

A case of Ecclesiastical Tyranny and Insult.

We were called on Wednesday last to attend at Greenwich, K. C., the funeral of Mrs. Jones, the wife of Mr. Zebulon Jones of that place. It was at considerable sacrifice that we consented to attend to the pressing request to officiate on this occasion, but as we have always made it a rule to attend all funerals that we possibly can, when invited by the friends, we therefore yielded in this case, and on Tuesday evening left home for the purpose of attending to all the Ministerial duty connected with the burial of the deceased on the next day. We had not been informed of any thing that would probably prevent this, nor had we the least idea that any thing could occur that would prevent us from the full discharge of the sacred religious duty which devolved upon us. On Wednesday morning, however, while passing the grave-yard, previous to the funeral, in company with a brother, we were informed by him that a portion of it was consecrated and set apart to Episcopal use. We were still not aware of any difficulty arising, or of our being in the way of subjecting ourselves to any insult. We accordingly proceeded to the performance of our duty. The corpse was removed from the late residence of the deceased, to the Methodist Meeting House, where a very large assembly were in attendance, whom we addressed on the solemn occasion. The Rev. Wm. Tweedie, Wesleyan Minister, was present and offered the opening prayer. Services being concluded there, the procession was formed, and moved to the place of burial, a distance of nearly two miles. On our arrival at the gate we were met by a gentleman, who was introduced to us as the Rev. Mr. Bartholomew, who inquired of us if we were aware that he was the Minister of that Parish. We replied—we were not certain of this, although we were informed that he occasionally officiated there. Mr. B. then stated that such was his official capacity, and that any ministerial act of ours in "that burial-ground" would be a violation of law. We replied that we should not knowingly violate any law of our country. Mr. Bartholomew turning to Mr. Jones, the husband of the deceased, (who heard the conversation between us) stated as the Minister of the Parish he had come to attend to the burial of Mrs. Jones, with his approbation. Mr. Jones replied—"You shall bury her with my approbation!!" This we suppose Mr. B. did. As for ourselves we immediately left the ground. The foregoing are the facts in the case. The insult, and tyranny which we have felt on this occasion is what every Dissenting Minister in the Country is subject to under similar circumstances. What renders this case more aggravated, is, the ground for this grave-yard was intended for the free use of the people of the neighborhood, irrespective of denominational views, or, at least, we are so informed by one of the donor's descendants.

We shall not make any lengthy remarks on this petty ecclesiastical tyranny at present, we shall probably refer to it hereafter. We cannot, however, dismiss the subject now, without saying that acts of this kind are calculated to produce abhorrence of Episcopal jurisdiction in the breast of every dissenter. As for ourselves we were never among those who would raise the cry—"down with Church and State." On the contrary, we have regarded our national establishment with veneration, without being blind to either its errors or enormities; but when its tyranny is thus exercised by its petty officials, and their equals in every respect, are obliged to submit to their insults, it will make the establishment of England stink in the noses of some of England's best subjects. We wish our friends hereafter to ascertain before requesting us to attend funerals, whether we can perform our

whole duty without being subject to legal insult. We shall not submit to oppression, because we are a dissenter—we think it no part of religion. And if the duty we are called upon to perform can be interrupted—and performed by another with the APPROBATION of our friends, we would much rather they would dispense with our services.

TOTAL ABSTINENCE.—Several Divisions of the Sons of Temperance in the City and Portland, are contributing toward a LECTURE FUND for next year. We think this a judicious appropriation of their money. The following are the Divisions with the sum appropriated by each annexed:

Gurney, No. 5,	£50 0 0
Portland, No. 7,	50 0 0
Victoria, No. 9,	50 0 0
Albion, No. 14,	10 0 0
Mariners, No. 38,	25 0 0
Victoria Temple of Honor,	25 0 0

We were called from home this week to attend two funerals up the St. John River, and in consequence of the violent storm coming on, could not return as we expected. During our absence our printer was obliged to make up some of our columns, and some correspondence which we intended for this Number has in consequence of this been crowded out.

THE CHURCH WITNESS.—Messrs. Barns, & Co., have issued from their Press the first No., of the fourth volume of this excellent paper. They are in future to be the Publishers. It is enlarged and continues to sustain the typographical character given it by the Messrs. McMillan.

THE REFORMER.—We have received two Numbers of this Paper, published at Woodstock. It has passed out of the hands of the former publisher and has become the property of Mr. Peabody, who acquired his business in the Sentinel Office. We wish Mr. P. every success.

Correspondence.

CARLETON, St. John, Sept. 28, 1853.

Dear Brother McLeod,—Perhaps your numerous readers will expect a line or two from me in this number of the *Intelligencer*. I am aware that it is encouraging to the friends of Zion to hear of the prosperity of God's cause, and of the salvation of immortal souls. I can say truly, I have had the pleasure of witnessing a precious revival of God's work in the Henderson and Shannon Settlements; but as Brother Lake's communication in the last number of your paper, gave your readers an idea of the work, it will be unnecessary for me to say much about it. Still I must be permitted to say, that it was a season which will be long remembered. It was a season at which Angels rejoiced, and sung (no doubt) anthems of praise over humbled, returning penitents. To see from 15 to 25 at the altar of prayer weeping on account of their sins, and in broken accents cry, as did the publican of old, God be merciful to me a sinner, was indeed something worthy to make Angels glad, and to send a thrill of joy through the hearts of those who loved the Lord, making them joyful in the house of prayer, and yet, (strange to say), some there were who demurred and who thought it all delusion; but we can say the Lord reigneth let the earth rejoice, for God can work and who shall hinder. We Baptized as follows:—Lewis Cove, 1; Henderson Settlement, 20; Shannon Settlement, 7; Lundon Settlement, 1; making in all 29, and with the 4 previously Baptized by Bro. Merrett, making in the whole 33 since the work commenced. I also attended the Protracted meeting held recently in Sudholm, in connection with Frehe, Pennington, Wayman and Wallace. A large congregation was in attendance, especially on the Sabbath, and it is to be hoped good was done. But you will probably hear from some of the other brethren in attendance at that meeting. I also visited on my late tour, the Church in Johnson, Middleland and Upper Greenwich.

Yours, in Gospel Bonds,
A TAYLOR, District Missionary.

THE SABBATH AND RAILROADS.—On Sunday morning last, a large party of honourable and official gentlemen in the direction of Railroad affairs, passed through Guelph, en route for Detroit, by Paris, Woodstock, London, and Chatham. The cortege comprised three four-horse coaches and baggage wagon, affording accommodation to the following illustrious personages: Robert Stephenson, Esq., M. P.; W. Jackson, Esq., M. P.; W. L. Betts, Esq., M. P.; Hon. F. Hincks; Hon. J. Ross, Attorney General; Hon. H. H. Killaly; Hon. Chancellor Blake; A. T. Galt, Esq., M. P. P.; Thomas Galt, Esq., Barrister; Mr. Bischoff; A. M. Ross, Esq., Engineer Grand Trunk Railway Company; Mr. Roney, Secretary do.; Walter Shanley Esq., Engineer Toronto and Sarinla section. The party reached the "British" about 8 o'clock, breakfasted and left by 11, A. M. How shameful is it to find such open and flagrant violation of the Sabbath, in the persons of our Legislators, and men of standing in society! *Toronto Globe, 3rd instant.*

RUSSIAN TROOPS IN THE PROVINCES.—"All accounts from Wallachia agree as to the unhealthy state of the Russian troops, and the unfeeling neglect of their comforts shown by their superior officers, who treat them as mere machines. They were observed marching into Bucharest under the burning heat of a July sun, sweltering under the load of their great coats, winter clothing, and heavy knapsacks, many of them from time to time dropping on the road through fatigue. Typhus fever commits great ravages amongst them. They have, it is said, a great dread of the prowess of the Turkish soldier, but express their determination to go forward to certain death and glory to fight for the Holy Sepulchre, which they say has been sold by the Sultan to the Jews. They frequently ask how far it is to Jerusalem, which they regard as the future field of battle."—*Cor. London Times.*

A correspondent of the *Journal of Commerce*, speaking of the improvements in morals in San Francisco, says:—"Our city has become a city of churches and the sabbath day regarded almost universally as a day of rest. Society is blessed with the presence of women, who are now flocking to our shores in vast numbers, bringing the children of the East to bless and cheer the sterner sex. Gambling is fast dying out. Houses that one year ago would have rented for \$2,000 to \$5,000 per month, for gambling purposes, are now offered for business marts at \$1,000 to \$1,500 per month. On Long Wharf, where one year ago there was over a dozen gambling houses, there is now but one in operation. The same may be said of other prominent localities.

"THE CRADLE OF OUR SAVIOUR."—The *Journal de Bruxelles* says, that the Pope has sent the Duke of Brabant a fragment of the wood of the manger which formed the cradle of our Saviour. When this precious relic was presented to his Royal Highness, he is said to have been much affected. The Duke is aged 18 years. He is the heir-apparent to the Belgium throne, and was recently married to an Austrian princess. He is also a grandson of the late King of France, Louis Philippe. His father, who was a Protestant until called to Belgium in 1830, was first married to the Princess Charlotte of Great Britain, who died in 1817.

PUNGENT PREACHING.—An old man being asked his opinion of a certain sermon, replied—"I like it very well, except that there was no pinch to it. I always like to have a pinch to every sermon." I was reminded of this anecdote by the remark of a son of Neptune, from Nantucket, whom I met in a crowded church last Sabbath evening. He said it was a handsome sermon, but he "would have liked it better if it had struck the harpoon into the conscience of the sinner."

ASSYRIA AND BABYLON.—A Society has been formed in London, under the patronage of Prince Albert, for exploring the ruins of Assyria and Babylon, with special reference to Biblical illustration. The plan is to raise £10,000, and commence operations at once in various parts of the country, and to sustain the necessary activity for three years; £5000 to be expended the first year. A committee of twenty-eight noblemen and literati has been formed to carry out the design, and its projectors appear to be confident of entire success.