

The Church.

"Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God!"

* Why does every sect which springs up, if it be not a sect, call itself a Church? Because if any one should say, it was not a Church, it would be acknowledging that it had no part in the promises of God.

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The Lord Bishop of Toronto will hold his next General Ordination in the Cathedral Church, at Toronto, on Sunday, the thirtieth of June.

We complete in the present number the publication of the admirable "Letter to a Methodist," by a Presbyter of the Diocese of Maryland.

There is a marked similarity between the error of Coluthus, and that of Wesley and his conditors, and between the position of Ischyra and that of the individuals ordained by Drs. Coke and Ashby.

We have been much amused at the pertinacity with which certain papers in the interest of the "Reform Association" have endeavoured to fasten a stigma upon the character of our excellent Governor General.

It is generally well known that our kind-hearted Governor General, so far from checking a free expression of opinion from those who call upon him, has rather been desirous of encouraging it.

Our respectable contemporary of the "Colonist" is hasty, as we conceive, in ascribing a late editorial article in the "Monarch," in which certain objectionable expressions occur, to the Rector of Woodstock.

Our readers will find, in another column, the excellent and elaborate Report of the Diocesan "Church Society," which we promised in our last.

We have to express our thanks for the kind consideration which has been evinced by so many of our reverend brethren in the payment of dues to this office made at the late Visitation, and which, in most cases, they have themselves been mainly instrumental in collecting.

propagating the Gospel throughout the Province. In every part of the Diocese, active and self-denying exertions are being made to procure enlarged Church accommodation, and to provide for the increased comfort and usefulness of the ministers of the Gospel.

As during the first, so during the past year, much good has been effected by the Parent Society through the Depository, the medium of its Depository—the sales at which are gradually but steadily increasing.

Others there are, containing anxious and earnest appeals to all who, through ignorance or self-sufficiency, have been led astray by any of the various forms of false doctrine, heresy and schism, now unhappily so prevalent amongst us.

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High and low, rich and poor, begin to feel their equal privileges; and the Church herself, unshaken by the attacks of secret infidelity, or the cold and selfish individualism of dissent, rallies her children around her, and bids them be of good cheer in their great Head, and feel that they are members one of another.

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proceeding. The Stockholders of the Diocesan Press will perceive that the usual semi-annual installment of Five per cent is now called in, payable on the 10th July next.

There have been sold 730 Bibles, 702 Testaments, 1641 Prayer Books, 138 Tracts, 3508 Bibles, 1257 Bibles, 14,074 Tracts, 1473 Bibles, 2,519 Tracts, 27,419 Bibles.

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The annual meeting of this Branch was held at Cobourg on the 30th January. In the report made at that meeting, the Committee say that "considering the great destitution of the means of grace, as ministered by duly authorized hands, they felt it to be a paramount duty to secure as early as possible the services of a Travelling Missionary, for the supply of the remote and destitute Townships within the sphere of the Association."

The second annual meeting of this Branch was held at St. Catharines, on the 3rd January, 1844. A memorial has been presented to the Lord Bishop by this Branch, soliciting the early appointment of a Travelling Missionary to the destitute Townships and settlements in this populous District.

There are nine Parochial Associations in connection with this Branch; the total income has been £202 13s. 4d., of which sum, £55 4s. 6d. has been retained for the Parent Society, £32 14s. 6d. for a Travelling Missionary fund, and £41 14s. 4d. refunded for local appropriation to the several Parishes in the United Districts.

The second annual meeting of this Branch was held at Hamilton on the 3rd January, 1844. Its report abounds with indications of the rapid and almost unprecedented growth of Church principles in the District.

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Bible, the very bread of life, the Prayer Book, and every kindred publication, to all, and by the labours of the living Missionary, of propagating Evangelical Truth and Apostolic Order through every Township of this wide and fertile Country.

NOVA SCOTIA.

CONFIRMATION.—The Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia visited St. Margaret's Bay on Sunday the 19th inst. fifty-five persons renewed their covenant with God in the solemn rite of Confirmation.

After the services, his Lordship addressed his hearers in a most feeling and affectionate manner—recurring to the minds of the oldest persons present his first visit to this place over thirty years ago—it entirely destitute condition with respect to sacred institutions—no church—no settled clergyman—no schools—and the moral depravity of the inhabitants.

His Lordship spoke most feelingly on these subjects, and concluded by ascribing to God alone all these inestimable blessings and improvements.—St. Margaret's Bay, 22d May 1844.—St. John's Weekly Chronicle.

ENGLAND.

SOCIETY FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE.—At the monthly (May) meeting of this Society, the Lord Bishop of Exeter in the chair, the Rev. J. D. Glennie, the secretary, stated that the circulation of the Bibles and Tracts between the month of April, 1843, and April, 1844, had been as follows: Bibles, 112,668; New Testaments, 104,994; Prayer-books, 232,992; Psalters, 6133; Books and Tracts, 3,268,659.

As the smallest Branch Society in the Diocese, the annual meeting of which was held on January 7th. The Committee have, however, guaranteed to the Bishop the payment of £75 per annum towards the support of a Travelling Missionary, and they have good reason to hope that one will be sent them in the autumn. They have also established a Depository in Picton, and have contributed towards the maintenance of a Parochial School in the township of the same town, and have the intention of establishing a school in each of the other wards as soon as the funds will permit.

HOME DISTRICT PAROCHIAL ASSOCIATIONS CONNECTED WITH THIS SOCIETY. Toronto.—The amount of collections in the city and neighbourhood of Toronto, is £255 11 7 3/4. No grants have been made from the special use of the Society.

YORK MILLS.—£2 has been paid to the Treasurer a grant of £5 7s. 6d. has been given to this Association for Service books, for the new Church at York Mills.

As a new field for the profitable and safe employment of increased national property, there can be no doubt that Canada presents to us a rich and fertile soil, for the expansion of our commerce, and for the development of our resources.