





"March the 28th, in the ward the Third." ... prospered greatly until the night, when many of its inmates, and four of them, and quarantined, because upon the Pope, and acknowledged the Pope in the "Evangelical." ...

young scholar of sixteen, just about to enter the University. Such indications in reference to his learning are cheering, though not surprising, even though equally meagre, which sheds a ray of light as to his religious feelings and conduct. These five years at the Charter-House formed an important period in his life. Youthful temptations would begin to wild their witchery over the mind, and much holy resolution would be required to resist them. His devoted mother, no doubt, was always labouring fervently in prayer for him, and her ready pen would send him long and beautiful letters of caution and counsel. And from his devoted obedience to all parental advice, from his own fixed and steady mind in all things where religion was concerned, and from his manifest seriousness when he arrived in Oxford, we may safely draw the conclusion that he continued a serious, God-fearing youth. If he knew not until after years the heartfelt joy of conscious acceptance with God, he was, we thoroughly believe, a youthful servant of the Lord, anxious to do the great Master's will, and to approve himself in His sight. Who were John Wesley's contemporaries at the Charter-House, and what positions of eminence did many of them attain, is a deepening and interesting question; and we have sometimes wondered that there are not more incidental notices of them in his voluminous Journals. There were, no doubt, many who rose to useful, if not high, positions in the various professions and in commercial life. For the most part they probably pursued courses far different from his; and when he became the object of public obloquy and scorn, there was but little temptation to recognize him as an old school-fellow. His silence indicates to us that he rarely crossed his peculiar path; had they done so, the interesting fact, however, two refreshing notices in his Journals, which, though they identify refer to the same person, we cannot refrain from quoting. On Wednesday, May 9th, 1764, having reached to "the simple, loving, earnest people at Barnard Castle" the night before, he writes, "I was invited to breakfast by Mr. F. —, a neighbouring gentleman. I found he had been school-fellow at the Charter-House; and he remembered, though I had forgotten him. I spent a very agreeable hour with a serious as well as a sensible man." Four years afterwards, when he again visits the neighbourhood, "the old school-fellow" invited him to something more than a breakfast. "June 1st, 1768, he says, 'many of the militia were present at Barnard-Castle in the evening, and behaved with decency. I was well-placed to lodge at a gentleman's, an old school-fellow, half a mile from the town. What a dream are the fifty or sixty years that have slipped away since we were at the Charter-House.' This 'serious as well as sensible man,' the only 'old Cartusian' Mr. Wesley ever mentions, was a Mr. Fielding, a Magistrate, and a very ardent member of the Church of England." He resided at Starforth-Hall, a beautiful little mansion, in which we have often looked with delight as the home of Wesley when he visited this ancient town, lovingly remembered as the scene of some of our own earliest ministerial toils. Mr. Wesley's attachment to the Charter-House remained strong and undiminished to the end of his days. Once every year he "go on pilgrimage" to the old haunts, walking leisurely through the grounds around which his youthful legs used to take their daily tramp in obedience to his father's command, and chatting good-humouredly with every boy who came in his way. There is a record of one of these visits from his own pen, in 1767, thirty-eight years after he had left Oxford, and when he was in the height of his powers and success. "Monday, August 8th.—I took a walk in the Charter-House. I wondered that all the squares and buildings, and especially the school-boys, looked so little. This is as easily accounted for: I was little myself when I was at school, and measured all about me by myself. Accordingly, the upper boys, being then bigger than myself, (as he seemed to his cost when he stole his meat,) 'seemed to me very big and tall; quite contrary to what they appear now, when I am taller and bigger than them. I question if I am not the real ground of the common imagination, that our forefathers, and in particular our fathers, were much larger than now: an imagination current in the world eighteen hundred years ago. So Virgil supposes his warrior to throw a stone that could scarce be wielded by three men." "Quia minus hominum product corpora tellus." So Homer, long before,— "Over the top of our heads, in reality, men have been, at least ever since the Deluge, very nearly the same as we find them now, but for stature and understanding." How characteristic is a notice like this! The man of philosophic turn of mind and ready learning is seen at once. To most men every year would render a pilgrimage to the haunts of their boyhood more painful than the last; and as in age and infirmity they called up early reminiscences, how many a father would exclaim,— "And then with a faded eye, and a sigh, 'I look'd high, and had a sigh Towards that merry ground'" "But," says Southey, in one of the most beautiful reflections in his entire book, "Wesley seems never to have looked back with melancholy upon the days that were gone: earthly regrets of this kind could find no room in one who was continually pressing onward to the goal." "Sheffield." "See 'The History of Methodism in Barnard-Castle,' by ANTHONY STEELE. A good book, written with great care, but sadly too little known." "On Wednesday, June 8th, 1781, Mr. Wesley said, 'I went to Barnard-Castle. Here I was visited by my old school-fellow, Mr. Fielding, and his wife, who were gone to rest. His son, not coming to live there, had in his lively house to 'straggle' so in a little time his very name and memory will be lost.' This, however, will not be the case, as John Wesley's Journals are read, and his name will be remembered by the high-toned and thoughtful 'Men, that in size of body, are like those who were the earth men of these our days.'" "Life of Wesley, vol. 1, p. 26.

Parliamentary. House of Assembly. Tuesday, March 12. Some petitions were presented in favour of taxation for schools. ... A bill to amend the Act relating to the Charter-House, was introduced by Mr. Tupper. ... A bill to amend the Act relating to the Charter-House, was introduced by Mr. Tupper. ... A bill to amend the Act relating to the Charter-House, was introduced by Mr. Tupper. ...

General Intelligence. Colonial. THE QUEEN'S PRIZE.—We learn from official correspondence, in the Gazette of Wednesday, that Colonial Volunteers will be entitled to compete for the Queen's Prize at the Annual Prize Meetings, on the same terms as the Volunteers of Great Britain. ... A man named Patrick Murphy was arrested on suspicion of having been concerned in the robbery of the steamer 'The North Briton'.

Canada. TRADE OF CANADA.—Two very important documents have lately issued from the Inspector General's Office: the one is a comparative return of the value of the exports of Domestic Products and Manufactures, the value of Goods Imported, and the amount of the amount of Duties collected at each port of Canada for the years 1857, 1858, 1859, and 1860; the other is a comparative Statement showing in contrast the quantities of raw materials and manufactures of British and Foreign Manufacture entered for Consumption in Canada for the years 1857, 1858, 1859, and 1860, with the amount of duty levied, and the amount of duty remitted. ... The following is a view of the Trade of the Province:— 1857. 1858. 1859. 1860. Exports, 2,942,500 2,978,327 3,353,161 3,441,621. Imports, 3,924,601 3,381,389 3,857,846 4,736,463. Duties, 1,324,601 1,381,389 1,457,846 1,736,463. ...

The President of the Conference. By the last English mail I received a letter from the Rev. W. B. Boyce, the President of the Conference, dated London, Feb. 20th, in which he intimates that he was intending to leave England for the country about the 1st of May. ... Editor's Table. We have to acknowledge the receipt of the Annual Report of the Deaf and Dumb Institution for 1859. ... To Correspondents. We confess to be fastidious in our poetical taste; we are very glad to encourage original articles, but we cannot do so at the expense of our judgment. ...

Marriages. On the 21st ult., by the Rev. W. Allen, Mr. Henry Smith, of Wallace, to Miss Harriet A. Wilson, of Glasgow. ... Deaths. At Windsor, on the 15th inst., of consumption, Francis J. Parker, M. D., aged 33 years. ...

New Advertisements. GORDON'S RHEUMATIC REMEDY. A SURE cure for Rheumatism, Gout, Sciatica, Neuralgia, Toothache, Sprains, Chlams, galls and wounds of all kinds in Horses, Cramps in the Stomach, Summer Complaints, &c. ... HENRY WETHERBY, (Late of the Firm of E. W. Sutcliffe & Co.) GENERAL GROCERS, AND PROVISION MERCHANTS. ...

