

pared for man in Eden, and how much true philosophy and taste shine in the simple words that in Paradise God planted trees 'pleasant to the eye, as well as good for food.' Other things being equal, the nearer we can return to those primitive tastes the greater will be our sensuous enjoyment, and the better the influence of our pleasures in our moral nature, because they will then depend on the cultivation of tastes that are once natural and harmless, and will not lead us to communion with, and reverence for, merely human genius, but will conduct us into the presence and the infinite perfection of the Creator."

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J. M. C.

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TEACHERS' CONVENTION.

All interested in the cause of Education in our Province will be pleased to learn that the Teachers' Association is to convene in Halifax during the Christmas vacation. The Convention have, doubtless, accomplished much good in the past, but, perhaps, they have partially failed in their main object—to aid Teachers in their work—by not engaging more fully in practical discussion upon the work of Teaching. We are informed that Teachers in the City and elsewhere, realize this fact, and that a different programme is to be furnished this year. A number of Teachers have agreed to deliver Addresses, and others, prepare papers, all having a practical bearing upon the teaching profession.

We doubt not a large representation of Teachers will attend the ensuing Convention and enter heartily into a discussion of the topics suggested by the Committee—an outline of which we are promised for our next issue.

Such Conventions confer great benefits upon Teachers, and through them upon the youth of our country. It is impossible for Teachers thus to discuss matters connected with their vocation and not receive profit, in reference to School discipline, Text Books to be

employed, the means of inducing progress in study, importance of parental co-operation &c., &c.

Through this agency, too, Teachers may be led to realize the dignity of their profession and in a corporate capacity exert greater influence upon the Educational interests of the country and secure all necessary legislation in reference thereto. It is to be hoped that the day is approaching when a larger number of enthusiastic men will choose the teaching profession as their life work. To accomplish this Teachers must labour to raise the profession so as secure the remuneration received in other professions.

The Granville Street Church has printed a neat pamphlet of 78 pages, in connexion with its late Jubilee Celebration, in which the following subjects are treated at some length:—

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Chairman of Jubilee Com.

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The next Quarterly Meeting of the Baptist Churches of P. E. Island will convene (D. V.) at Bedeque, on Tuesday evening, Dec 18th. Rev. H. Foshy preaches the opening sermon. Ministers and other representatives from the churches are earnestly invited to attend.

AYLESFORD, Nov. 27, 1877.

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Halifax, Dec. 4th, 1877.

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D. FREEMAN.

THE MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE OF COLCHESTER AND CUMBERLAND will meet (D. V.) at Brookfield, on Monday, the 17th of December. Missionary Sermon by Bro. D. A. Steele, at 7 o'clock, P. M. The evening meetings are open to the public.

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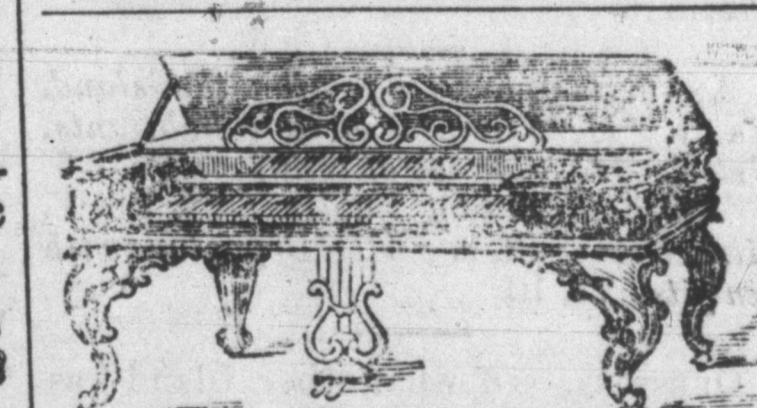
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