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ORANGE STREET CHAPEL.

THIS ancient place of religious worship, which had its origin in the revocation of the Edict of Nantz, and in which the glorious doctrines of the Reformation have been ever since faithfully maintained, having been completely repaired and very greatly improved, both in appearance and accommodations, was reopened on Thursday, August 29, 1822. The prayers of the Established Church were read, morning and evening, according to the custom of the place, by the Rev. Mr. Turner. Three sermons were preached on the occasion. In the Morning by Mr. Jay, from Rev. v. 12; in the Afternoon by Dr. Collyer, from Rom. i. 4; and in the Evening by Mr. G. Clayton, from Psal. xxxvi. 8. Messrs. Townsend, Wilks, Burder, Arundel, Yockney, and the Rev. Dr. Spring, of New York, offered supplications for the divine blessing on the very interesting services of the day.

QUEEN STREET MEETING.

FOR the projected improvement of the approach to Southwark Bridge, Queen Street Meeting will be immediately taken down, and, within a month, the place where Dr. Ridgley, Mr. Hill, and other celebrated divines successfully laboured in the cause of Christ, will no longer remain. The church and congregation under the ministry of Mr. Heap will hereafter assemble for worship at the Meeting-house, *Bury Street, St. Mary Axe*—once occupied by the renowned Dr. Watts.—(See the Advertisement for the re-opening on the Cover of this Mag.)

STEPNEY.

THE Rev. Joseph Fletcher, of Blackburn, has accepted the invitation of the church at Stepney, late under the pastoral care of the Rev. George Ford.

CHESHUNT COLLEGE.

WE understand that the Autumnal Meeting of the friends for supporting and perpetuating the Countess of Huntingdon's College at Cheshunt, will be held at Sion Chapel, Whitechapel, on Thursday Evening (Six o'clock) Oct. 17,

when two of the Students will deliver Themes on given subjects, and the Rev. Mr. — will preach on the occasion.

SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION.

The following is a brief Summary of the Returns received by the London Sunday School Union from the different Unions and reporting Societies in correspondence with it:—

	Schools.	Teachers.	Scholars.
Four London Aux. . . .	362	4,908	53,398
Sixty Country Unions } and Societies	2,567	32,766	296,041
Unions in Wales. . . .	172	10,580	93,017
Sabbath School } Union for Scotland }	978	2,121	57,831
Sunday School Soci- } ety for Ireland. . . . }	1,558		156,257
Grand Total. . . .	5,637	50,375	656,542
Additions reported } since last Year . . }	622	14,148	138,959

Of which 471 are new schools opened during the past year.

PROVINCIAL.

ANNIVERSARY OF IDLE ACADEMY.

TUESDAY, June 18, the Examination of the Students in this Academy occupied the whole of the day, and furnished to their Examinators the most satisfactory evidence of their attainments. Being distributed into five classes, they read, in Latin, portions of Cornelius Nepos, Cæsar, Virgil, Cicero, Horace's Odes and Art of Poetry, and, in the Annals of Tacitus, his description of the Conflagration of Rome. The Senior Class had, during the year, read in this author the Life of Agricola, the Manners of the Germans, and the Fifth Book of his History, as far as relates to the Jews.—In Greek, passages in Plutarch, Xenophon, Longinus, and the Fourth Book of Homer's Iliad.—In Hebrew, Genesis xlii., Ezekiel xxiii., and Job xli.—In Syriac, the 25th chapter and part of the 10th of Matthew. The Fourth Class had read the greatest part, and the Fifth the whole of the Chaldee in the original Scriptures.

On the following day, the General Meeting of the Subscribers was held in the adjoining Chapel. The Rev. J. Scott

of Cleckheaton, having commenced with prayer, three of the Students delivered Essays:—Mr. C. Holgate *On the Claims of Divine Justice*;—Mr. Holroyd, *On the Superiority of the Christian Dispensation*;—and Mr. Parsons, *On the Intellectual Progress of Finite Beings*. After which the Rev. T. Scales, of Leeds, gave the students a serious and solemn address, and concluded with prayer. On forming the Meeting for business, Mr. Holland was called to the Chair, the Report was read, and several resolutions were moved, with appropriate speeches, by the ministers present. In the Evening the Rev. R. W. Hamilton, of Leeds, closed the interesting exercises of the Anniversary with a Discourse addressed to an attentive audience.

During the half year preceding Christmas there were sixteen students in the Academy, and afterwards fourteen till Midsummer. In the course of the year, six have finished their academical studies, and gone to labour in their Master's vineyard: Mr. Aspinall at Grassington, and Mr. Blackburn at Eastwood. Mr. Holroyd has been stationed at Woolton, and Mr. Holgate at Prescott; both places near Liverpool. Mr. Parsons has accepted an invitation to York, and Mr. Turner another to Great Driffield. The present circumstances of the Institution are encouraging; public patronage has increased in its favour, and every returning year brightens its prospects of success.

In consequence of perusing an account of its Anniversary inserted in the Evangelical Magazine last year, a generous individual, under the designation of "The only surviving relict of a Family once well known in Yorkshire," sent a valuable parcel of well-selected books for the use of the Academy, for which the Committee desire to express their most grateful acknowledgments.

GAELIC SCHOOLS.

We have received a letter from Mr. James Thompson, Secretary to the London Board of the Society in Scotland for the Highlands and Islands, complaining of a paper in our last respecting the Gaelic School Society of Edinburgh.

In reference to the above paper, we beg leave to assure Mr. Thompson and his friends, that the Editors of this work have not the least wish to undervalue the very useful labours of the chartered Society, nor to misrepresent the system adopted in their schools. We believe, however, it is a fact, that the state of the Highlands and Islands, after all the laudable efforts of that respectable So-

ciety for more than a century, was such, that not more than one tenth of the poor were found able to read; which consideration, together with the limited portion of their funds available for education, fully justified the formation of a second Society; since which, we believe, a third has been formed for the Northern Highlands; yet, after all their utmost exertions, they are not adequate to meet the increasing demand for education.

It is the sincere wish of the Editors to give to every charitable institution its due meed of praise, without eulogizing any one at the expense of another.

SAILORS.

THE attendance of Sailors and their wives, &c. on board the Floating Chapel at Liverpool on Sunday afternoons, during the month of July last, was about 950. The expense of fitting up this Chapel is about 1000*l*. Much good appears to have been done.

EDUCATION OF MECHANICS.

A SCHOOL has been established in Edinburgh for the purpose of imparting to mechanics the philosophical principles on which their respective trades are founded. Two hundred members have already enrolled themselves. A scientific school has, for some time, been instituted at Glasgow, under the superintendence of Dr. Ure, who gives lectures on the various branches of science that can be conducive to the improvement of the artisan. Such institutions, if judiciously conducted by able men, promise much utility.

We should be glad to see a similar institution established in London, under the superintendence of wise and good men.

ORDINATIONS, CHAPELS, ETC.

JULY 2. The foundation-stone of a place of worship (60 feet by 41) to seat upwards of nine hundred persons, was laid in Week-street, Maidstone, on the freehold premises where the former Independent chapel stood, which was found to be by far too small to accommodate the increasing population of the neighbourhood, and being very much decayed has recently been taken down. The Rev. Joseph Slatterie, of Chatham, having offered prayer on the spot in the presence of some hundreds who were assembled, laid the stone and delivered an address from Neh. ii. 20. The Rev. E. Jenkins, their pastor, engaged in other parts of the service.

is poor, have raised 90*l.* towards 350*l.*: and, to liquidate the remaining debt, an appeal must be made to the Christian public by the pastor, Mr. J. Harlick.

OCT. 3. The Rev. J. B. Shenston was set apart to the pastoral office, over the church at Crouch End, Middlesex. Mr. Cox, stated the nature of a Gospel church, &c.; Mr. T. Thomas, gave the charge from Pa. lxxi. 16.; and Mr. Ivimey addressed the church from Col. iii. 11—17. The devotional parts were conducted by Messrs. Thomas and Lewis, of Highgate, Peacock, of Goswell-street, and Shenston, of Little Aylie-street, brother to the minister ordained.

OCT. 9. The Rev. Mr. Gear, late of Hoxton Academy, was ordained over the church, at Market Harborough, Leicestershire: where Mr. G. Gill, who is now unable to engage in ministerial duties, laboured with much honour and success, during a period of forty years. Mr. Notcutt, of Wilbarston, commenced by prayer and reading; Mr. Robertson, of Stretton, delivered the introductory discourse; and Rev. C. Maslen, of Hertford, (Mr. Gear's pastor) offered up the ordination-prayer; Dr. Harris, of Hoxton, delivered the charge; Mr. Scott, of Rowell, preached to the people; and Mr. Green, of Uppingham, concluded. Mr. J. Mack, of Clipstone, preached in the evening.

OCT. 15. The new Independent Chapel at Maidstone, in Kent, (the Rev. E. Jinkings pastor) was opened for public worship: three sermons were preached, by Mess. J. Clayton, jun. Alex. Fletcher, and J. Leifchild. Messrs. Slatterie, Gurteen, Vincent, Giles, Frankard, and Jeula engaged in prayer. The collections amounted to 65*l.*

OCT. 16. The Rev. R. Aspinal, from the Academy at Idle, was ordained over the Independent church at Grassington, near Skipton, Yorkshire. Mr. Waddington, of Winterburn, commenced the services with reading and prayer; Mr. Vint delivered the introductory discourse and asked the usual questions; Mr. Sharp, of Skipton, offered the ordination-prayer; Mr. Scott, of Cleckheaton, gave the charge; and Mr. Sharp preached to the people.

OCT. 22. The Rev. H. E. Robinson was solemnly set apart to the pastoral office over the new Congregational church at Wotton, in Norfolk. Mr. Fairbrother, of Dereham, opened the service in the usual manner; Mr. Creak, of Yarmouth, delivered the introductory discourse; Mr. Hull, of Norwich, presented the ordination-prayer; Mr. A. Reid, of London, addressed the minister in an affecting charge; and Mr. Alexander, of Norwich, preached to the people. The service was deeply impressive. The congrega-

tion has been raised under the auspices of the Independent Association for the spread of the Gospel in the County, which held its General Meeting at Wotton on the same day.

OCT. 23. The Dorset Home Missionary Society held their Anniversary at Sherborne. Mr. Keynes preached in the morning from Zech. iii. 9; Mr. Jay preached in the evening from Rev. v. 11, 12. The devotional services were conducted by Messrs. Collins, Stokes, Moore, Claypoke, Horsey, and Dr. Cracknell. In the afternoon, the business of the Institution was publicly transacted, and from the Report read by the Secretary, the Rev. Dr. Cracknell, it was clearly evinced that much good had been effected by the laudable exertions of the Society. This Society has been in operation for 27 years. The regular and principal support has been derived from the congregations at Weymouth, Poole, Bridport, and Blandford,

Same day. The Gloucestershire Benevolent Society and Independent Association held their Autumnal Meeting at the Rev. R. Meek's place of worship at Painswick. Mr. Bennet, of Dursley, preached in the morning from John viii. 40; Mess. Bishop, of Gloucester, Phillips, of Chedworth, and Wild, of Chalford, assisted in the devotional parts of the service. In the afternoon, the business of the Association was publicly transacted in the Chapel, J. Thomas, Esq. of Nailsworth, in the Chair, when Messrs. Bishop, Burder, Lewis, Taylor, Griffiths, Edkins, and Meek addressed the Meeting. In the evening, Mr. East, of Birmingham, preached from 2 Tim. i. 7; and Messrs. Richardson, Daniels, and Rees engaged in prayer; Mr. Pennhall, of Whitchurch, preached on the preceding evening.

All the services were highly interesting, and rendered peculiarly so by the presence of twenty ministers, who appeared deeply interested in the spread of the Gospel throughout the country and the world. The next Meeting of the Association will (D. V.) be held at Chalford on the last Wednesday in May 1823.

OCT. 24. The Rev. J. Parsons was ordained over the church and congregation in Lendal Chapel, York. Mr. Parsons, jun. of Halifax, commenced by reading and prayer; Mr. Vint, of Idle, introduced the business; Mr. Jackson offered the ordination prayer; and Mr. E. Parsons (father of the ordained) delivered the charge from 1 Cor. ii. 4. In the evening, Dr. Raffles preached to the people from Ezra x. 4: he also preached on the preceding evening. The Collections amounted to 105*l.* 9*s.*

OCT. 31. The Rev. Peter Sibree, (of