

WILBERFORCE COLONY.

We have before taken notice of the Colony of coloured people, now forming at Wilberforce, upon the Huron Tract, in Upper-Canada. The Agent of the Colony, Israel Lewis, an intelligent coloured man has been made known to many persons in the United States.—We were led to think favourably, not only of the Agent, but of the proposed Colony. It is gratifying to discover, as we have recently, that the prospects of this settlement of Blacks, are quite encouraging. If the present attempt is aided for a few years, and that with no very great expenditures, this division of the human family, will be in a way to a decent and useful exercise and enjoyment of civil and religious privileges under circumstances highly gratifying to every christian Philanthropist. The Provincial Government of Upper-Canada evinces a strong disposition to favour the *Wilberforce Colony*, and there are good grounds for believing that it will become a very respectable one.

No one who looks at all at this subject will suppose that the settlement in Upper Canada can, to any serious extent, operate to the disadvantage of the American Colonization Society.—That Society cannot, in reason be expected, to provide amply for that part of our free Coloured population which might easily be drawn into the Colony between the Lakes. There, after the kind attention of the Whites, for a short time, they may not only be made comfortable, but become a respectable body of people.

In order to satisfy the public that this infant colony is worthy of their friendship, and that their agent, Israel Lewis may be relied upon, we state that we have now before us, documents duly authenticated by the civil government at York, in Upper Canada, which show, that in the estimation of gentlemen high in office and of the first respectability, in the Province, Israel Lewis enjoys the confidence of those who know him, and that his coloured associates place the fullest reliance upon his integrity. From the statements submitted to the examination of a Committee at York, it appears that he has faithfully applied the monies received by him, to the benefit of the Colony. One third of the first purchase has been already paid, and it will not be a difficult matter to complete the residue within the time specified in the contract, when we are assured the Canada Land Company will secure the occupants in full and safe titles to the land.

If Editors friendly to the Colony who see this article will notice the facts here stated, they would highly gratify the Colonists, and we are persuaded promote the cause of humanity and virtue.

Gospel Messenger.

From the Episcopal Watchman.

OBSERVANCE OF SUNDAY AT CALCUTTA.

As but little intelligence has thus far reached this country of the official proceedings of the present Bishop of that extensive and interesting Diocese, (Calcutta) I send you the following declaration, said to have originated with him, which will probably be read with interest by most of your subscribers, and perhaps be classed among the distinguished "movements of the times" which are on every side presenting themselves to our notice:—

"We the undersigned, being desirous to express our conviction, that it is our duty as Christians, and will be for our advantage as members of the community, to promote a more exact observance of the Lord's Day amongst the inhabitants of Calcutta and its neighbourhood, do hereby declare,

1. That we will personally in our families, and to the utmost limit of our influence, adopt, and encourage others to adopt, such measures as may tend to establish a decent and orderly observance of the Lord's Day.

2. That we will, as far as depends upon ourselves, neither employ, nor allow others to employ on our behalf, or in our service, native workmen and artizans in the exercise of their ordinary calling, on the Lord's Day.

3. And further, we will give a preference to those master tradesmen who are willing to adopt this regulation, and to act upon it constantly and unreservedly, in the management of their business.

4. We will be ready, when it may be deemed expedient, to join in presenting an address to the Government, praying that orders may be issued to suspend all labour on public works on the Lord's Day, as well as all such business in the government offices as can, without embarrassment to the service, be dispensed with."

This declaration has been read in the churches under the Bishop's control.

From a long and intimate acquaintance with that country, I think I am authorised in saying, that few measures could be devised that are more called for, and likely to be attended with more salutary effects. It is one that would probably be disregarded, were it not clothed with the authority, and sanctioned by the example, of one in his high station, and is among many others, a proof of the wisdom and virtue of the British Government, in placing that portion of their dominions under Episcopal superintendence.

A SUBSCRIBER.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CHRISTIAN SENTINEL.

REV. SIR,

You have succeeded so well in your defence of the Creed of St. Albanus, against which I formerly entertained a hostile feeling, that I wish you would endeavour to clear up a passage of Scripture which has long been a stumbling-block in my mind; I mean Acts xiii: 48.—"And as many as were ordained to eternal life believed."

AN INQUIRER.

[In some future number we will endeavour to satisfy the INQUIRER'S mind.]—*Editor.*

Editorial.—Since our last, we have received no news of importance from Europe.

We beg leave to call the attention of our readers to two articles, copied into the Sentinel of to-day, from that excellent Church periodical, the EPISCOPAL WATCHMAN,—one on the Ordination Service, and the other on the Observance of the Sabbath at Calcutta. To the first we solicit attention for the testimony of respectable English Dissenters, and of the Editor of the Episcopal Watchman, against a certain slanderous and wicked newspaper published in London, called THE WORLD, and professing to be a religious paper. The industry with which copious extracts from that paper have been circulated in this country under the name of religion, apparently to bring His Majesty's Government into contempt with the people on account of the aids to their religious instruction offered them by the Society for Propagating the Gospel in Foreign Parts, loudly demands this act of justice from our hands, in order to let the people of Canada know what is thought in England of the trash doled out to them by

"Each newsman's weekly trumpet."

It is time these arts of trickery and imposition were understood, and appreciated as they deserve.

To the other article named above, we request attention as being confirmatory of the view advanced concerning the connection of the Church with the State, and the support of the Gospel by the authority and weight of the civil power.

CHILDRENS' DEPARTMENT.

SNOW AND ICE.

Robert and his father rode out one fine winter's day in the eriole. Robert was much delighted, as usual, with a sleigh-ride; and, as was his custom, began to ask his father some questions on which he wished to gain information for purposes of usefulness; for he had laid up in his memory many observations which he heard in a sermon by the parson of the parish on these words of our Lord: "My Father worketh hitherto, and I work;" in which he set forth the necessity, of industry directed by true knowledge and a virtuous intention.

Pa, says Robert, after they got upon a fine piece of road, do tell me something about the snow and ice which we have every