

CHRISTIAN GUARDIAN.

Wednesday, April 6th, 1842.

THE LONDON CITY MISSION.

This is a Society whose movements we watch with solicitude and pleasure. Irregular indeed it is if High-Church regulations are to be the standard of order; but quite orderly if that which is most in accordance with the Divine will, is most useful to men.

The annual Winter Meeting of this Society was held in January, a very gratifying report of which we have met with in the London Patriot. As the Mission by its existence and exertions is a matter of fact vindication of the Wesleyan body, and sheds forth a spirit we would have obtained an unlimited prevalence in Canada, where it is forbidden to spread, and in the world, where High-Church mandates cannot stop its diffusion, we shall copy a few particulars of the meeting.

The Rev. R. Ansell then read a Report of the Society's recent proceedings. Since May, it had increased its Missionaries from 52 to 59. Three had been appointed to the districts of Field-lane, Suffolk-lane, and Cow-cross, localities in a most wretched condition.

The Rev. H. Hughes, Rector of St. John's, Clerkenwell, moved the adoption of the Report, and among other impressive remarks had the following: "Who shall disapprove of such a work as this? Was not this the very employment of Him to whom we all look for salvation, who went about doing good?"

The Rev. T. Mortimer seconded the motion; and, after complaining that another Dissenting Minister had not been selected to do so, as three Clergymen of the Establishment had already spoken, he said—I scarcely deserve an audience from you, for I have done nothing yet for this Society, but have often looked on with envy and suspicion; and now that I have heard that report, I feel more ashamed of myself than ever I did as a public man.

The Rev. Dr. Lefchild moved a resolution, and observed: "For myself, if the Scriptures be kept in the back-ground,—if the prejudice be suffered to prevail, that they cannot be understood but through certain media,—if human authority supplant the Divine, I fear everything; but, if the Scriptures be brought forth,—if their paramount authority be acknowledged,—if their universal intelligibility be insisted on,—and if to them the final appeal is made, I fear nothing."

If the Puseyite heresy is to be exterminated,—if bigotry is not to become dominant,—if all Christian churches are to have freedom of action,—if gospel charity is to bless them extensively,—if the myriads of our race who are yet unenlightened are to receive the truth,—if Christianity is to be the universal religion, such invaluable associations as the London City Mission must be sanctioned, multiplied, and supported.

PUSEYISM IN ENGLAND.—Late papers from England bring intelligence of the portentous spread of the opinions of the Oxford Tractarians. One paper speaks of the "constant secession" of evangelical clergymen from the Bible and Tract Societies, and the notes in which the necessity and efficacy of the sacraments are spoken of; "multitudes are on a sliding scale."

DR. CAREY, THE MISSIONARY.—A deep reverence is felt by us whenever we pronounce, or hear others pronounce, this name. Carey was a man of indomitable purpose, and magnificent aim. His whole course of triumph over obstacles, and of a wide diffusion of revealed truth, is the authentic and convincing proof of both.

DR. CAREY'S HAND-BILL.—This distinguished ornament of the Missionary cause seemed fitted, by nature, to be the pioneer of the gospel in India. His burning love and zeal for the good of the perishing heathen, set on fire the pious minds it came in contact with around him, and he was himself the man whom that love and zeal designated to go to India.

THE KING OF PRUSSIA AND MRS. FRY.—During the Prussian Monarch's late visit to England to attend the baptism of the Prince of Wales, he visited the Newgate prison walking arm in arm with Mrs. Fry, the sister of Mr. Gurney, the Quaker, and celebrated as a lady following in the footsteps of the philanthropist Howard.

DR. ALDER has in the press a work entitled "Wesleyan Missions: their Progress stated, and their Claims enforced." We are impatient to see the chapter on Upper Canadian Missions.

THE VILLAGE BLACKSMITH, or Life of Samuel Hick, by the Rev. James Everett, has reached the Sixteenth Thousand. The same author has published "The Polemic Divian," being a Memoir of the Life, Opinions, and Ministry of the Rev. Daniel Isaac, price 6s. 6d.

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THE PRINCE OF WALES.—We insert for the gratification of our youthful readers an Anthem on the Baptism of the Prince of Wales, January 25th, 1842; sung by the children of Lainer School, Statingbourne, England.

The Canada Gazette of the 26th inst. proclaims the erection of certain Townships in the Districts of Bathurst, Johnstown, and Ottawa, into a separate District, to be called the DISTRICT OF DALHUSIE.

THE SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH.—There is in the London Patriot of January 6th, a synodal letter of the Scotch Bishops in favour of the foundation of a College in Scotland we some time ago spoke of to our readers, which commences with, "To all faithful members of the Reformed Catholic Church in Scotland." In another part of it the same novel title is repeated.

DEATHS.—Some of our subscribers will have a mournful satisfaction in reading the following notices:—Died, Jan. 14th, Mrs. Williams, widow of the late Rev. John Williams; the Missionary who was martyred at Eromanga, South Seas.—16th, Mrs. Johnson, daughter of the late Sir P. Francis, K. B., the supposed author of the celebrated letters of "Junius."

CHURCH STATISTICS.—In the London Patriot of January 20th, the Rev. S. K. Bernard says, "In the year 1816 Mr. Henry Jacob laid the foundation of the first Independent congregation in England." In the same paper, the Rev. James Peggs, Baptist Minister, states, that the first Baptist Church in Holland, was formed by the Rev. John Smith, of Lincolnshire, England, in 1607 or 1608.

THE PRESIDENT OF OUR CONFERENCE favours us with a letter, in which he says, "I am thankful to be able to say that my afflicted family are improving in health, although very slowly. Our prospects on the District, I think, are decidedly improving. On nearly all the Circuits there has been an increase of members and a gratifying improvement in the funds of the Church. A very general state of peace and union prevails."

DR. PIKE.—It is said that the University of Glasgow has recently conferred the honorary distinction of D. D. on the Rev. J. G. Pike; a man cast in Baxter's mould, the Secretary of the General Baptist Missionary Society, and author of several popular and sterling works addressed to youth. He is pastor of the leading Baptist Church in Derby, and from a personal acquaintance with him we know him to be a minister of surpassing worth and uncommon usefulness.

THE HON. J. B. ROBINSON, Chief Justice, a distinguished member of the Church of England, has just given a very eligible and valuable site at Holland Landing to the Canada Conference for a Church, which is to be immediately erected. It is with much gratification and gratitude we announce this act of christian generosity.

We understand His Excellency the Governor-General has given command for the commencement of the buildings of KING'S COLLEGE, under the superintendence of Mr. Young, Architect. His Excellency is expected to honour this city, very shortly, with a visit, and lay the foundation-stone.

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THE REV. ROBERT MONTGOMERY, author of "The Omnipresence of the Deity," &c. &c., was to have ready for publication in February a new poem designated "Luther."

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TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Will our first-page contributors be as sure in sending to us, as they are in writing for us?—We will insert next week what has been received from a Niagara friend.

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THE TREASURER OF THE CENTENARY FUND acknowledges the receipt of the following Surplus: By Rev. James Musgrave, Brantford Circuit—For himself, £0 15 0; Mrs. Oleson Strabridge, £2 0 0; William Houghton, 0 15 0; Mrs. Susan Eaton, 0 10 0; William Edmondson, 0 10 0.

METHODISM AND DIVISIONISTS IN UPPER CANADA.—NO. III.

To the Editor of the Christian Guardian. DEAR SIR.—The Articles of Union, so solemnly entered into in the face and presence of Him who keepeth covenant, and who avengeth the wrong on him that breaketh covenant, and from which neither party could depart with honour but by mutual consent,—have not been violated by us. Why, then, this rudeness of treatment? Had Wesley been there, it had not been so; had Coke, Clarke, Benson, or Watson, been there, it had been otherwise.

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Religious Intelligence.

AUGUSTA DISTRICT—MISSIONARY MEETINGS, ETC.

To the Editor of the Christian Guardian. DEAR BROTHER,—Having just returned from the region said to be beyond the going down of the sun...

P. S. Have not the London Committee, and their deputation from Canada, completed the climax in their report, an extract of which appears in the last Guardian?

MISSISSIPPI CIRCUIT. March 22nd, the Rev. Alvah Adams writes us.—Our Circuit continues in a state of religious prosperity.

MURRAY CIRCUIT. March 25th, the Rev. John Black writes us.—At the date of my last letter to you, my esteemed colleague, Dr. Reynolds...

OSGOODE CIRCUIT. March 23rd, the Rev. E. B. Harper writes us.—When I last wrote you, I stated that the work of God was still progressing.

AUGUSTA CIRCUIT. March 14th, the Rev. D. Berney writes us.—The Lord is still refreshing us with an occasional shower of grace from His presence.

For the Christian Guardian.

THE RELIGIOUS TRACT SOCIETY.

"Let us also hope that Churchmen will give their exclusive support to this Society, [Church of England Tract Society]—Church newspaper, March 12, 1842.

The Religious Tract Society of London was established in 1799, or about forty-three years ago, and was the product of an immediate occasion of the organization of the British and Foreign Bible Society...

The latter Society was established in 1833—its affairs are conducted by a Committee chosen annually, all denominations of Christians being eligible to be elected members of the Committee...

WESLEYAN SABBATH SCHOOL AT HAMILTON. March 19th, Mr. M. Magill writes us.—On last Sabbath we had a very interesting scene in our Sabbath School in this town.

NEWMARKET UNION SABBATH-SCHOOL SOCIAL TEA PARTY.—The friends of youth will be gratified to learn, that the cause of the Sabbath-Schools in Newmarket and its vicinity, has of late been revived under very encouraging circumstances.

The meeting having been opened by prayer by Mr. Whiting, of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, the company in number about 300, inclusive of the Children, sat down to the tables which were simply provided for the occasion.

Temperance Vindicator.

PARIS. March 25th, the Rev. James Spencer writes us.—I attended a Temperance Meeting in the village of Caris last Monday evening; and although the weather was quite unfavourable, the house was, contrary to my expectations, well filled.

PRESIDENT TYLER.—A very large temperance mass meeting was held in Washington city on the 16th inst. It was attended by several members of Congress and other gentlemen of high influence in the District.

Sir,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this morning, inviting me to attend the mass meeting of the Temperance Societies to be held this evening, and I have the pleasure to inform you that I have laboured for several days past, and which addresses me against exposure, will deny me the pleasure of being present.

THE TEMPERANCE MOVEMENT IN CONGRESS.—This evening we have had a most glorious meeting of the friends of this noble cause, in the Hall of Representatives.

TEMPERANCE IN THE NAVY.—Three temperance meetings have been held by the sailors of the U. S. receiving ship Columbus, at Charleston, on the last of which, on Sunday evening, a temperance society was organized.

UNITED STATES SOIL COLUMBUS. Navy Yard, Charleston, January 23d, 1842. BROTHER SHIPMATES!—It is the wish of the temperance society formed on board this ship, that their old friends and shipmates of the Columbia will join them in the cause they have undertaken.

Foreign and Provincial News. From the N. Y. Commercial Advertiser, March 29th. ARRIVAL OF THE COLUMBIA. It appears that the Columbia, Capt. Jenkins, left Liverpool on the afternoon of the 4th inst., and on her passage encountered a severe gale from the Westward.

Office of the Secretary of the Province, Kingston, 21st March, 1842.—His Excellency the Governor-General has been pleased to appoint Charles Richard Ogden, Esquire, Attorney-General, and Charles Dewey Day, Esquire, Solicitor-General.

HOUSE OF LORDS, February 21.—Treaty for the Suppression of the Slave Trade.—The Earl of Aberdeen said that, in laying on the table a treaty, signed by the representatives of the five great powers of Europe, for the more effectual abolition of the slave trade, he regretted to have to inform the house that the French ratification of this treaty had not been executed with that of the other powers.

By the treaty of 1834 a mutual right of search was fully recognised, and by that of 1833 the equipment articles furnished sufficient ground of capture, and afforded prima facie evidence of guilt. The only addition made by the new treaty was an extension of the latitudes within which the former treaties were to apply, and although this treaty should not be in force with regard to France, these former treaties would remain in full operation within the restrictive spaces to which they referred.

He would venture to say that in no quarter—neither on the part of the government, nor of those opposed to the government, nor in any branch of either, nor in the mind of any one man in the empire—had there ever existed any idea whatever connected with this subject, save and except that of securing the prevention of the slave trade; and that the right of search was connected with any subject or consideration except that, never entered into the mind of any man being of the twenty-five millions who inhabited the British empire.

French Occupation of Algiers.—Mr. Shell wished to ask the right hon. bart. whether the statement which had been made in the Chamber of Deputies by M. Guizot, regarding the particulars of a conversation which took place between Lord Aberdeen and the French Ambassador, in reference to the retention of the French possessions in Africa, was correct.

MEXICO AND TEXAS. War commenced.—Surrender of San Antonio. New Orleans papers of the 16th instant bring stirring intelligence from Texas. A Mexican army, said to be 14,000 strong, under General Arista, had crossed the Rio Grande, and detachments from it had taken San Antonio, Goliad and Victoria, without opposition.

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CUSTOM-HOUSE NOTICE.—We are requested to state for the information of the Merchants, Traders and others, having Custom-house business to transact at this Port, that the rules now in, open entry of any goods, wares or merchandize, imported into this city from the United States, an Invoice must be presented and sworn to according to the following Affidavit:

"I, _____, do solemnly swear and affirm that the Invoice hereto annexed contains a just and true statement of the quantities and contents of the several articles or parcels of merchandize enumerated therein, and imported from an outaneous operation, because perhaps he has neither right nor reason to expect such vindication from us.

And in all cases where goods are chargeable with ad valorem duties under this rule, ten per cent will be added to the Invoice cost to constitute the value of the merchandize here, and upon which the duties will be assessed, unless the Collector may deem it fit to appoint examiners to appraise the goods, or takes them for account of the Government if he deems the Invoice prices too low.

Prosperity of the Town of Niagara.—The Niagara Chronicle of the 24th ult., informs us that few towns in the Province have improved in a greater ratio within the last two or three years, than Niagara, and that the approaching season will probably be one of the busiest ever known.

OBITUARY. Resumes them to be prepared for the next. Saturday the 12th inst. I was called upon to visit Mrs. GARDNER, who was said to be near her departure from time.

Jesus can make a dying bed. As soft as downy pillows are. I did call again, but it was to commit earth to earth, dust to dust, and ashes to ashes. I made a short improvement upon the occasion to an attentive and affectionate congregation from the prophecy of the Book of Amos, viz. 12. I believe a conviction similar to my own was felt by all present, viz. it is better to be a convert now, than to be a convert hereafter.

DEATH.—On the 10th inst. ABRAHAM WARREN, an old and respectable inhabitant of the Township of Hallowell. For several years Mr. Warren was an acceptable member of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada. That religion which is the glory of all true Methodists Br. Warren found to be sufficiently powerful to support him in those deep afflictions and painful bereavements through which, in the order of Divine Providence, he had to pass during the last year of his earthly pilgrimage.

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