

Religious Intelligence.

LONG ISLAND, August 17th, 1863.—Dear Brethren,—Our Revival does not seem yet to have ended. On Lord's day I baptized three young men, two of whom are heads of families, and received five into the fellowship of the Church.

Yours truly, WM. HALL.

BAPTISM OF AN INDEPENDENT MINISTER.—On the 3rd inst., the Rev. John Douglas, late of the Independent College, Manchester, was baptized on a profession of faith in Christ by the Rev. R. H. Carson at Tubbermore, North Ireland.

THE WESLEYAN CONFERENCE.—The hundred-and-twentieth annual meeting of the Wesleyan Methodist Conference commenced its sittings at Sheffield on July 20th. After the vacancies in the "Legal Hundred" had been filled up, the Conference proceeded to elect a President for the coming year.

General Intelligence.

DOMESTIC.

APPOINTMENT.—Cumber and Co.—To be Postmaster at Parrsboro, A. P. Bradley, Esq., in place of P. Blake, resigned.

PICTOU.—A large fleet of vessels is at present in this port, comprising a splendid assortment of crafts both native and foreign. A large quantity of coal is being shipped daily.

Three prisoners, named McDonald, Murphy and Kelly, escaped from the County Gaol on Tuesday last. We have not heard of their being recaptured.

The Hon. Prov. Secretary left for Canada on Tuesday 25th ult; it is reported on a railway mission. The Hon. Attorney General has been visiting P. E. I. and New Brunswick for the past two or three weeks.

The Digby Acadian has been reissued. It is now published at Weymouth, and has an addition, to its title of the "Weymouth Weekly Miscellany."

On the 3rd inst a Mrs. Dorcas Chipman jumped from the bridge at Weymouth into the water—a distance of about thirty feet—with the intention of drowning herself; but was rescued by some persons who witnessed the occurrence.—Journal.

Alderman Spence, whose election last October was treated as a farce, is advertised as presiding at the Police court this week!

OUR VEGETABLE MARKET.—There is some talk of appropriating the Parade in front of Dalhousie college to the purpose of a market, while the new government building on Hare's lot is proceeding.

THE STORM on Saturday night the 22nd ult., did considerable damage. Two watchmen named White and Kelly on Commercial and Tobins wharves were blown over into the water and drowned. The body of Kelly was found on Tuesday morning standing upright in the dock.

THE MILITIA.—The 1st Battalion 2nd Regt. Halifax Militia, finished their five days drill on the common on Friday last. His Excellency inspected the Battalion and addressed them in complimentary terms afterwards. After drill the Battalion marched, four a-breast, through the city to the Rink, where they were entertained with a luncheon. The officers were entertained by Colonel Pryor at his residence, N. W. Arm in the evening.

This week the Volunteer corps meet for their five days drill as prescribed by law. The Chebucto Greys were summoned to attend on Monday and four following days at 1/2 past 3 p. m.

The Marquis of Normanby (Earl Mulgrave) and family are expected to sail for England in the next steamer. We are informed that an address is in course of signature.

On Tuesday, a man in attempting to swim from a schooner, lying near Meagher's Beach, to the shore, was drowned.

Prince Edward Island.

A Joint Stock Company is about being organized in Charlottetown for the purpose of building a Hotel on a large scale in that city.

THE WEATHER AND THE CROPS.—The weather still continues unusually dry, and the grain and root crops in particular are suffering very materially for the want of moisture. The dust in the city and on the highways, has been almost insufferable. For the past four weeks, in Charlottetown and vicinity, we have had one good shower of rain. Last Friday night, (14th) it rained very heavily to the westward, while we had but a slight shower in the city.—Islander.

New Brunswick.

THE MILITIA in New Brunswick have been called out for drill on the 6th of September.

The Miramichi Gleaner says that the Bay is at present swarming with mackerel of a most excellent quality.

A new and improved battery, complete, is on its way out now in the Cunard steamer, to Captain Morrison in St. John, and orders have been received to put the troops in garrison on the most thorough war footing.—Globe.

THE "COLONIAL EMPIRE" CLUB.—Considerable interest has been excited by the recent trial in St. John of a case against the political club, sometime since formed for the purpose of issuing and sustaining that opposition paper. Mr. Beardsley the reporter, instituted proceedings against the Club for the amount due him, for services performed. Developments were made during the trial not very reputable to the parties concerned. The case was lost by Mr. Beardsley. Large sums are still owing to the printers and those were favored with advertising the Empire. We have the honor of a place amongst the latter. If the proprietor will send us on half the amount of his indebtedness we will send him a receipt in full.

Canada.

We are looking for further political intelligence from Canada. The government sustained a defeat recently by the casting vote of the speaker.

The Legislature are now discussing a want of confidence resolution. The government expect to be sustained by majority of one or two votes.

A correspondent of the Montreal Witness on the Chaudiere, says the late gold discoveries on that river and its tributaries have been past belief.

EXTRAORDINARY LONGEVITY.—Mr. Smith, a colored man and an old citizen of Toronto, died in his house, situated in the northern part of the city, at the very advanced age of 110 years.

At Oswego, a few nights ago, a schooner load of wheat was elevated into the Corn Exchange elevator, but by some mischance the "maw hole" of the garner into which the grain was sent was left open; consequently as fast as the wheat went in, it was quietly spouted out into the river. The misfortune was not discovered till the next day, when another vessel was being hauled along side of the elevator, and "grounded" on a pile of 5,500 bushels of wheat.—Somebody is a loser to a serious extent.

A correspondent of the Kingston British American mentions that he recently ploughed up in the 3rd Concession of Kingston Township nine human skeletons, evidently those of Aborigines, three pots and dishes made of clay and pulverized granite, elegantly carved, and other Indian fossil remains. How long these remains had been mouldering there it was impossible to say, as over one of the mounds, of which there were several on the spot, was a large pine.

Pearls said to be very beautiful ones, have been found in a tributary of the Saguenay.

Mr. Peter Currie, farmer, North Dumfries, says that being harvesting the other day in one of his wheat-fields he discovered twelve hundred and forty-seven grains of wheat to be the production of one grain seed, which he challenges any of his fellow-farmers to beat.

KILLED BY LIGHTNING.—An old settler of Essex, Dominique Leduc, while ploughing with a yoke of oxen on Friday week, was struck by lightning, and instantly killed. One of the oxen was also killed at the same time. An inquest was held on the body of Mr. Leduc by Coroner Casgrain, and a verdict rendered in accordance with the facts.

Canadian papers announce the death by apoplexy of the Rev. J. E. Ryerson, D.D.

SPONTANEOUS COMBUSTION.—A remarkable instance of spontaneous combustion took place on the premises of Mr. Logan, of Pickering, a week or two ago. Members of the family had been using linseed oil in rubbing doors, &c., with a piece of cotton cloth. When finished, the cloth was rolled up in a lump and thrown under a dark stair-way. This was during the day. At night the house was filled with smoke, and upon examination it was found that it issued from under the stair-way, where the cotton cloth was found burnt to ashes, having ignited through spontaneous combustion! In order to apply a thorough test, the process of rubbing with the boiled linseed oil and cotton cloth was gone through the next day, the cloth rolled up into a lump and thrown away as before. After watching for an hour it was discovered to be on fire. How many fires have taken place that may not be accounted for in this way? The great fire at the furniture manufactory of Jacques & Hay, for instance. The matter is suggestive and deserving of attention.

Latest from the States!

[From Telegrams to morning and evening papers.]

AUGUST 28.—Mosby's guerillas from six hundred have increased to eight hundred. On Wednesday they captured over forty suttler waggons between Centreville and Bulls Run. Mosby is believed to be fatally wounded.

Latest accounts from Charleston state that Sumter is but a pile of ruins, and that Gen. Gilmore was turning his whole attention to Fort Wagner, and that Gen. Gregg is determined to have speedy possession of Morris Island.

It is reported that 1000 Kansas men will be in Missouri border counties within a week to retaliate for the destruction of Lawrence. A fearful retribution is contemplated.

Franco-Mexican plots, are reported on foot against Texas, and the expected arrival of French forces at Matamoras it is believed will work serious complications.

Evening.—Gen. Gilmore, on Thursday, notified General Beauregard if he did not surrender fort, he would shell the city in 24 hours. No notice being taken, on Friday night Gilmore threw some shells into the city, charged with Greek fire. Beauregard protested against the missiles, asking for more time. Gilmore refused. The shelling was renewed on Saturday night.

The ruins of Fort Sumter are now held by Fort Moltre's guns—only sufficient men in works to keep the flag up.

AUG. 31.—The reported capture of Fort Sumter and Wagner, as previously announced, was premature.

Federal forces were working hard in the trenches, in front of Fort Wagner.

MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON.—Rev. Dr. Massie, senior member of a deputation representing four thousand English clergymen, delivered an address at the West Presbyterian church, in that city, recently. He states that, in company with Lord Lyons and Secretary Seward, he waited upon the President, who received him with great cordiality. The President expressed great gratification at certain portions of the address. The large audience then present frequently applauded the address, and particularly the anti-slavery part of it, and the allusions to President Lincoln. Rev. Dr. Sunderland made the address in response, on behalf of the clergy of Washington—an address so strongly anti-slavery in tone, that the majority of the clergy either refused, or where unable, from want of time, to sign.

A LARGE CORNFIELD.—An officer of an Illinois regiment in the army of the West says: In our expedition along the Yazoo river bottoms we passed through a cornfield thirty miles in extent. The corn exceeded anything I have ever seen in Illinois.

THE PRESIDENCY.—A New York paper, generally well informed on political matters, states that Gen. Fremont's friends will again bring him forward as a candidate for the Presidency. Secretary Chase is also said to be "engineering" for a nomination.

European News.

THE TRAGEDY AT ASTON PARK.

LETTER FROM THE QUEEN TO THE MAYOR OF BIRMINGHAM.

The following letter was received by Mr. Charles Sturge, Mayor of Birmingham, written by command of the Queen, in reference to the late catastrophe at Aston Park.

"Osborne, July 25, 1863.—"Sir,—The Queen has commanded me to express to you the pain with which her Majesty has read the account of a fatal accident which has occurred during a fête at Aston Park, Birmingham.

"Her Majesty cannot refrain from making known through you her personal feelings of horror that one of her subjects—a female—should have been sacrificed to the gratification of the demoralising taste, unfortunately prevalent, for exhibitions attended with the greatest danger to the performers.

"Where any proof wanting that such exhibitions are demoralising, I am commanded to remark that it would be at once found in the decision arrived at to continue the festivities, the hilarity, and the sports of the occasion after an event so melancholy.

"The Queen trusts that you, in common with the rest of the townspeople of Birmingham, will use your influence to prevent in future the degradation to such exhibitions of the park which was gladly opened by her Majesty and the beloved Prince Consort, in the hope that it would be made serviceable for the healthy exercise and rational recreation of the people.

"I have the honour to be, Sir, "Your most obedient humble servant, "C. B. PHIPPS.

"Mayor of Birmingham.

The Freeman appropriately remarks upon this:—

In the present case every one feels that the Sovereign has done exactly the right thing. There may be means, but we confess we do not see them, by which legislation could specially meet the evil of dangerous amusements, without trenching on the individual liberty of which Englishmen are so jealous. The law as it stands seems to fix responsibility as far as law should do it; but the Queen steps in and speaks from the law written on her heart to the law written on the hearts of her subjects, where common law and statute law have no power to interfere. The Mayor of Birmingham seems anxious to clear himself of all complicity in the fatal and foolish entertainment at Aston Park, though no

censure is even implied on him unless it be in the last paragraph; and we may be quite sure that even the not over-sensitive proprietors of places of public amusement will not dare henceforth to advertise entertainments which the Queen with universal approbation has so feelingly condemned. Her Majesty has turned the tide. Notwithstanding several painful accidents it continued to flow in this demoralising direction. The people appeared to be accustoming themselves to the idea, that as in the gladiatorial fights of heathen Rome, or the bull fights at this day of half-heathen Spain, human lives ought to be hazarded, and if it so happened, destroyed, that they might be amused. In this case the rest of the gratification seemed to depend on the danger or the nerve to incur the danger of a deadly fall.

JAPAN.

The latest news from Japan, says that active hostilities had been entered upon. A third day of three weeks had been granted to the Tycoon, and it was rumoured that native preparations for defence were progressing at Nagasaki.

MISCELLANEOUS.

THE BALMORAL CAIRN.—The Memorial Cairn, about which so much has been said lately, is situated upon a high mountain which overlooks the palace of Balmoral and a great portion of the upper district of Deeside. The monument is composed of native granite, is pyramidal in form, and has four sides. Upon the north side, cut in plain Roman capitals, is the following:—"To the beloved memory of Albert, the great and good Prince-Consort. Erected by his broken-hearted widow, Victoria R. 21st August, 1862." Upon another dressed slab, a few inches below the above, is this quotation:

"He being made perfect in a short time, Fulfilled a long time: For his soul pleased the Lord, Therefore blasted He to take Him away from among the wicked.

—Wisdom of Solomon, iv., 13, 14."

Upon the east side of the memorial there are ten separate stars, bearing the initials of the Queen and her family, viz:—V.R.; V.A.M.L.; A.E.; A.M.M.; A.E.A.; H.A.V.; L.C.A.; A.W.P.A.; L.C.D.A.; B.M.V.F." Below these initials the date of "21st August, 1862." There are no carvings on the south and west sides.

It is said that one-half of the negro soldiers taken from Egypt to Mexico by the French have died there from the effects of the climate.

A LARGE FEE WELL-EARNED.—"Mr. Thompson, the surgeon who recently performed an operation on the King of the Belgians, has," says the Journal de Bruxelles, "received a fee of 100,000f., and the Cross of Commander of the Order of Leopold."

The Opinions of Turin has a letter from Caprera, stating that Garibaldi's wound is healed; that he is beginning to ride on horseback, and will soon, it is hoped, be able to walk with a stick only.

A most fearful earthquake is reported to have taken place at Manila. The whole city is said to have been destroyed, and the enormous number of 10,000 people buried in the ruins.

SHOCKING WRECK OF A PILGRIM SHIP WITH FOUR HUNDRED LIVES.—It is feared that a most calamitous shipwreck has happened in the vicinity of Aden, by the loss of the ship Boyne, with 400 pilgrims on board. The advice received at Lloyd's state that the Boyne left Bombay about a month since (prior to June 23) with about 435 pilgrims bound to Jeddah, and when near Hoodidah the ship is reported to have struck on a rock and remained fast. The pilgrims were landed on an adjacent island, and soon afterwards the vessel was got off, leaking badly, but the passengers, in spite of the warnings of the Naevda, immediately re-embarked, and the ship was got under weigh, but the water gained so rapidly on them that they were compelled to abandon the vessel, and in the rush to escape, nearly 400 of the pilgrims are said to have been drowned in the wreck.

Facts Worth Knowing.

REV. D. MORRIS, Cross River, N. Y., says in a letter: "I know of a great many who have had their hair restored by the use of Mrs. S. A. Allen's World's Hair Restorer and Zylcbalsamum, therefore I recommend them."

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