

Editorial Miscellany.

arrival, and went in the evening to Louisburg, 14 miles. Next day (Tuesday) was spent in preparation work, and in the afternoon his Lordship arrived, driven by Judge Doll, and accompanied by the Revd. Mr. Unisako, the Rector. On Wednesday morning at early as 10 o'clock, the neat, though unhappily as yet unfinished, Church, was well filled by a large and attentive congregation, when sixteen persons of all ages were confirmed, viz., ten men and eight women. His Lordship spoke very forcibly to the candidates upon their Christian duties, and to the congregation at large upon the state of their Church, the privilege of receiving the Sacrament, and the duty of joining more generally in the services. He then concluded with a most impressive Sermon. After which we dined at the residence of Charles McAlpine, Esq., the Bishop's kind host on the occasion, and then proceeded to Mainadieu, arriving there on the evening of St. James's day.

On Thursday morning at 10 o'clock, all the Church people then and there assembled for Divine Service, when the little Church was consecrated by the name of St. James's Chapel. Three candidates were confirmed, others being unavoidably absent, and the usual impressive address and Sermon delivered, the congregation being most attentive to the teaching of their chief pastor. Here the Bishop was most hospitably entertained by Mrs. Karrel, a widow, and a steady communicant of the Church. Leaving Mainadieu, we reached Sydney (20 miles) at 6 o'clock the same evening.

On Friday morning, the 27th inst., the Bishop and myself went to Cow Bay, a distance of 18 miles of wretched road, accompanied by Capt. Ousley, the senior Church-Warden. At 12 o'clock his Lordship met a good congregation at the pretty little Church which was consecrated by the name of Christ Church Chapel; the Burial Ground was also consecrated. Eleven candidates were confirmed, whom the Bishop addressed in his usual forcible style, and his Lordship again preached, returning afterwards to Sydney the same evening.

Saturday and Sunday were employed by the Bishop in ministering in the Churches of the Revd. Mr. Arnold and Mr. Unisako, but on Monday the 30th inst., his Lordship in company with Mr. Unisako and myself, went to Glace Bay, 18 miles, the last of my stations, and the feeblest in point of Church population, where he confirmed three persons, one a very aged woman of 72, and preached afterwards, returning again to Sydney the same evening. Next day his Lordship left us for the Mines, in the midst of the rain, having from the time of his arrival in Sydney preached ten Sermons, in seven churches, and one station without a church, delivered eight addresses to candidates, confirmed upwards of 70 persons, and travelled in the performance of these duties no less than 182 miles, in the space of ten days.

Trusting that this brief account may be interesting to your readers, I remain, Sir, your obt. servt.

W. Y. PORTER.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CHURCH TIMES.

SIR,—I beg leave through the medium of your paper to acknowledge the following subscriptions in aid of the erection of a Church for Port Latour and Solid Rock.

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Two Surplices from the Ven. Archbishop Willis, and a package of Books from the Revd. Dr. Twining and Revd. Thos. Dunn.

The Editor of the Presbyterian Witness has treated us to another "column and more" of puerile matter. We again regret that we should have been the cause of so sorry an exhibition. In his agitated state he appears to be quite oblivious of Dr. Begg, who makes the charges upon which the deductions which so ignominiously are founded—for so far as we are concerned, his critique is little more than a begging of the question. Perhaps the Dr. will acknowledge that all his premises have been demolished, when the deductions, as a matter of course, will be demolished too. The Editor of the Witness, having shown that the Free Church had drawn largely upon the excitement of the people, and thereby become possessed of a power of money, which its Ministers appear to have largely appropriated; and that its assembly have terminated their proceedings with a semblance of amicability, thinks that we should acknowledge all this with as much gratulation as he himself is inclined to bestow upon such capital management. Now, although we are taught to love our enemies, and have never shown a desire to wrangle with them, we must pardon us if we do not see these things with his partial eyes. It cannot be denied that they have got the money, and we feel assured from facts he has stated, they can estimate the shily lucre at its proper value,—but as for their unanimity, we do not lay much stress upon their proceedings as proof of it. Only let him hear Dr. Begg upon this subject, and he will know the just value to be placed upon this seeming unanimity.

"As long as Dr. Chalmers and other experienced men were spared to us, (says the Dr.) all went on tolerably well. From the very first, however, an idea of centralized power, quite foreign to the true genius of a Presbyterian Church, exhibited itself in various influential quarters, and was handsomely prosecuted, and at length with such complete success, that probably there is no corporation in Britain as despotically governed at this moment as the Free Church of Scotland. A limited number of men notoriously manage all our affairs in any way they please. The very forms of our constitution are openly trampled upon. The assembly, of which they are always members, has in truth virtually assumed all power, legislative, executive, and judicial. Any one who ventures to oppose this governing party, is immediately assailed, and made to feel what a dear price he must pay for his practical liberty, which, however, he in theory is technically understood to possess in a pre-eminent degree. These plain statements may give offence; but I speak on this subject from ample experience of both Churches. For all practical purposes, it is quite notorious that the great mass of the members of the General Assembly of the Free Church would save money, and do at least as much good by staying at home. This is the canker that is eating out the very heart of confidence in our Church. This is the real root of bitterness which lies and festers beneath all our difficulties, and the true key to the recent contentions which have startled the country, and afflicted our worthy people; although one cannot help admiring the amazing dexterity with which other matters have been thrust into and kept in the foreground. The Free Church is as completely managed by an oligarchy, at this moment, as ever the British Government was.

But our dissenting contemporary not satisfied with attempting the defence of his own Church, appears very anxious to place us as a partisan of the Church of England. "Perhaps," he says, "we have been taught to think that the Church of England is the High Church, pro-papish party, the apostolical successionists, and the baptismal regenerationists," and with a view to our enlightenment he takes the trouble to inform us, that "the Presbyterians, the High Churchmen, the apostolical successionists, and the baptismal regenerationists, are not the Church of England." We suppose this is an exemplification of the "love that embraces all" with which he is endowed. We ought to be, and we feel that every Episcopalian in the Diocese must be very much obliged by this lucid exposition, and that they will hereafter take the Presbyterian Witness for their guide in essentials, instead of the Articles and Rubrics. With a similar obliquity of intellect, the disreputable body to which the Free Church Editor belongs, assumed that they were the real Church of Scotland, and with a total absence of "worldly considerations" no doubt, would have willingly taken upon them all the responsibility of the vocation to which they thought they were called,—but they have lived to be disappointed, and to hear, already one of their own Doctors compare the "glory of the first house" with the dimmed gold of the edifice which sought to supplant it.

We have now nearly done with our Free Church contemporary—and although we dare not congratulate him upon the openly oppugnant disposition he manifests towards the Church, if sincere, it does him much more credit than his "hypocrisy" of the previous week; although in the exercise of his valour, like the snake which bit against the file, he may find his teeth in a deplorable condition. We advise him to cultivate a more Christian spirit. He will find foes enough in his own household, if he desires to seek them. There is an article in his last paper signed Geo. W. Spratt, upon the subject of which he has already displayed his talent, and which may give him further occasion, anent the St. James's Church at Dartmouth, belonging to the Kirk of Scotland, upon which the Free Church has cast a greedy eye; and there is another in the *Pictou Chronicle* of Aug. 2, anent a Secession Church, which the writer asserts the Free Church wrested from that body, without right or reason. Now we may know but little about these things, but as they are brought to our comprehension, they seem very illustrative of the extent of the "self sacrificing" disposition of the body of which our contemporary may be a very worthy member. We feel however that we have bestowed quite enough

notice upon a subject not very important to us—and being now done with him, he need be no longer aguish on our account, and may try the strength of his nerves upon the deductions of other adversaries as soon as he feels inclination.

The R. M. Steamer *America* arrived on Wednesday last, in 11 days from Liverpool, bringing dates to the 4th instant. The news is not of much interest. Affairs at the seat of war continue nearly in the same state as previously reported. The remains of Lord Raglan arrived at Bristol from the Crimea on the 24th ult.

The Regatta came off in our harbor on Tuesday last. The day was remarkably fine, and all seemed to unite to make the day one of amusement. There was enough wind for the sailing craft, and not too much for the rowing boats. The call by his Worship the Mayor for a public holiday was well responded to. The races were all well contested, and altogether the affair was one of the best we have ever witnessed. Much praise is due the Committee for the able manner in which the Regatta has been got up, and the result. We acknowledge from the Committee the receipt of a card of admission to the *Pyramus*, where the umpires and managing committee were stationed. The flag-ship was open through the day to visitors. A display of fireworks in the evening closed the day's proceedings.

The Legislative Session in Newfoundland, was closed on the 7th August. His Excellency is pleased with the economical reforms which have been introduced; alludes with satisfaction to the reciprocity treaty, in dealing with which the Legislature have maintained the principle of encouraging native industry, and anticipates that the enquiries made into the causes of the pauperism which prevails in Newfoundland, will lead in a future session to a remedy. He recognizes the liberality with which they have provided for the civil service; and the wise spirit in which they have continued to support public education—to protect the fisheries, and encourage agriculture.

Previous to the prorogation, an Address to the Colonial Secretary passed the Assembly, bringing before him the serious injury that will be inflicted upon the people of the Colony, by the imposition of the tax on Newspapers.

The Bermuda Royal Gazette of July 10, noticing the sale of Pews in Trinity Church, Hamilton, has the following paragraph:—

"It is indeed a subject of congratulation to every Churchman, especially in this town and its vicinity, that this Church has at length been sufficiently advanced to admit of its being opened for Divine Service.—Here, not only the rich man who can pay his price and secure the seat of his particular choice, is afforded an opportunity of doing so, but the poor man, the more humble worshipper, whose only offering is praise and thanksgiving, the oblation of a pure heart, (of all the most acceptable in the sight of God), is provided with comfortable accommodation in various parts of the Church. Nor is the stranger who holds no pew in the Church, likely to be at any time at a loss for a seat—one full third of the total sittings having been allotted as free seats."

The Clergy and the Representatives of the Laity of the Diocese are requested to take notice, that Tuesday, October 11th, at 10 A. M., is appointed for the Meeting of the Diocesan Assembly, to consider the Report of the Committee appointed at its last Meeting to "prepare rules and regulations for the Church Assembly." The Session may be continued from day to day at the pleasure of the Assembly.

The absence of the Proprietor of this Paper for a few weeks, need not cause any interruption of communication on all matters connected with the *Church Times*, the business of which, in the interim, as well as his general business, will be attended to by his Son.

The Illustrated News, of July 28, for Mr. Gossip's subscribers, came to hand in advance of the Halifax Steamer, on Saturday evening last, and were sent to the country by first mails thereafter.

The R. M. S. *Asia* arrived at 9 o'clock on Thursday evening from Boston, and sailed again at midnight for England. The papers received by her are barren of news.

ANAPOLIS, Aug. 6.—Mr. Lawrence Hall lost two Bays with two tons hay, by fire, about 4 o'clock this morning. Total loss. Supposed to be the work of an incendiary.—*Farmouth Herald*.