

anguish self-inflicted pain, or staining their altars with the innocent blood of their offspring. We have only to enter the cottage of a poor dying heathen, and think of the painful scene which is there presented to our view. The sun in the firmament may shine upon his dying body, but spiritual darkness almost palpable broods over his immortal soul. On the eve of going into an eternal world, and witnessing the awful realities of a future state, spiritual darkness darkens his path—he is ignorant of God, of heaven, and of hell. Oh! what an awful state is this! What a painful scene to behold! We have read, Sir, and we have heard of men in our native land dying for the cause of Christ, amid the agonies of the rack, the gibet, and the stake, but their dying when compared with the scene of the dying heathen was but the subject of melancholy delight: For though their bodies were torn, lacerated, and consumed, the hopes and the consolations of the Bible were harboured in their bosoms, and the combined energies of earth and of hell could not banish them from their minds. But ah! Sir, how different with the poor, poor dying heathen. While disease preys upon his vitals, and racks his body with pain, he has nothing to soothe his disturbed affections—nothing to tranquilize his troubled soul. His family indeed may stand around his dying couch, and by shedding the tears of sympathy and sorrow, endeavor to console him—they may smooth down the pillow of affliction, and turn him on his thorny bed—they may moisten his parched lips, and wipe the cold sweat of death from his brow: but this is all they can do—his spiritual condition they cannot alleviate—they have not the balm of Gilead to pour into his wounded spirit—they have not the robe of the Redeemer's righteousness to clothe the nakedness of his soul. But, Sir, for this, and for a thousand other evils under which the heathen world is groaning, the Bible is a great and glorious remedy. Give them the Bible, and their minds will become enlightened—the sun of righteousness which has arisen upon us, will shine upon them, and altho' his salutary beams may not penetrate the darkened recesses of every soul that is hardened in sin, yet among his own he will be seen travelling forth in the greatness of his strength, and rapidly advancing towards the zenith of the moral firmament. Give them the Bible, and the aspect of their moral nature will be completely changed. The balm of Gilead, and the Physician there, will cure their diseased souls—the Lilly in the valley, and the Rose of Sharon, will diffuse a wholesome fragrance, and all will be spiritual life, and health, and joy and peace. Give them the Bible, and all the cruel and abominable practices will be gradually abolished—the proud demon of superstition will be hurled from his throne, and he who is King of Kings will be established in his room.

This, Sir, is the great object which we have in view in organising this evening Bible Society among us. And I cannot sit down without expressing the delight and satisfaction which I now feel, at seeing my Christian brethren in the Lord uniting for the first time heart and hand, to circulate the 'word which maketh wise unto salvation' among their perishing fellow men: And I do not believe that God who seeth all things, beholds at this moment a more pleasing scene than that which we now witness within these walls. An assembly of professing Christians, and we trust Christians in truth, an assembly of professing Christians of different denominations lending their united influence to promote the cause of their common Lord and Master, and the best interests of their fellow men, must surely be a sight peculiarly gratifying to the God who made us, and whose stewards we all are: and if there be joy among the angels in heaven over but one sinner that repenteth, with what feelings of extacy and delight, must those blessed spirits look down upon us, while embarked, as we this night are, in a cause which has for its object the turning of millions to repentance.

The following is the substance of Mr. JOSEPH SPRATT's remarks in seconding the fourth resolution.

Mr. Chairman—I rise to second the motion which has been moved for the approval of this meeting. The formation of a Bible Society in Miramichi I view as an institution calculated to accomplish much good.

As an individual, I may be allowed to say, that for the British and Foreign Bible Society, I have always felt the greatest veneration. I well remember the establishment of the Society in my native land, and feel additional pleasure that I had a knowledge of the Rev. Mr. Charles, of Bala, who was the honored instrument

of beginning the Bible Society in its present form. He was a man of God, whose life was devoted to the eternal welfare of his fellow men. I well recollect the last Text from which he preached in the City of Chester, it was congenial unto his pious feelings. The passage was—"Oh every one that thirsteth come ye to the waters, &c." It was upon a summer's evening, in the open air; and I think it was the last sermon he delivered in that place. In the course of that year he closed his mortal career, and died in the full triumph of Christian Hope.

Sir, every person who reflects upon the present aspect of things, and views them in connection with Christianity, must conclude that we are approaching some very important era in the history of the world, and that the prophecies of the Sacred Oracles are rapidly receiving their fulfilment.

As Christians, we ought to look for these things, and to expect the accomplishment of the gracious designs of God, relative to the universal diffusion of Divine Knowledge, and the final establishment of the Redeemer's Kingdom throughout the kingdoms of this world; for it is foretold that the kingdom of this world are to become the kingdoms of our God and his Christ, and that all nations are to serve Him.

We learn from the Word of God, that the heathen nations, degraded and benighted as they are at present, are to be given unto him for a possession. Our Bibles inform us that a glorious state of things shall succeed the present disordered and unrighteous condition of mankind, which has been occasioned by the introduction of sin into our world.

Since the commencement of last century, God has been pleased in an extraordinary manner, to awaken and excite in the Christian world, a general feeling to disseminate—by the establishment of moral and religious institutions—the knowledge of his own truth, as contained in his word. Among the various means employed for the promotion of this object, there is none so well calculated to do this as the free circulation of the word of God, without note or comment. It can by virtue of its own divinely efficacious truths, make the nations wise unto salvations. For the law of the Lord is perfect, convicting the soul: and from the same authority we learn, that His testimonies are sure, making wise the simple. It can lead and teach men to appreciate infinite efficacy of the Redeemer's blood and righteousness, for the divine word declares, that the voice of the Lord is powerful, and that the voice of the Lord is full of majesty. And there can be no doubt, but through its instrumentality, many benighted souls have been brought to feel the quickening power of its truths; and at the same time to rejoice in the doctrines of Life and immortality, which are revealed in our Bibles.

But whether we feel it our imperative duty or not, to assist in this holy cause, it will go forward and prosper, in accordance with the grand designs of God. It may be regarded as the harbinger of better times, and when we have passed out of Time, and finished as an hireling his day—unborn generations shall exult triumphant, in that mercy which called into existence this divine institution.

#### BISHOP OF NEW-BRUNSWICK.

A report has been current for some weeks past, that the Hon. BAPTIST NOEL, a very eminent divine in the mother country, was to be appointed Bishop of this Province. The St. John Herald of Wednesday last, states 'upon good authority' that Dr. JACOB, President of King's College, is to receive the above appointment.

#### ROHAN POTATOES.

Last spring the Agricultural Society, an institution which has proved highly servicable to the county in drawing the attention of the inhabitants to the science of agriculture, and by the introduction of the best seed and most approved breeds of cattle, imported a few barrels of Rohan Potatoes. These they disposed of in small quantities to members. We have heard a great number who purchased these potatoes speak in the highest terms of their productiveness, and on Saturday last had the satisfaction of witnessing on the premises of Charles J. Peters, Esq. the produce of six pounds on a piece of land measuring 19 by 26 feet, namely two barrels and a half, each barrel weighing one hundred and forty five pounds.

#### BIBLE SOCIETY, RICHIBUCTO.

On Friday, the 9th inst., a Meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary Bible Society, was held in the Court House, Richibucto, to receive the Rev. James Thomson, one of the travel-

ling agents of the British and Foreign Bible Society.

The Hon. J. W. WELDON being called to the chair, the meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. James Hannay. The Rev. James Thomson then addressed the audience in a speech of great length and interest; in which, after referring to the origin of the parent institution in 1804,—and to the unwearied zeal, and ample success, with which their efforts to promote the circulation of the Scriptures have, since that period, been accompanied; he turned their attention to his individual trials and encouragements in the important field in which he has laboured for the last Twenty-two years, and concluded by earnestly exhorting them to perseverance in a work so eminently calculated to promote the cause and Kingdom of Christ in the world.

The address, which occupied nearly two hours in the delivery, was heard with deep attention, and acknowledged by a vote of thanks to Mr. T. for the high satisfaction it had afforded, and by a very liberal collection in aid of the funds of the Society. The Rev. H. Pickard concluded the meeting with prayer. It is truly gratifying to learn that this association which has existed little more than eighteen months, has already remitted no less than £81 10s. to the parent institution.

#### LAUNCHES.

From the building yard of Messrs. Cunards, in Chatham, on Saturday morning last, the ship LADY FALKLAND, burthen 640 tons new, 574 old measurement. She is a beautiful looking craft, and is considered by judges, a first rate vessel.

On the morning of Monday, the 12th inst., from the Building Yard of Mr. Peter Sutherland, at Dalhousie, a superior built, copper fastened, bark, called the AIMWELL of 524 Tons register. The Aimwell adds another to several fine ships built by Mr. Sutherland, all of which reflect credit alike to his skill as a Builder and enterprise as a merchant.

On Saturday week, a fine bark, named the HENRY DUNCOMBE, of 484 tons old measurement, and 563 of the new mode, was launched in fine style at the shipyard of John Jardine, Esq.

#### MARRIED.

At Chatham, on the 13th Oct., by the Rev. Samuel Bacon, Rector, Mr. RICHARD BURBIDGE to Miss MARY ANN SHANK, both of Chatham.

### Ship News.

#### PORT OF MIRAMICHI.

##### Entered,

October 13—schr Elizabeth, M'Kay, P E Island, 1 day—Master: barque Harper, Murphy, Liverpool, 49 days—Gilmour, Rankin & Co.; ship Importer, M'Canby, do., 40 days—do: Thomas Gelston, Donald, Dublin, 41 days—do.

15th—schr Margaret, Williams, Bathurst—Gilmour, Rankin & Co: Thorn, Hutchison, Guysborough, 10 days—Master.

16th—brig Wellington, Jones, New Quay, 44 days—Gilmour, Rankin & Co: Lord Ramsay, England, Bideford, 42 days—Duncan & Lech; barque Ant, Williams, London, 50 days—Gilmour Rankin & Co: Sarah Stewart, Simpson, Dublin, 39 days—do.

19th—schr Fame, Thompson, P E Island, 3 days—Master.

##### Cleared,

October 13, brig John, Davis, Belfast, 14, brigs Bridget, Evans, Waterford; Rosebank, Legatt, Belfast; Orwen, Steele, do.; schr Henry Canman, M'Kay, P E Island. 15th, schr Amendment, do.; brig William & Ann, Mathews, Bristol. 16th, schr Industry, O'Brien, Halifax; Am. brig Homer, Drinkwater, Pictou, James & Ann, Dickenson, Blythe; Mary, Paul, Dartmouth; barque Humbler, Wildridge, Hull; schr Elizabeth, M'Kay, P E Island; Brothers, M'Leod, do: Laurence Forrester, Flaherty, Waterford; Eliza Ann, Shelmut, Halifax.

London, Sept. 16, arid.—Agenoria, Hagg, Miramichi. Hartlepool, Sept. 15—Danube, from Miramichi. Sunderland, Sept. 15—Mariner, from Bathurst. Stockton, Sept. 15, Danube, Batchart, from Miramichi. Gloucester, Sept. 17, Rosa, Balmer, from Miramichi: Symmetry, Smith, do. Stockton, Sept. 17, Teesdale, Stirling, from do.

#### PORT OF RICHIBUCTO.

Arrived, October 9, schr Elizabeth, Harding, Halifax. 10th, schr Sisters, M'Millan, Arichat. 12th, brig Plata, Wake, Sunderland. —J. Canard & Co. 14th, schr Caroline, Jones, Quebec. 16th, schr Prince Albert, Halifax.

Cleared, October 14, schr Caroline, Jones, Quebec: barque Minerva, Matthews, Menzel Bridge. 16th, schr Prince Albert, P E Island.

#### PORT OF ST. JOHN.

Arrived, October 6, brigs Albion, Southampton; Eagle, Liverpool. 13th, ship Sir Walter Scott, Hull.

Cleared—ships Express, Liverpool: Hebe, London: Frances, Liverpool: Mersey, do: brig Kathleen, Kilrush.

#### PORT OF HALIFAX.

Arrived, Oct. 8, barque Acadian, Greenock: schr Messenger, Bathurst. 9, H. M. frigate Vestal, Quebec: H. M. ship Winchester, do: H. M. brig Pilot, do.

Cleared, October 8, schr Isabella, Martin, Miramichi.

Passenger in the ship Mar. of Queensbury, at this port—Peter Taylor, Esq.

## ORIGINAL.

### THE LAUNCH.

It was a sight most beautiful to see: Bounding like a freed spirit to its home Of purity and bliss; there, there to float, With downy wings incumbent, in th' expanse Of boundless azure—to dance symphonious, Undulating in the billowy air, To the sweet music of the unquiet Elements:—The sylph-like form, of beauty, Of elegance and taste; sweetly fashioned By a master's magic hand. The emanation Of Brunswick enterprise and industry— A new born daughter to Britannia— Whose fair breast, would like to her sisters be, The wall of her defence, the firm bulwark Of her security—launching from its womb. By heavens it was a glorious sight:— To see, calmed into sunny smiles, beneath The blashings of the morn (just ris'n to look, Peeping through lids of snowy clouds) ocean Swift rushing in a full high tide of joy, To this leveliest of his thousand chambers: Which, in his gambols he had made; therein To kiss and woo old earth, to bring him forth, For his bright, free and mountainous domain, A winged population; into harvests, Luxuriant and rich to plough it:—There, Aside his emerald vesture flinging; In his open snow white bosom to receive, As a father his anticipated child— The vessel of his love: which gliding forth, 'A thing of life,' reposing, naked fell, Into his closed fond embrace.

There she'll remain, Enwapt within her gemmy swaddling folds; Tied with binding cords to her mother's heart; Till reared, in all her noble state, she'll dare To 'walk the waters' in proud majesty; Or woo'd by the sighing wind, in his arms She'll fly to some fair Eastern spicy Isle. From her all impatient bosom dashing The bonds which in her infancy did bind, Dancing o'er the diamond spray.

#### I looked!

Like a young bride, for her wedding attir'd, She, before me 'a thing of beauty' stood; Her banners beautifully wav'd, yet hung Half droopingly in blushes. I turned me, And then I heard sweet music as from rills Do come, when to the ear winds gently waft them;—

Sounds as those which doves do make, when winging Through summer skies their airy course they go.

I turn'd again and look'd. 'Twas she! stealing Into her lover's arms, as steals the glance Of Hour's eye to warrior hearts from heaven; So timidly, shrinkingly she glided. A tear you might have thought her, trickling down,

At parting, some fond one's cheek; so softly, So tremblingly she went. All beautifully Into the azure main she fell, as falls Morn's bright dew drop on the violet bed— As down the heavens the meteor floating falls. And then, oh! how joyously, th' elements Received the dedicated bark. The waves Danced all wild in raptures, and sang sweet songs

Of melody to the listening shores. The woods, the caves, responded to the strain; And heaven caught up the harmony. Man Then, with loud loud huzzas the chorus joined, And methought I heard heaven's host hosanna. JOHANNES BACCALAUREUS. Bathurst, August, 1840.

### NOTICE.

TENDERS will be received at the Store of the Subscriber, until Thursday, the 5th November next, for taking up the BUOYS in this River. Particulars made known by applying as above.

LEONARD HAWBOLT, Commissioner. Chatham, 19th October, 1840.

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And may be entered upon immediately. The SAW MILL, HOUSE, BARN, ROOM and Ground attached thereto, at French Fort Cove, Newcastle, for such time as may be agreed upon. —Also—

The HOUSE, BARN and FARM at the Point, lower side of French Fort Cove, in Newcastle.

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### NOTICE.

Any Person Trespassing on LOT No. 26, on the South side of Tabinac River, at present occupied by Mr James M'Callum, or on the LOT on Leitch's River (Tracadie) bounded on the lower side by Joseph Robichaux's—will be prosecuted as the Law directs.

G. HENDERSON, Junr. Chatham, 20th October, 1840.