

never shall we be able to calculate the full amount of the good they have done, till Jesus come to judgment...

Having made a few introductory remarks, Mr CAIR proceeded to say:—

In early life I was not privileged to receive a Sabbath School education; and so wrong are early impressions—so sweet are our youthful associations—that till lately I continued to entertain towards Sabbath Schools, a sort of reluctant aversion!

Lessons learned in early life, Sir, are never to be forgotten! How highly necessary then that these lessons be of a sound, christian character.

Principles have their origin in early influences. Hence it is that early influences have more power, to form character, than mental cultivation.

It has been beautifully remarked, "that a mother goes out of herself to live in her children." "Train up a child," says the Word of Inspiration, "in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."

Having said this much regarding the early influences of a mother, and her power of implanting in her children, the "first principles of the oracles of God," it may be asked to what quarter are we to look for the better moral cultivation of the female sex, in order to the production of good mothers.

When a wretch—too well known—desired to infuse into the mind of France the poison of infidelity, did he present his draughts to the adult population? No, Sir! He adopted a more successful method: he made the school-room the scene of his diabolical enterprise!

I admit, Sir, that to teach the young idea "to shoot," is indeed a needful task; but "to teach the young ideas how to shoot," is not only a needful, but a responsible task.

You know, my young friends, (addressing the children) that altho' its growth be but slow, the little acorn soon becomes an oak; the spring broad is soon followed by autumn's yellow corn; the early rosebud soon blossoms and gives forth its fragrance on all around.

THE REV. MR McCURDY, in responding to the call of the Chairman, said:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN—When the Rev. Chairman intimated to the meeting that he intended to call upon all his clerical brethren around him, I of course expected that my turn would come; and I immediately made the attempt to think of something to say to you, but I found that my respected brethren, as they proceeded one after another with their remarks, were so eloquent and impressive, that I was obliged to become an attentive listener like yourself, and now I am compelled to appear before you to speak *impromptu*.

Amid the many attractions of this truly delightful scene, there is one feature that particularly arrests my attention, and that is, the presence here of so many children, with smiling eyes and delighted faces, from the various Christian denominations in the community, no fewer than four being represented.

I cannot but think, this evening, of that inimitable passage in the 133rd Psalm "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity, &c." Oh that we who are further advanced in years may profit by the pleasing spectacle you now present, and recognize each other often in mutual and generous love!

Let us all long and pray and strive to have a place in that innumerable and ineffably happy assemblage.

Mr M'Curly, in rising the second time, observed:

I am sure that the gentleman, who is a Sabbath school teacher, and who has just declined to speak in behalf of one of its Sabbath schools in this place, has not declined because he has felt no pleasure in his avocation, nor because he has not felt his employment to be honorable.

I look upon the office of a spiritual instructor—and faithful Sabbath school teachers may surely be included in the appellation—as the most sacred, most important, and most honorable of all offices which man can fill.

Let us all long and pray and strive to have a place in that innumerable and ineffably happy assemblage. I place the humble spiritual instructor above a Newton imparting instruction in the sublime science of astronomy, you may think of the latter renowned man discoursing upon the simple, grand, and unvarying law of gravitation, that unseen and mighty power which binds together the innumerable orbs which fill the immensity of space, upon the centripetal and centrifugal forces holding all these in harmonious operation.

HALIFAX.—It appears by a notice in the Royal Gazette, that all vessels arriving at the above-named port, from the United States, are to remain in quarantine until released by the Health Officer.

REVD. R. ARCHIBALD.—A late number of the Glasgow Citizen, received by the last British mail, furnishes the following intelligence respecting this Gentleman, which will be gratifying to his friends in this place.

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THE LATE EXPRESS.—We are indebted to the St. John Courier of Saturday last, for the following particulars regarding the result of the last Express from Halifax to New York.

The American Express from Halifax, with the news brought from England by the Hibernia, arrived at Boston four hours and a half before the mail steamer. The time of running is thus stated in the Boston Times:—Left Halifax on Tuesday, 17th March, at 4 p. m. and arrived at Granville Point, 145 miles, by horse, in 11 hours and a half; left Granville in steamer Kennebec, at 4 h. 17 m. a. m. on Wednesday, and arrived at Portland in 19 hours and 20 minutes; left Portland at 11 h. 39 m. p. m. on Wednesday, by rail-road, and arrived at Boston at 3 h. 2 m. on Thursday morning.

The Express was continued to New York, via Worcester, to which place it proceeded at 4 a. m. by rail-road, and from Allan's Point by steamer Oregon, which arrived in New York at a quarter before 4 o'clock on Thursday afternoon—being less than 2 days from Halifax.

Another Express, which started from Boston after the arrival of the Hibernia, arrived at New York one hour after the Express from Halifax, having gained upon the latter upwards of 5 hours between Boston and New York, the running time being only six hours and forty-seven minutes!—the shortest period in which it was ever performed.

AGRICULTURAL.—In our first page will be found an account of the proceedings of the Annual meeting of the Northumberland Agricultural Society, and the Report of the Secretary. In our next paper we purpose publishing some valuable information regarding the Potatoe Disease, copied from late British papers.

THE SEASON.—Since the publication of our last number, much rain has fallen; this weakened the ice, and on the afternoon of Tuesday, the last day of March, it gave way opposite Chatham, and moved down with the ebb tide. It has been gradually giving way ever since, and there is a reason to expect that in a few days the navigation will be open.

The streets and fields are bare of snow, and we learn that Mr. Gavin Rainnie, of Chatham, Mr. Searle, of Napan, and several other persons, commenced Ploughing on the 31st ult. a circumstance, we believe, unparalleled in the history of this part of the Province.

The freshets have been unusually high, and much damage has been sustained by settlers residing on the banks of streams, particularly on Renou's river. The bridge over this river has been carried away, together with a number of cattle and sheep. By next week we probably shall learn some particulars.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—The Letter of Patronus came to hand yesterday afternoon. We have not had time to peruse it.

Deaths.

At Chatham, on the 29th instant, Sarah, infant daughter of Mr William McNaught, aged 4 weeks.

At Chatham, on the same day, William Ambrose, son of Mr Daniel Ross, aged 18 months.

WANTED IMMEDIATELY,

Three Able Seamen,

To complete the Crew of the barque Carillon, lying at the Long Wharf, in Chatham, on next week. Apply at the Office of J. Ganard & Co., or to the Master on board. Chatham, April 3, 1846.

NOTICE.—All persons indebted to the Estate of the late WILLIAM ABRAMS, Esquire, deceased, are requested to make payment without further delay, at the Office of the subscriber.

GEORGE KERR, Attorney for the Estate. Chatham, 19th Decr. ber, 1845.