

thought that must engage the sympathies, and absorb the interest, and tax every effort, and fill every prayer with living fire, in them that minister in holy things, it is the appeal thus made to all their manliness. In the commission which they bear; in the education which they receive; in the opportunities which they enjoy; in their access to every heart; in the confidence of every heart; in their whole posture and relation to the community in which they serve; in their participation, on the one hand, in all the cares and trials of the daily life of their parishioners, and in the reverence and dignity, upon the other, with which, by their holy calling, they are invested, all is combined which qualifies them best for this most sacred trust.

"Oh say not, dream not, heavenly notes To children ears are vain, That the young mind at random floats And cannot reach the strain.

"Dim or unheard, the words may fall, And yet the heaven-taught mind May learn the sacred air, and all The harmony unwind.

"And, if some tones be false, or low, What are all prayers beneath, But cries of babes, that cannot know Half the deep thoughts which breathe?

"In His own words we Christ adore, But angels, as we speak, Higher above our meanings soar, Than we or children weak.

"And yet His words mean more than they, And yet He owns their praise: Why should we think He turns away From infant's simple lays?"

Christian Year.

THE CHURCH. TORONTO, FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 1847. CONTENTS OF THE OUTSIDE.

First Page. The Ministerial Office. The Church of the Teacher of the Faithful. The Children of the Church. The Anglican Branch of the Catholic Church.

Our Collector, Mr. Thos. Ryall, is now on a collecting tour in the Western part of the Diocese.

We have been instructed to announce the following appointments for CONFIRMATION by the Lord Bishop of Toronto, in the different Churches of this CITY during the month of May next.

May 2nd, Trinity Church 11 A.M. " St. Paul's 3 P.M. " 9th, Rogation Sunday, St. George's 11 A.M. " 16th the Cathedral 3 P.M.

SENT TESTIMONIAL ANNUAL PRIZE. The subject for this Prize, with the approbation of the Lord Bishop of Toronto, is fixed as follows:— The Threefold Ministry proved from Scripture.

Candidates for this Prize, (who are limited to members of the Diocesan Theological Institution at Cobourg) are required to transmit their Essays to the Diocesan Theological Professor, on or before the 20th May next.

The Prize (value about £10) will be adjudged immediately after the Annual Examination in August next.

A Prize (value 45) will also be given for the second best Essay on the same subject.

It is our pleasing duty to congratulate the Members of the Church upon the completion of the arrangements relative to the permanent endowment of the Bishopric of Toronto.

In consequence of this event two appointments in the Church become vacant,—the Archdeaconry of York, and the Rectory of Toronto.

We have been officially authorized to announce that the Rev. Official Bethune, D.D., Diocesan Professor of Theology, has been created Archdeacon of York; and that the Rev. Henry J. Grasset, M.A., Assistant Minister of St. James's Church, in this city, has been preferred to the Rectory of Toronto.

The ceremony of the Rector's Induction is only postponed until the Venerable Archdeacon can make it convenient to visit Toronto.

In connexion with these changes we have been instructed to state, that the Rev. Henry Scadding, M.A., relinquishes the duties which for some years past he has discharged in St. James's Church.

the beginning has been erroneous and evil, every year of after growth and strength only increases the difficulty of remedy, the almost impracticability of reform.

We have said that such a system is demoralizing,—that it tends to the deterioration of that inward principle by which the habit and the life are wont to be directed; and can it be otherwise? There is a connexion, universally admitted we believe, between even the features of a country and the character of its inhabitants; and that connexion is just as natural between the temper and conduct of a people, and the condition and occupation to which they may be reduced.

Bind down a man to the cultivation of a quarter of an acre of land,—limit his enterprise and his energies to this scant sphere of his exercise, and the mind and the spirit must suffer from the physical contraction. There is no space, in short, for intellectual activity,—no room in which the mind may expatiate, branch off from its little centre, and form those combinations of thought upon which its healthfulness and its usefulness depends.

It is some little time since a rumour was in circulation, founded upon a paragraph—invented, as it appears, on purpose—in an English paper, that the excellent Mr. Keble, the author of the "Christian Year," had seceded from the Church of England and joined the Romish communion.

Mr. Keble, we believe, took a leading part in the movement which commenced about twelve years ago,—at first with the object of preventing the sequestration of the revenues of the Irish Church, and subsequently to rouse the Church generally in the United Kingdom to the assertion of her claims as a Divine institution, and to move her children, if possible, to a better appreciation of their high and invaluable privileges.

"I have just got your note, but not in time to send to this night's post; but if you think it worth while I am quite content that you should contradict the report about me in the way of the strongest terms. The truth is, and I thank God for it, that I feel daily more and more how impossible it would be for me either to unchurch the Church of England or to dissent, as matter of Faith, to the Roman Catholic terms of Communion."

Our happy to learn that the Hon. Mr. Justice HAGERMAN, who has been seriously ill, is now slowly improving in health, and that there is hopes he will ere long be convalescent.

DESTITUTION IN IRELAND AND SCOTLAND.—We are happy to see that Meetings are about being held in the neighbouring Townships, to devise means for raising money for these important objects.

LIFE OR DEATH FOR THE INHABITANTS OF IRELAND! AND THE HIGHLANDS OF SCOTLAND! MEN OF SCARBOROUGH!

A MEETING WILL BE HELD AT MR. DOWSWELL'S INN, IN SCARBOROUGH, ON THURSDAY, The 11th day of March, 1847.

ECCLIASTICAL INTELLIGENCE. CANADA. DIOCESE OF TORONTO. OPENING OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH, MOUNT PLEASANT.

Our republication of the Second Part of the Rev. Christopher Wordsworth's Theophilus Anglicanus is now completed. We have chosen the portion which relates to the errors of the Church of Rome on account of the present state of our controversy with that corrupt communion.

Councils." If we should republish any more of Theophilus Anglicanus, we will take care to act upon the reasonable suggestion of a kind friend with respect to the translation of the Latin sentences and phrases.

From the specimen of Dr. Wordsworth's work which has appeared in our columns, it will be readily believed that the eulogy written upon it by the Rev. G. W. Daubeney is not undeserved:—

"Enlightened teacher! well may the Poet say, 'Vast are the treasures which thy book unfolds, Of sacred lore, hence may the student trace, His road to Zion, oft trod by saints of old In humble zeal, with prayer devoutly raised, To him, whose mercy beamed on sinful man, And in compassion to his fallen state, He built his Church, a refuge from the storm, A Zoar in the plain, where all may taste Their Saviour's dying love, and rest from toil. This is their ark; let discord rage without, Banish vain fears, for in this ark dwell, Enlightened teachers! long may thy lessons prove A safe and safeguard to the Christian's hope; Teach him to battle the subtle arts of Rome, And love more ardently his Church at home."

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. STEPHENS, Chester, which has been newly painted and its interior accommodations otherwise completed, was re-opened for Divine Service on Sunday the 7th inst.

On Wednesday evening the 10th inst., the annual meeting of the Chester branch of the D.C.S. took place in the New School-house. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather a respectable number of the Parishioners attended.

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