

inches square and five deep, in which were deposited, according to the memorial therein laid, and read to the congregation, a copy of "The Intelligencer," a copy of the "Hastings Chronicle," and a copy of "The Church," newspapers, together with various coins of the realm, and such other tokens of the times as will show our position, and state of forwardness and prosperity as a Colony of Great Britain, in 1855, if future events should lead to the discovery of memorial and tokens. The stone having been lowered, and declared duly laid by Dr. Ridley, he read the following, in which he was joined by the whole assembly:—

"This corner stone of the foundation, we lay in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; and may God Almighty grant that the building thus begun in His name may be happily carried on to its complete termination, without injury or accident, let or hindrance; and that when completed, it may be consecrated and set apart for Him and His service, to the honor of his name and the salvation of the souls of men, from generation to generation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

After which the choir sung that beautiful Hymn "Christ is our Corner Stone."

Dr. Ridley then addressed the audience, and although his voice was feeble, so intense was the interest in what he said, that every word was distinctly heard and listened to with the greatest pleasure, by all on the spot. He explained to them of what a Churchman's love and admiration for his church consisted; he pointed out the many advantages which its lessons and teachings bestowed on those who were dutiful to the vows and promises of baptism and confirmation. He declared that he, in common with all the churchmen, believed that in their baptism, they were made members of Christ and inheritors of the Kingdom of Heaven. That the water of their baptism, was not only a sign, but also the means of confirming the inward and spiritual grace it signified, that is to say a death unto life, and a new birth unto righteousness, and they felt, that after this baptism, their Church afforded them the new, heavenly and supernatural food for the support of the new and spiritual life. Under these impressions, it must necessarily be, as in fact it was a matter of great regret to him and all Churchmen, that a want of Church accommodation should have existed in Belleville. They desired that all who wished should benefit and profit by their teachings, and they knew that many were obliged to go elsewhere to worship, who from preference and education would worship in the Church of their fathers. It was the desire to afford this additional accommodation, more than anything else, which induced them to undertake the erection of the edifice, the Corner Stone of which had that day been laid, and when completed he hoped they would all be there at its dedication and consecration; and those who were of the Church, would then find abundance of accommodation, and return to the Church of their love and of their fathers. The Congregation felt the duty to be imperative, and were determined by the help of God to afford every one an opportunity of worshipping in the Church, who desires to do so. He then instanced his own case, and the inducements held out to him to settle in the town many years ago from the fact of a Church having then been founded. He spoke of the many comforts he had enjoyed from the spiritual instruction of the late Rev. Mr. Campbell, and of the present incumbent, his friend the Rev. Mr. Grier. He spoke of his baptism in the Church—of his marriage vow plighted on her altars—of the birth and baptism of his children in the

Church, and when it should please God to call him hence, he hoped his friend and Pastor the Rev. Mr. Grier, would read the Church's beautiful Burial Service over his body. He had often experienced the advantages of consolation from a duly appointed Minister, who never failed to impress upon his mind that the Church taught and inculcated the doctrine of regeneration and justification by faith, and that they must place their sole reliance for salvation upon Jesus Christ, and next to the Bible they were taught to love the Prayer-Book. They venerated their apostolic Ministers, because they were the servants of the Church, for Jesus' sake; not indeed that they had any dominion over the faith, but that they were helpers in the people's joy, and never failed to teach charity towards all men. He thanked them for the patient hearing they had given him, and prayed sincerely that the work they had commenced might prosper, and the building be completed and finished without any accident to the workmen.

The mild and evidently feeling manner, in which the whole discourse was delivered by one, known to every man, woman and child on the spot, had its peculiar effect; and when he spoke of his prospects of early death, many were the eyes that became moistened with tears, and we are sure many were the fervent and silent prayers at that instant offered up to the throne of grace, asking that lay to be long deferred.

The benediction was then pronounced, and the ceremonies of the day closed. —*Com.*

Miscellaneous.

TESTIMONIALS.—Testimonials of affection and esteem have been presented to the Rev. T. Coney, jun., by the Churchwardens and parishioners of Wick and Abson, on his appointment as Assistant-Chaplain to Her Majesty's forces in the East; to the Rev. W. H. Lewis, by the inhabitants of Bala, on his appointment to the Curacy of Denbigh; to the Rev. H. M. Mosse, by the inhabitants of Brillsford, on his retirement; to the Rev. T. Wolstencroft, by the teachers and congregation of St. Paul's Sunday Schools and Church, Bury, on his leaving; to the Rev. E. Brownrigg, by the parishioners of Ellingham, on his leaving.

PUBLIC BAPTISMS OF INFANTS.—**ST. CLEMENT DANES.**—On Whit Sunday, during evening service, the Rev. J. C. Mason, the newly inducted Rector of Saint Clement Danes, in the Strand, administered public baptism to ninety-three children of different ages without the fee usually paid for the performance of that essential and solemn rite. It is much to be lamented that many poor parents are from want of means to pay the fee of 1s 6d., hindered from having their children baptised in many of the metropolitan parishes where this fee is demanded, and the Rev. Mr. Mason having, during his visit amongst the poor of Saint Clement Danes, ascertained that so many children of its poor were unbaptised, determined that the non-payment of such fee should form no impediment to their being received into the Church. On this occasion a most interesting scene took place by the ceremony being witnessed by large numbers of the children of the several Sunday and other schools of the parish, two of which Sunday schools have been formed within the last few years since the present Rector has been appointed.

ST. PAUL'S, KNIGHTSBRIDGE.—On Thursday week the Bishop of London met the Hon. and Rev. R. Liddell and Mr. Westerton, at St. Paul's Knightsbridge, for the purpose of inspecting the floral decorations objected to by the latter. After a careful examination his Lordship expressed his approval of them.

SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE GOSPEL.—At the second meeting for conversation of the members and friends of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel on Tuesday week, about 100 Clergymen and laymen were present, among them the Bishops of London, Lichfield, and Glasgow. The last meeting of the season will take place on Tuesday, June 19.

CONSECRATION.—By the Bishop of Winchester, the new Church at Ringwood, rebuilt on the site of the old one, at an expense of 6,659l., the channel being rebuilt by the Provost and Fellows of King's College, Cambridge, the patrons of the living, at a cost of about 850l.

FOUNDATION STONE LAID.—Of a new district Church in Prince's-street, to be dedicated to St. Andrew, providing accommodation for about 800 persons. The first Incumbent will be the Rev. A. S. Canney, late Curate of All Saints, Gordon-square.

SERVICE FOR WORKING MEN.—Notice of an early service, at half-past six, on Sunday, consisting of the litany, and a sermon, followed by the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, specially for those who "dislike coming to Church at a later hour of the day, in their working dress," has been given at St. Paul's, Brighton.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—(From a Correspondent.)—Adelaide, March 23rd, 1855.—As I believe a mail is leaving to day for England, it may interest your readers to know that yesterday (March 22nd) a Synod, convened by the Bishop of Adelaide, passed provisionally seven clauses contained in certain canons and constitutions presented for their consideration by his lordship, the effect of which is, that the Church of England in South Australia will be placed on a constitutional basis; and that Synod-men will be elected in Easter week in each year, by the different congregations, who will be summoned by the Bishop to assist him and his clergy in providing for the discipline of the Church, and temporal maintenance of the clergy.

The great want experienced by the Church here is a want of men. Young men proposing to take orders, and having good testimonials, would be able to complete their education as theological students in South Australia, at a comparatively small expense; and clergymen of real piety and energetic character would find ample employment. The income of our clergy is generally £300 per annum. In some instances it considerably exceeds this—in no instance, I believe, does a priest in charge of a parish receive less. Two clergymen are now especially wanted, who would receive that income, and be provided with a horse; and whose special business it would be to itinerate as missionaries in the unsettled and thinly-peopled parts of the colony. The Rev. W. Short, of Great Ormond-street, would, I am sure, give any information relative to the diocese to those who wished for it.

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