

For the Christian Messenger.

Sabbath School Concert.

MR. EDITOR,—

On Monday evening, the 15th inst., the Wolfville Sabbath School, under the superintendence of J. W. Bars, Esq., held a very interesting Concert in the basement of the Baptist Meeting House of this place.

At an early hour the Vestry of the Church was literally crammed; several being unable to procure seats were compelled to stand during the whole performance, which occupied about two hours.

The Teachers and scholars, as the number of their respective classes was called, severally arose and repeated a verse from the Old or New Testament, each verse commencing with the first letter of the Alphabet.

Several beautiful Stanzas from the S. S. Bible were then sung by the children, led by Mr. George V. Rand. The Rev. Dr. Cramp having been called upon by the Superintendent, delivered a very instructive address on Sabbath Schools, manifesting his partiality for dates and facts, by giving us the period at, and the circumstances under, which Sabbath Schools had their origin; their number thirty years ago, contrasted with that of the present day, besides much other valuable statistical information.

The children again raised their cheerful voices in praise, after which Professor de Mill addressed the School. His remarks were very apposite, speaking of Sabbath Schools as among the most effective auxiliaries for the accomplishment of good.

After again listening to the performance of the juvenile choir, the Rev. T. A. Higgins, Principal of the Academy, was heard with deep attention. His remarks were of a practical nature. He gave a very interesting account of his visit to a Sabbath School in the City of Boston, and expatiated with much warmth on the benefits S. Schools, if properly conducted, were calculated to confer, by bringing into exercise the better qualities of the heart and strengthening the faculties of the mind.

All present seemed much pleased with the performances throughout. Doubtless, similar entertainments, on future occasions, from the same quarter will be well patronized. The scholars having a part to sustain in these Concerts will become more deeply interested in the Sabbath School, besides which, if well conducted, they have a tendency to enlist the sympathy of parents in its welfare.

The exercises were closed by singing and prayer. Thus ended one of the most pleasing meetings of the kind, it has been my good fortune to attend. I understand it is the intention of the Superintendent to hold these Concerts monthly. I feel confident that if the other Sabbath Schools of the Province should adopt these monthly entertainments, greater interest would be manifested by Teachers and scholars and much good would result.

Mr. Editor, I have given the above somewhat in detail in order that if other schools should desire to adopt the plan, they would not be altogether at a loss as to the general procedure of such exercises.

ONE PRESENT.

Wolfville, Sept. 20th, 1861.

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Sabbath School Festival at Chester.

MR. EDITOR,—

The friends of the Baptist Sabbath Schools at Chester, the Basin, and Windsor Road, had a very pleasant festival on Tuesday, the 17th inst. The place of meeting was the highest spot in the neighborhood of the town, about half a mile distant from which the view of the

Bay with its numerous Islands, in connection with the extensive landscape scenery, was most delightful,—well calculated to inspire the soul of the lover of nature with the most profound admiration.

After tea was over, and some time spent in various amusements, the company, consisting of men, women, and children of all ages, to the number of more than two hundred, was called together. Several addresses were given, accompanied with some appropriate music selected from the Sabbath School Bell. A little box was placed in a conspicuous part of the grounds, from which was taken, after the picnic was over, the nice little sum of nearly six dollars, to be appropriated for books, &c. The whole affair passed off very pleasantly.

Much praise is due to the ladies and others on whom devolved the labour of getting up and conducting the festival.

May the blessed Saviour smile on every effort to increase the number of our Sabbath Schools, and to awaken a deeper interest in Sabbath School work, is the prayer of

Yours truly,

I. J. SKINNER.

Chester, Sept. 21st, 1861.

Religious Intelligence.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND MISSIONS IN BRITISH AMERICA.—We find in "The Monthly Record of the Church of Scotland" the following list of amounts received by the separate colonies from the Home Church last year.

Table with 2 columns: Colony Name and Amount. Includes Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, New Zealand, and Guiana and West Indies.

Outfits and passage Monies.

Table with 2 columns: Destination and Amount. Includes To Canada, To Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Other places.

Total, £481 0 sterling.

Grants to Churches.

Table with 2 columns: Colony Name and Amount. Includes Canada, Nova Scotia, and Jamaica.

Total, £327 0

Colonial and Foreign News.

Newfoundland.

The arrest of our ex-Attorney General, Mr. George Hogsett, for alleged complicity with the election riots of May last, took place on Saturday. Mr. Hogsett found bail for his appearance and was released.

Yesterday, again, Mr. Hogsett had to find bail for his appearance to answer the complaint of assault and battery upon the person of a 'certain party,' who publishes The Times.—Mr. Flood, Mr. Hogsett's law partner,—came to the rescue in this instance, and the ex-Attorney General received another furlough.—Newfoundland Times.

New Brunswick.

THE PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION.—Great preparations are being made at Sussex Vale for the forthcoming Exhibition, and we believe that several Counties also are preparing to rival each other in stock, and so forth. Great care should be taken by those having charge of the arrangements and management of the Exhibition, not to have anything mixed up with it of a demoralizing tendency, or that would be likely to be offensive to any respectable class of persons who may attend.—Intelligencer.

ACCIDENT.—A young girl named Margaret Welsh, accidentally fell off the Wharf at the lower end of Elliott Row on Wednesday evening, and was so badly injured that she survived but a few hours.—News.

The firing for the prize Sussex Vale, open to New Brunswick, Canada, Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia, has been postponed until Friday the fourth—thus affording the Nova Scotia Volunteers, after competing for the Prince's Cup at Windsor, an excellent opportunity for proceeding by the steamer Emperor on Thursday to compete at Sussex Vale for the prize.

Canada.

STREET RAILWAY.—The Toronto Leader of the 12th says—The cars were run on the railroad yesterday afternoon at irregular intervals. On each occasion they were crowded with passengers, who of course, were delighted with the ease and comfort of this mode of conveyance. The road was not altogether clear of obstructions, but nevertheless the cars made excellent trips without running off the track. Much interest was excited by their appearance, and they were examined attentively by crowds of persons.

THE GOLD FIELDS ON THE RIVER CHAUDRE.—The Montreal Herald says—All the rubbish recently written about gold mining there was ridiculous to any one who knew what pains had been taken by a scientific

and persevering man like Dr. Douglas, with no result that encouraged him to expend what was necessary for a system of working that would ensure to the mining proprietor the whole of the trumpery proceeds of the labour employed. The doctor believes that mining would have paid him if he had got all that his labourers made in excess of their wages; but he did not believe the surplus sufficient to warrant such an outlay as would have secured him against frauds. We are afraid that with a good deal more of our Lower Canadian mining, it will turn out that for one prize there are hundreds of blanks.—

West Indies.

A letter, from Kingstown British West Indies, dated August 24, says—The weather here is and has been very rainy, which has not injured the health of the place. Crops very good. The crop of sugar this year will be less than before, on account of the cotton plant taking the place of the cane.

Latest from the States!

A Telegram was received on Friday last stating that Mr. Buchanan the ex-President was dead.

Arrests continue to be made of Southern sympathizers, Abbe McMaster, the editor and proprietor of the Freeman's Appeal is the latest.—Fort Lafayette is so full that it is scarcely able to contain those who are being arrested.

Several schooners from the British provinces, bound South, have been captured. One of these vessels, it is said, was illegally seized. If so, we presume the grounds of seizure will be enquired into.

BOSTON, Sept. 18.—A train of cars on the Ohio and Mississippi Railroad, conveying the 19th Illinois Regiment, fell through a bridge in Huron, Indiana, yesterday, killing about 40 and wounding nearly 100. The bridge is supposed to have been weakened maliciously.

The Maryland Legislature failed to organize to-day, and is virtually defunct. Many of the leading Secessionists are under arrest. Severe fighting continues to be reported in Missouri.

BOSTON, Sept. 19.—Communications between the British Government and its Consuls in the Rebel states will hereafter by the consent of the Federal Government be carried on by British War vessels.

This will obviate embarrassment through other channels. Government is being supplied all the money required by the people's Loan and financial confidence seems fully restored.

Deserters from the Rebel army on the Potomac report much distress and frequent mutinies. It seems incredible that Beauregard must assume the offensive or soon abandon the whole line of the Potomac.

The suppression of the Secession Maryland Legislature by the Federal Government, evidently disarranges the plan of the Rebels. Flour advanced 5 to 10 cents. Superfine State \$4 80 a \$4 90. Extra State \$5 20 a \$5 25.

BOSTON, Sept. 20.—Another fleet has sailed from Fortress Monroe for some point on the Southern coast.

It is reported that an additional force of 19,000 Confederate troops has marched into Kentucky.

The latest report from Missouri is that the Rebel General Prior has taken Lexington, but it is not believed.

McClellan has issued an order forbidding firing on the enemy's pickets.

There are no signs of an immediate attack on Washington.

Flour advancing. Superfine State \$4 35 a \$4 95. Extra \$5 25 a \$5 30.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Sept. 18.—The correspondent of the St. Louis Democrat writes: "We have no definite reports from Lexington, but it is a settled fact that the place is invested by Gen. Price, with some 15,000 rebel troops. Good military authorities here are confident, however, that the United States troops there have been reinforced, and that unless the place was taken yesterday, it is safe."

Ben. McCulloch, with 18,000 well armed men, is reported to be advancing rapidly from the Southwest in the direction of either Rolla or this city. Many think this will be the point of attack.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—It is ascertained at the Department of State that hereafter communications between the British Government and its Consuls in ports of the insurrectionary States will, with the consent of our Government be carried on by means of British vessels of war. This course will obviate the embarrassments which have hitherto attended these communications through other channels.

FIRE AT A THEATRE AND LOSS OF LIFE.—A sad and fatal accident lately occurred at a Theatre in Philadelphia, which resulted in the death of several dancing girls. One of them in reaching her dress down accidentally set it on fire by means of a gas light. This was followed by several others coming to her rescue, until the dresses of fourteen were all blazing. In the consternation which followed several leaped from the windows to the street, others fell through the glass and mirrors used to represent lakes, and were badly cut. Several died the following day from the injuries received.

John A. Washington, former Proprietor of Mount Vernon, was killed in a skirmish in Western Virginia. He was a Colonel in the Confederate Army.

TERRIBLE RAILROAD DISASTER IN INDIANA.—Cincinnati, Sep. 18.—Last night at half-past 8, the train on the Ohio and Mississippi Railroad, containing a portion of Colonel Forchin's 19th Illinois Regiment, while passing over the bridge at Hudson, Illinois, 143 miles west of Cincinnati, fell through, killing and wounding over 100 soldiers. A special train was sent from here late last night to assist. The following dispatch from the operator at Hudson is dated at ten minutes past 1 o'clock this morning:—Bridge No. 48 was broken in two. It let four cars down into the bed of the creek, and one on top of them. The engine and one car passed over safely. There were about 100 wounded and 10 or 15 killed. The Colonel of the regiment says there are about that number killed, although nearly the whole company is missing. It is thought the bridge was weakened by malicious scoundrels.

CINCINNATI, Sept. 18, 11 A. M.—The accident on the railroad proved to be worse than it was at first reported. Four passenger cars went into creek, and one baggage car on top of them. These cars contained 250 men belonging to companies E, F, G and I. The latter two were the principal sufferers.

Up to this time thirty dead have been taken out, and more are under the wreck. A train is now on its way with ninety-two wounded. It is believed at the wreck that forty or fifty were killed. Indications are strong that the bridge was tampered with by traitors. The bridge was sixty feet span and ten feet high, and was lately inspected.

A PLOT TO SEIZE THE PRESIDENT.—According to a letter in the New York Commercial the government obtained information, some two months ago, of a conspiracy in Baltimore, composed of the most prominent men in that city, who at the proper time were to proceed to Washington with their trained bands secretly organized, numbering some 9000 men, and assist in the capture of Mr. Lincoln and certain members of the Cabinet. This splendid enterprise was to be coincident with an attack upon the city by the rebel army. In consequence of this information, a large force of detectives was on Thursday last despatched to Baltimore, where they disposed of themselves in a very quiet and unobtrusive manner, and by preconcerted arrangements, bagged a large number of unsuspecting Knights of the Golden Circle, who were doubtless greatly surprised, as well as mortified, by the adroit manner in which "Old Abe" had turned the tables upon them, and placed an embargo upon their contemplated unfriendly call upon him at the presidential mansion.

General McClellan's late order for his troops to observe the Sabbath is warmly commended. On a late occasion he is reported to have made the following brief speech.

SOLDIERS.—We have had our last retreat. We have seen our last defeat. You stand by me, and I will stand by you, and henceforth victory will crown our efforts.

Three Bull Run prisoners have made good their escape from Richmond. They report the Confederate loss at 2,500.

Vessels bearing the flag of the Southern Confederacy are permitted to enter Havana, discharge and receive cargo, under the same privileges as other nations.

A majority of the members of the Maryland Legislature have been arrested at Baltimore.

A vessel, said to have run the blockade at Galveston, reports a great amount of distress prevailing throughout Texas.

The Mayor of Baltimore, Ross Winans, Hon. H. May and others, are prisoners in Fortress Monroe.

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The late State elections in Vermont and Maine indicate Republican and Union successes by a large majority.

A NAVAL EXPEDITION TO SAIL FROM NEW YORK.—It is announced that a naval expedition will sail from New York within the coming two weeks, which will no doubt have a most important bearing upon the progress of the present war. It will comprise a large fleet of gunboats and transports and a force of probably 20,000 men, including some which will be taken from Fortress Monroe. The destination is, of course, a secret, all statements to the contrary notwithstanding but we can assure our readers that if successful, of which there is but little doubt, it will be the most terrible and effective blow yet dealt at the rebels.—N. Y. Independent.

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