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THE CHURCH． TORONTO，SATURDAY，SEPT．18， 1841. The Lord Biehop of Toronto will hold his next
Genear Ordintion at the Catheral．Toronto on
Sunday，the 24th of October．Candidates for Holy

 with the usall Letters Testimonial
The Examination will commence 0 ．
The argumentative and valuable Sermon of the
Rev．A．．．Bethune，preached at the late Visitation，
and published by desire of the Bishop and Clergy，is and printed entire in the present number of our paper． printed entiec inhich it so ably discusses is that of the
The eubject
Arostoucas Succession，and no fitter topic could
． have been chosen or the occasion on
delivered．At the first assemblage of the Clergy of
the Diocese of Toronto it was right that the grounds
upon which they exercise their sacred functions should upon which they exercise their sacred functions should
be fully asserted，and the laity be taught to discrimi－
nate between those who have received due authority frem the successors of the Apostles to preach the Gos
pel，aud those who take upon themselves the work o pel，and those who take upon the
the ministry without valid ordin
a rightfully constituted Bishop．
a rightfuly constiuated Buscesiop．we rejoice to state，is
The Apostolical Sucesion we
a doctrine that is widely regaining its once undispute
a influence throughout the Christian world，and every
where thinniug the numbers of Dissent，－promoting the growth or onity，evangelical piety．The young
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clergy in England maintain it almost to anan；in the Scottish Episcopal Church it has ever been pre－
served in its primitive integrity，and never more prac served in its primite integrity，an at this present mo－
tically manifested
ment amid the distractions of the Presbyterian Esta－ blishment．In the United States this principle con
tinnes to work with its accustomed effect，in with－ tinues to work wren
drawing sectarian preachers and large numbers of th laity，especially of Quakers，as has also been the case
in England，from the ranks of schism，and enlising
them under the banerer of the one Catholic and Apos－ tolic Church．We have only just risen from the pe－
rusal of Bishop Whitinghams First Address to the
Conet Convention of Maryland，and there we met with th
apposite testimony to the truth of our assertions：




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uss strange to sy，b
Christian Guardian．


There seems some probability that the writer of the
paragraph just quoted is the son of the Rev．Thomas
Jackson，the Editor of the Wesleyan Magazine，and $J a$ President of the Conference．＂Powell on the
late Pre
A postolicel Suession，＂is the work，we believe，of a Methodist minister，written agaiust that fundamental
verity．
But，in truth，almost every honest dissenter from
the Church，who investigates the subject minutely，is compelled to acknowledge the existence，in various
parts of the world，of an uninterrupted apostolical
succession．The Rev．George Scott，a Wesleyan succession．The kev．George scell，a west this
minister，at present，or lately，travelling through this
Province on a mission to obtain assistance for the
promotion of religion to promotion of religion in Sweden，contends that in
that country＂The Episcopal Succession，as that form
isecclesiastically understood，is as clear and decided is ecclesiastically understood，is as clear and decied on
as in any part of the world．＂And the argument o
Mr．Scott is the more valuable to us，because he only Mr．Scott is the more valuable to us，because he only
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made out in a very different way．＂So so that must will be made out in a very different way．So that win
seen he admits the fact，while he repudiates the con－
clusion to wwich we affirm it eads．Dr．Grant，an
American Missionary，and a Presbyterian，on return－ ng from his stravels has lately publiished on wortk on
the Nestorians or the Lost Tribes，＂and quotes with he Nestorians or the Lost Tribes，＂，and quotes with
aprobation from Assemani，the following passage：
It seems sufficiently demonstrated that Christians， laymen，deacons，priests，and bishops，have always
been in Peersia，from the apostolictimes and forward in an uninterrupted succession．＂The italics are those
of the author．In another place he says himself，
＂＂There tar． of bishops，priests，deacons and churches，from the
apostolic times to the present day．＂ We are defending no extreme position or ultra－
doctrine，nor advocating any party views．We merely add our feeble note of assent to the general voice o
the Church．＂To be thoroughly evangelical in doc－
trine，and to be thoroughly apostolical in discipline trine，and to be thoroughty apostolical ine discipline
far from being inconsistent with each other，constitute tian．＂：Thus writes the Episcopal Recorder，of Phila
tion
． delphia，a atrong opponent of the Oxford writers；and
on another occasion，he observes，－＂Upon the suc－
cession of the Christian ministry in the order of cession of the Chystind by appointment，there
Bishops，both actually and in the Eppiscopal Church．I
no idiference of opiion this matter，whether prelatical or not，we are one party．＂
Reverting to M．Bethenes sermon，whence these
remarks have sprug，we wish to mention that the
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 publication，styled the Eclectic Review．The Withess，
an Episcopal paper，pubblished at Boston，furnishes a
parallel to the preceding statement，when it asks，－ parallel to the preceding statement，when it asks，－
＂With a solitary exception，has not every CCurch in
his City［Boston］，founded by the puritans，every Congre，at
1800，but
fathers of
advocate？
From the From the discussion of this important and funda－
mental point，we augur the happiest results．Of course
he doctrine will contine he doctrine will continue to be met with the most
determined opposition on the part of the Dissenters， determined opposition on the part of the Dissenters，
but that it will
and ignatimaty prevail over the prejudices and ignorance of thousands，and even lead the preach－
ers of many of a sect to discard their now dearly
cherished opinions，and seek valid ordination at Epis－ copal hands，we have every reason to anticipate from
he past tistory of the Church in the United States， the past history or the Church in the United states，
and from the present current of opinion on questions of
ecclesiastical popilit．Within our own communion，it
vill operate as a healer of divisions，a preservative will operate as a healer of divisions，a preservatitive of
Gospet truth，and a promoter of concentrated fforts
for the propagation of Christianity in every quarte Gospel the propagation of Christianity in every quarter
of the globe．＂The old distinction，＂－to adopt once
more the language of our esteemed and able contem－ porary，the Episcopal Recorder，with reference to the
Oxford Tract controversy，一＂the old distinction of
high and high and loove Controthersyly，will graally melt away．The
discovery will be made，that on the one side there is on the other，clearer views and more decided attach－
ment to the great doctrines of the cross，than was
supposed．Such，we doubt not，will be the ine supposed．Such，we doubt not，will be the influence
of this controversy，now going on upon a large portion
of those within the pale of the Episcopal communion． of those within the pale of the Episcopal communion．
The true sons of the Church will be brought to stand
side by side and to act in greater harmony，＂
 English papers，we have always had it in view to
show that the great body of the Methodists in England are loyal to the Crown and friendly to the Church，
and to induce their brethren in this Colony to pursue and to induce their corduct．To that portion of them，
a similar line of conduct．
distinctively and deseryedy called British，we know
that such exhortations and appeals are quite uoneces－ that such exhortations and appeals are quite unneces
sary，but，even wih this class，we are not without the cary，but，even jope that our jour may have some little influence
in pers in persuading them to closer alliance with the Colonial
Church，and inducing them finally to discard those
differences，none of them fundamental on their part differences，none of them fundamental on their part，
which prevent them and us from forming one body
and offering a still more compact and powerful front and offering a still more compact and powerfil front
to the well－endowed Romish Establishment of the
United Province．This is the spirit that has guided
us in all that we have writuen，ppoken，or selected with
reference to the Wesleyans，and in this spirit we

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 appeared，ir the gown，in the puppit．
We believe that the scheme of union suggested by
Mr．Hogson is，that Dr ．Bunting should be dul
consecrated a Bishop，that he should then confer vali
ordination on the Westeyan Ministers，and that the
meeting－houses should be converted into chapels
ense． meeting－houses should be converted into chapels
ease．Of the minor details we know nothing，bu
these，we think，are the leading features of the pla
proposed．Whether it be feasible，or likely to mee prope，we think，are the leading fleatures of the ple feasible，or likely to me
with aceeptance，on either side，we cannot pretend
say，but the mere mooting of the question is a say，but the mere mooting of the question is a favour
able sign，and，－considered in conjunction with the fact
that several Dissenting，ifnot some Wesleyan，Ministers convericed of then evil of schism and of the necessity of a
valid episcopal appointment to the ministerial office， valid episcopal appointment to the ministerial office，
have，of late years，renounced their errors，and that
many yroceeding of the Conference，look iike a closer
assimilation to the Church，－gives us reason to hope assimilation to the Church，－gives us reason to hope
that the gulph between Methudists and Churchmen is
annuallly becoming narrower，and may some day or other
entirel entirely disappear．And as Dr．Coke once wrote to
Lord Liverpool，stating that＂if the Prince Regent
and the Government should think proper to appoint
him their Bishop in India，he would most cheerully him their Bishop in India，he would most cheerfully
and gratefully aceept the offer，and return most fully
and faithuully into the bosom of the Established and faith and submit to all such restrictions，in the
Church，and
fulfilment of his office，as the government and the bench of bishops at home should think necessary，＂
we cannot but indulge the expectation that，should we cannot but indulge the expectation that，should
Mr．Hodgson＇s plan ever be esiously entertained，
some future President of the Conference may have less repugnance to acecept the Episconpate than Dr．
Bunting．For of Dr．Coke，Mr．Jackson writes in his
Centenary of Wesey Centenary of Wesleyan Methodism，that＂next to Mr
Wesley，no man was ever connected with the Methodist body who contributed more to extend the blessings of
Christianity among mankind；＂and surely（we may fairly argue）a Newton or a Bunting can have no
reasonable objections to what a Coke approved，and
even went so far as to solicit． even went so far as to solicit．
Whether or not，however，a closer relation is，at no
distant date，to exist between Churchmen Wistant daste，to exist a satisfaction to us to record that，in
Whe means time，the true followers of John Wesley，in
Endme England and Ireland，continue to be found amongst
the most strenuous supporters of the Altar and the
Throne．The unhallowed，and，as it has been
designated，＂blasphemous＂Conference about to be
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