judicious person, as the Bishop of this Province, as a measure fraught with important benefits. At the same time we cannot but regret that we shall thereby lose the advantage of your Lordship's counsel and assistance from the time to come.

We are desirous, my Lord, to tender our thanks for your present visit, which, though short, has afforded an opportunity for the discharge of many important duties; and, we trust, for the promotion, in no small degree, of the interests of religion.

We could have wished, my Lord, that the period of the visit had been of longer duration; but as we understand that duties of an urgent nature require an immediate return to Nova-Scotia, we beg, in terms of sincere respect, to bid your Lordship farewell; and, in doing so, to express our cordial wish, that you may long enjoy health and happiness, and retain, for the benefit of our revered Church, those energies of mind and body, which have hitherto been exerted in her cause.

I. W. D. GRAY, Rector of Trinity Church.  
R. F. HAZEN,  
G. D. ROBINSON, } Church Wardens.

[In behalf of themselves }  
and the Vestry.] }  
St. John, November 4th, 1840.

To which his Lordship was pleased to make the following reply:—

*To the Rector, Churchwardens and Vestry of Trinity Church, in the Parish of St. John.*

GENTLEMEN,—

The kind address with which you have honored me has a claim upon my grateful acknowledgement, and I beg you to accept my affectionate thanks for the respect which it expresses.

Whoever has the interest of the church at heart must desire to see her carried forth in her integrity, wherever she may be, and therefore must rejoice that an happy feeling prevails in the land of our fathers, in favor of increasing the number of the colonial Bishops, and sending one to every colony.

I have done the little that I could, in aid of the object in New-Brunswick, and I trust it will be shortly accomplished. That it may be favored with the Heavenly blessing is my fervent prayer.

I cannot, however, be separated from the members of the church in this Province, for whom I have cherished the warmest affection, without regret; but when I reflect on the benefit they will gain from the cause of this separation, it becomes my duty to rejoice and be thankful.

It will still be permitted me to entertain a lively interest in every thing that can affect your spiritual welfare,

and it will be my joy to continue my daily prayers for the richest blessings upon yourselves, upon those whom you represent, and upon your children's children.

Suffer me then to bid you an affectionate farewell, and commend you to the exhaustless mercy and unceasing care of the Most High.

JOHN NOVA SCOTIA.

Saint John, November 4, 1840.

After giving the above reply his Lordship remarked that it was impossible to pay even a transient visit to this city without perceiving that the rapid increase of its population was making an urgent demand for further church accommodation. He was aware how much had been done by the Parish already to promote the desirable object.—Still when he considered the vast importance of it, and more particularly as it regarded the poorer classes in the community, he could not refrain from alluding to it. His Lordship expressed his joy in reflecting that there was both the will and the ability in St. John to make such a provision. He observed that in carrying the plan into effect and selecting the site of the building, it would be well for the church corporation to exercise a prudent foresight, in reference to the necessity which might at a future day exist, for the division of the Parish.—It was a measure, to the accomplishment of which there were at present, insuperable difficulties, and which could not, in fact, take place, during the present incumbency.—The termination of this, his Lordship trusted was a very distant event, but it would be well, notwithstanding, in any arrangements that were made for the erection of another church, to keep the contingency in view. After some further suggestions as to the part of the building that ought to be set apart as free, and in regard to the position of the pulpit and reading desk, his Lordship very kindly declared his readiness to afford any further information or assistance in his power, to promote a desirable object.

**REV. W. GRAY ON INFANT BAPTISM.**—We perceive that extracts from this unanswered and unanswerable work are republishing in the Boston Christian Witness;—a writer in which paper has also given the Editor some account of the controversy that gave rise to Mr. Gray's book.

**THE GOOD OLD SOCIETY.**—The following directions originally issued in 1712 by the Venerable Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, for the guidance of their missionaries, will probably be new to many of our readers.—Excellent they certainly are, and worthy of all obedience still, 130 years from their date, by those whose privilege it is to be numbered among the servants of that truly charitable Body, whose unwearied benevolence continues to flow so abundantly to these Colonies, as well as to almost every other quarter of the world.—Who will refuse to wish good luck in the name of the Lord, to all engaged in such a blessed cause?

UPON THEIR ARRIVAL IN THE COUNTRY WHITHER THEY SHALL BE SENT.

First in respect to themselves:

1 That they always keep in their view the great design of their undertaking, viz. to promote the glory of Almighty God, and the salvation of men, by propagating the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour.

2 That they often consider the qualifications requisite for those who would effectually promote this design, viz. a sound knowledge and a hearty belief of the Christian religion; an apostolic zeal, tempered with prudence, humility, meekness and patience; fervent charity towards the souls of men; and finally, that temperance, fortitude, and constancy, which becomes good soldiers of Jesus Christ.

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