

have done and shall continue to do our best;—but we have, this week, at least the gratification of adding something to the external attractions of our journal, in presenting the present impression upon paper of English manufacture, of a texture and quality far superior to that on which 'The Church' has hitherto been printed.

We have the further gratification of informing our readers that we have been enabled to procure a sufficient supply of the same sample to carry us through the present volume. But while we make mention of this advantage to our subscribers, they will not, we feel assured, relax their hitherto praise-worthy efforts to keep us free, not merely from pecuniary embarrassment, but even from any anxiety on that subject. That the circumstances under which we hold our editorial charge would not permit such a burden in addition to the toil and care of manifold other occupations, we know that all our brethren too well understand and feel to render it necessary for us to say more than merely to renew a passing word of exhortation,—to continue to do as they have hitherto done, in collecting dues as occasion may serve, and in forwarding us as many new subscribers as can, with convenience, be obtained.

We think that the commencement of the second half year, which is now so near at hand, would afford a favourable opportunity for partially augmenting our subscription list;—and, at the same time, we would offer it as a suggestion to our subscribers in general, that, as many of them have opportunities, perhaps, of adding a name or two to our lists, which our agents, after all their past exertions, may not now so well possess, we should feel it not only as no interference with what might be deemed the functions of others, but as an evidence of zeal for our common cause, if they would apply their good will on our behalf to the attainment, where practicable, of extended patronage to "The Church."

Although, at the present moment,—exchange papers included,—we circulate nearly 1,200 copies weekly of our journal, it is obvious that the addition of a few hundred subscribers (which we believe to be quite practicable) would reveal and diffuse more of that "hidden power" of our Church, the spread of which, under God, cannot but bring blessings to our communities and to our firesides.

We may add that the extension of such patronage will enable the conductors of this paper the more certainly to put in execution the design which they so seriously entertain, of considerably enlarging its size at the close of the present volume,—without contemplating, however, the slightest addition to the price at which it is at present furnished. They feel that such facilities for increasing the weekly amount of valuable reading matter, would greatly promote the cause they have in hand: but as they are resolved upon making no addition, under any circumstances, to the price of the paper, they can only be warranted in carrying into effect the improvement contemplated, by some correspondent augmentation of their subscription-list.

We shall not, we hope, be thought unreasonable in presuming that such gentlemen, regarded as agents for this paper, from whom we have not yet been favoured with any communication upon this subject, have either obtained subscribers for the number of papers regularly transmitted to them, or intend to be accountable for them, at least during the current half-year. Although their silence, especially after repeated solicitation for the return of nos. not required, would seem fully to justify this presumption, we are not the less anxious to hear from them the precise state of the case.—

(Circular.)

Quebec, 14th October, 1837.

REVEREND SIR,—

I am requested by the "Society for Propagating the Gospel among the destitute Settlers of Lower Canada," to direct that a Sermon in aid of the funds of the Society should be preached annually in each Mission throughout the province: considering the great need of Ministers, and of increased funds for their support, as well as the benefits which have already resulted from the labours of the Society, I feel no hesitation in complying with this request; and I recommend your preaching the Sermon on the first Sunday which you can conveniently fix upon for the purpose, giving notice of your intention the Sunday preceding, and placing the amount collected to the credit of the Society, in the Quebec or Montreal Bank, writing at the same time to the Secretary to inform him that you have done so. The Secretary at Quebec, is the Rev. Joseph Brown; at Montreal, Dr. Holmes. I leave it of course to your own discretion to preach in as many places, where you are in the custom of having Divine Service, as you may think advisable for the interests of the Society.

I take this opportunity of enquiring whether you will sanction my signing in your behalf, a Loyal Address to the Queen upon her accession, which has been prepared by some of the Clergy at Quebec, but of which it is not in my power to send you a copy at present. It will touch upon no question of politics or ecclesiastical rights; and I think I am safe in saying that it will contain nothing upon which there can be any difference of opinion. If I do not hear from you, to the contrary, within one fortnight from this date, you will permit me to consider your consent as given.

There is another subject which I avail myself of the present occasion to notice, namely our support of the religious newspaper published at Cobourg, U.C. by the Rev. A. N. Bethune, under the title of *The Church*. Suffer me to recommend it to you to encourage and to aid this publication, and to promote its circulation as far as may be in your power. It is an engine which we want in these times, and I am persuaded that, by the divine blessing, it will serve the cause if we all do our parts.

I also embrace this opportunity of acknowledging to you, the kind Address which I have received from my brethren of the Clergy in Lower Canada, and of which I took no notice when I saw you on my Visitation, because I was ignorant of the fact of your having paid me the friendly tribute of your signature, and the address did not reach my hands until after my return.—My second absence in the remote District of Gaspé, and the correspondence and other business which accumulated during that absence, contributed to the farther protraction of my acknow-

ledgements; but I trust you will not have thought me either ungrateful for your good-will, insensible to the value of your testimony, or, above all, regardless of your prayers in my behalf I am sufficiently alive, as you may be assured, to all these considerations, and have sufficient need of the encouragement and comfort which they inspire. We are now bereaved, by the death of the Bishop of Quebec, of a bright pattern and a fatherly counsellor; but that servant of Christ being dead, yet speaketh; and the fruits of his labour are seen in the Churches: may the effect of his example be felt among ourselves!

I remain,

Your affectionate brother,

(Signed.)

G. J. MONTREAL.

To the Editor of the Church.

Brockville, October 25, 1837.

Rev. and Dear Sir:—In addition to the seventeen pounds, collected in our church on Sunday the 8th inst.—in aid of the objects of the EASTERN TRAVELLING MISSIONARY SOCIETY,—I desire to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of further contributions to the same fund, amounting to fifteen shillings currency.

Yours very faithfully,

E. DENROCHE.

From the Port Hope Gazette.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.—It affords us the sincerest gratification, to witness the cheering aspect presented by the affairs of this church since the appointment of the Rev. J. Shortt to the parochial charge, under whose superintendence, regular service for some time past has been, and will continue to be performed twice every Sunday. In addition to the services of Mr. Shortt who possesses every qualification to please, and who is well known as an eloquent preacher and sincere christian, we may congratulate the congregation of that Church on the possession of the attraction afforded by the effective and well regulated choir, and in doing so, we feel that much credit is due to those ladies and gentlemen of whom it is composed, for their spirited exertions in getting it up, and bringing it to its present very satisfactory condition. The evening service, which commences at seven o'clock P. M., every Sunday, is rendered peculiarly interesting by the course of Lectures which has already been commenced and which it is intended to continue. The regular Chants are performed by the Choir in a manner that would do no discredit to an older and more numerous congregation, and the whole service wears an appearance of sincerity and solemnity that is not to be witnessed in service performed by day light.

An important improvement in the arrangement of the pews has also been made: the centre aisle has been closed up, by which means the two side aisles have been increased to twice their former width. This affords room to place a stove in each, an arrangement that will contribute very materially to the warmth of the building during the winter season.

Several other repairs have been made or are now in progress, and a subscription for the purpose of procuring suitable cushions and drapery for the pulpit, reading desk, altar &c. was taken up during the past week, which we are informed, resulted in the collection of an amount amply sufficient for the purpose.

EXTRACTS FROM THE MISSIONARY JOURNAL OF THE REV. CHARLES TAYLOR WADE.

(Continued from Page 79.)

SUNDAY, SEPT. 25, 1836.—Being obliged to remain a few days at Cobourg, I was strongly solicited by my friend and brother, the Rector of St. Peter's, to advocate the cause of the Christian Knowledge Society this day. But, on account of my recent arrival in the country, not being sufficiently acquainted with its local details and operations, I felt obliged to decline the request; and the advocacy of the excellent Society consequently devolved upon himself. In St. Peter's in the forenoon, and in St. John's, Port Hope, in the afternoon, impressive sermons were preached, and good collections made. In the desk, on both those occasions, I assisted, and preached in the evening to a good congregation at Cobourg.

SEPT. 26.—This day I had the gratification of attending the Annual Meeting of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, which was followed by that of the Newcastle Branch of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel amongst Destitute Settlers. The details presented were full of interest; and amongst the useful bequests of the former Society, was a grant of books to the extent of £10, for distribution by myself in the remoter parts of my missionary sphere of duty.

SEPT. 30.—This evening accompanied the Rev. A. N. Bethune to another scene of his week-day ministrations, in the 2d concession of Hamilton, about 5 miles from Cobourg, where the congregation we met was highly respectable. In consequence of the falling of a portion of the boarded ceiling during the time of service,—through the mercy of Providence none were injured,—this service was subsequently transferred to another school-house somewhat nearer Cobourg, but within reach of most of the persons who composed the congregation at that time.

OCTOBER 2.—In order to enable my reverend brother at Cobourg to attend on this morning at Port Hope, for the purpose of administering the Holy Sacrament, I had agreed to perform the forenoon service at St. Peter's. Here, however, I had the gratification of receiving the assistance of the Rev. John Bethune, Rector of Montreal, who had unexpectedly arrived on the preceding day; and in the evening we were favored with the like help from the Rev. E. J. Boswell, of Carleton Place. In the afternoon of this day, at 3, P.M., I attended at Grafton, where a numerous and attentive congregation were present.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9.—Having returned, on the previous day, from Toronto,—where I had been present at a meeting of the clergy of the two Archdeaconries of this Province,—I proceeded this morning to Colborne. The unfavourable state of the weather prevented the assemblage of the usual congregation, and the number of communicants was also few. In the afternoon I proceeded to Brighton; but owing to the feuds existing there between some of the different denominations, the windows

of the school-house had been broken; and the building otherwise so dismantled, that it was impossible to officiate in it. I therefore resolved upon addressing myself to such as could be assembled, in a room of the inn at which I was stopping; and I was gratified to find that, in the course of half an hour, a congregation of about 50 persons were collected, who gave attentive ear to the declaration of the "counsel of God."

OCTOBER 10.—Proceeded this day to Percy, to fulfil an engagement at Centreville. Having been hospitably entertained by Mr. Isaac Platt on the way, I proceeded in the evening to Mr. J. Platt's,—with whose family I went to the school-house, where a crowded congregation awaited me. I may say in truth, that the meetings in Percy were bright spots in my Missionary tour; and I think that future labourers in this District would view that township with more than common interest.

OCTOBER 12.—Having arrived at Percy Landing, had a service which was well attended; Mr. Cassan kindly acting as a clerk on the occasion. Arriving at Seymour, was most kindly received by Mr. Ranney,—to whose uniform attention and kindness my brother missionary of the Midland District has frequently alluded in his journal. In company with some members of his amiable family, I visited a few of the neighbouring gentry, and returned to spend, in their domestic circle, an edifying and profitable evening.

OCTOBER 14.—The preceding day being occupied in visiting several families in Seymour, I returned, on this day, to Percy (Benton.) Here I was grieved to discover that some who professed themselves members of our venerable and apostolic Church, were leading a course of life by no means consistent with their faith:—with these I took occasion to converse in a friendly and affectionate manner and to reprove in the spirit of love; and I have reason to believe that, with the blessing of God, the solemn truths set before them were not without some due effect upon their souls.

OCTOBER 15.—Rode into the country a few miles to see a woman bowed down under severe domestic affliction;—endeavoured to direct her mind to Jesus, the sinner's hope and only ground of comfort;—read and prayed with her a considerable time; and, before leaving, had the satisfaction of seeing her much comforted. In the evening, read prayers and preached at a school-house in the 2d concession, where about 80 people were assembled. After service, instructed several in the nature and privilege of Baptism, and received three members into the Church by that ordinance.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16.—This day proved the first of heavy and continued rain since I had entered upon my labours. Proceeded on to Seymour, about 10 miles, where I had made a sacramental appointment for this day. The congregation, from the scattered nature of the population, was necessarily small; and, in the expectation of another opportunity at no distant date, I deemed it expedient to postpone the administration of the Holy Communion. Three services, however, were performed on this day; and the auditory at each, though small, was attentive.

OCTOBER 17.—Returning by Percy Mills, I made a few calls, according to promise, and think that some to whom I had spoken manifested improvement. Professing themselves to be "convinced of sin," I directed them—with an endeavour to adapt my discourse to their respective characters—individually and collectively to the sinner's Advocate, to the "Lamb of God that taketh away sin."—Amidst the outward obstacles of a heavy fall of snow and very bad roads, I proceeded to Asphodel; and, night overtaking me, I experienced a most kind and hospitable reception at Mr. R. Humphrey's. Before retiring to rest, I was gratified in joining his family circle in reading the Holy Scriptures—each child furnished with his Bible and reading a passage in turn—and concluding these meditations upon the word of God with prayer.

(To be Continued.)

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

We feel much obliged to SELECTOR, and hope to insert his communication next week.

The poem of JUAN is received, and much approved of.

We have received a very pleasing letter from the author of "Letters on Natural Religion," but shall say no more at present than to exhort him to proceed with his course.

RUFUS we regret being obliged to postpone to our next.

We shall be glad to hear again from ANGLO-CANADIAN.

LETTERS received during the week ending Friday, Nov. 3:—Mr. J. McLaren, rem. and add. subs.—Rev. W. M. Hercher, add. sub.—Rev. C. T. Wade, rem. from Percy:—Rev. W. F. S. Harper, with rem. for Soc. P. C. K.:—Wm. Wriete Esq. to whom the Nos. requested have been sent:—T. G. Anderson Esq. with rem. and add. sub.

EXTRACTS FROM WALKER'S 'ORIGINAL.'

Loche's opinion of the Gospel.—The Gospel contains so perfect a body of ethics, that reason may be excused from the inquiry, since she may find man's duty clearer and easier in revelation than in herself.

A National Church.—I will take occasion here to avow my conviction that a National Church is an institution essential to a well-disciplined state, and that it is for the general interest that that state should provide accommodation for religious worship, with every inducement to attend it, for those who otherwise would be unprovided. A position has lately been taken that Dissenters from the Church ought not to be called on to contribute towards its maintenance, on the ground that they pay for themselves, and derive no benefit from the establishment. As well might a dissenter from gas lights, who should choose to carry his own lantern, protest against being rated, on the ground that, as he lighted himself, he derived no benefit from living in a lighted community. The argument is founded on false premises, and goes to the dissolution of society.

"The flower of youth never appears more beautiful than when it bends towards the Sun of Righteousness."—C. Buck.