

It not be well if there was a SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION, to promote the interests of this most useful branch of religious education—to provide funds, to import books, and to encourage uniformity of system in the conducting of the Schools? In our sister church in the U. States they have such a society, whose funds last year amounted to about \$10,000—and they have now an agent the Rev. F. Cum- ington, travelling through the States, and soliciting contributions, and every where meeting great success. Why may not such a Union be formed for this Diocese?—If there be a difficulty, which surely ought not to be the case, in finding efficient officers for two Societies, then the two objects might be combined under one management, as in the Society for the advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania which has a department for missions, and one for Education. These hints are thrown out with all humility and deference, and with a single desire to promote the welfare of our beloved Church.

**SUFFERINGS OF THE IRISH CLERGY.**—We learn that the distress of this eminently pious and useful body of our Brethren, arising out of the non-payment of their just and lawful support for the last three years, was very great at the last dates from England. The Christian Observer says—“We have received numerous letters, detailing cases of extreme distress—respectable families living for months on potatoes, with only a herring occasionally to season them—and meat, an unknown luxury;—other families broken up and dispersed among friends;—wives and children unable to attend church for want of shoes and decent clothing;—life insurances lapsing—illness, accompanied by want of its ordinary reliefs, and inability to defray medical expenses.” A powerful interest was excited in their behalf throughout the Kingdom, and meetings were held in various parts for their relief,—at which most liberal subscriptions were made. At the head of the list, where he ought to be, stands King William for 500l.—an evidence, we trust, that he is a true son of good King George, and that he will indeed ‘defend the faith’ even against the times serving policy of his ministers. The Queen gave 100l.—the University of Oxford, 2300l.—Cambridge, 1300l; Archbishops of Dublin, 2000l.—Canterbury, 200l.—Bishop London, 200l. (Second subscriptions)—other Bishops 100l. each. The whole amount at one meeting alone in London, 3d Dec. was between 11 and 12,000l.

At a meeting held at Brighton in November, we observe the name of our late excellent Governor, Sir Peregrine Maitland, the consistent supporter of the church, and one who while this province was blessed by his mild and paternal sway, ever adorned his high station by an example of unaffected piety. At these various meetings, the most satisfactory testimony was borne to the character of the Irish clergy, who are thus shamefully persecuted. One speaker, Dr. Gilly, says—“Christendom has not produced men more eloquent, more learned, more pious, more devoted, than the existing Protestant Institution of Ireland.” The Moderator of the Presbyterian Synod of Ulster says—“there are not among the Protestants of the world, more faithful or efficient heralds of the word of truth, than the clergy of the Irish established church.” “In confirmation of this view of their character, Dr. Gilly refers to the increase of the church since the union of 1800. The whole number of clergy then was 1000; it is now 1728. In 1800 there were but 689 churches; there are now 1534 places of worship belonging to the established church, 1338 of which are parish churches; and the number of glebe houses has increased in the same time from 200 to 850. The whole number of Protestants in 1800 is not stated; in 1834, notwithstanding that many thousands have emigrated in the last few years, it was ascertained to be 1,516,928. Surely these are not legitimate effects of the tardy labors of an indolent or corrupt clergy.”

**SIR JOHN COLBORNE.**—A correspondent speaking of the recall of this Governor, or rather his own resignation, says, ‘this is a grievous loss to Upper Canada, but more es-

pecially to the church of which he was a sincere member, and a stedfast, active, and judicious friend. Never has any province under the British Crown had a more able and efficient Governor, nor has any province ever advanced with such rapid progress of prosperity and population, as Upper Canada during his administration. It may be said that the population escorted him from Toronto to Montreal, for through almost his whole line of journey, they turned out to accompany him or to meet him.—sincerely devoted to the church of England, he was very liberal to all other denominations. Altogether he is a character rarely to be met with. He was A. D. C. and friend of Sir John Moore, and was with him at his death, and afterwards behaved gloriously in the bloody battle field of Albuera.”

**SOCIETY’S REPORT.**—It is rather mortifying that we gain our first information of the contents of the Report of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, for 1834, from the New York Churchman of Feb. 6—containing extracts from it. It seems strange that those designed for the Clergy, could not reach Nova-Scotia as soon as New-York. More than a year has now passed away since the meeting of the Society at which that Report was presented, and it is yet to come! The extracts in the Churchman are from the Bishop’s report for 1834, detailing his visit to Annapolis in May of that year, where he ordained Messrs. Scovil and Townshend—and that to St. Margaret’s Bay, in the next month, where the Rev. John Stannage was ordained.

**TEMPERANCE MEETING AT LIVERPOOL, N. S.**—Our active and enterprising neighbours at Liverpool, who are lukewarm in nothing that they undertake, have at various times shewn their zeal in the Temperance cause, which we believe numbers more adherents in the county of Queens, in proportion to its population, than in any other part of the Province. Their simultaneous meeting was held in the Temperance Hall, (erected chiefly at the expense of J. Goreham, Esq.) on Tuesday the 23d instant, and was numerously attended. It commenced in the morning at 11 o’clock, when the spacious building, we are informed, was filled, and the Rev. Mr. Moody being called to the chair, as senior Vice President, opened the proceedings with prayer, and afterwards delivered an address tracing the rise and progress of their Temperance Society, and setting forth the great success which had attended it; and concluding by answering the objections severally made to these Institutions, adding a seasonable caution against intemperate zeal, and exhorting all, whether members or not, to unite in vigorous efforts to suppress *drunkenness*. The Reverend gentleman was followed by Mr. Dimock of Chester, Dr. Teulon, and Mr. J. Bryden—soon after which the meeting adjourned.

In the evening at half past 6 o’clock, the Hall was again crowded, it is thought by nearly 1000 persons—and the assembly was addressed by Mr. Cranswick, Wesleyan Missionary, Collector Newton, Dr. Teulon, &c.—after which, the proceedings closed with a psalm, and the benediction by the Rev. J. Moody. Twenty names were added to the list.

**ULTRA-TEMPERANCE.**—We perceive by the Albany Temperance Recorder for February, a paper which has for some time been advocating what we call the intemperate side of the cause, and has invited discussions of a revolting character respecting the most sacred ordinance of Christianity, that the editor finds he has gone too far, and he now adopts a different and far more becoming style. He says—‘the total abstinence men should be very careful how they judge those who do not go with them; they

should constantly bear in mind how recent has been their change, and judge and act with great moderation. We fear that in our ardent desire to benefit this class, we have made too little allowance. If we have not been considerate enough on this point, we shall try to be so hereafter.’

And again speaking of the other solemn subject, with which he had presumed, in his zeal without knowledge to interfere—“We have not permitted the discussion of this question in our recent papers. Many excellent friends of the cause think we never should have done so at all. They may be right. We permitted the discussion from no other motive than a desire to know the truth, and to give an intelligent public an opportunity of judging for itself. Seeing that we have discontinued the discussion, and the excitement has passed away, we have thought this brief explanation not uncalled for.”

This, coming from the great organ of the Temperance cause in the United States, we hope will have some effect upon our provincial oracles, and produce in all, that prudence and moderation of speech and conduct which will save them the unpleasant necessity hereafter of eating their words and retracing their steps; and will also prevent the greater mischief of dividing the foes of intemperance, whose united strength is little enough for the battle.

Extract from the Royal instructions to the Governor of this Province,—“You shall take especial care that God Almighty be devoutly and duly served throughout your Government, that the Book of common-prayer, as by law established, be read each Sunday and Holiday, and the blessed Sacrament administered according to the rites of the Church of England. You shall be careful that the churches which are, or hereafter may be, erected in our said Province or Island, be well and orderly kept; and that, besides a competent maintenance to be assigned to the Minister of each orthodox church, a convenient house be built at the common charge for each minister; and you are to take care that the Parishes be so limited by Act of Assembly, and settled, as you shall find most convenient for accomplishing this good work.”

We regret to announce the death, at Calcutta, on the 25th August last, in the 44th year of his age, of Dr. WILLIAM TWINING, eldest son of the late Rev. W. Twining of this province—A gentleman whose personal character and professional attainments, are spoken of in the highest terms in the Calcutta papers.—Dr. Twining was at the time of his death and for many years previous, first assistant at the General Hospital at Calcutta, and had an extensive private practice. He was the author of a work of much celebrity on the diseases of India, which is now passing through the second edition, and also a work on the Asiatic Cholera, and was the principal conductor of the Medical Journal published at Calcutta.

**LETTERS**—received since our last—from Rev. E. Gilling (with remittance); Rev. J. Shreve, (with do.); Rev. W. Cogswell, Rev. J. Stannage, C. H. Belcher, Esq. and Mr. A. R. Truro.

☞ Several communications are deferred.

#### MARRIED.

At Pictou, on the 16th ult. by the Rev. John Burnyeat, the Rev. Charles Elliot, Rector of the parish of St. James, to Jane, eldest daughter of the late Dr. Johnson.

#### DIED.

March 3d, aged 54 years, John Homer, Esq. Member of Assembly for Barrington.