

The Rev. gentleman said perhaps my advice to you, may not be although new, but in any case it is a subject for thought; especially to those who are immediately connected with this association.

There can be nothing more vital or important to the people of any community than that of having an educated minister in their midst, that is, educated both in head and heart.

He traced the lives of many colored men of distinction, whose earlier days did not show any greater signs of advancement than some of those who surrounded him. Yet by industry, energy, and hard study, many of them have become eminent ministers, lawyers, politicians, musicians. Famous among these may be mentioned Professor Page of Brown University, Providence R. I., now Principal of Lincoln Institute mission. Professors Jones and Vassar, graduates from Madison University, now at the Richmond Institute, and the late Professor Gardner of Georgia. Among the lawyers were Walker and Morris of Boston, and on the platform of the political arena are to be found Frederick Douglas who has a world-wide reputation, Elliot, Revels, and the late Oscar I. Dunn, who had been Lieut. Governor of Louisiana previous to his death.

And in the musical world the colored race is to be found taking an active part. The talented Joseph White—a Cuban of no mean ability, who in 1863, on his return to Spain from America played before the Countess de Montijo (mother of the empress of France) and likewise before the Queen of Spain. Her Spanish Majesty presented him, the brilliant virtuoso, with a magnificent set of diamond studs, and created him Chevalier of the Order of Isabella the Catholic. After his return to France, he performed at the Tuileries in presence of their Majesties Napoleon and the Empress Eugenie, from whom he received the fillet congratulations.

He briefly touched on the work performed by the famous Jubilee singers of Fiske University. In the summer of 1874 they returned to Nashville, Ten.; having given two seasons of concerts in America, and one in Great Britain. The best evidence of the appreciative and enthusiastic welcome given them in both countries, is the fact that the net result for the University was over \$90,000. The problem of the little band of faithful teachers had been nobly, and gloriously solved. And to-day, on a beautiful commanding site of twenty acres, with all the appliances of the best modern Colleges, stands a noble building, forever dedicated to learning and to Christianity.

The closing remarks of the Moderator were full of pathos. He thanked the brethren for giving him such good attention and said although he had digressed somewhat from his subject, yet it was necessary for him to do so, in order to let them know what progress the race had made in the few years of their liberty from abject bondage, and hoped that he had said would be productive of much good.

He recommended the brethren to be consistent living christians, as nothing would stand the test, but what was genuine, as the world knew pretty well the ring of pure metal. If lights of the world, we should keep our lamps trimmed and brightly burning. With conscience satisfied that duty is properly performed, no consequences can harm us. A sense of duty pursues us ever. Like the *Deity* it is omnipresent, with us in the dark as well as in the light.

With us in life, they will be with us at its close; and in the scene of inconceivable solemnity which lies yet farther onward, we shall still find ourselves surrounded by the consciousness of duty, to pain us whenever it is violated, and to console us so far as God may have given us grace to perform it. Duty done will make the voice of conscience sweet as the harps of heaven to your souls. It will make the cup of life run over with blessing, it will snatch the crown of victory from the hand of all conquering Death, and make every path of life safe for your feet, and in the valley of the shadow of death you shall fear no evil.

At the close of his address complimentary resolutions were passed, for the able effort, as well as the business-like manner in which he conducted the affairs of the Association generally.

P. E. McK.

For the Christian Messenger. Boston Tour Notes.

This "Hub," around which so much of interest revolves, looks lively even at this holiday season. One looks in vain for idlers. On the Day of Prayer the Churches were crowded, and earnest prayers were offered for the President's recovery. The city is enlarging its bounds, and the cry is, More houses wanted. There is much to be admired here, Boston Common and Public Gardens are thronged this hot weather—yet the Public Gardens of Halifax compare favourably with them. The open street Cars, containing 40 persons, move along a portion of the people, still the sidewalks are crowded. The "Elevator system," is a great convenience, from the top of such buildings as the "Equitable Mutual Insurance Building," one has a fine view of the surroundings.

FAIRS

are now being held and afford much useful information and pleasure to visitors, among the thousand of exhibits we have only a few here of especial interest.

Fire escapes,—ropes enclosed by fire proof canvas, sufficiently large to admit one person inside the top end, placed at say an upper window, and fastened to a bed post or hook, the lower end extending into the street; the rescued ones let themselves down inside by means of ropes, feet first. The apparatus was finely tested.

Waterproof Solution.—This invention completely shedding water, can be applied at the manufactory, to every description of goods from the finest gossamer, to the heaviest broadcloth or silks, also to gloves, hats, paper, so that milk can be carried in fine paper bags; when this comes into general use, then good bye to the "Rubber age."

Improved Type Writers are now becoming so simplified, that, ere many years, they will largely take the place of the hand pen in offices.

Boot and Shoe Factory.—1000 pairs are turned out per day, commencing at the rolling of the leather—a pair in about 7 minutes passing down along the long line of workmen—all by machinery. At the extreme end sat an old shoemaker—John Chase, of Lynn, who had worked on that same shoemaker's bench 70 years, now 86 years old. The old and new were thus seen side by side.

Safes.—Also a Safe of 50 years ago stands beside one of the latest improved Burglar proof safes.

Important Papered Veneers.—These are cut from wooden (round) logs, say the 75th part of an inch thick, are much more perfect than thicker Veneers, and much cheaper, and more beautiful. The process of finishing is so simple, that a boy can do the work easily and perfectly. These are now extensively used in furniture and music factories, also for house decorations—and will no doubt soon come into general use.

The usual free buns, pancakes, cards, &c., attract crowds.

CENTRAL PARK, NEW YORK.

The Obelisk.—At 9, a. m., Sept. 13th, we sit gazing at this Egyptian wonder. The fact recorded on it, that 1600 years prior to the Christian Era, it was quarried out of the solid rock, and that probably Moses often walked around it, and offered his devotion at its base gives it a special interest. On three sides the characters are quite plain, but the side next to the sea, also the lower portions, say one fifth, were much defaced by the sand storms and rains. This Obelisk chronicles three distinct Dynasties; the shaft weighs 205 tons, this with the pedestal were each cut out of one solid piece of granite; the three tiers of foundation stones, are said to be composed of shell stone. Report says the Vanderbilts paid \$100,000 00 for its removal and re-erection in this beautiful Park, and are reaping large profits out of their street car line passing it, as visitors from all parts of the world to this city are sure to see the Obelisk, if nothing else, and theirs is the only line passing, (a chartered road.) The R. R. and many kings named Vanderbilt will also be perpetuated to future generations, when their compeers are long forgotten.

Steaming up the Sound, past Hell Gate, (yet not in it) under the Great Suspension Bridge, and so on around to the opposite side of the city gives one a very good idea of the vastness of the

shipping, then a car-ride by the belt line, around the city, or either of the ten elevated steam car lines, and also across the city by cars to the ferries on either side, connecting the city with Brooklyn on the one hand, and Jersey City on the other, enables a visitor in a brief period to form a very good idea of this great emporium of Commerce and Trade.

The steamer *Bristol*, the largest and finest of her class afloat, is most gorgeously fitted up to convey passengers from New York to Fall River, connecting with Cars to Boston. A brass band on deck, Cornet band and grand square piano in the parlor saloon below—makes it enjoyable indeed.

W. J. G.

For the Christian Messenger.

THE TABERNACLE FLOWER MISSION reports the distribution of about 1450 bunches of flowers, and will continue as long as the flowers are spared. When we consider the Lilies, we do well to remember there are sick and suffering ones who are glad of flowers, moreover:

They are not ours,
The fleeting flowers,
But lights of God,
That through the sod
Flash upward from the world beneath,—
That region peopled widewith death,—
And tell us, in each subtle hue,
That life renewed is passing through
Our world again to seek the skies,—
Its native realm of Paradise.

We have to thank some friends in the country for flowers; we have received some from Yarmouth, Truro, Great Village and from Brookfield several times per Mrs. Dickie. Whilst in town Mrs. Bell, Mr. Webb, Mrs. Fraser and others have helped us in the work by their weekly donations of flowers. We would suggest that friends during the winter prepare Scripture text cards, so that next summer, if spared, we can enlarge this branch of service for our Master.

Moreover we are gladdened with a prospect of an increased population in the north end of the city, which whilst it will increase our responsibilities, will add to our opportunities for usefulness. We hope our friends are planning to donate something towards the Tabernacle Building Fund; we must make a call presently, we are moving and must 'go forward,' it is the Lord's command.

We have just closed the fifth volume of *Buds & Blossoms*, and have circulated over five million six hundred thousand pages thereof, and our expectancy of fruit therefrom, encourages to still go on sowing, expecting that *Buds* through the quickening sunshine of the great Husbandman will yield more than *Blossoms*.

'And since a drop of ink, may cause a million minds to think,' we shall endeavour to do our best to improve next year's issue, and you can help us to do so. See our advertisement in another column.

J. F. AVERY.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

BARTON, DIGBY COUNTY.—Dear Bro,—It was my privilege to administer the sacred ordinance of Christian baptism, according to New Testament teaching, to an aged Sister over 60 years of age, on Sabbath, Sept. 8th. She believed that Christian baptism required that she must be "buried with him, (Christ), by baptism into death." Romans vi. 9. The gathering of the people was large at this baptism, and also at the house of God. We hope that others will soon follow in the footsteps of their Lord and Master.

Yours,
W. L. PARKER.

Sept. 23, 1881.

DOMINION & FOREIGN NEWS.

DOMINION OF CANADA.—H. R. H., the Princess Louise arrived in London from the continent on Tuesday last. It is reported that she will embark for Canada on the 20th, of October. It is said she has become quite thin, is vastly changed in appearance, and looks much older than her years warrant. She deeply regretted not being able to accompany the Marquis to the North-West, as she had long looked forward with pleasure to the visit.

Sir Charles Tupper received a most flattering address from the Nova Scotians residing in British Columbia on the 9th, of September.

Sir Charles, in the course of his reply, said: "The very complimentary allusions contained in the address, many of these perhaps not fully merited, were accepted as a token of the great good

feeling toward him of those who were parties to it, and would be another great incentive to him to press forward in what had been the work and the ambition of his whole life, the building up from the Atlantic to the Pacific of one vast and mighty Canadian Dominion under one flag, one government, and one nationality."

The *Toronto Globe* estimates the loss in Ontario by forest fires to the farmers at two million dollars, and the loss of timber at one million more.

The arrangements, for travel to the North West are now so perfect that a person can leave Fredericton on Monday morning and reach Winnipeg on Friday night.

True to her name, the "Charybdis" seems to give trouble at every opportunity. Harbor-Master Taylor's mind is now occupied over the serious problem of how and whence the vessel is to be removed. . . . Altogether there is a prospect that the "Charybdis" will become a most unmitigated nuisance in the harbor, if not an actual peril to navigation.—*St. John's News*.

UNITED STATES.—The preparations at Washington for the funeral of President Garfield were of the most elaborate description. The body was lying in state day and night, and thousands of people viewed the remains up to Friday evening when it was to leave for Cleveland, Ohio. Delegations from many municipal bodies, corporations, associations, and societies were to go on to be present at the funeral to take place on Monday last.

Immediately after the close of the service the floral decorations were all removed (Mrs. Garfield having requested that they would be sent to her home at Mentor), except a beautiful wreath, the gift of Queen Victoria, which had been placed upon the head of the coffin when the lid was closed, and which continued there till the remains were buried. This touching tribute of Queen Victoria greatly moved Mrs. Garfield, as only a woman can feel a woman's sympathy at the time of her greatest earthly sorrow.

The casket was borne to the hearse, by six pall bearers selected by Mrs. Garfield from members of the Christian Church. While this was being done the immense multitude which filled the entire space in front of the Capitol and overflowed into the adjacent streets reverently uncovered their heads and preserved an unbroken quiet.

At least 40,000 people gathered about the Capitol to witness the start of the procession. President Arthur entered the depot with Secretary Blaine and a few minutes later entered the Secretary's carriage and with ex-President Grant was driven up the avenue to his temporary house of residence.

The funeral train left Washington depot at 5. 16 p. m., and was followed by the second section with senators and representatives. Before the train was four minutes on its way the coupling pin between the engine and first car broke, causing a delay of ten minutes. Both sides of the track were lined with people as far as could be seen.

The officers who accompanied the funeral train report a continuous demonstration all along the line. At large towns great numbers of people were assembled, and at residences between stations lights were displayed in the hands of their occupants. At Altoona the number of people assembled at the station is estimated at 10,000. At Lewiston the track was strewn with flowers. When the train pulled into Union Depot at Pittsburg 5,000 people had assembled. No demonstration was made, saving the tolling of bells and the firing of minute guns.

The run from Washington to Pittsburg 479 miles, was made in twelve hours and thirty minutes.

The train arrived at Cleveland on Saturday afternoon and the remains were lying in State immediately afterwards in Monumental Park.

People poured into the city by every avenue of approach, and all railways ran every available car to accommodate the unexampled rush toward Cleveland. People were permitted to enter the Park from the Western Passage through the pavilion, three or four abreast. With uncovered heads they looked at the casket and decorations, and then proceeded beyond the park. At dark electric and calcium lights illuminated the scene, and the people were allowed to go through all night. Perfect order prevailed, everybody seeming to be imbued with a sense of the solemnity of the occasion. Hundreds wept as they gazed upon the casket. The coffin was not opened, it being Mrs. Garfield's wish that his face should not be exposed on account of its unnatural appearance, but visitors looked instead at the features of the dead as depicted in a portrait placed just above his head.

About the Catafalque two powerful calcium lights, and over one hundred gas lamps illuminated the park all night. The long line of people passing through the pavilion was unbroken. The arrangements regarding Mrs. Garfield and the rest of the family were that all, including the President's mother, would attend the funeral ceremonies.

The post mortem examination of President Garfield showed that the ball was in the region of the heart, death was inevitable, life was only sustained by his most excellent nourishment and constant care.

The flags of the city, on the public buildings, and many private residences, and of the shipping in the harbor were

at half-mast for the death of President Garfield till Monday, and on Monday at the time of the funeral minute guns were fired from the citadel and from the flag ship *Northampton*.

President Arthur took the oath of office on Thursday in the Capitol, in the presence of the Cabinet, Justices of the Supreme Court, a few Senators, and members of the House of Representatives. At the conclusion of the ceremony he read his inaugural message.

Cyrus W. Field will place a memorial window to the late President in the chapel of Williams College, Williams-town, Mass., of which Garfield was a graduate.

The total amount of the fund for Mrs. Garfield, amounts to \$272,789.64.

ENGLAND.—QUEEN VICTORIA to Mrs. GARFIELD.—*Balmoral*, Sept. 20th:—"Words cannot express the deep sympathy I feel with you. May God support and comfort you as He alone can.

(Signed) THE QUEEN.

The British Government sent the following expression of sympathy to Mrs. Garfield and the Government of the United States:

To Secretary of State, Washington, U.S.A.

I request you to assure Mrs. Garfield and the Government of the United States of the grief with which Her Majesty's Government have received the announcement of the President's death. Parliament is not sitting and is thus prevented from giving a formal expression to the sorrow and sympathy so universally felt in this country, a feeling which has been deepened by long suspense and by the courage, dignity and patience shown by the illustrious sufferer.

GRANVILLE.

Walmer Castle, England, Sept. 20th.

The bells of parish churches in various places in England were tolled, which is an unprecedented tribute to a foreign ruler.

St. Paul's Cathedral was absolutely crammed on Sunday afternoon, it having been announced that the services would relate to the death of President Garfield, and the majority of the congregation were in mourning.

At all the principal churches of all the denominations President Garfield's death formed the subject of sympathetic allusion.

At several Jewish synagogues on Saturday his death was alluded to.

The Queen ordered the court to go into mourning for the late President Garfield for a week from the 21st inst.

Great damage was done to crops in Scotland by a continuous rain of twenty four hours' duration on Thursday.

INDIA.—There has been serious rioting between Hindoos and Mussulmans at Mooltan, in Punjab, owing to the latter slaughtering cattle. The military quelled the riot. Temples, mosques, and shops were much damaged.

RUSSIA.—In St. Petersburg it is estimated that 80,000,000 chetverts of grain will be left for exportation from Russia owing to the good harvest.

NORTHERN AFRICA.—Mustapha, the ex-Premier of Tunis, has left Tunis. The Bey presented him with a diamond collar and a famous emerald, the one belonging to the Spanish crown.

News.

To-morrow Thursday there is to be a grand display of fireworks and illumination on and around the Harbor. The shipping is to be illuminated, and several bonfires on the Dartmouth side. The old barque *Try* is some time to be burned for the old metal in her. It has been suggested that a burning ship would be a brilliant addition to the spectacle to-morrow.

The N. S. Branch of the Dominion Temperance Alliance held its Annual Session in Halifax on Thursday last. Rev. Thomas Gale from Montreal was in attendance and gave valuable information.

A rabbit canning factory is to be started at Liverpool. A half a million pairs of rabbits are wanted for it this season.

A tea meeting recently held at Margareville, Annapolis, in aid of the Wesleyan church there, realized an handsome amount of \$623.

The Scott Act has been adopted by a large majority in Hants Co. The vote stood 1082 for, and 92 against. In Windsor, where the strongest opposition was expected, the vote stood 184 for, and 8 against.

The Nova Scotia Sugar Refinery Co., are about erecting a large warehouse adjoining the refinery, capable of containing 20,000 barrels.

The Halifax Cotton Manufacturing Company, have succeeded in getting a suitable site for their proposed factory. It is the Caldwell property, corner of Kempt Road and Young street.

P. M. Markell, West Jeddore; N. S., writes:—"I wish to inform you of the wonderful qualities of Dr. Thomas' *Electric Oil*. I had a horse so lame that he could scarcely walk; the trouble was in the knee; and two or three applications perfectly cured him.

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