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the Holy Spirit in some parts of the kingdom...

The Berean.

QUEBEC, THURSDAY, OCT. 22, 1846.

It has been mentioned before this, in our columns, at the last passage of the Great Western Steamship across the Atlantic...

Whilst most of us were seated in agonizing suspense in the lower cabin, holding fast to the tables...

It was an awful hour. The most thoughtless amongst us covered in their secret heart before a lantern which none but a fool or brute would have mocked...

In the evening, about 9 o'clock, the Rev. Mr. Balch, at the request of several passengers, administered the Holy Communion in the cabin...

It was a most solemn scene. Mr. Balch first read the service appointed for a storm at sea...

Gathered around the table, they received, into hearts deeply moved, the consecrated emblems of the Redeemer's body and blood.

At half-past 5 o'clock on Monday morning, we were in the greatest possible danger. Mr. Stevens, one of our passengers who was an eye-witness, says of it: "A peculiar lifting of the haze in the East, with an appearance of an amber coloured belt of light..."

On Monday about 12, the storm had abated sufficiently to admit of standing on the upper step of the companion-way with safety.

But our danger was past, and with grateful hearts, on Tuesday morning, all assembled in the cabin to render an act of common prayer and thanksgiving.

The account, thus given, speaks impressively for itself; but a few observations may with propriety be founded upon it.

rence on board the Great Western, taken together with the devotional services in which Ministers of several Churches took part, might not inappropriately receive the same designation.

But among that goodly number of partakers at the Lord's table, there were, we are told, "many who received it there for the first time in their lives." We conclude that, so far as circumstances permitted, the Clergyman took care to impress upon those persons, whom the prospect of impending ruin brought to that outward profession...

We do not make these remarks for the sake of the passengers on board the Great Western—few of whom probably will see them—but with respect to a much more extensive application.

We have, on our first page, given a portion of the Bishop of Ohio's address to the late Diocesan Convention, on the subject of Altars instead of Communion-Tables in Churches of our reformed communion.

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Let it now be taken into consideration that the situation of the passengers on the tempestuous Atlantic does not materially differ from that of any of us, however ordinary and free from alarm or circumstances at this moment may be.

We press this serious inquiry upon the attention of our readers—let it be entered upon with prayer, and persevered in, to such a decision as shall bring the call for religious consolation in the day of trial into harmony with the current of their thoughts and the bent of their affections in the hour of undisturbed security.

GREAT WESTERN.—A handsome subscription was entered into by the passengers on board this steamship, after their providential deliverance from the perils of the tempest, to be presented as a testimonial of approbation to the Captain, Officers, and crew...

THANKSGIVING.—The officers and crew of the Great Western met in the "Floating Church of our Saviour," and returned thanks to ALMIGHTY GOD for their preservation.

I would here say one word to my companions in the last voyage of the Great Western, and the sharers with me of perils of no ordinary character: her adventurous seamen.

ciated in those scenes of danger. They will all, henceforth, feel a mutual interest, and entertain the most sincere hope of each other's continued well-being; and as an all-wise Providence has just saved them from the dangers of the deep, fervent will be the prayers that, through the merits of Him who redeemeth all from the second death who doth live of God, they may hereafter so guide their lives and conversation as to become partakers of an eternity of happiness.

"May God bless every seaman! If there be any one living who stands in need of the divine aid and the divine blessing, it is he: for no one can cross the ocean without feeling the liveliest interest in the welfare of the bold and hardy companions of his voyage, and sharers of his every danger."

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Every eye shall see Him; Prince Albert's Visit to Liverpool, used in illustration of the Second Coming of Christ.

But then, the merits of the publication depend upon the Sermon, and not upon its title-page; and though we have not seen the work, we think ourselves safe in assuming that Mr. McNeile made no irreverent use of the solemn words of Scripture, while endeavouring to lead the views of his hearers forward...

The miracle of feeding 5000 persons with five barley loaves and a few small fishes was acknowledged by the multitude, who in their zeal would have taken the Lord by force to make him their King, but he knew quite well that their purpose was carnal and not spiritual.

Our Publisher's advertisement, in this number, contains, among a variety of attractive books, one under the title of CHURCH GATHERINGS FOR CHRISTIAN CULTURE, which consists almost entirely of selections from our YOU'RES CONVEN, and is of Mr. Jackson, our kind London Bookseller's publishing, recommended by an introduction from the Rev. Charles Clayton, M. A., Senior Fellow of Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge, and Secretary of the Church Pastoral Aid Society.

NEWCASTLE FARMER.—We have had much pleasure in taking an extract from this publication for our 4th page, under the head of "Nourishment of Plants."

BICKERTON'S FAMILY PRAYERS for eight weeks are also part of the supply recently arrived to Mr. Stanley.

We are not acquainted with every one of the books contained in the list, but many of them are well known to be safe and profitable reading.

vation: hence that body and blood is to the soul of the saved what bread is to his mortal body, its sustenance and life; and faith is the mouth which eats or appropriates them to his benefit.

It must be admitted that, while none of the Saviour's illustrations is wanting in appropriateness, there may be, in Mr. McNeile's title-page, an offence against the dignity of the divine subject introduced into it; yet the main question, after all, is whether he has made an effectively stirring application, both to humble and to elevate, of the occurrence which led to the delivery of the sermon...

Two allusions contained in our editorial remarks, preceding the quotation from our Correspondent, lead us to mention, first from a note which Mr. McNeile appends to his letter, the circumstance of a Latin hymn having been sung, at the recent Musical Festival at Birmingham...

RE-OPENING OF ST. PAUL'S, BIRMINGHAM.—The above Church will be re-opened after the recent repairs, on Sunday next, the 30th of August, with FULL CATHEDRAL SERVICES, when sermons will be preached, in the morning by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, and in the evening by the Rev. WILLIAM JAMES KESSIDY, M. A., Secretary to the National Society, &c.

The Services will be chanted by the Rev. HENRY HARRIS, M. A., Prebendary of Lichfield; after which collections will be made to defray the Expenses incidental to the Fittings, &c., of the schools recently erected in connection with the Church.

SOLO ANTHEMS, MISS BASSANO, MR. BAKER, MR. BURSALL, AND MR. GOUGH, ORGAN, MR. STIMPSON.

To this advertisement we must add the remark, that it conveys to us no proof that the Prelate whose name is introduced into it approved, either of all the arrangements made, or of this mode of making them known to the public; but of those who could thus advertise the names of the Solo-singer and the other professional performers, placing the musical treat on a level with the promulgation of the Gospel on the Lord's own day, by a Christian Bishop and Presbyter, we have no hesitation in saying that they must have very inadequate, or greatly perverted conceptions of the reformed worship; and that the course pursued by them is not unlikely to be received in France as an answer to the prayers offered up in that country, as we have been informed, for the conversion of England to the faith of Rome.

By the MONTREAL papers we find that the Rev. C. H. WILLIAMSON, of New York, preached in English last Sunday morning at St. Thomas' Church, and in the evening at Trinity, and collections were taken up on that day, in the latter Church, for the District Visiting Society connected with it.

ERRATA.—We are sorry to find that, in the statement of Mr. Williamson's receipts, inserted in our last number, the last collection in Trinity Chapel is stated to have been taken up in the morning; which should have been in the evening of Sunday 11th October.

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LETTER FROM THE RIGHT REV. WM. BEADE, D. D., BISHOP OF VIRGINIA, ON THE PUBLICATIONS OF THE EPISCOPAL SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION.

2d. Heaven's Catechism. The next of the publications of our Sunday-school Union to which I would call your attention is Beaven's Catechism: concerning the dedication and preface I must first make a remark. It is dedicated "to the Bishops and Clergy of the Reformed Church in the United States of America," leaving out the words Protestant Episcopal, and thus undertaking to alter our established title, and adapt it to the views and wishes of the Tractarians.

3d. Conversations on the Festivals and Fasts. This is a book of 171 pages, in two volumes, and, like the two former, is published from a London edition, and like the former shows very plainly from which school it emanates.

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The other passage may be found on page 125, and relates to the respect which should be shown to ministers, and the duty of adhering even to the most unworthy. It is there said, "that if a clergyman who was as wicked as Judas should read the service, we ought to join in it."

4th.—Manual of Oral Instruction upon the Bible. This is another English production. The glossary accompanying it in its first edition, contrary as we were informed to the committee's design, and some expressions left out of the text, proved it to be the work of one deeply tainted with Romanism.

Mouth's Corner.

THE BRAVE BOY.

I was sitting by a window in the second story of one of the large boarding houses at Saratoga Springs, thinking of absent friends, when I heard shouts of children from the piazza beneath me.

On account of the exceeding tenderness of the spongioles, they cannot absorb any nourishment in a solid form; it is therefore received by them in that of fluid, containing gases and earth salts in a dissolved state.

There was something commanding in his tone, which made the noisy children mute. It was the power of a strong soul over the weaker; and they involuntarily yielded him the tribute of respect.

I saw him in the evening among the gathered multitude in the parlour. He was walking by his mother's side, a stately matron, clad in widow's weeds.

Whiskey and the monkey. In my drinking days, I had a friend who had a monkey which he valued at a thousand dollars.

Nourishment of plants. Examine the roots of this cabbage—you perceive that they are furnished with a great mass of fibres, like coarse threads of hemp or flax.

Pleasure of active life. None so little enjoy life, and are such burdens to themselves, as those who have nothing to do.

on the regular prosecution of some laudable purpose, or lawful calling, which engages, helps, and enlivens all our powers, let those bear witness who, after spending years in active usefulness, retire to enjoy themselves—they are a burden to themselves.

JEREMY TAYLOR.

Jeremy Taylor was one of the most eloquent and imaginative divines of the Church of England, which, at the time in which he lived, was favoured by the services of many able and profound theologians—men who had thought and studied deeply, and possessed a vigorous and original character of intellect.

Jeremy Taylor was a native of Cambridge, baptized on the 15th August 1613. He was the lineal representative of Dr. Rowland Taylor, who suffered martyrdom in the reign of Queen Mary; and his family had been one of some distinction in the county of Gloucester.

ENCROACHMENTS OF THE SEA.

Mr. Lyall makes a remarkable statement respecting Sberingham, on the coast of Norfolk: "I ascertained, in 1829, some facts which throw light upon the rate at which the sea gains upon the land."

A PLAINTIFF, HIS ADVERSARY'S COUNSEL.

The following anecdote was told by a Senator of Berne, in Switzerland. Two neighbouring farmers had a dispute about their right to some property, which they could not settle, and therefore an action was brought to determine it.

THE PLAN FOR ACCOMPLISHING GREAT THINGS.

The late Rev. William Yates, of the Baptist Mission in India, accomplished so extraordinary a quantity of work in translations, and in compilations of Grammars and Dictionaries, that the question presented itself to those who knew the extent of his labours, what plan he used to pursue for getting through all his work.

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about trifles and impertinences, while they reject those excellent precepts of Christianity of which often led him beyond his mark, and not infrequently to contradict himself."

In Wales, Jeremy Taylor was a second time married,—his wife was Mrs. Joanna Bridges, a natural daughter of Charles the first, and mistress of a large estate in the county of Caermarthen.

Soon after the publication of the "Liberty of Prophesying" he wrote an "Apology for authorized and set forms of Liturgy," and in 1648, "The Life of Christ, or the Great Exemplar," a valuable and highly popular work.

We have alluded to the general character and style of Jeremy Taylor's works. A late eminent Scholar, Dr. Parr, has eulogised his controversial writings:—"fraught as they are" he says, "with guileless ardour, with peerless eloquence, and with the richest stores of knowledge—historical, classical, scholastic, and theological—they may be considered as irrefragable proofs of his pure affectionate and dutiful attachment to the reformed Church of England."

By quoting the following somewhat severe remarks, from a Memoir by the Rev. T. S. Hughes, taken in conjunction with the praise accorded to his writings in a general manner, we shall avoid being thought to give our approbation to every one of his sentiments: "As a theologian, he partook rather largely of those faults which characterised the age in which he flourished, when Biblical criticism and the best rules of Scriptural interpretation were less studied and less known than they are at present;

moreover, to these he added others, arising from his own peculiar genius, the impetuosity of which often led him beyond his mark, and not infrequently to contradict himself."

The Forces, 14th Dec., 1814. This Scientific Medical Reviewer made the following critique on GUMSTONE'S EYE-SNUFF, demonstrating its powerful influence on these delicate organs, the Eye and Ear.

Other Testimonials can be seen. The Wholesale and Retail Agent for Canada has just received a fresh supply per Zeclus.

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