

THE CHURCH.

TORONTO, SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 25, 1841.

LORD SYDENHAM breathed his last at Alvington House, near Kingston, on the morning of Sunday last, the 19th September, at five minutes past seven o'clock.

His Lordship was laid out in a shattered constitution, and even had not the exertion of Sir Robert Peel to power entailed upon him the necessity of returning to England, the severity of the climate would not have permitted him to remain.

Accordingly he had prepared for his departure on the close of the Session, and had on board of the arrival of the frigate at Halifax which was to convey him home. His health, which had not long before had suffered a severe shock, was gradually improving, when the fatal accident occurred, which, from the first, gave rise to uneasy apprehensions, and ultimately terminated his existence.

It happened, we believe, in the following manner:—His Lordship, on the 4th September, was riding a spirited horse near the Parliament House, but could not, for a long time, get the animal to pass a building—

After a severe application of spurs, which, however, the horse proceeded to tread upon, he immediately started, and threw himself on his side in the road, and, unable to recover himself, fell and dragged his rider with him, fracturing the leg, and lacerating it above the knee.

Assistance was immediately procured, and Lord Sydenham was placed in a cart that happened to be near, and taken one. All that medical skill could do, of course was done: he was physician, Dr. Farnon, and Dr. Sampson were in constant attendance; and it was generally supposed that the patient was slowly recovering.

The symptoms, however, in time became alarming, and Dr. Widner, who had been sent for, arrived on Friday, the 17th, from Toronto. He found Lord Sydenham in a state of prostration, and although he was much improved, he was unable to rise.

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The accents of compassion, and to stretch out the hand of relief, and there to light up the lamp of truth, and to bear onward the mild way of Christianity.

When Clergymen of the Church are seen supporting other religious Societies, attending their meetings, and taking an active part in their management, we are bound to believe that they are in labouring under a strange delusion, or have forgotten their sacred position.

Let us never forget that the first great Protestant Societies for the Propagation of the Gospel, Promoting Christian Knowledge, and educating the poor, originated within the bosom of our beloved Church nearly a century before any other similar institutions existed.

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On the other hand the question, whether Laymen should be allowed a voice in the management of the temporal concerns of the Church, is not without difficulty, from the intimate union that is frequently found to exist between things temporal and spiritual in Ecclesiastical proceedings.

Diocesan Synods, whose decrees are called Constitutions, are convoked simply by the Bishop. The secular clergy are bound to attend, and such regulars as are not particularly exempted.

Not satisfied with this scanty information, I consulted some clergy men of high standing and learning in the Church, on the subject of annual Synods or Convocations as applicable to this Colony.

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had seen him once would be sure to recognise him again. He is about forty years of age. He is always plain in his dress.

In the Annex of 1839, Lord Sydenham succeeded Sir John Colborne (the present Lord Seaton) as Governor General of British North America. Having effected the Union, he was rewarded in 1840 with the peerage, as Baron of Sydenham in Kent, and of Toronto in Canada.

The Provincial Parliament, as will be seen by referring to our fourth page, was prorogued on Saturday last, the 18th inst.

Believing that the tendency of several great measures, passed during this session, such as the Acts for the Naturalization of Aliens, and for the establishment of District Councils, will tend, in their practical workings, to weaken the connexion of Canada with Great Britain, we rejoice that our representatives have been dismissed to their homes, before they had proceeded farther in their schemes of dangerous innovation; and, though we readily acknowledge that many sound and valuable measures have been enacted, that the improvements of the country, except in this District, have been liberally fostered by grants of money—and that an excellent work has been effected in simplifying and consolidating the Criminal Law,—we cannot forget that political integrity has been laughed at as an antiquated folly, and that a vent was given to vulgar opinions and deep-laid calumnies, which has been the rule, rather than the exception, in the conduct of our public men.

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ing them in the advantages and responsibilities of a representative form of Government. The Bill for the promotion of Education is a measure of great value.

I thank you in the name of Her Majesty for the readiness with which you have voted the supplies for the current year, and for the large, and I trust ample provision which you have made to support the credit of the Province, and to provide by an increased Revenue for the augmented charge which will be caused by the works which you have sanctioned.

Honourable Gentlemen and Gentlemen, Having received Her Majesty's gracious permission to return to England, for the recovery of my health, it is probable I may not again have an opportunity of meeting you in Parliament.

ARRIVAL OF THE CALEDONIA. The Caledonia arrived at Boston on Saturday morning, the 18th September, at half past six, after a passage of 24 days.

First Lord of the Treasury.—Sir R. Peel, Bart. Lord High Chancellor.—Lord Lyndhurst. Lord President of the Council.—Lord Wharncliffe.

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Letters will be acknowledged next week.