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In our last, we referred briefly to the ecclesiastical intelligence brought by the Steam-packet of the 4th of January; and gave, as one of its most important items, the Letter of the Bishop of EXETER, recalling the order which he had issued respecting the use of the Surplice in preaching.

The revocation of this order, as his Lordship states, is grounded upon communications received from various parts of his Diocese, that it was offensive to the parishioners; that there was, in short, a very general dislike to the adoption in the pulpit of the vestment usually worn in the desk. This is the head and front of the complaint; -not that the use of the surplice is, in itself, improper or inappropriate, but that it should be restricted to that portion of the service which com-

prehends the Prayers, and the Communion, and other occasional Offices of the Church. That such should be a source of complaint at all, especially when it may be regarded as a matter of mere ecclesiastical order, in the adoption or disuse of which the prelates of the Church should necessarily be considered the best judges, must strike sober-thinking tion more vehement still:people with no common degree of surprise. If a new vestment were sought to be introduced; if the change suggested involved any novelty or innovation; if the surplice were a garment unknown and unused in the Church; then we might the less wonder at the alarm Church; then we might the compolaints which are exwhich is professed, and the complaints which are exjustly be termed, is only the revival of an old rule,a rule adopted and universally employed, be it remembered, posterior to the Reformation, and only recomconduct of Divine Service. Moreover, in all Cathetion? drals and Collegiate Churches, the surplice is con- beloved Queen will never be given to a measure so odious

drals and Collegiate Churches, the surplice is constantly used in preaching: it has been so continued and degrading to her free people.

"INTOLERANCE we abhor from our inmost soul. We from the beginning: in them, there has never been introduced what is in reality the innovation, the use of the gown. The Surplice is, in fact, the ministerial vestment strictly appropriate to the sanctuary: the distinctive dress of the Clergy to gown is the ordinary distinctive dress of the Clergy, to be worn by them when not engaged in the services of the Lord's house; so that, strictly speaking and in adherence to all ecclesiastical precedent, the servant This is language which might surprise those who of the sanctuary, when engaged in ministerial offices, look at nothing beyond the professions of modern rewould be inappropriately attired when clothed with ligionists, or who are not aware that such professions seen in the Lord's house: whether preaching or pray- ing the influence of political or religious party, than yourself and family will always be associated. ing, his becoming attire is that snow-white robe, the from any sincere or disenterested adherence to the

it matters in the least which vestment be worn; what even though that restraint is designed to guard the we have stated is merely in the way of information, barriers of truth, and laterpose a line of demarcation not for the purpose of argument. For although we between genuine Christianity and the false systems should be glad to see a restoration of the proper and which would supplant and destroy it. to recommend any contradiction to long-established spiritual being: it would obliterate the lines of every provement, is viewed by some with suspicion and dis- organization. like. And so far, we are free to say, the Lord Bishop

so warmly expressed to the recommendation of the spare, when they see, or imagine that they see, in Bishop of Exeter, is, that beneath the apparently some members in the Church of England a tendency harmless and trifling changes which are enjoined, there to the superstitions and novelties of Romanisn!lies a covert design to bring back again the domination Such anxiety and concern appears to be very inconand superstitions of Popery! This, we must confess, sistently felt and expressed by those who can take is a strange suspicion to entertain in regard to the alarm, and sound the cry of proscription, at a measure Bishop of Exeter, towards one who, in days not long which limits its acts of Christian grace to those who past, stood forth the stoutest champion of Protestan- profess belief in the Scriptures on which our hopes as tism that the land could boast of; who inveighed, with Christians are built, and which cannot extend a vicious unrivalled skill and power, against the fatal concession meed of liberality and encouragement to those who of Romish emancipation; and who only ceased to deny what is so intimately, so vitally involved in the oppose that woe-fraught measure, when it was dis- plan and process of our salvation,-the doctrine of covered that the Cabinet and the Sovereign were the Holy Trinity. resolved to yield it, and when, with the knowledge of It has just occurred to our recollection that the such a determination, further opposition would be only test of qualification, on religious grounds, that is to say, as unchanged and as strong as ever; as opposed are proposed to be restricted. We have, in the comto Popery and all its abominations as any individual plaint which has been quoted from the Baptist Register, specious guise of a ministerial vestment!

We must confess we have scarcely patience in this

Yet trivial as are the causes of the present eccle- Toronto. His words are:siastical excitement, we know that great events are often their result; and that, unless overruled by God's good Providence, they may be turned into heavy good Providence, they may be turned into heavy heavy good Providence, they may be turned into heavy good Providence, they may be placed in the heavy good Providence good Pro calamities both to the State and the Church.

venerable prelates who adorn the Episcopal bench of as an instrument of power and influence." our Mother-land. With such men to direct and guide There is one important, though it may be slight, warded to the Editors of The Church and Bereau, with a us, we feel assured that God will overrule all to the omission in the statement which is here propounded; request that they will allow their publication. blessing and strengthening of his Church, and cause which is, that what is sought to be placed in the that she shall come forth from her present conflict hands of the "Episcopalians," is simply the amount

brighter and holier than ever. But we must not forget the duty of earnest and humble sup, lication for the Church universal,—our tion of the children of their own communion. What

have been found on the back, which would, indeed, be agony and cross of our blessed Redeemer, we humble same boon for themselves. of the greatest interest, no Babylonian sculptures hav-

says little for their interest there, at a time when the Christians in this Province to hold land in perpetual Clergyman. English are removing whole cargoes of antiquities from succession; but with a respect for the grand and essential truths of Christianity of which we are glad to tition for this act of justice, we distinctly affirm that see Mr. Williams the advocate, though by the Bill in we are quite willing to see a similar arrangement for question he may appear to give countenance to its adopted in the case of other religious bodies who may enactment are to be limited to those religious societies of Parliament. or congregations " who profess belief in the Divine Inspiration of the Canonical Books of the Old and New Trinity.

evive, in the nineteenth century, and in the free colony the most abundant success. of Canada, enactments so absurd and unchristian? Is he so ignorant of the laws of the mother country as to imagine that his bill is conformable to them; or does he think that if, even by some strange fatality, it should pass through the Provincial Parliament, the Governor General would not reserve it for the Royal consideration? And can he for a moment suppose that Queen Victoria would affix her sign manual to his barbarous project? No; Mr. Williams, it is too late: you should have been born a century or two before. The views and feelings implied in your bill are

"Should this monstrous bill pass into a law, no persons doubting or denying the Divine inspiration of the Canonical Books of the Old and New Testament,' or 'the doctrine of the Holy Trinity,' would be allowed to possess land for churches, chapels, meeting-houses, burial gro or residences for their ministers. They must either be in regard to assemblies for worship, with private build-

But this is not all. In the Montreal Observer, another Dissenting paper, we find a burst of indigna-

"We learn with astonishment that a Bill has recently been introduced into the Assembly, imposing a religious test as a condition for Christian Societies to hold land, in

which is professed, and the complaints which are expressed. But it is not so: the change, if such it can lightened day, any member of a British Legislature would have had the hardihood to stand up in his place and propose such a measure. Where, on this occasion, was the indignant burst of reprobation, with which this remnant of a dark and intolerant age, was scouted from the Hall of Legislation? But, we ask, if this hateful bill should Exeter plainly affirms, to ensure uniformity in the cellency our venerable Governor give it the Burds Excellency, our venerable Governor, give it the Royal sanc-tion? We confidently answer No. The sanction of our

emblem of purity, the remembrancer to himself and to great principles of Christian truth. Such persons are prove a source of gratification and benefit to those among all of the condition of his vocation, - "Holiness to the | jealous of the slightest restraint upon the licentious-Not, however, that, as respects the act of preaching, idence of man's native depravity to seek to indulge,

becoming vestment in all the services performed in the We cannot but lament, though we do not wonder house of God,—and very many of the laity join us in at, the manifestation of this spirit: it is a condition that wish,—we have no desire, in things indifferent, of the system of dissent,—a part and parcel of its customs, or to urge any unnecessary or unessential great Christian verrity, rather than suffer the principle change, at a moment when, from the industrious arts of Catholic truth and order to have, even on the chiefly of those who bear no good-will to our cause, broadest and most capacious ground, a moment's preevery appearance of change, however obviously an im- dominance over the rival pretensions of error and dis-

In observing the "indignation" which is so earnestof Exeter, in promulgating the order which he did, was ly expressed, -as developing, in principle, an utter influenced more by an honest appreciation of right and indifference to truth or error, to unadulterated Christitruth, than moved by any prudential considerations of anity or its mutilated forms, we cannot but feel surprise at the large amount of concern and anxiety The ostensible ground of the objection that has been which such individuals discover that they have to

accounted factious and irreverential. And yet he is exacted from Professors in King's College University. the man, -with opinions upon that point, we venture is that to which the provisions of Mr. Williams's bill in the realm, -he is the man whom thoughtless people and the Observer, a specimen of the objections which venture to arraign as designing to re-establish those are entertained against this University; and nothing abominations, and with them to sacrifice the welfare can better testify than the extracts themselves, the of his Church and his own independence, under the amount of respect which, from orthodox Christians, is really due to such objections.

instance with the high-minded and noble people who Our neighbours of dissenting persuasions in the compose his Lordship's pastoral charge; the less, too, United States are very philanthropic and comprehenwhen we reflect how many thousands, -from Cabinet sive in their generous wishes, and more Catholic, it Ministers downwards, -who venture to impugn the would appear, in a portion of their practice, than they motives which, in the present discussion, have, in- are in principle or theory. The New-York Evangelist fluenced the Bishop of Exeter, have themselves been kindly interposes a word on behalf of his fellowthe advocates of Popish emancipation in the British sectarians in these Provinces, and expresses himself realm, and by that concession, and by daily acts of with an earnestness of concern for our spiritual freegrace to Roman Catholics, both public and private, are dom which would do credit to the Baptist Register or doin gmore to restore that dreaded influence than could, Observer itself, in protesting against what he deems centuries, in be effected by alb, or cope, or surplice. | the ecclesiastical encroachments of the Bishop of

the Episcopalians, to be expended in teaching their sec-But, in the present day of controversy, we know how tarianism;—and also, efforts are now made to procure for fully we can rely upon the prudence and piety of the the above-named church, the possession of large property,

of taxes paid by themselves for educational purposes, Rev. and Dear Sir:

ing ever yet been discovered. Some of the lately- and a contrite heart,—when, at the bidding of our which is also referred to in this extract. We of the found bas-reliefs are especially remarkable; for in- spiritual mother, we turn to the Lord with weeping Church of England are simply petitioning that the stance, one representing the siege of a town situate on and fasting and mourning; during this LENTEN FAST, share of property actually allotted to us by Act of an island, the sea is covered with ships, the fore part let our prayers be raised, fervently and assiduously, to Parliament, shall be withdrawn from a most wasteful of which forms a horse's head, and which are occupied Almighty God, that He would continue to protect and and shameless system of mismanagement, and comin bringing the trunks of trees for the purpose of erect- bless his Church,—that He would roll away from her mitted to our own trust and keeping. We wish it, in ing a dam. The water is covered with all kinds of every reproach,—dispel the gloom which is permitted short, to be transferred from the maintenance of a marine animals—fishes, crabs, and winged sea-horses. to rest we trust but for a moment, upon her prospects, branch of the Civil service, and to be appropriated The richness of the details, and the mass of sculpture -to give her "beauty for ashes, and the oil of joy to its first and sacred design, -the support of Christian truth. We are of opinion that, if it were entrusted to our own management, it could be made NIAGARA DISTRICT BRANCH OF THE CHURCH SOCIETY. comprehensible how so magnificent a building should have been so strangely buried in the earth. The fer have been so strangely buried in the earth. The French Ambassador at Constantinople has not yet obtained permission from the Porte to send to Paris those to the Legis-have been so strangely buried in the earth. The Annual Meeting of the Diocessary, it not nightly injurious to provide the Diocessary, it not nightly injurious to the discountry, are unaccustomed to that high and holy end; whereas, if it of the Incorporated Church Society of the Diocessory, it not nightly injurious to provide the Magara District Character of the Annual Meeting of the Incorporated Church Society of the Diocessory, it not nightly injurious to provide the Country of the Incorporated of the Incorporated Church Society of the Diocessory, it not nightly injurious to provide the Country of the Incorporated Church Society of the Diocessory, it not nightly injurious to provide the Country of the Incorporated of the Incorporated of the Incorporated of the Incorporated Church Society of the Diocessory, it not nightly injurious to provide the Country of the Incorporated of the Incorporated Church Society of the Diocessory, it not nightly injurious to provide the Country of the Incorporated Church Society of the Diocessory, it not nightly injurious to provide the Country of the Incorporated Church Society of the Diocessory, it not nightly injurious to provide the Country of the Incorporated Church Society of the Diocessory of the Diocessory of the Diocessory of the Incorporated Church Society of the Incorporated Church Society A Bill, it appears, has been brought into the Legis- effectual to that high and holy end; whereas, if it articles of antiquity which will bear transport, which for the purpose of enabling various denominations of can be made available for the support of even a single The congregation was better than it had been on any

And, we may add, at the same time that we pecontradictory forms and tenets, the provisions of this be comprehended in the provisions of the same Act

We have to acknowledge the receipt of several Succession," was preached by the Secretary of the Association, the Rev. T. B. Fuller. Testament, and faith in the doctrine of the Holy numbers of the Calendar, a weekly publication which the District Association organized the meeting, and, Upon this reasonable and correct limitation of a Church, lately the organ of the Diocese of Connecstatute, to which, on other grounds, we cannot but ticut. With the latter periodical we have had pleasure feel that there are many objections, the editor of a in maintaining an exchange for several years; and the Dissenting newspaper in Montreal, the Baptist Regisformer, we are happy to feel, bids fair to emulate the ability, spirit and industry, which characterized the ability, spirit and industry, which characterized the ter, thus expresses himself:—

"We find it difficult to repress our indignation. Who is this JOHN TUCKER WILLIAMS, that he should dare to revive, in the nineteenth century, and in the free colony revive, in the nineteenth century, and in the free colony the most abundant success.

ability, spirit and industry, which characterized the earlier career of its predecessor. We wish to the continued blessing which, in His great mercy, has been vouch-safed to their operations during the past year.

They have to report, wi h much thankfulness, a small

> The weather, after a season of unusual mildness, has been particularly severe for the last few days. A snow-storm of peculiar violence commenced on Monday about mid-day, and continued with unabated fury, -the cold being at the same time intense,-until a late hour on Wednesday night. So severe was the now-drift, that the Mail Stage which left Toronto on Tuesday at 3 P. M. has not reached Cobourg while we are writing, on Thursday at 2 P. M.
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> parishes of Dunnvine and the Lake Short, at the Grand River, which promise to be highly useful auxiliaries to our District Branch of the Church Society.
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> Your Committee desire also to acknowledge the goodness

Our Travelling Agent is now engaged in his tour from Kingston eastwards, as far as Cornwall inclusive, embracing also the Bathurst and Ottawa Districts,in prosecution of the collection of the dues to this Journal. We trust that our subscribers in that quarter will be prepared to settle their respective accounts with him.

Ecclesiastical Intelligence.

CANADA.

ADDRESS TO THE REV. J. ROTHWELL. Reverend and beloved brother,-We cannot allow this meeting of the Western Clerical Society to terminate without availing ourselves of the opportunity which it resents of giving united expression to our regret, that it s the last occasion on which you occupy your place nong us as a member of this Association

Your change of residence, to a distant part of the diocese, precludes the probability of any renewal of our intercourse, but upon occasions of casual and uncertain occurrence, or at very protracted intervals; and we intreat ou to believe that it is not as a matter of mere form or hrough superficial politeness that we now address you but from the dictates of deeper and more enduring feelings, and from the conviction that, by your removal, we are deprived of the society of one whose unvarying kindness and ever open hospitality have justly entitled him to our esteem, and have secured for him our affectionate remembrance; and although those qualities are at all times estimable, yet they acquire a tenfold value when, as in your case, they are superadded upon the foundation of Christian principles, and when they are linked with the evidences of a faithful earnestness in that holy cause in which we are fellow-labourers.

To your amiable lady we would beg you to convey our sincere acknowledgements for the many proofs which we have received of her unfailing kindness and attention, and aught else but the surplice: that, and that alone, is, are begotten, in many cases, more from the desire of properly speaking, the vestment in which he should be forwarding individual aggrandizement or strengthen-

ness-we cannot call it liberty-which it is an evi- expression of our hope and prayer, that you and all yours may long be spared in the enjoyment of every temporal and spiritual blessing,—that you may long continue to "flourish in the courts of our God," till the period of your last removal to an everlasting habitation, to "an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." Signed, on behalf of the Western Clerical Society,

CHAS. C. BROUGH,

ARTHUR PALMER. Acting Secretary.

To the Rev. John Rothwell, A.B.

January 16, 1845. ANSWER.

My dear brethren,-Your very kind address has given rise to emotions of deep and varied nature. It reminds me that this is probably the last opportunity I shall enjoy of meeting a society with which for years it has been my delightful privilege to hold communion on subjects of deep importance, and that this day closes an intercourse from which I am conscious of having derived both plea-

I am fully aware, that as godly sincerity ever regulates the conduct of my dear brethren, so it has, in this instance, dictated the affectionate expression of their feelings; though Leannot but be conscious that friendship was the medium through which they regarded my motives and my labours in that holy cause in which we are en-But while the prospect of parting is not without ain, it is not altogether unrelieved by some gratifying onsiderations. I shall ever feel with heartfelt thankfuluess the goodness of our Heavenly Father, who enabled me to win the good opinion of friends so truly estimable, and I am encouraged to trust, that the fervent prayer which they offer for me will avail to draw down from the Giver of all good grace sufficient to empower me to serve Him acceptably here and to prepare me for the enjoy-

For your obliging mention of Mrs. Rothwell, and your kind wishes for her and the other members of my family, cordially thank you, and assure you, that the exercise of the Christian duties to which you allude was truly its

I will indulge the hope of occasionally meeting the members of the Society, and though such opportunities

may be few and far between, they will be most highly And now, dear brethren, farewell. May the God of all grace bless you and yours. May He crown you with mercy and loving kindness in this life, and, in the life to come, make you partakers of an inheritance of endless

> Believe me, dear brethren, Your obliged and faithful friend, JOHN ROTHWELL.

Oxford, January 16, 1845. To the Editor of The Church

Christieville, Jan. 23d, 1845. Rev. and dear Sir,—We, the Churchwardens whose names are undersigned, have been requested to solicit of you the favour to publish in your paper the undermen-tioned Resolutions and Address,—by doing which you

will confer a great favour.

At a Meeting of the Churchwardens and Protestant inhabitants of Christieville, held in Trinity Church on the 23d Jan. 1845, convened for the purpose of presenting an Address to the Rev. J. A. Allen, Chas. Forest Esq. in the Chair, and Wm. McGinnis Esq. acting as Secretary, the following Resolutions were unanimously

1st Resolution .- That this Meeting, having heard with regret that the Rev. J. A. Allen has unavoidably declined fulfilling in future the duties and office of the Pastor of this Parish, do express its deep sense of the loss the parishioners have sustained thereby, and the high opinion they have formed of his talents and Christian conduct, be communicated to him by the following Address.

2nd Resolution .- That copies of the Address be for-

ADDRESS. Christieville, C. E., Jan. 23rd, 1845.

We the Churchwardens and Protestant Inhabitants of own pure and reformed part of it especially, -as well is asked by the Church of England in this case, is Parish, beg permission to communicate to you our senti-

have served twice, first belonging to a Babylonian pa-lace, and afterwards have been transposed by the As-syrians and freshly graven. At present no sculptures

The day of contributing towards its resources—and con-ourselves of the present opportunity afforded us to address of the present opportunity afforded us to address ourselves of the present opportunity afforded us to address ourselves of the present opportunity afforded us to address ourselves of the present opportunity afforded us to address ourselves of the present opportunity afforded us to address ourselves of the present opportunity afforded us to address ourselves of the present opportunity afforded us to address our first is not less than 6,000. If each of these contributing towards its resources—and con-ourselves of the present opportunity afforded us to address our first is not less than 6,000. If each of these contributing towards its resources—and con-ourselves of the present opportunity afforded us to address our first is not less than 6,000. If each of these contributing towards its resources—and con-cluded his observations by citing a passage from the in-our funds the small sum of 5s., it would of course amount to the comparatively large sum of £1500. With this sum ten should remember that they cannot aid the English Church

in all your proceedings, and increase in usefulness and the love of God, be happy in the possession of all good things here, and hereafter share in the rest and joys of

The Protestant Inhabitants of Christieville, WILLIAM BARBRIDGE, JOSEPH H. RIPLEY,

Churchwardens To the Rev. J. A. Allen, Kingston.

The Annual Meeting of the Niagara District Branch previous occasion of the kind; but still it was not such an one as it ought to have been. The Church, still decked out with its Christmas evergreens, was really beautiful, and struck most of the strangers as truly a meet edifice the worship of Almighty God.

Divine Service commenced at 11 o'clock, A.M., when the Rev. H. Stoneman, A.M., the Travelling Missionary in the District, said prayers; and a sermon, on the much decried and but little known doctrine of "the Apostolical

Immediately after the service, the Rev. Chairman of appears to have taken the place of the Chronicle of the having read the usual prayers, made a few appropriate remarks, and then called upon the Secretary to read the

REPORT: The Managing Committee of the Niagara District Branch

increase in the funds of the Association; and cannot but consider it as a cheering sign that, in most of the parishes within this district, the increase appears to be regular and steady, whilst, even in those parishes where there is a decrease, it is to be attributed, not so much to any failing of attachment to the great cause, in which we are all engaged, as to local circumstances, over which the Parochial Committee can exercise no

They have also the pleasing duty to perform of recording the formation of two new Parochial Associations in the united parishes of Dunnville and the Lake Shore, at the mouth of the

of Almighty God in enabling them to secure, during the past year, the object that has, from the first formation of the past year, the object that has, from the first formation to the District Association, been considered of primary importance, the appointment of a Travelling Missionary to the destitute portions of this populous district, half of whose time is devoted to this duty, and half of whose salary is borne by the District Association. Your Committee feel that the district has been nighly favoured in the selection of the gentleman whom the Lord Bishop of the Diocese has appointed to this arduous and very important duty; for whilst the situation is one which unquestionably makes great demands upon the physical strength of the Missionary, it is, at the same time, one in which a matured mind and long experience in the Christian Ministry is perhaps even more indispensable. In behalf of our excellent Missionary, your Committee ask the prayers of all the faithful members of the Church, not only that he may be strengthened or the due performance of his arduous office, but much more, that the seed sown by his hand, in faith, may spring up and grow, and bear an abundant harvest to the glory of Almighty

Another subject, for which your Committee desire to express their acknowledgements to "Him, from whom all good counsels do proceed," is the incorporation of the Diocesan Church Society. This act of incorporation cannot fail to be of the greatest benefit to the Diocese. It places the Society on quite a new footing, and enables it to conduct all its business and to manage all its affairs in a much more regular and efficient manner than it could have done had it remained as a mere voluntary association of individuals. The terms of the charter are of the most favourable nature, and have enabled the members to remodel the Society on the plan of the venerable Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, which, for a century and a half, has conferred such incalculable blessings upon the British Empire, especially upon the Colonies, and to which we, in this Diocese, are indebted for the *first* planting of the Church, and for such a long continuance of nursing care and protection.— In our Society, as in the venerable Parent Society, all its busiings, at which all incorporated members of the Society have an equal right to artend and to take part in the proceedings.— Every thing is to be conducted in the most open and regular manner. Not the smallest account will be paid unless subbers of the Society in the most distant parts of the Diocese.—
Four collections in the year instead of one, in behalf of the great objects of the Society, will for the future be made in the great objects of the Society, will for the future be made in the great objects of the Society, will for the future be made in the great objects of the Society, will for the future be made in the great objects of the Society, will for the future be made in the great objects of the Society, will for the future be made in the great objects of the Society, will for the future be made in the great objects of the Society, will for the future be made in the great objects of the Society, will for the future be made in the great objects of the Society, will for the future be made in the great objects of the Society, will for the future be made in the great objects of the Society, will for the future be made in the great objects of the Society, will for the future be made in the great objects of the Society, will for the future be made in the great objects of the Society, will for the future be made in the great objects of the Society, will for the future be made in the great objects of the Society, will for the future be made in the great objects of the Society of the bers of the Society in the most distant parts of the Diocese .veral Churches of the Diocese, and your Committee are led to crived, freely give." believe, from the response that has been made by the congregations of this district to the only two calls made upon them MEWBURNunder this rule of the Society, that they are learning to appreciate more and more the great blessings which they have them-selves so long enjoyed, and to obey in some measure the exhorselves so long enjoyed, and to obey in some measure the exhortation of their blessed Lord, "Freely ye have received, freely

Your Committee have held but one meeting during the past year, at which delegates were appointed to attend the meeting of the Church Society, called by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese for the re-organization of the Society under its charter, and held at Toronto, on the 23rd of last October. But they entertain the hope of being able to meet quarterly in future, as well for the transaction of the business of the Association, and the strengthening of the hands of the various Parochial Associations, as for their individual encouragement and improvement, The following is a brief statement of the funds co.

1844, and now disposed of .												
From what Parish.	Received.			For Diocesan Church Society.			For Travelling Missionary Fund.			Refunded each Parish.		
	£	s.	d.	£	8.	d.	£	S.	d	£	S.	d.
Niagara	68	8	9	17	2	2	17	2	21	34	4	44
" Special	7	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	2	6
Thorold	35	11	07	8	17	9	8	17	9	17	15	64
" Special	0	7	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	6
Christ Ch., Lake Shore,				12			160		133			
Dunn, near Dunnville,				1	-	1	130	-		0	0	0
Propn. Gospel	0	10	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
" Widows' Fund	17	13	0 9	1	0	0 5	4	8	52	8	16	101
St. Catharines	47	18	51	11	19	71	11	19	74	23	19	21
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" Special	4	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	5	0
Grimsby	30	0	0	7	10	0	7	10	0	15	0	0
" Widows' Fund	0	18	9	0	18	9	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chippawa	31	15	0	7	18	9	7	18	9	15	17	6
Fort Erie, nil	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	0
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surer's statement was drawn up:—
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Missionary to the destitute parts of this District, and the incorporation of the Church Society, new grounds for urging upon their brother Churchmen, throughout the District, the claim which they have upon them to augment the resources of the Church Society; and they do this greater confidence, as they are aware, that most of those to whose sense of duty they make this appeal, have enjoyed the services of their several Clergymen WITHOUT COST, many of them for more than twenty years, some for thirty, and some are asking alms at the hands of their brethren; far from it! They believe that they are merely reminding them of an imperative duty, the performance of which is due to their destitute fellow Churchmen,—a duty which, like every other religious duty, when performed with a single eye to God's glory, will bring down upon those who discharge it, a rich and abundant reward. They would remind them, that those who, (were it not for what little the Church Society can do for them,) would be now destitute of the means of grace, are their brethren,brethren who are encompassed with the same infirmities, extho, equally with themselves, require "line upon line and precept upon precept," and whose immortal souls are in daily need that food which they cannot of themselves procure

But whilst they speak of this as a duty, your Committee wish their brethren also to look upon it as a private lege than which none can be greater,—even the privilege of being fellow-workers together with Christ in the salvation of

Whilst your Managing Committee therefore have reason to he thankful for the good effected by the Association since its formation, they cannot shut their eyes to the truth, that but

Divine blessing, is beyond the power of human computation. that we have enjoyed.

May you be directed by the great Head of the Church

And your Committee feel themselves tempted to ask, why can

Committee feel themselves tempted to ask, why can not this be done? They cannot believe that their brethren have not the means of contributing this sum. If we suppose that each family on an average contains five souls, each family would, indeed, be required to contribute the sum of £1 5s.-But does not each family spend far more than this sum each year on the secular education of their children—on an educa-tion, which indeed fits them for spending a few fleeting years respectably on earth,—and if so, why should they deny themselves the rich privilege of devoting an equal sum in fitting their fellow creatures for spending an eternity of bliss in heaven? Nay, may they not ask if each family does not, generally speaking, expend more than this sum every year on things which are puite unnecessary, if not highly injurious to them? Your Com-nitree are, indeed, well aware that most people, especially in upon the attention of the Members of the Church Society therto been accustomed, in too many cases, to consider all they have as their own, not the Lord's. They have ploughed, and sowed, and reaped their fields,—the Lord all the while sustaining and strengthening them for their labours. His rain and sun have caused their grain to sprout and cover their fields with the most luxuriant verdure. His snows, (as at this time,) have covered their grain with the warm and earnestly desired mantle of winter. His genial winds, on the return of Spring, have dispelled the frost and snows, and His sun and showers have brought the grain into the full ear, and lo! He withholds his rains, and sends his sun alone to ripen and to harden the grain.

GIFTS TO THE POOR OF WINDSOR. The harvest passes over with scarcely a shower, and all is secured in the most beautiful order! The grain is prepared for return to his home without thinking of Him who has blessed all nis labours and crowned them with success, without resolving "I will devote the price of the first twenty bushels of my grain to Him who has done so much for me, and who, if he had seen it, might, by withholding his rain after I had sowed my grain. or, by sending us heavy foggy weather whilst the grain was ripening, have cut me off with a quarter of my crop." Your Committee trust that the different Parochial Associations will have the effect of reminding such persons, that all they have is not their own-to be spent, as they please, in indulging their fancies, in pampering their appetites, or even in increasing their estates, or advancing their children in this world; that He, to whom they owe so much, has a claim upon them for some portion of their means, and that he now asks it, through them, for his destitute children; and they would affectionately urge upon bent upon him to exert himself in behalf of this Society with all those over whom he has any influence, and who have not as yet enrolled themselves amongst us. If each member would strive to bring in another, our usefulness would soon be increased,the privilege of being fellow-workers together with Christ would be greatly extended, and then would the "wilderness and the solitary place be glad for them, and the desert blossom as the

There is one striking feature that pervades the Gospel and y thing connected with it. It is this,-that it is as well suited to the poor as to the rich.

But some may imagine that in one respect, at least, this does not hold good; that, if it be a privilege to be allowed to bestow to give than to receive"—then this is a privilege denied to, this

is a blessing not conferred upon, the poor. But no! even here, as in all other cases, the Gospel is true given, but to the spirit with which it is given,—generally to the self denial that is exercised for the sake of giving. This an altar to God in the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite, Araunah desired him to receive it as a gift; but no! David would not offer to the Lord of that which cost him nothing. When the rich were casting into the treasury, there came this ther a poor widow who cast into the treasury two mites, which a farthing; and though she had cast in so little, yet we | Rev. Henry Legge, Vicar of Lewisham ... have the assurance of the Lord himself that she cast in more than they all, because it was her all, her living. Let those who wish to receive this poor widow's commendation, emulate this poor widow's self denial, and give what they can our of gratitude to Him, who "though he was rich, yet for their sakes became poor, that they through his poverty might become rich.'

All which is respectfully submitted.

T. B. FULLER, Secretary. The following Resolutions were then unanimously adopted:
Moved by Capt. Melville, seconded by Geo. Ball,

1st. That the Report now read be adopted, and published in The Church paper for general information; and also that 200 copies be struck off at the Diocesan Press for circulation in the District.

Moved by Col. Kingsmill, seconded by Rev. J. L. ALEXANDER-

2nd. That this Association has learned with the greatest satisfaction, that an Act passed by the Legislature of this Pro-vince during the last session has received Her Majesty's assent, wourself and family will always be associated.

Trusting that your appointment to a new sphere of ministerial duties, though fraught with pain to us, will

Moved by the REV. G. R. F. GROUT, seconded by DR.

3rd. That this Association, having been enabled in the good fe low Churchmen within their bounds, not only to sustain m in this important undertaking with their pecuniary contributions; but also to be seech the Author of all good to youchsafe to the labours of their Missionary that blessing which alone can make them effectual to the salvation of immortal souls.

Moved by the REV. H. STONEMAN, A.M., seconded by H. MITTLEBERGER, Esq.-

4th. That this Association derives encouragement to renewed sionary stations will give evidence of the increasing support and

efficiency of this District Branch of the Church Society, JOHN M. BALL, Esq.—
5th. That this Association desires to express its grateful

acknowledgments to Almighty God, for the measure of blessing and success which He has vouchsafed to its operations; and deems it a solemn duty again to record its conviction that all

trict Branch Association, for their efficient services during the BRIA!-European Times.

JOHN CLARK-

Moved by the REV. T. B. FULLER, seconded by Mr.

Association fixes upon the 4th Wednesday in the month of January in each year, as the day on which its several Annual Meetings shall be held; and that the Quarterly Meetings of the Managing Committee of this Association be held on the

9th. That the thanks of this Meeting are due and are hereby iven, to the Rev. T. B. Fuller, for his Christian and Catholic Sermon which he this day delivered before this Association, and that he be requested to furnish a copy thereof, that it may be

The Rev. Thos. Creen having been called to the chair, t was moved by Col. Kingsmill, seconded by George

10th. That the thanks of this Meeting be given to the Chairan, the Rev. W. Leeming, senior Clergyman of the District. After these Resolutions had been unanimously adopted, the Chairman returned thanks for the honour done him, and closed the Meeting with the Prayers appointed for

Several excellent speeches were delivered in the course of the afternoon, and an excellent spirit and a growing interest in the operations of the Church Society, appeared

NEW BRUNSWICK.

GLENELG, MIRAMICHI.-The Fifth Annual Meeting of the Local Committeee of the "Church Society of the Archdeaconry of New-Brunswick," was held in the Parish Church of St. John the Evangelist, on Saint Stephen's little has been effected in comparison with what might have been effected if every member of the Church within its bounds had contributed to its funds even a very small sum, during each to the Chair, from whence he addressed the people—spoke Visiting Missionary (the Rev. James Hudson) was called amongst then are to be determined by a jury of honour, had contributed to its funds even a very small sum, during each year since its formation. It appears from the returns, made to the Lord Bishop of the Diocese at the last Visitation, that the which has already ensued from its benevolent exertions berg.

have served twice, first belonging to a Babylonian pa- as in her days of sunshine and brightness, as when simply what, by inherent right, belongs to them, nor ments of deep regret and disappointment; and, availing number of Church people in the several parishes of this Diskindness, and agreeable manners; and to return you unfeigned thanks for the beneficial discourses and services amount of good they might be the means of doing, under the

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cannot act upon Church principles in religious matters unless they act under Pastoral control and superinten-

A series of appropriate resolutions were then moved, seconded, and carried unanimously, as were also the

"Resolved, That the Local Committee return their grateful acknowledgements to the Church Society for the grant of Books and Tracts lately made to this Settlement; and further resolved, that Mr. Hudson be requested to solicit another donation of works, suitable for the Parochial Lending Library.'

" Resolved, That this meeting learns with much satisfaction, that considerable progress has been made in building the Church at Nelson, on this River, and therethe necessity of rendering timely and liberal aid towar

the completion of this charitable work. " Resolved, That the Honorable Joseph Cunard be apmeeting of the Society in Fredericton."

pointed Lay Deputy to attend at the next anniversary The Members of the Society then separated, departing from the Church "with words of blessing and of peace."

From our English Files.

WINDSOR, THURSDAY. The distribution of the Queen's and his Royal Higness Prince Albert's annual gifts to the poor and needy families of Windsor, and of that part of the parish of Clewer which is within the borough, which will be dispensed through the medium of the Lord Steward of her Majesty's Houshold, assisted by the Hon. and Rev. C. L. Courtenay (the Queen's donestic Chaplain,) agreeably to the recommendation of Mr. J. hn. Clode, jun., and the other Churchwardens of the parish, will take place on New Year's eve in the Billing Salah the other Churchwardens of the parish, will take piace by Year's eve in the Riding School, at the New Royal Mews, in the Home Park. It is expected that Her Majesty, and His Royal Highness Prince Albert, attended by the members of the Royal Household, will be present to be witnesses of the gratifying scene. One hundred and eighty pairs of 10-quarter blackets will be given to that number of families, agreeably to the reconmendation of the parochial authorities. averaging five children in each, will also be supplied (the quantity being regulated according to the number of children) at the same time with beef, plum-pudding, bread, potatoes, and ale, and also I cwt. of coals to each family. The provisions only which will be presented to the recipients of the Royal bounty will weigh upwards of three tons! Her Majesty's domes is chaplain has been very actively engaged during the past few days in superintending the necessary arrangements for their proper

THE QUEEN DOWAGER has given 20%, towards the erection of a school-room and house for the teacher in the parish of Monkstown, Ireland, for the children of the Protestant inhabitants working at the Knockmahon copper mines. The Bishop of Cashel has contributed 30l. towards the same object. Her Majesty has also forwarded a donation of 70l. towards repairing Salesbury church, near Blackburn.

BENEVOLENCE OF HER LATE ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS SOPHIA MATILDA OF GLOUCESTER.—On all occasions of a public nature, whether a church was to be built or a to itself. God does not apportion his blessing to the amount given, but to the spirit with which it is given,—generally to annual subscriber to every charity in the parish. should be a consolation to those, whose circumstances really do not enable them to give much. When David wished to erect via r (the Rev. W. A. Sames) 100%, to be invested for the Jubilee Alm-houses, and 100l. for the Blue Coat Girls School; but her liberality was chiefly felt in acts of private charity. which were dispensed with a most judicious discrimination.

The executors named in the will of her Royal Highness are George Bankes, Esq., M.P. for Dorset, and the Hon. and

SIR WILLIAM FOLLETT and LADY FOLLETT and family have, according to the last letter, arrived at Rome from their tour in Sardinia and Tuscany. The learned gentleman is, we are happy to learn, in improved health. Viscount Clifden is also among the recent arrivals in that city.

THE DARTMOUTH ELECTION has terminated in the return of Mr. Somes, the Conservative candidate, by a majority of seven, over Mr. Moffatt, the candidate of the Whig-Radicals, and the candidate of the Anti-Corn-Law League. The majority is not a great one, but the constituency of Dartmonth is not numerous, and it is to be observed that this is not a seat defound but a seat of the constituency of Dartmonth is not a seat of the constituenc defended, but a seat gained. The late member, a highly respectable gentleman, whose loss is regretted by all, was a Whig-Radical and freetrader, and his son and successor in title proposed the candidate defeated on the present occasion. The late Sir John Scale held the seat for the borough, without interrupts. tion, since the passing of the Reform Bill; so that Datimoull has now a Conservative representative for the first time since the

establishment of the new parliamentary constitution. This event occurring at this particular moment, ou the validity of the pretences upon which the Anti-Corn-

every succeeding ship built by the spirited and enterprising company to which the Cambria belong, new triumplis and been achieved—triumplis of mechanism, of skill, of taste, and of improved accumundations for the comfort and convenience of the paragraph. of the coyageur. The career of this company has been bliant, but the outlay has been great, and the wear and tear me Government, the splendid fleet of steamers (of which the Cam bria is one) could not pay, and even with the pecuniary allowance for conveying the mails, the return upon the invested capital is, we understand, limited. This we can really believe, from the

liar to ocean-steaming.

The Cumbria has been built, like her predecessors, in the Church Society is based, and the great objects which it seeks to promote, have commended themselves to the members of the Church generally in this old and populous District, and trusts that every annual return from Parochial Committees and Missionary stations will give evidence of the ingressing appearance of the ingressing appearanc of her complicated and elegant looking machinery, engines, but of her complicated and elegant looking machinery, engines, but of her complicated and elegant looking machinery, engines, but of her complicated and elegant looking machinery, engines, but of her complicated and elegant looking machinery, engines, but of her complicated and elegant looking machinery, engines, but of her complicated and elegant looking machinery, engines, but of her complicated and elegant looking machinery, engines, but of her complicated and elegant looking machinery, engines, but of her complicated and elegant looking machinery, engines, but of her complicated and elegant looking machinery, engines, but of her complicated and elegant looking machinery, engines, but of her complicated and elegant looking machinery, engines, but of her complicated and elegant looking machinery, engines, but of her complicated and elegant looking machinery, engines, but of her complicated and elegant looking machinery, engines, but of her complicated and elegant looking machinery, engines, but of her complicated and elegant looking machinery, engines, but of her complicated and elegant looking machinery. the accommodations on deck, studiously arranged, to combine safety with elegance; but after some consideration, we have deemed the labour superfluous. We entered upon such a description in the case of the Hibernia; and making some allow such a feet the superfluous. ance for the superior tonnage, and capability of the new ship, the same remarks apply to both. The Cambria's performances spirit of dependence upon God; that "unless the Lord build the house, their labour is but lost that build it." will be her best test—her own advertisement. She is commanded by one who is every inch a gentleman and a sailor; her Moved by the Rev. A. Townley, seconded by A. C. passengers, we have no doubt, will be "right merrie fellows, and in her maiden efforts to annihilate time and space, on the 6th. That the thanks of this Meeting are due and are hereby coordially tendered, to the Committee and Officers of this Director Branch Association, for their efficient services desired.

LUSS OF A WEST INDIA STEAMER.—The Avon, Ryal mail Moved by the Rev. Thos. Creen, seconded by Mr. steamer, arrived at Southampton this morning, bringing, too ohn Clark— 7th. That the same Members of the Committee, the Rev.

T. B. Fuller as Secretary, and H. Mittleberger Esq. as Treasurer, be re-appointed for the ensuing year.

Moved by the Rev. T. B. FULLER, seconded by Mr. for Carthagena, from which they were nine miles distant 8th. That in compliance with the 18th Bye-Law of the Incorporated Church Society of this Diocese, this District Branch
Association fixes upon the 4th Wednesday of the Incorporated Church Society of this Diocese, this District Branch quantity of stores. There were only three passengers on board

at the time of the disaster. The Actaon makes the fourth vessel lost since the estab-Meetings shall be held; and that the Quarterly meeting the Managing Committee of this Association be held on the fourth Tuesdays of January, April, July, and October, unless atherwise arranged at the previous Quarterly Meeting, due nothing the managing the previous Quarterly Meeting, due nothing the managing the man Moved by the Rev. Thos. Creen, seconded by the burden. Her value, exclusive of stores, &c., is about 25,000 by the Rev. A. Townley—

She plied between the islands for the inter-colonial mails.
We cannot state whether the Action was insured. THE SLAVE TRADE.—It is gratifying to observe that the indifference with which the slave trade was long regarded by the Portuguese generally, is beginning to give way to those feelings of abborroom and to feelings of abhorrence which such a subject is so calculated to excite. An article has just appeared in the Revolucao, from the pen of an officer in the Portuguese navy, who gives a very is a summary of it:—On the 23d of June last the writer, with a midshipman and nine seamen was sent to cruise in a launch off the mouth of the river Dande, on the western coast of Africa, and. I believe, not far from Acoustic Management interesting account of the capture of a slaver. rica, and, I believe, not far from Angola. Next day, proceeding up the river, they discovered the Brazillian brig Cocador, and having boarded her without resistance, found her laden with no less than 854 negroes! The poor creatures were wedged together, in one along most in the poor creatures were wedged together, in one along most in the poor creatures. ther in one close mass, in the hold, nearly suffocated for of air and from the stench, and raging with hunger, not having that any food for nearly two days. The master of the vessel, and height asked by the world have Society will increase in means, and consequently in its power to earry out the objects for which it was established.

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their removal to Augola, where the captured brig was taken. ABOLITION OF DUELLING IN THE GERMAN UNIVERSITIES -A letter from Konigsberg states that the students of the Uversity of Heidelberg have abolished the custom of duelling, a have decided that henceforward all differences that may