

ECCLIASTICAL AFFAIRS AND EDUCATION.

The Editors of the Congregational Magazine have been for some years past occupied in obtaining the best information in their power of the number of Dissenting Congregations in England and Wales. Their means of procuring this information have been such as to entitle their statement even to more confidence than the returns which have been very recently made to Parliament, at the instance of Mr. Peel; because the forms prescribed by the latter have been so variously interpreted as, unhappily, to give rise to no small degree of confusion, which can not fail to affect the result of his inquiry. Having completed their estimate of the dissenting part of the population, they naturally desired to exhibit, in connexion with it, a summary statement of the number of living connected with the Established Church, and of the manner in which its patronage is parcelled out. The following is a summary of the whole:—

The number of Cathedral Dignitaries is 765; of Church Livings, 10,872. Of the latter, 1011 are in the Government, 3769 of the Church; 794 of the Universities; 197 of public bodies; 5030 of the nobility and gentry; and 68 of the inhabitants of the respective parishes.

The total number of Dissenting Congregations is 7904: of these 389 are Roman Catholics; 258 Presbyterian; 1663 Independent; 940 Particular Baptist; 107 General Baptist; 396 Quaker; 2629 Wesleyan Methodist; 424 Calvinistic Methodist; 660 Methodist of other descriptions; and 241 belonging to the Home Missionary Society and to other connexions.

In the Public Schools in the two countries there are 274,696 children in union with the National Society; 48,298 with the British and Foreign School Society; and 690,407 with the Sunday School Union.—(From a Correspondent)

INTERCOURSE WITH INDIA.—Much interest is excited by the projected attempt at opening a regular communication with India by way of the Mediterranean. The Mediterranean Sea, the Suez Canal, the Red Sea, the Gulf of Persia, the Persian Gulf, and the Indian Ocean, will be ready to receive the bags and return with them to India. It is calculated that should no unexpected obstacle intervene, the communication with India by this route may be effected in half the present time, which would be an important advantage to both countries.—Devonport Telegraph.

AFRICAN FEMALE.—I take this opportunity (says Lander in the Records of Clapperton's last Expedition) of expressing my high admiration of the amiable conduct of the African females towards me, in sickness and in health; in property and in adversity—their kindness and affection were ever the same. They have danced and sung with me in health, grieved with me in sorrow, and shed tears of compassion at the recital of my misfortunes. When quite a boy, and suffering from fever in the Red Sea, they gathered round me, and I heard them sing in their arms, or on their knees, and weep over me, and tell me not to die, for that my mother would break her heart to hear the news; and pointing to the ocean, they cheered my spirits, by saying that I loved the shores of England, and would shortly bear me to his bosom to my distant home. In fine, through every region I have wandered, whether slave or free, I have invariably found a chord of tenderness and trembling pity to vibrate in the breast of an African woman; a spirit ever alive to soothe my sorrows and compassionate my afflictions;—and I never in my life knew one of them to bestow on me a single unpleasant look or angry word.

The late Sir Thomas Blackett, of Bretton Hall, Yorkshire, who one year, as it contained some particularly choice wine which was brought to table on the annual celebration of his birthday. The butler, when taking up the wine observed a smoky stain on the floor. He placed the toad under a wine bottle, and thought no more of it until he went into the cellar the following year, when, on removing the bottle, he was much surprised to see the toad immediately spring up. This circumstance he mentioned to Sir Thomas, who descended with his visitors into the cellar to look at the toad, after which the bottle was replaced and the poor animal was kept close prisoner till the succeeding year, when he was again uncovered & found alive, as before.—The same annual experiment was continued for more than 25 years, when the wine was exhausted, the cellar cleared and the toad, who was still living, thrown out of doors.—Hull Packet.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

LEGISLATURE.

Council Chamber, Thursday March 11, 1830. His Majesty's Council this day presented to His Honor the President their address in answer to the Speech as follows:— To His Honor William Black, Esq. President and Commander in Chief of the Province of New-Brunswick, &c. &c. &c. The Address of His Majesty's Council in General Assembly.

May it please your Honor. His Majesty's Council regret that a difficulty which prevented the passing of a Revenue Bill should have obliged your Honor to terminate the late Session of the General Assembly, and fully appreciate the correctness of your Honor's judgment, in adopting the most proper mode of averting the evils which must have resulted from the loss of the Revenue.

It is the earnest wish of the Council that the good feeling and harmony which prevailed during the late Session, may distinguish also the present, and thereby enable your Honor to bring it to a speedy and happy conclusion. To which His Honor was pleased to return the following answer:— Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of His Majesty's Council. I thank you for this Address and feel highly gratified that the mode I deemed most advisable to adopt for averting the evils that must have resulted to the Province from the loss of the Revenue, has received your cordial approbation; and I have perfect confidence in your sincere desire to maintain good feeling and harmony in discharging the business of the present Session.

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LOWER CANADA.

PROROGATION OF THE LEGISLATURE. Legislative Council, Friday, 20th March, 1830.

This day, at three o'clock, His Excellency Sir James Kempt, K. C. B., administrator of the Government, came down in state to the Legislative Council Chamber, and being seated on the Throne, the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, went to command the presence of the Assembly, which being come up, His Excellency was pleased to assent to the following Bills:— 1. To amend the 34th Geo. 3, inasmuch as it relates to the Courts of Criminal Jurisdiction. 2. To aid the Montreal Natural History Society. 3. To amend the 34th Geo. 3, and to ascertain the boundaries of the District of Three-Rivers. 4. To repeal so much of the Act 27, Geo. 3, relating to jury trials, as requires that writs of attachment shall be endorsed. 5. To ascertain the practicability of erecting a bridge over the St. Maurice at Three-Rivers. 6. To incorporate the Quebec Friendly Society. 7. To erect a Jail at Montreal. 8. To amend the Montreal and St. Lawrence Suburbs Market Act. 9. To establish Registry offices in the Counties of Drummond, Sherbrooke, Shefford, Shefford, Missisquoi and Stanstead. 10. To aid the Quebec Literary and Historical Society. 11. To continue the Act for the maintenance of good order in Churches and on Sundays. 12. To aid the Montreal General Hospital. 13. To aid the Quebec General Hospital. 14. To amend the 34th Geo. 3, in certain matters relating to the District of Three-Rivers &c. 15. To assist Pierre Chasseur in the formation of his museum. 16. To continue the Gaspé Judicature Act. 17. To provide a Marine Hospital at Three-Rivers. 18. To incorporate the Quebec Exchange. 19. To ascertain the means of improving the St. Lawrence above Montreal.

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