

PROTEST.

CAROLINE REGINA. To the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, in Parliament assembled.

The Queen has learnt the decision of the Lords upon the Bill now before them. In the face of Parliament, of her Family, and of her country, she does solemnly protest against it.

Those who avowed themselves her prosecutors have presumed to sit in judgment on the question between the Queen and themselves.

Peers have given their votes against her who had heard the whole evidence for the charge, and absented themselves during her defence.

Others have come to the discussion from the Secret Committee, with minds biased by a mass of slander, which her enemies have not dared to bring forward in the light.

The Queen does not avail herself of her right to appear before the Committee, for to her the details of the measure must be a matter of indifference; and unless the course of these unexampled proceedings should bring the Bill before the other branch of the Legislature, she will make no reference whatever to the treatment experienced by her during the last twenty-five years.

God asserts, that she is wholly innocent of the crime laid to her charge, and she awaits with unabated confidence the final result of this unparalleled investigation.

(Signed)

CAROLINE REGINA.

FREDERICTON, (N. B.)

16TH JANUARY, 1821.

Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge.

At a General Quarterly meeting of the Fredericton District Committee of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, on Monday the first day of January, 1821.

The Hon. THOMAS WETMORE, President, in the Chair.

Prayers by the Rev. JAMES SOMERVILLE.

The Treasurer then presented his accounts, which were audited and allowed. From the statement given by him, it appeared, that of the late importation of books, amounting to £98 : 0 : 11, currency, books to the amount of £39 : 7 : 9 1/2, remain on hand, and that books to the amount of £61 : 3 : 4 1/2, have been disposed of, exclusive of those which, at a former Meeting, were ordered to be given away gratis, to the amount of £10. It also appeared, that there is due from this Committee to the Parent Society, a balance of £12 : 19, and that the Treasurer has in his hands, the sum of £18 : 18 : 2 1/2.

A very satisfactory letter from the Revd. WILLIAM PARKER, Assistant Secretary of the Society, having been read, the Committee proceeded to the election of office-bearers, when the following Gentlemen were re-elected:

The Hon. THOMAS WETMORE, President;

The Hon. JOHN M. BLISS, Vice-president;

Mr. JEDEDIAH SLASON, Treasurer;

The Revd. JAMES MILNE, Secretary.

Resolved—that a new order be sent to the Parent Society for books, to the amount of £50, and that the Secretary and Treasurer, together with the Rev. JAMES SOMERVILLE, be a Committee, to make out a list of such as they shall think most likely to forward the views of the Venerable Society, and to be useful to the Community.

The Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge has, for nearly two centuries, been unostentatiously but actively employed in extending the benefits of real Christianity, as a Bible Society, as a Missionary Society, as a Religious Tract Society, and as a Society for encouraging Christian education. It is true, it is so constituted that its labours are uniformly directed to the upholding of the existing order of things in Church as well as in State. But it is presumed that, on this account, it is justly entitled to the character of Patriotic and Loyal. Indeed, on every ground of conscience and of consistency, it has the strongest claims to the support of all Churchmen. It is, therefore, hereby warmly recommended to the support of the Churchmen in this place and neighbourhood.

JAMES MILNE, Secretary.

At the first annual general meeting of the Subscribers and Friends of the Bible Association of Fredericton and its Vicinity, held at the Female Madras Room, Fredericton, on Friday evening, 12th Jan. 1821—

Mr. WILMOT, in the Chair— The Report of the Committee for the past year having been read by the Secretary:

Sir Robert Trench moved, and it was unanimously carried,

1st, That the Report now read, be received and printed.

By Mr. Pickard,

2nd, That the following Gentlemen do constitute the Committee for the ensuing year:

Colonel The Hon. Sir Robert Le Poer Trench, 74th Regiment,

Mr. Avar, Mr. Harding,

Mr. Temple, Mr. Wilmot,

Mr. Ring, Mr. Easty,

Mr. Amasa Coy.

Moved by Mr. Ring,

3d, That Mr. Peter Fisher, be requested to continue his services as Treasurer, for the ensuing year.

Moved by Mr. Coy,

4th, That Mr. M'Clintock, 74th Regt. be requested to continue his services as Secretary, for the ensuing year.

Moved by Mr. M'Clintock, 74th Regt.

5th, That the thanks of the meeting be given to Mr. Joseph Gaynor, for his zealous and active labours, in acting as Collector during the past year, in this town and neighbourhood; by whose exertions the important object of the Association has been greatly promoted.

Moved by Mr. Fisher,

6th, That the thanks of the meeting be given to those individuals who have exerted themselves in behalf of this Association.

Moved by Mr. Avar, accompanied by a most able and eloquent speech, in which he expatiated largely on the benefit of the British and Foreign Bible Society—the tendency it had to dispel that gross darkness which extended itself over so many benighted souls; and concluded by calling upon all present to be active and zealous promoters of so glorious a cause.

7th, That the increased prosperity with which it has pleased Almighty God to bless the labours of the British and Foreign Bible Society, calls for our liveliest gratitude, and that we receive it as an encouragement to further exertion.

Moved by Mr. Fisher,

8th, That Mr. Dayton, be requested to act as Collector during the ensuing year, in this town and neighbourhood.

The Chairman having left the Chair, and Mr. M'Clintock, 74th Regt. being called thereto—It was resolved unanimously,

That the thanks of this meeting be given to Mr. Wilmot, for his polite attention to the business of the evening.

Mr. Fisher moved,

That the thanks of the meeting be given to Col. Hon. Sir Robert Trench, for his attendance this evening.

The Committee of the Bible Association of Fredericton and its Vicinity, with peculiar satisfaction, enter on their pleasing duty of laying before its members and friends the first report of their proceedings, and in doing so, they trust its present members will be further encouraged to continue their support, and that others will be induced to come forward in its aid, when they see the object is of so pure a nature, as simply to contribute to the funds of the British and Foreign Bible Society, in order to promote the noble object of spreading the Word of God, without noise or comment, amongst all nations, languages, and tongues.

The Association is but in its infancy; yet it is confidently hoped that when its object is more generally known, it will meet with increased support. From February 1820 to 1st January 1821, the subscriptions and donations which have been received, amount to £34 : 7 : 0—which sum has been remitted to the Treasurer of the British and Foreign Bible Society, as the first fruits, we humbly hope, of a more bountiful harvest.

Shortly after the formation of the Association, letters were addressed to several persons whom the Committee thought would be most likely to forward the views of the Association, by acting as Collectors in their immediate neighbourhoods: from a few, favourable answers have been received, and one individual (Mr. David Palmer,) whose exertions cannot be passed over, entered most

zealously into the cause. He, we are happy to say, intends to continue his valuable services as Collector in his neighbourhood.

The rules of the Association were forwarded to the Assistant Secretary of the Parent Society, who in answer replied, that he was instructed by the Committee to say, with what sincere pleasure they had received the communication, and their readiness to afford every assistance in their power to promote the important objects of the Association.

The Committee earnestly request Ladies, or any private persons, to form domestic associations, by collecting small sums from the different members of families, children, servants, and connexions. In schools and neighbourhoods, a large sum might be obtained, by collecting the least sum from each individual. Benevolent persons might thus forward the best of causes—the dissemination of the Word of God.

The Members of the Association have increased to 125.

Saturday morning, 13th Jan.

Last evening the first anniversary of the Fredericton Bible Association, was held in the Female Madras School-Room. The meeting was respectable, though small; and the details of the increasing usefulness and prosperity of the British and Foreign Bible Society, read by the Secretary, were highly interesting. After the usual resolutions on such occasions, were adopted, a liberal collection was made in aid of the Institution.

Whether the meeting was not made sufficiently public, or whether it was the want of popularity in its object, would perhaps be difficult to say, but the consequence is much to be regretted. It might be imagined that the diffusion of the Holy Scriptures among a degenerate race, would be an object that would press into its service every one, feeling a conviction of their value, and professing to live according to their dictates.

That the Bible is the Word of God, is evident from the impartiality of its statements, the truth of its doctrines, and adaptation to the moral circumstances of men; the holy influence of its principles; and the minute accomplishment of its prophecies; the unblemished character of its writers; its harmony and its sublimity.—And that there is an absolute necessity for its dissemination, is seen in the ignorance, the error, the superstition, and the immorality, not only of the heathen world, but also of many nations nominally christian, but ignorant of the book whence they profess to derive their opinions and their consolation.

The Protestant nations of Europe have derived incalculable benefit from an adherence to its principles and maxims, and America has felt its influence upon the character of her anomalous population. The Pagan nations of Africa and the East, have beheld a great light in the diffusion of the Christian Scriptures among them; while the innumerable departments of the Russian territories, are simultaneously progressing their dissemination to the extremity of an unwieldy empire, rendered interesting by the part it assumes in European politics, and the interest it manifests in the religious well-being of its subjects. The cause of the Bible, is the cause of humanity and of God, and a cause in which the most wise, the most virtuous, and the most honourable of modern days, are zealously engaged. T. E.

** The Fire Wardens are requested to meet at the Market-House to-morrow at 11 o'Clock.

MARRIED] On Wednesday evening the 20th December, at Woodstock, by the Revd. F. DIBBLEE, William Bedell, Esq. Miramichi, to Miss Phoebe Peters, second daughter of Capt. J. CUNLIFFE.

From the St. John 'Star' of the 9th inst.

The following, we understand, are the value at which the Bank receives Deposits of the Coins which partly form our circulating medium.

Doublons, of full weight, £3 15 6 each. Guineas, Joes, and Joannas, (according to the weight) English and French Crowns, 5 6 " English and French 1/2 Crowns 2 9 " English new Shillings - - - 1 1 " English new Sixpence - - - 6 1/2 "

St. John, Jan. 10.

DIED] Early yesterday morning, suddenly, Mr. ALEXANDER DURHAM, late of the Storekeeper-General's Department, in the 25th year of his age.—Mr. D. was

found the evening preceding, in Prince William Street, near his residence, about half-past 10 o'clock, in a state of insensibility, caused at it is supposed by a fit of apoplexy.—He has left a wife and one child to lament his loss.

The brig Charlton of this Port, founded at sea on her passage from Barbadoes here, when about 10 days out—Crew saved—a quantity of sugar and some specie were on board, none of which was saved—Mr. HATTON, the supercargo arrived here in the Nimrod from Portland.

LONDON, NOV. 10.

The future destiny of the Queen is presumed to engross at present the attention of Ministers. The insertion of Her Majesty's name in the liturgy is the first difficulty which they have to surmount.

A guard room for an officer and 50 men has been erected round the King's cottage at Windsor.

It is rumoured that the Queen has declared her intention of commencing an action for slander against a certain member of the Royal Family.

NOTICE.

ALL those who have neglected to call on the Subscriber and pay the interest due on their Notes of Hand, to the 24th June last, are now requested to pay to the first of January 1821.

STEPHEN CAMERON:

Fredericton, 16th Jan. 1821.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Copartnership of JOHN BAILEY WILLISTON, JOHN THOS. WILLISTON, JOHN M'LEOD, and ANGUS M'LEOD, is this day dissolved by mutual consent: Therefore all persons having any just demands against said Copartners, are requested to render their accounts for adjustment, within nine months from the date hereof; and all those who stand indebted, are desired to make immediate payment to WILLISTON & M'LEOD. Miramichi, 30th Dec. 1820.

JOHN RISTEEN, respectfully informs his Friends and the Public, that he has opened his Shop, in Camperdown-Alley, (opposite the Market-House) where he intends carrying on the WHEEL-WRIGHT BUSINESS, in all its Branches, viz.—Waggons, Carts, Ploughs, Gigs, Sleighs, and all kinds of Wood for the use of Agriculture: where they may have them made in the best manner, and on the shortest notice;—and he hopes, by strict attention to business, to merit a continuance of the public favour. Fredericton, 21st Dec. 1820.

TO BE LET,

And possession given immediately, PART of a Dwelling-House, in Regent-Street, belonging to the Subscriber, and recently occupied by Mrs. PRES-COTT. It is well calculated for a Public House, and is Licenced until June next. In the rear there is a good Stable, and an excellent well of water.

JOSEPH STEVENS.

Fredericton, 9th Jan. 1821.

Labour Wanted.

SIMPLE employment, such as sawing wood, &c. is solicited for several shiftless persons who are in distress. As the prices of sawing are usually stated, the employer can lose nothing by the slowness of the operator. Enquire of the Overseers of the Poor of this Parish.

Fredericton, 2d Jan. 1821.

Broke Gaol.

ON Friday evening last, the following persons broke out of the Gaol of this Town, and made their escape:

JOHN WADE, } Confined for debt; BEN. M'KEIL, } JOHN MANLEY, charged with Larceny.

Fredericton, 26th Dec. 1820.

NOTICE.

ALL persons having any demands against the Estate of NATHANIEL CHURCHILL, senr. late of Fredericton, deceased, are requested to render their accounts, within six months from the date hereof, and all those indebted are desired to make immediate payment to

NATHANIEL CHURCHILL, Executor.

Fredericton, 28th Dec. 1820.