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the crowded steerage. Here open berths are we cultivate in flowerpots. The roads were decidedly, particularly when we reach the trowhere they will bring very great prices.

and is practising on the violin as coolly as if he new planet. were in his room alone. By ten however all is quiet in the cabin, for no lights are permitted did, has just come in. She goes to San Juan after that hour in the staterooms.

The Festival of the Nativity dawned upon us

we should see it. At ten arrangements were of a colporteur, who was distributing tracts | reach Aspinwall. among them, arranged a service. They crowded around me in a circle, and listened to the prayers I read, and the address I made them, which with many, I fear, is the last they will ever hear on that subject. About 150 are go-ing out as laborers on the Panama railroad, and half of them before six months will be in their graves. I pressed on them this contingency as fully as I could, and gave notice that if any of them wished to see me during the voyage, either for advice or in sickness, to send for me

and I would come to them.

The days are now growing long. At half past six the sun had just set, and the West was covered with golden clouds. The air was warm as June, and in the evening the passengers were all gathered on deck, the brilliant constellations in this Southern sky rendering it as bright as moonlight. And thus closed the Festival, as pleasant a day as could be spent, were it not for the consideration of absence from those we hold dear.

Monday, 26th. Hot-hot! We passed the

point of Cuba in the night, and are now within sight of the hills of St. Domingo. A steamer is seen on the distant horizon, which the Captain decides to be the Yankee Blade, which left at the same time with ourselves. Flying-fish are rising from the ocean around us, and every one on board is giving evidence of the effects of a on board is giving evidence of the effects of a tropical atmosphere. Reading is hard work, and writing harder. In the afternoon we made Jamaica, and until dark were running along the coast near enough to see the trees and houses. It is a hold mountainous region, similar in appearance, we are told, to the Sandwich Islands. The eminences were wreathed at the top with clouds, while a purple light from the setting sun rested on the beautiful slopes. At 6 P. M. a canoe came off and put on board a half-naked previous to his becoming the Publisher. negro pilot. We were then at about 40 miles amounts due up io 31st of July last, when Vol. from Kingston. At 9 o'clock we reached the 16 was completed, are payable to the former entrance of the harbor, the remains of the old Publisher, Mr. Plees; and as he is now residing city of Port Royal, destroyed many years ago by an earthquake. A couple of rockets thrown ing to enquiries respecting subscriptions for up brought off the health officer and custom house official to discharge their duties, and then we anchored for the night. Tuesday, 27th. At daylight we had before

us the prospect of this beautiful scenery, the high mountains back, and the old city on a plateau at their base. The steamer raised her anchor at six and went in the three miles to the wharf. The groups of cocoanut trees with their tufted tops made picturesque features, as they rose out of the gardens of the city. Our first visitors were troops of negroes, who plung-ed into the water to swim round the ship and dive for coins thrown to them, a performance in which they never failed to be successful, coming up with the money in their mouths. In company with a few friends I went on shore and took breakfast at the hotel. In that delightful atmosphere, before the coolness of the morning had gone off, the breeze blowing in through the open windows, our breakfast of coffee, rolls, eggs, and oranges was a perfect luxury after a Kingston has an antique air, and at the same

time marks of a visible decay. The houses are all alike, with large piazzas and every contrivance for avoiding heat. Nothing however but the arrival of a steamer infuses any life into it. The streets are crowded with the most wretched looking negroes to be seen on the face of the earth. Lazy, shiftless, and diseased, they will not work sluce the Manumission Act has freed them. Even coaling the steamer is done by women. About a hundred march on board in a line with tubs on their heads, (tubs and coa together weighing about 90 pounds,) and with wild song empty them into the hold. The depth of degradation to which the negro popu lation has sunk, is, we were told, indescribable The inhabitants of Sodom were pure compared with them. "Once," said a gentleman to me "you did not see an untidy negro in the streets. Now, look at them!" pointing to a group of squalid wretches. This is the unvarying testimony of all the residents I have seen

Everything about the streets has a very tropical appearance. Negro women are everywhere seen with the greatest profusion of fruits in a state never seen with us. We took a ride out into the country. On our way we stopped at the parish church, which happened to be open. It is a venerable building in the form of a cross, the walls and pavement perfectly covered with monuments of the old aristocracy of the island or British officers who had died here. The Rector, the Rev. Dr. Stewart, had not yet arrived for service, and as we had not time to remain, I left my name with the sexton. Just as we were sailing, the doctor returned my visit, but it was too late to go on board, and he was obliged merely to send me his card. Just beyoud the city is a fine country-house, once oc cupied by Santa Anna during his temporary The barracks too are near the city where the West India Regiment is quartered. It is composed of Blacks under the command of British officers. The privates, with their black faces and crimson uniforms, made a curious appearance. The white soldiers are stationed on the mountain a dozen miles off, for health. We drove out to the bishop's residence, about four miles from the city, the most beautiful place in the neighborhood. It was purchased for an episcopal residence by the government, but has been given up by the bishop for a college. I regretted to find that he was absent, being for health at his place farther up parishes, where one cannot but feel gratithe mountains. Having known him a couple of fied and cheered by the evident interest years ago when in Geneva at Bishop De Lancy's, it would have afforded me pleasure to have renewed our acquaintance. The Rev. Mr. Hanford of the College was there, who received us with the utmost cordiality, and with whom we excellent. Numbers throng to the church;

spent a pleasant half hour.

The summer houses here are all alike, except in size, with broad verandahs and luxuriant gardens about them, often fenced with the close quarter or half-mile, but along back-woods it is evident, they are not ashamed."

ranged on each side, and it struck us as being crowded with negro women on their way to decidedly, particularly when we reach the tropics, more comfortable than our closed state-rooms. There are open portholes at the sides, and gratings above, which give air and light, while, owing to the assiduous care of the first-while, owing to the assiduous care of the firstmate, Mr. Howard, the most perfect cleanliness haps, the only one living who held a commisprevails. I noticed life-preservers hanging on sion from Washington. He is a cousin of the every side, of which the captain told me there late President Harrison, his room-mate at were 800 on board. The whole place too seemed school, and commissioned with him in the army. vocal with music. There was a German there who had several hundred Canary birds in small cages, which he was taking out to San Francisco, remained for several years on British ships of war. At last, in the Mediterranean, there came an old admiral, who, before the revolu of an evening when the sea is quiet and all can tion, when stationed on our coast, had been be out. Dispersed along the tables, which stretch the whole length of the cabin, are perhaps a hundred men playing cards, though all gambling is strictly forbidden. Many more passengers, male and female, are scattered passengers, male and female passengers. about talking or trying to read, while there is a musician who has placed his notes on the table witnessed! It was like dropping down on a

The Star of the West, which left when we for her passengers to take the Nicaragua route.

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I went on board of her, but found no familiar of St. Augustine, and the air gave notice that we were rapidly drawing near to the tropics. The gentleman with me knew Thomas one, by the way, in the ship) has been taken down, and to-day the awnings are to be put up. Overcoats are discarded, and the decks present a Summer scene. in San Francisco on the Irish orators.

We have an accession of passengers in the as beautiful a day as the imagination could con- shape of fifty Coolies, who were imported into There seemed scarcely a ripple on the Kingston from the East Indies, to work in place sea, and not a steamboat on the Hudson in the of the Negroes. They are going to labor on month of June passes over a smoother surface. the Panama Railroad. Poor fellows! they will At 8 o'clock we made our first land, the little probably find their graves. At two o'clock the island of Maraguana, exactly as the Captain same gun again fired, and, as before, we swept had predicted, who told us within an hour when out into a smooth and summer sea.

December 29. For two days we have been made on the quarter-deck for service, and I sailing over the Caribbean Sea. How the very read the prayers of the Church, and gave them name brings up the stories I read in my boya Christmas sermon. We had a large congre-gation, though with very few church people these waters! The North Star, night after among them; yet it was pleasant to he able night, is sinking in the heavens, while on the the wide sea to observe this Festival, edge of the horizon, towards morning, we see and while we knew many prayers were offering the brilliant Southern Cross-that emblem of up for us at home, to be able to send forth ours our salvation—gemmed on the skies, on which the faithful everywhere. In the afternoon the old Spanish cavaliers gazed with such mys-I went forward to the steerage, and by means terious awe. To-night we expect (D.V.) to

I have written these hasty notes amid all the confusion of a crowded steamer, yet, such as they are are, they may inform our friends of our progress to our distant home. When we reach the Pacific, I hope to be able to describe to you our crossing the isthmus.

W. I. K.

their souls!

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"Mentor" has not sent us. his name; the insertion of his communication, however, would be a deviation from the rule we have prescribed to ourselves on the subject to which it relates.

LETTERS RECEIVED TO FEB. 8.

D. & D. New York; W. I., Port Dover, rem. in full, Vol. 17; J. H., Morrisburg, rem.; Rev. G. J. R. S., Moore, rem.; Rev. C. P. R., Compton, rem., to No. 26, Vol. 18; J. N., Pakenham, rem.; G. S. McL., Brockville, rem. in full, Vol. 17, for A. S.; S T. P., Kingston; F. C., Marshville, rem.; Rev. Dr. L., Grimsby; Rev. H. R., Upper Ireland, add. sub.; Rev. A. T., Duunville (the vol. can be completed at the rate of 10s, per annum each); Rev. T. S. K., rem.; Rev. A. M. Milton (Churchmans Almanac 1854 not

The party (M. B., Brockville) whose Advertisement appears in this day's paper, omitted to send name and address.

TO SUBSCRIBERS.

Several enquiries having been made by Sub-scribers, as to their accounts, for previous vols. of The Church and Canadian Churchman, the present Publisher begs to state that he has not the Books of Account, connected with the Paper former volumes.

The Church.

TORONTO, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1854. GORE AND WELLINGTON BRANCH ASSO-

CIATION, C. S. D. T. Managing Committee, 29th November, 1853. The following arrangement for holding the Parochial meetings was agreed to: Thursday, 9th Feb'y' PARIS, 11 P.M.

.....BRANTFORD, 7 P.M. Friday, 10th "MT. PLEASANT, 11 AM Wednesday, 9th March..... HAMILTON, 7 P.M

J. GAMBLE GEDDES.

NEWCASTLE DISTRICT BRANCH OF THE CHURCH SOCIETY.

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Parochial Meeting of this District Branch of the Church Society will be held as follows, viz :-Seymour, Thursday, Feb. 9 " 11 A.M. " 10 " 3 P.M. Rice Lake, Friday COBOURG, GENERAL ANNUAL MEETING Mar. 8 " 7 P.M.

The Clergy of the neighbouring Districts are respectfully requested to co-operate in attending By order of the Committee.

J. WILSON.

Grafton, Dec. 20, 1853.

SIMCOE RURAL DEANERY PAROCHIAL BRANCH ASSOCIATION. St. Luke's Ch. Mulmur, Thursday, "9, 11 A.M (Signed) T. S. OSLER. (Signed)

DIOCESE OF TORONTO-EASTERN DISTRICT.

rescott. Thursday, Feb. 9, 7 P.M. This will be the General Annual Meeting.

ADDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS FOR PARO-

CHIAL MEETINGS IN THE HOME DIS-

Whitby, Thursday 9th 3 P.M. By authority,

J. G. D. McKenzie,

THE CHURCH SOCIETY.

As the Annual Meetings of most of our Parochial and District Branches of the Church Society have just been, or are now in course of being held, a few remarks with reference to that excellent institution will not be unseasonable. With these remarks we may connect an apology for the rather meagre supply of editorial matter this week, a portion of our time having been occupied in attending some of these branch meetings in the Home District Rural Deanery. It is really a refreshment to us to attend such meetings, particularly in the rural manifested by the Laity in these annivernance wears; a sleepy eye at such times number before us. would be a phenomenon; there is much round them to encourage the assembled Clergy to throw their hearts into their statements of the Society's objects and as to the depth and truth of the speaker's peared. In fact, we ought to say that no

out of a desponding mood as to the alien- agent in this city. ated state and the hard parsimony of the world at large; still we cannot but regretfully feel that much more ought to be done, and might readily be done, for our excel- query, we commend it to the consideration lent Church Society. It has been a valu- of our readers. able society to us from its very foundation; for, though its means have all along been small (very small, alas! compared with the worldly substance possessed by churchmen, as a body, in this province!) yet, even with small means, it has been enabled, with the Divine blessing, to do good service, as the handmaid of the Church, in diffusing the knowledge and the blessings of true religion. But the time may come (though God forefend it!) the time of the Church's deeper poverty and trial, when the present value of the Church Society shall appear as nothing, compared with what will be its exceeding value then. Should the remnant of our religious patrimony, now so angrily threatened, be swept away (a visitation from which may Almighty God, graciously favouring our own pious and united efforts, deliver us!) in that event, the immense importance of voluntary religious associations, such as this Society is, would surely become more apparent, and a zeal, it is to be hoped, Caledonia 0 17 6 awakened, far beyond the zeal with which it is supported now. You may frequently hear the remark.—"Let them take away the Clergy Reserves: the loss will be soon supplied; we have no fears as to the result."

This may be language as wise and as true as, we doubt not, it is honest and sincere.

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Bytown, per Rev. J. C. Usher...

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Berkeley, St. John's Church, per Rev. Dr. Beaven,

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The It may be that there is not much for the Trinity Church, West Hawkesbury, Church to fear even from the alienation of God's own heritage; it may be that voluntary effort would speedily and effectually make up the loss. It might do so certainly; for the Giver of all good gifts hath bestowed on Churchmen, as a body, an abundant share of temporal blessings; but one would feel a more comfortable assurance that voluntary effort would make up the loss, were the income of our Church Society not four thousand pounds, but fourteen thou and pounds per annum.

We cannot do better than wind up our comments with the following passage, which forms the peroration of a sermon preached on the 8th ultimo, by the Rev. William Macaulay, in behalf of the Church Society's General Purposes Fund. This sermon has been published, and is for sale 156 collections, amounting to £199 16 0 by Mr. Rowsell.

"Fancy the melancholy state of pious breth- Cornwall ren in a township where there is no church, no Girl's Missionary Box for Parochial Prayer Book. Fancy a lad full of pious aspiration, breathing anxiety to become a labourer in the Lord's vineyard, that he may save souls, and willing to do so without pension or pay, if he can but find food, to spend I say, and be spent for the Lord's sheep, whom he loves; and yet such lad chilled in his warmth of heart and yet such lad chilled in his warmth morning of life for want of funds, which you, were your benevolence wakeful, might procure for him. Fancy orphans and widows, those sacred names, broken and voiceless clergymen, unhospitalled invalids, and all such forms of misery, and think what a holy duty it is for you and all to relieve them. Duty, did I say? No, Christian brethren, it is a privilege - a holy privilege-a mercy of God to ourselves, that we are permitted, that we have the opportunity of doing thus. "O Jerusalem," said the Psalmist, "if I forget thee. may my right hand forget its cunning." O Church of God! O blessed flock cunning." O Church of God! O blessed flock of our loving Saviour! O dear, destitute brother churchmen! (may each one of us say) while my blood circulates or my heart beats, let me remember your need, let me pour balm and oil into your suffering body, let me leave with your host, if it be but two pence, for the care of providing for you. Help us, O Lord and Saviour, in this work—soften men's hearts—stir up their thoughtful benevolence — rouse their dormant faith, let their hearts bleed for their brethren, let their purses be ready, but still more ready e their prayers. Let their prayers be short but sincere; once enable them to say with the Psalmist, in its true sense, O Jerusalem! and, while their own souls will be saved, the poor of thy flock will receive consolation and joyful

THE EXAMINER. This journal is wont to laud "the glorious results of voluntaryism," and to denounce in language seldom or never heard save amongst the most degraded classes of society, all who venture to differ from its opinions; but it seems from a late number that according to the Editor's notions, a

A petition from the Rev. Arthur Hill, asking infidel idea ever planted in his mind—and that by the teaching of a Sunday School! You must that according to the Editor's notions, a glorious principle," but when he feels its the village of Bradford. pressure, should betake himself to some art or handicraft to eke out his subsistence. In alluding to a pamphlet lately issued by

"The Saviour of the world appeared as a carpenter,-his Apostles as mechanics and labour-'The clergymen of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut' would, seemingly, regard it as a dishonour to follow their example! They intimate, virtually, that they 'cannot dig;' to beg,

caetus, sometimes twelve feet high-the kind roads,-generally good, however, at this We are glad to find that the Editor has granted.

sleighing season of the year, and from at length been driven by "the irresistible village church exhibits a goodly company, ground he occupied with respect to the mage church exhibits a goodly company, growth and a sterling, true-hearted church efficacy of his the crished system, to his pre- ing Committee, that a set of service books be man amongst them, — assembled to ac- sent very untenable position. After such granted knowledge God's blessing on their endea- a fall, it is rather severe to charge the vours, and to hear how the Church is Church with "employing every artifice prospering, as well from their leading lay which the most satanic ingenuity can sugethren as from the Clergy present, who gest," in the defence of our own property. do their best to render mutual help by Since we found it necessary, a few weeks Creek. attending each other's meetings on these since, to expose the true character of this interesting occasions. There is no mis- paper, it has not been sent to our office, ing Committee, that the subject be deferred taking the expression which each counte- and we are indebted to a friend for the

VIEW OF TORONTO, Mr. Whitefield, an English artist of established reputation, regling in the doings and their appeals in its behalf. But United States, called on us the ther day the brightest feature of all is what the more to shew us a sketch of this city, which he of the Society, the words from "Mr." to "Recactive parishioners enunciate with all the had taken, and purposes issuing in the active parishioners enunciate with all the mad taken, and purposes issuing in the and the following words substituted in lieu emphasis of warm affection and heart-felt shape of a tinted lithograph. The sketch thereof, "of the abolition of the Rectories." truth,—a very few words, it may be, but exhibited to us was in pencil, is ery well truth,—a very few words, it may be, but such as there is no possibility of misunder-executed, and gives a far bette idea of read, of which the following is a copy: standing; such as leave you in no doubt Toronto than anything which has yet ap. gious loyalty and faith make their impres- with it. The point of view is the gaol. of the retirement from business of Mr. Allan, I ion hitherto taken will bear comparison sion, though spoken it may be with embar- Mr. Whitefield likewise shewed a similar have great pleasure in enclosing to you their rassment; not all of it, we feel sure, the views of Montreal and Quebec, omplete labour of the unpractised tongue, but much in colored lithograph, both of which are Clergy. of it the effort of a full heart. What a admirably executed. In this priicular blessing to Christ's Church are disciples branch of his art, experience mut have such as these! May what they say and gone far to perfect his skill, for he has do, in the self-denying and lowly spirit of taken views of all the principal citie of the the Cross, bring an abundant blessing to United States. We have not the exact measurement of the picture, but it's large, Cheering as it is to meet with many | -its dimensions being nearly, so fa as we

> Unable at present to bestow the attention it deserves on D. C. L.'s important

The letter of a "Layman," on the Bishopric Fund, will be read with ilterest

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

THE CHURCH SOCIETY OF THE DIOCESE OF TORGTO. COLLECTIONS MADE IN THE SEVERAL CHURCHES.

CHA ELS AND MISSIONARY STATIONS N THE 2nd Sunday in January, 1854. Previously announced in the Church newspaper,

Vol. 17, No. 27......£160 5 1½ Goulbourne£0 10 3 Huntly 0 6 3 —per Rev. J. Godfrey... Chippawa, per Churchwardens,... Belleville, per Rev. J. Grier...... Penetanguishene, per Rev. George Hallen..... St. John's Ch., Prescott 5 1 41 St. James's, Maitland, 0 17 91 -per Churchwardens -Cartwright, per Churchwardens ... Cayuga 1

76 collections, amounting to£198 19 7 WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND (ADDITIONAL).

Previously announced £424 19 11 per Rev. J. Godfrey. Brantford£3 7 6 per Rev. J. C. Usher. -

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MISSION FUND, TRINITY SUNDAY (ADDITIONAL).

PAROCHIAL BRANCHES.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS. A. H. Farmer, Esq., of Woodstock,

DONATIONS. From a Lady, for Widows' and Or-

phans' Fund£0 7 6 THOS. SMITH KENNEDY. Sec. C. S. D. T.

Toronto, Feb. 8, 1854. CHURCH SOCIETY, DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

Lett, L.L.D.; Rev. D. E. Blake, A.B.; Herbert answer. Young Patterson immediately replie

meeting, which (as is usual) were subscribed thought the latter end of March and beginning Dr. Lett then read the abstract of the accounts

tems of income and expenditure; and laid the school, and I determined to look him up. I The consideration of the various accounts home and talked with his parents, and I must resented was, as recommended by the Stand- do them justice to say that much to their credit.

A memorial was read from the officiating good education and had taught him his Bible Minister and Churchwardens of the Mission of lessons himself, as far as he was capable. I Milton, praying for a grant of money towards found from his earliest youth he had always

completing a church at that place.

Resolved, on representation of the Standing

When can be required to reading. Another anecdote I must mention. The question was asked him, Committee, that the prayer of the petitioners cannot be complied with, as the Society never make grants towards the erecting of wooden who with there was anybody but what believed

Resolved, on the recommendation of the Stand- longer time than usual this morning by going

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chist at the Irish Settlement.

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An application was read from Rev. Geo. A. sieigning season of the year,—and from at length been driver by the Bull, asking for a grant of service books for St.

The arguments of facts," to descend from the arguments of facts, but the respect to the respect t Resolved, on the recommendation of the Stand-

A letter from Mr. W. B. Walker, of Pickering township, concerning an application from the Grand Trunk Railroad Company to be allowed

(on paying consideration) to make bricks on part of a lot belonging to the Society, at Duffin's Resolved, on the recommendation of the Stand-

An application was read from the Rev. J. G. Armstrong for authority to lease a piece of land Resolved, on the recommendation of the Stand-

ing Committee, that a power of attorney be prepared and forwarded, authorising Mr. Armrong to lease said lot from year to year.

Resolved, that in page 147 of the Minute Book

Robinson, £50, Cheque, £100.

Allan, £50. "My dear sir,-The firm of Robinson & last cheque, being a donation from each of £50 to the fund of the Widows and Orphans of the "I remain, my dear sir,

"Yours very truly, (Signed) J. LUKIN ROBINSON. The Rev. T. Kennedy, \ "Secretary C. S."

Moved by the Hon'ble P. B. DeBlaquiere, onded by the Rev. D. E. Blake,-"That the cordial thanks of this Society be

Laymen of this stamp; much as these can judge, 3 feet by 18 inches. It is to pleasant rural meetings help to charm one be ready in April: Mr. Maclea is the Allan, for their liberal donation of £100 to the Widows and Orphans' Fund of the Clergy of this Diocese; and that the Secretary communicate the same to those gentlemen, and that they are nrolled as life members.'

> Carried unanimously. The meeting then closed with prayer,

Correspondence.

To the Editors of "The Church."

May I ask you to be so kind as to find space in your valuable paper, for the following extract from a remarkable sermon preached in Brooklyn, on the 9th of last Oct. by my friend, the Rev. E. W. Johnson, A.M., on the occasion of DIOCESE TOWARDS THE AUGMENTATION OF THE | the death by yellow fever, at Vicksburgh, Miss. GENERAL PURPOSES FUND OF THE CHURCH of the Rev. Stephen Patterson, A.M.? I ask SOCIETY, APPOINTED TO BE TAKEN UP IN THE this favor in the hope that its perusal may induce some persons of means to assist destitute vouths of promise to obtain an education-max encourage such youths to struggle against difficulties-it may tend to shew that even under the disadvantages of the voluntary system, and even in Mississippi (lately so notorious for its repudiating principles) there are men who are bold as lions in the Lord's cause, and truly devoted servants of their heavenly master.] would add, that when the news of his death reached New York, his fellow laborer, amember of the General Convention, was speaking, but as oon as he heard the sad intelligence, he left the church, packed up his trunk, and in an hour was on his way to the path of duty and of danger; and that the excellent Bishop of the diocese, Dr. Green, said at New York, that on his return to his diocese he should immediately relieve the excellent man who had buried N. S. Patterson, from the sentence of suspension which had been laid upon him by the devoted 4 10 0 | soldier of the cross,

Yours very truly,

Diocese of Toronto, Jan. 1854. "Little did I ever think that it would fall to 3 11 6 my lot to preach the funeral sermon, or speak 1 5 0 of the death of the subject of my remarks—I mean the Rev. Stephen Patterson. whether I can sufficiently control myself to speak of him as I ought, and I am sure I shall speak very imperfectly, and will omit many things that I ought to say, and perhaps say some things that I ought not to say; but I have deemed it my duty in view of the relation which has existed between us, and as most of his dearest relatives live in this city and the imnediate neighbourhood, to set apart half an hour this morning to speak of his life and death. It is not my purpose to pronounce an eulogy upon him. I do not feel competent to do that, neither do I much believe in eulogies; and the best eulogy I can utter, and the best sermon I can give, will be to tell all I know about him.— There are not many of whom we could tell all

without telling something disagreeable; but I may tell all I know of this (not to speak in extravagant terms) distinguished young man. He came to this country from the north of Ireland, I believe the diocese of Raphoe, near Belfast, in the year 1821—for these dates I am indebted to his uncle, who resides at Brooklyn. He was then nine or ten years of age. He had before he came received some of the rudiments of education in the common schools in that part £7 12 4½ of Ireland, in connection with the Presbyterian Church, and had very early discovered great love for learning, and was thought to be an uncommonly smart boy. He came here with his parents. I knew nothing of him until the year 1826. In that year, soon after St. John's Church

- Sunday School, and among the numbers of the scholars first picked up, was this lad, then learning a trade and gaining a livelihood by the sweat of his brow, in a ropewalk with his father. He became a member of the Sunday School, of which at that time Judge Morse was the superintendent. He entered the class of Mr. Wm. Hunter, late an Alderman of this city. One of the questions propounded in the book called "Bible questions," in use in the school was, "In what month did the Children of Israel The General Monthly Meeting of the Society leave Egypt?" This the teacher could not was held in the Society's Board Room, on Wed- answer, neither could the Superintendent or the Superintendent of the Female department, but Present—The Hon. the Chief Justice in the there it was, and the teacher put it to the class, chair; the Hon. P. B. DeBlaquiere; Rev. Dr.

Mortimer, Esq.; Henry Rowsell, Esq.

Dr. Lett, officiating in the absence of the Secretary, then read the minutes of the last of April The knowledge of the fact was quickly lowing the state of the several funds, and the brought to me that there was such a boy in the sought him and found him in his own humble

ing Committee, deferred until the return of the the father showed great anxiety about his son, and said he had been ambitious to give him a in a God!" Here then was probable the first excuse me, my friends, if I occupy you a little ing Committee, that such books be granted.

An application was read from Mr. Peter Jacobs, supported by the Rev. A. Jamieson, know that at this time he evinced any developthing I heard about him was that he had made An application was read from the Rev. E. H.

Dewar, requesting a renewal of the grant of £10 per annum towards the salary of the Cate-

presented himself, and I thought he was going to recite a piece—but he had not spoken three In this emergency who came forward? the sentences before I discovered that there was humble Christian penitent whom he suspended tinued speaking for about half an hour and kept lifeless body and committed it to the dust, there up the interest of the meeting all the time. It to await the resurrection and the life everlastwas by far the best speech made that night, and perhaps," he added, "the best speech he had ever heard." "Who is he?" asked the Judge. and useful one. He fell in the midst of battle given his attention to politics at all. Perhaps we not say of him indeed "Blessed are the it was, that differing, as I did, from his political dead who die in the Lord!" He indeed rested views, he had felt delicate in mentioning the from his labors. The Bishop himself in conversubject. Therewere, however, friends there who sation, has told me that for the last two or three observed him and said, "that lad must have an | years, he appeared to grow more and more in education." Some distinguished men in this grace as he grew in age; and it was that which city then subscribed for that purpose, and I was requested to take charge of his education. This I declined, and said I would do no such thing, ordinary case, and the Church has met with no nless they would be pledged to carry him through; as I thought it would be a serious and planted seed that will grow up and flourish. thing to take a boy from a trade and give him an idea of having an education unless they

serving his apprenticeship, he applied to me and said he wished to learn a little Latin. I offered to teach him. "I think," said he, "I could find time, Sir, to learn grammar if I had one. I gave him a Latin grammar, and in a few days he had learned about one third of it. In the course of a few more he was enabled to translate some of a book used in colleges—Virgil. In a very short time, with about half a dozen lessons, and very little, if any more assistance than I have spoken of, he mastered the Latin lan-

. In like manner he studied and mastered the Greek. There was then established at Bristol, near Philadelphia, a college where they combin. ed manual labor with instruction, and there I sent him. I do not suppose that he did much manual labor, but there he applied himself to

He remained there two years when the Institution broke up, and was found to be in

Patterson returned here. I advised him to try and enter the New York University. He eared he could not afford the time, and in order to meet this difficulty he sought entrance in the senior class, thereby gaining one year. This being done; but he sustained his position, and at the expiration of one year he further graduated at the head of that class. The newspapers at that time spoke of the oration delivered by him as one of the most distinguished pieces ever

ntlemen I have mentioned wanted to pledge

be done for his maintenance, and I was fortu-nate enough to procure him a situation in Virginia, as the teacher of four children of a nephew of the late Gen. Harrison, President of the U. S. He became an inmate in the house of this family of great distinction. And consequently mingled in the best society where no loubt he added to their pleasure by his interesting conversation. After completing his resience there he returned here, where he was Church: and it is unnecessary to go into the pose he applied to the Bishop though he had been tised before in some other comm he considered but a ceremony, and when the Bishop asked him whether he had not better be baptised hypothetically he replied—I may mention it as an instance of the decision of his character—"Had I any doubt about it I would not

be baptised at all! Having been ordained, he became my curate and assistant at St. John's and remained there for one year—and I may appeal to my old members of that congregation and ask whether there have ver been such sermons preached in that church -I care not by whom-as were preached by that

If they could now be printed they would be valuable treasures. came to attend a convention in town, and was stopping at my house. His attention was immediately drawn and fixed upon that young man, and he prevailed upon him to accompany him to a more extended field for his labors. As if it was ordained that he should be connected with Presidents of the U.S., he was introduced to a village where four brothers of President Polk (who was himself a Presby-President Polk (who was himself a Presbyterian), were the principal supporters of the Episcopalian Church. He was sent to visit there, and preached acceptably to those distance of the Episcopalian Church. He was sent to visit there, and preached acceptably to those distance of the Episcopalian Church. He was sent to visit there, and preached acceptably to those distance of the Episcopalian Church. ury, had recently hanged a set of gamblers .but a few families who were members of the Church, and the Church itself was in a miserinstead of the Church which spoks. able condition. Single handed, and alone almost, this feeble young man there raised the standard of the cross of Christ. They soon began to esteem and appreciate him as he ought to be, and he made many valuable friends; for they were his friends whom he made friends of the Lord Jesus Christ. Not by pandering to their prejudices, for he came out true soldier of Christ, and preached faithfully and effectually. The Rev. Gentleman here related an anecdote as showing more than anything perhaps the character of the man and the fearlessness with which he discharged the duties of a pastor. One of his congregation to whom he was much indebted in many ways, and who was one of the most influential men in the place, had ground and prevented the duel. In these circumstances, said he, how would I, or how would worthy of admission into the Church. ninety nine ministers out of a hundred act?— They would most probably, as the duel had not been fought, let it pass, but Mr. Patterson sent for the man, and upbraiding him for the intent suspended him from the communion for one year .offender submitted with all humility to the

At length the yellow fever came into the place; his friends urged him to leave, and he was earnestly invited to extend the Convertion was earnestly invited to attend the Convention here; but he said "no, I can't go while the but a Lenten Repast, putting aside this anomaly

discipline and acknowledged the right of the

others who would have done the same; but he

One of the early victims stricken down was the Roman Catholic Priest, and as he was of Lent. Perhaps if attention is drawn to this lying on his death bed, where was Mr. Patter-By his bedside, ministering to his wants and supplying him with all comfort. Soon after the Presbyterian Minister was stricken and tered, and there he was taken ill. He arose and clothed himself and went down to the charge!!! hysician-he got worse, and in six days died, in full possession of his mind and faculties, and in full reliance on his Saviour. He came to the end he had always expected—for he had fre-Committee, that the sum of £10 for one year be assembled. Some eminent lawyers had spoken, quently said to me that he expected to die of A Member of the Niagana District Association and as late as ten o'clock at night this young-

ster was called out to speak. I will describe it A difficulty then arose, no clergyman could be in the words of a listener (for I was not there), found who was willing to go in to perform the in the words of the late Judge Radeliff, who burial service; and to commit him to the grave told me himself. Said he, "a small slender lad without the rites of sepulture, did not seem

nething very remarkable in him. He con- from the communion read the service over his

"Where does he come from." I could tell but with his armour on, fighting brayely, as much so as any hero who ever faced an enemy. Can ordinary loss. He planted there the Church, Among his other labors there he conducted a paper which was devoted to the propagation of were so prepared; I therefore declined, unless they stipulated to keep him at school for three truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

But he has rested from his labors, and has Much to their credit all the gentlemen agreed to it, and contributed the necessary sum, \$150, and the weary are at rest." Oh my friends, I think, for his expenses.

His time was procured (the last year that remained to be served of his apprenticeship), then leaving him 20 years of age During the then leaving him 20 years of age During the the was so by His Grace on the right and left. May God remained to be served of his apprenticeship), then leaving him 20 years of age During the last year, however, I ought to say, while he was so by His Grace on the right and left. May God grant this may be our portion for ever and ever.

To the Editors of "The Church." TITHES.

DEAR SIRS .- Want of leisure has prevented my hitherto answering your correspondent who wishes to know "what success I have had amongst my own parishoners in impressing upon their minds the obligation of paying the tenth of their increase to their clergyman;" and now I can only be very brief.

My answer is, not much direct success, nor was I visionary enough to expect it. But surely, it is not necessary to remind my reverend friend, that success is not the test of truth, much less immediate success. Nevertheless, if the principle be of God, it must ultimately | revail with the faithful, and if it be not of God, let it perish.
My aim is, according to my humble ability, to

call back the attention of the Church to what I conscientiously believe to be the only, because the divine remedy for our present difficulties; for it must be the Church that speaks with her authoritative voice on the duty of paying sacer dotal tithes, before we can expect our people to give much attention. It is a matter to be set-tled by authority; few of our lay-members have sufficient time or opportunity to examine so deep a subject for themselves; and, opposed as it is, to our natural selfishness, it is too much to expect that any given parish will readily receive Shortly after this he declared that he felt the opinions of their individual pastors in favor Shortly after this he declared that he was, convinced, and I ardently believe, that he was, by the Holy Ghost called to the ministry. The trentlemen I have mentioned wanted to pledge the Church speak with that hely authority gentlemen I have mentioned wanted to pledge him to become a lawyer, but that I would not heart" will listen with reverence, and act in It was now necessary that something should obedient love, as they gradually understand that the thing is of God, and certain to bring His blessing. Only convince the faithful children of God of what is His will, and they do love to do it. The opposition which perhaps even some of these feel against tithes, is, to tithes as exacted by civil law; with this question we have on this continent, at this time, nothing to do; we contend for nothing but the law of Christ herein; and so that His sheep, "Who know his voice,"

will readily submit. Be it further noted, that my plea for tithes ordained to the office of deacon; previously to isby no means designed to do away with the other that he had examined into the sacraments of the means of supporting the clergy, until, at least, details of his reasoning. It is enough that he concluded it was ins duty before officing him self for the ministry to enter the Church, which he wished to do by baptism, and for that pur-Nevertheless, I cannot but think that if the subscription papers a humiliating necessity. ing the law of Christ (if I am right in so esteeming it) in this matter, great good would in due time, result, not only, nor perhaps chiefly, to themselves, but to their flocks, and to the honor of Christ; for no duty can be left even ignorantly, unfulfilled, without injury to the

Church and consequent dishonor to God. Our present system of begging bread for the ambassadors of the King of Saints is as degrading to His Majesty, as it is revolting to those feelings of official self respect which are implanted by Him whose priesthood we share.— Surely then the Church herself cannot be silent herein, without incurring the displeasure of her heavenly Bridegroom, who after himself aluable treasures.

About this time Bishop Otey from Tennessee ame to attend a convention in town, and was be worthy (especially because they share his commission) thereof.

Yours sincerely.

ADAM TOWNLEY.

28th Jan. 1854. P. S .- I see that in the above I have not done justice to my own case, inasmuch as I have not been without a measure of success in inculcating inguished families; but soon sought a larger readiness to listen, and a willingness to admit a phere of action in Alabama; and finally, a dozen suspicion, at least, that the principle advocated ars ago he settled in Vicksburg; in Vicks- might be correct, which has astonished myself: rg, where the inhabitants, acting as judge and and very particularly was this the case at the late meeting of the synod. But the great this place he settled. He found there were obstacle to success, as I have before stated,

> "Should persons be admitted to Confirmation who do not intend to communicate?" To the Editor of "The Church."

REV. SIR,-I shall be thankful for any answers which I can procure from sound Catholics to the query which heads this letter. Believing Conirmation to convey a gift which no one can safely be without, are we at liberty to repel persons otherwise qualified, on the single ground that they tell us they do not mean to come to the Holy Sacrament of the Lord's Supper? (Or

does this, ipso facto, disqualify them? Or should we not ask the question whether they been goaded on to accept a challenge, but the friends of the parties had interfered on the Of the answers to this question—which I hope

Your's sincerely,

To the Editor of the Church.

SIR:-I observe that the meetings of the District Associations of the Church Society in He (Mr. Johnson), hoped there were the Lenten Fast. In this Niagara district alone, other deancries are appointed to be held before as far as I can learn, is the meeting put off until after Ash Wednesday. To say nothing of the the Association meets, and which is anything yellow fever is here, I must stop and do my amongst churchmen, there is the inconvenience to distant members who have morning prayer in

their churches on the Wednesdays and Fridays

through your columns, it may not occur again. Certes! we appear to do things in a funny where was Mr. Patterson? By his bedside, ministering to his wants and praying with him.

Thus he labored for a fortnight, in the midst of stone of a new church on Ascension Day, when plague and pestilence, until one night—his apartments were in the church where he minis-

Believing that the more these anomalies are ventilated the rarer they will become, I remain,

Your faithful servant,

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