





## CHRISTIAN GUARDIAN.

Wednesday, February 28, 1844.

## LATEST INTELLIGENCE.

At a late hour we have had to lay aside our principal Editorial matter to make room for the Intelligence just arrived by the steamer *Hibernia*; and we do not much regret it, as we are always solicitous to have our News department first in the earliest and most important information for our respected subscribers. Her Majesty's Speech at the opening of Parliament, and the introductory proceedings of the Session, will be read with great interest; and the lengthened statements, showing the progress of the State Trials in Ireland, will excite an unusual interest. The remaining portions of that department will, we hope, be found, as usual, to be diversified and satisfactory to all who desire such news.

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CANADA.

The Commission of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada recently met in this City and passed several important Resolutions, which we have read with the deepest interest in the Colonist; and we sincerely regret to learn from them that "serious misunderstandings seem to prevail" in the Synod as to its "relation to the Established Church of Scotland," and "the position" it occupies "in reference to the Free Protestant Church of Scotland;" and that it is considered highly desirable to "remove perplexities" and "prevent heart-burnings and divisions" now existing amongst the members and friends of the Presbyterian Church. It has been resolved, therefore, that a special meeting of the Synod take place in Kingston during the month of May next. The fifth resolution recommends both to Ministers and people the cultivation of "meekness, mutual forbearance, and brotherly kindness;" and in the sixth resolution the Commission "earnestly recommend special and frequent supplications to a Throne of Grace, and that set times be appointed for prayer, that the Lord in his mercy may prevent sinful divisions among" Ministers and people. That paper says, "The very existence of the Presbyterian Church in this Colony depends, in a great degree, on the course to be pursued by the Synod, at its next meeting." Our fervent wish is that the evils now deplored may then be remedied, and the calamity feared be thus prevented, especially in the case of a Church so numerous in its members, learned and able in its ministry, pious in its spirit and services, and respectable and influential in its character. That Church, we have no doubt, will remember the beautifully expressed prayer of the Psalmist:—"For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will now say, Peace be within thee. Because of the house of the Lord our God I will seek thy good."

## BAPTIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

We have pleasure in doing more than merely acknowledge the reception of the Seventh Annual Report of the Canada Baptist Missionary Society, as we find it in the Register of Feb. 15th. It seems the Society is in connection with the Baptist Missionary Society, in England, and that its Annual Meeting, held in Montreal on the 8th inst., was of an encouraging character. Dr. Davies, late President of the Theological Institution, who was called to the Presidency of Stepien College in England last year, was spoken of with deserved respect; and the resolutions passed were very appropriate. The Rev. Mr. Landon is the Agent of the Society. "Seven Missionaries have been receiving aid during the year," and "pleasing success" has been afforded them, inasmuch as their labours have been "signally blessed," and about two hundred persons been added to the Baptist Churches in the year. Twelve Theological Students are now pursuing their studies in the Institute, besides three youths receiving the elements of a general and classical education. Its library has been bequeathed to it 324 volumes, and "the Institution has been removed to a house on the land purchased by the Society for the erection of College Buildings." The Register meets with decided approval. There has been a Baptist Union established in Canada, and the Rev. Messrs. Boyd and Cooper have arrived in the Province. The expenditure of the Society has been nearly £930. No one can read the Report without discovering that this active and rising Society has many tokens for good. Our wish is it may have many more, from year to year.

## OBITUARY NOTICES.

The Obituary department of our paper is one of the most interesting and profitable; but we have for a length of time had the impression that not a few of the experienced and excellent members of our Church die without any record being made of them; nay, we know of several cases of old members, in office, and who were a praise to our Zion for many years, of whom nothing whatever has been said.—We like to receive Notices from our Ministers, according to the direction of Conference, and have them written by them, or by persons of whose ability and faithfulness for the duty they think favourably. It is seldom necessary to write of young persons, and certainly not of little children.—Sometimes we have had to abridge Notices; and though we have not wished to produce pain in the mind of a correspondent, reasons bearing on public effect and utility have governed us.

Four things should be borne in mind by him who writes an Obituary:—1. It is to be short. 2. Facts are wanted. 3. The conversion, sanctification, usefulness, and happiness of the departed are to be clearly stated. 4. The general good is to be sought. These particulars rendered practical a number of *trivial* and *local* matters will never be sent us; and the department must improve.—The order in which we publish is invariably that in which we receive them, unless some peculiar circumstance dictates a deviation from the rule.—No charge is ever made for insertion, but there is a good old usage in England, which would not be a bad one here—that of the friends of the deceased ordering extra papers: Persons there have been known to pay for twenty, forty, fifty, yea a hundred copies for the insertion of a short Obituary. We hope, then, in future to receive more Notices of the description we have stated.—They can in general be made more edifying; and this we wish them to be. With our esteemed brethren, the Ministers, please bestow all the attention on this subject it calls for, and thereby help us to add to the value of a journal it is our unwearying solicitude to render still more acceptable and useful.

## THE PAPACY.

Papery has long existed—was well known—and by all who derive their principles and piety from Revelation, is abhorred. We have met with a condensed but true description of the prodigious evil, not in a Protestant writer, but a Papist. The *Monk of Cîteaux* thus portrays it:—"The Papacy, that deepest deception, and ugliest achievement of Satan; into which he had admitted the whole canon of truth, and yet contrived that it should teach only error; into which he had admitted the whole revelation of light, and yet contrived that it should breed only foul and pestilent darkness. Ob! it is an ample net for catching men, a delusion and bondage made for the world! No partial error, like that of the Gnostics, framed out of mystic imaginations,—or that of the Arians, framed out of the proud arguments of reason,—or that of the Münster Anabaptists, framed out of the licentiousness of the will; but a stupendous deception, and universal counterfeit of truth, which hath a chamber for every natural faculty of the soul, and an occupation for every energy of the natural spirit. Pagan Rome is Satan's work, constructed with his own materials of ambition, avarice, policy, and knowledge; but Papal Rome is Satan's work, constructed with the materials of God revealed in his holy word."

A *Remarkable Testimony*.—The Presbyterian says that the "Christian Remembrancer," a High-Church paper published in London, contains the following singular statement on the existing condition of religion in the English Established Church. We call to mind some facts stated in our "Recollections" of England, illustrative of what is referred to in the extract, which did not at the time surprise us. The reference is to an American Episcopal clergyman:—

"It was the observation of an intelligent American clergyman who lately visited this country, that in England where the Church is the dominant hierarchy, less of its real workings, less of its outward influence upon society was perceptible than even of the Church, which numbers and establishment, is not beyond a mere sect in the United States. What surprised and appalled him was to see, to hear, to feel so little of the Church; the world of England seemed to him to go on as though there were no Church. Such sentiments might be exaggerated; having heard so much of the noble Church of England, and finding so little of it, he can account for his disappointment. We shall never forget his black, dumb hour at the first Cathedral service which he attended in England; the glorious dream of life was realized in an instant; he had crossed two thousand miles of sea to dispel it, and he found it little better than a empty delusion."

Trances.—An advertisement in another column will inform the public that a small book has just been published at the Conference Office, containing two Trances,—one of a Female, written by the Rev. Robert Young, an intelligent, successful, and highly-respected Wesleyan Minister in England,—and another of the late Rev. Mr. Tennent, a minister of eminence in the United States. It will, we think, be acknowledged it is printed in a neat manner, and that the price is low. Any number of copies can be obtained, and we expect the Ministers of our Church will forward their orders for it immediately. Many applications were made in vain for the *Guardian* containing one of the accounts. On the subject of trances we say nothing now—though, if we did, we should explicitly profess our belief in them. Of the authenticity of these now published we have no doubt, and it will require much apathy of heart to read them without the mind turning its thoughts seriously to saving and eternal realities. This is the paramount object sought by the publication.

Dr. Schaf.—Not long since we stated that Dr. Krummacher, of Germany, had been visited by a deputation from the United States, to invite him to accept the office of Professor of Biblical Literature and Ecclesiastical History in the Institution at Mercersburg. This he refused; but the Rev. Dr. Schaf has accepted it at the request of the Synod of the German Reformed Church. *The Weekly Messenger* says:—

"The securing of the services of Dr. Schaf to the Institutions at Mercersburg, may justly be regarded as an important acquisition to the interests of Literature and religion in general in this country, as well as to the Church and institutions with which he is expected to be connected. Dr. Schaf is a native of Germany, and was born at such a date as to enable him to enter upon the duties of his new field of labour some time in June next. His arrival will be awaited with feelings of the deepest interest. We have cause for exercising the most perfect gratitude to an overruling Providence for the success which has thus far attended our efforts to secure a Church, and for trusting to Him for its final happy consummation."

The *Canada Gazette* contains a proclamation further proroguing the Provincial Parliament to Thursday, the fourth of April.

To Correspondents.—Three or four of our valued correspondents, who have each commenced a series of articles, will be kind enough to favour us with their long-expected numbers; and other able correspondents who have not favoured us at all this Conference year, or very seldom, will, we hope, very soon remember us again. We set a high value on well-written and suitable communications, and much of the excellence and effect of our paper depends upon them.

## Religious Intelligence.

## MISSIONARY MEETINGS.—EAST.

Perth, February 13th, 1844.

DEAR BR. SCOTT.—Tuesday evening our meeting was at Mullin, Wednesday at Marlinton, Thursday at Moultrie. At all these appointments our congregations were large and respectable, and our collections and subscriptions liberal.

Friday, 2nd.—We crossed over from the St. Lawrence to Hawkebury, a distance of nearly 60 miles, travelling most of the way through the Glenora country, chiefly by Highland Scotch of the Roman Catholic Church; and the country, though fertile, is very poor, so that we could get but little for our horses, and nothing for ourselves, until we arrived at Priest's Mills, some thirty miles from starting. We were so much delayed by bad roads, that the breaking of our harness, that we did not reach the neighbourhood of our meeting until about seven P.M. After warming for a few minutes, we proceeded to the meeting-house, where, for a small congregation and no minister, nor any preparations; and although the Preachers on the circuit did come in some time after the meeting commenced, yet little interest appeared to be felt, and consequently very little was done.

Sabbath, 28th.—I preached in St. Andrews in the morning, and Dr. Jones at La Chiusa in the evening. Our congregations at both places were large and respectable. Monday evening, 1st, we held a Missionary Meeting in the Presbyterian Church; the Rev. Mr. Kennedy kindly allowing us the use of his house, and also presiding at the meeting. We were also greatly assisted by the Rev. Mr. Henry, of the Church of Scotland.—A most amiable useful minister, who had one of the most interesting platform speakers I have heard. We also had the able assistance of several other brethren from the St. Andrews and other circuits. The assembly was large, and appeared highly gratified.

On Tuesday, 30th, we were at St. Andrews; Wednesday, at L'Original. At both these places the congregations were respectable, and the collections, &c., liberal. At Dunning's, on Thursday evening, the meeting was interrupted and annoyed by the forward impudence of a young man of the Roman Catholic Church, who was very anxious to display his literary attainments, although unfortunately ignorant as well as regardless of the first principles of good manners. The proceedings of the evening, however, concluded in a very satisfactory manner, with a liberal collection and subscription, considerably more than last year.

On Friday evening, 3rd, we were at a very fine congregation, and a very small collection and subscription; however, Dr. Jones promises that they will do a great deal more when the men, the greater part of whom are now absent, return from lumbering, in which the greater part of the population are engaged.

Sabbath, 4th Feb., I preached at Bytown in the morning, and Dr. Jones in the evening. My congregation was thin, but Dr. Jones's was very full. The people appeared to be highly interested in what they heard, and their own favourite preachers, Dr. Jones and Dr. Jones, bore against their old favourite preachers, Dr. Jones and Dr. Jones, house was more than full; the High Sheriff of the District presided.—The speaking in general exceedingly good—a fine spirit appeared to prevail—and the large assembly highly delighted. The collections and subscriptions something less than last year. The falling off in this busy, prospering town was to us a subject of exceeding regret, and was probably caused by the low state of religion, and the divided, distracted state of the Church, which prevented the harmonious and cordial operation of our leading friends. I sincerely hope and pray that prospects in Bytown may improve and brighten, and that we shall have a more encouraging report next Conference from the Superintendent of that station.

Thursday evening we had a very fine congregation in a very small, dirty house, and a small collection, &c. On Friday evening, 5th, we were at a very fine congregation, and a very small collection, &c. On Saturday, 6th, we were at a very fine congregation, and a very small collection, &c. On Sunday, 7th, we were at a very fine congregation, and a very small collection, &c. On Monday, 8th, we were at a very fine congregation, and a very small collection, &c. On Tuesday, 9th, we were at a very fine congregation, and a very small collection, &c. On Wednesday, 10th, we were at a very fine congregation, and a very small collection, &c. On Thursday, 11th, we were at a very fine congregation, and a very small collection, &c. On Friday, 12th, we were at a very fine congregation, and a very small collection, &c. On Saturday, 13th, we were at a very fine congregation, and a very small collection, &c. On Sunday, 14th, we were at a very fine congregation, and a very small collection, &c. 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