

The effect on the clergy would be equally and immediate. To their Chief Shepherd they always appeal for a solution of their doubts, and in their difficulties. His frequently revisits would rouse them, if sluggish and Laodicean exertion; and, if earnest in the discharge of solemn duties, would encourage them to exert still greater usefulness and holiness. His residence over the deliberations of the Church would give unity to their purposes and to their execution. His exercise of his office—for that on scripture warranty, is a truly virtuous,—would furnish him with frequent opportunities of becoming acquainted with his Clergy, of ascertaining their peculiar gifts and abilities and directing them in the right and most suitable channel. He would be a B-dell, in the wilds of Ireland, a Willelmus of the Isle of Man, a Heber in India, and a Bishop in the two Canadas; and wherever a Bishop is deemed himself, have Episcopacy and duty flourished hand in hand. Let us take care to preserve the ancient Bishopric of Sodor and Man from being merged into the see of London, as an augury of better days,—as an admission into the Imperial Parliament, that loyalty and religion are fostered by the residence and active superintendence of an English Bishop. Let us hence borrow a hope that the Church in Canada may not much longer languish for an 'overseer';—and whosoever may be selected as the depository of the arduous and responsible trust, may he tread in the footsteps of our late Diocesan!

ALAN FAIRFORD.

10th April, 1838.

THE COLONIAL CHURCHMAN.

BRUNSBURG, THURSDAY, JUNE 28, 1838.

LOCAL SOCIETY.—We have been again gratified by the labours of this Society in this parish, and have been ever sensible of the comforts to be derived to ourselves from thus taking sweet counsel together, and conferring with each other on the cares and joys and the sorrows of the pastoral office; of the benefit, which under the blessing of God, is afforded to the members of the Church in general, by their attachment to their Zion, and uniting themselves and hearers more closely in the bonds of love. Our whole experience of the effect of our meetings for more than three years, has abundantly confirmed the hopes and expectations we formed at the commencement, and we cannot doubt that the precious blessing of the Lord, have been graciously bestowed to this humble means of promoting His glory and the edification of the Church, which is His body.

On a recent occasion there were present at Lunenburg, Rev. Dr. Shreve of Chester, Rev. Mr. Moody of New Brunswick, Rev. Mr. Weeks of New Dublin, Rev. J. Moore of St. Margaret's Bay, and the Rector of the Parish. Those whose age and infirmities, although not hindering the occasional exercise of his holy office there, had laboured for more than forty years, yet forbid that he can be with his junior brethren on these shores, and also the Rev. Mr. White, of the same place. A very part of Wednesday, was spent at the Parsonage, in the reading of the Word, and those other duties pointed out by the Rules. In the evening at 7 o'clock, Divine Service was performed in the Parish Church. Prayers were read by Rev. Dr. Shreve, the lessons by Rev. Mr. Weeks, sermon by Rev. J. Moody, from Luke 26 v.—“The disciples were called Christians in Antioch.”

On Thursday, at 10 A. M. the house of God was again respectably filled, when morning prayer was read by Rev. J. Moody, and the sermon preached by Rev. Dr. Shreve, from Hebrews, 13. 17.—“Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they

watch for your souls as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy and not with grief; for that is unprofitable for you”—a discourse in which the duties of the people to their spiritual pastors, (a subject too little considered) were plainly and appropriately enforced. The Holy Communion was then administered to the Clergy and a number of the laity,—and a “most comfortable sacrament” it was, (we speak for ourselves and others who so expressed themselves)—a blessed means of strengthening and refreshing the soul, and of binding all who knelt around the altar in closer bonds of love, to their Lord, to their church, and to each other.

At 2 o'clock, P. M. Divine service was performed at St. James' Chapel, Mahone Bay, 7 miles distant, where we met about 400 people. Prayers were read by Rev. Dr. Shreve, and the sermon preached by Rev. J. Moody, from Ezekiel, 33 c. 11 v.—“As I live saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?”—an affectionate expostulation of the merciful Jehovah, which was earnestly enforced by the preacher upon the hearts of those before him. Additional solemnity was imparted to the services here by the interment of a young female, who had been suddenly called from this changing scene.—In the evening at 7, there was again service at the Church in town, when the desk was occupied by Rev. Mr. Moody, and the pulpit by Rev. Mr. Stannage, who delivered an earnest and affectionate discourse from Acts, 26 c. 28 v.—“Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian,” in which the necessity of being not only almost, but altogether Christians, was urged, we trust, not without good effect on those who cannot yet bring themselves to be wholly by the Lord's.

On Friday the 22d, three of the Brethren joined at St. Peter's, New Dublin, the Rev. J. W. Weeks the missionary of that Parish, and Divine Service was held in the morning at the Parish church. Prayers by Rev. J. Moody, lessons by Rev. Mr. Cochran, and sermon by Rev. Dr. Shreve, from 4 Micah, part of 2d v.—“Come and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord and to the House of the God of Jacob, and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths”—on the duty and privilege of public worship.—The Holy Communion was again administered.—At 4 o'clock, Divine Service was performed at the upper church, Bridgewater, (10 miles distant) to a pretty large congregation, when Mr. Moody read prayers, and Dr. Shreve preached from 1. Peter 1. ch. 9 verse.—“Receiving the end of your faith, the salvation of your souls.”—And so ended our proceedings, which may the Lord bless to the good of many.

We were favoured with delightful weather—all nature was dressed in smiles—the trees of the fields seemed to clap their hands—and the birds of the air mingled their songs with ours. We trust a hallowed impression remains on the minds of not a few, now that those who stood together at the altar are separated to the east and to the west, to their respective fields of labour.—The next meeting is to be held at CHESTER on Wednesday 18th July.

EPISCOPACY.—We make no apology for the length of the article on the want of a Bishop in Upper Canada, which we take from the “Church,” where it bears the same signature that was appended to the interesting sketch of the life of the late Bishop Stewart of Quebec, which previously appeared in our paper.—What the writer so forcibly urges on the wants of Upper Canada may well apply to New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Bermuda,—to each of which the immediate and personal supervision of a Bishop would be very desirable. These colonies cannot indeed have a more active or anxious overseer than the indefatigable Prelate to whose Diocese they now belong, but it is physically impossible for any one man to secure to such a widely extended charge the full benefits of the Episcopal system.

CANADA.—We take the following from ‘The Church’—“We understand, although we are not in possession of the particulars of the case, that the expected division of the Diocese is an arrangement not likely to take place at least during the present year. Under these circumstances, we are authorized to state that it is the purpose of the Lord Bishop of Montreal, with the permission of Divine Providence, to perform the Visitation of Upper Canada in the course of the ensuing summer and autumn, and that circulars will be issued to that effect. We are informed however, that his Lordship will forbear from the execution of this purpose, if it should turn out that the arrangement in question should be carried into effect more speedily than there is at present reason to anticipate.

“We understand that his Lordship will hold Ordination at Quebec at Whitsuntide; another probably at Montreal in the month of August, and a third at Toronto in the autumn;—from which we make the cheering inference that a considerable addition to our spiritual labourers is, during the present season, about to be made. While, however, we have to deplore a deficiency of pecuniary means for supplying the ministrations of the church in every quarter where they are so anxiously called for, we are constrained, at the same time, to lament a dearth of candidates for the sacred ministry. A few—but only a few—within the Diocese are preparing themselves for its holy office; and through the exertions now so happily making in the mother country to supply religious instruction, according to the rules of the Establishment, in places where it had been most inadequately furnished, the services of many pious and devoted young men are called into exercise at home, which otherwise would have been gladly transferred to this country. As it is, we are indebted to the exertions and influence of that unwearied friend of the Missionary cause in Canada, the Rev. W. J. D. Waddilove, for the recent arrival of two young gentlemen of great promise, who are about to undertake the arduous duty of preaching the Gospel to the remote and destitute within our bounds.”

BISHOPRIC OF SODOR AND MAN.—In the House of Lords on 22d Feb. the bill for the restoration of the Bishopric of Sodor and Man was read a second time with the consent of Ministers and of the church commissioners, as represented by the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Bishop of London. This is a gratifying concession. It appeared to us from the first an invasion of the independent rights of the Manx people to deprive them of the advantage of a resident bishop; and the wrong would be aggravated by persevering in it after they have (much to their honour) so strongly and so universally remonstrated against it as they have done.—Standard.

MARRIED.

At Halifax, on the 10th instant, by the Rev. Wm. Cogswell, David Hare, Esq. Merchant, to Miss Margaret McNeil, both of that place.

In this town, on Thursday the 14th inst. by the Rev. J. C. Cochran, Dr. Edward Holman to Amelia, eldest daughter of John C. Rudolf, Esq.

In St. John's Church, in this town, on Thursday last, by the same, Mr. W. Andrews, of Bridgewater, to Miss Conradina Temme, second daughter of the late Rev. F. C. Temme, of this town.

At St. John, N. B. on the 5th inst. by the Rev. Dr. Gray, John Howe, Jun. Esq. to Mary, eldest daughter of James White, Esq. High Sheriff of the County of St. John.

DIED.

At Trinidad, James Slade, Esq. Asst. Comy. General. Mr. Slade was for several years a resident in Halifax, during which time, by his courteous and gentlemanly manners, he secured the respect and esteem of a very large number of friends and acquaintances, by whom his death is sincerely regretted.