

ty for the protection of British subjects had been declared to be at an end, and it had been announced that the administration of the property of British subjects dying in Brazil would henceforth be placed in the hands of the native courts, and that no privileges whatever would be extended to them so long as that act continued in force. As a natural result of this strong excitement, commercial matters were in a very unfavourable state."

J. A. STREET, Esq.—We perceive that this gentleman was a passenger on board the Cambria.

WESLEYAN TEA PARTY.—A Correspondent has kindly furnished us with the following account of this entertainment. It is the first of the kind that has been given in Miramichi; but from all we learn of the good feeling, harmony, and sociability which pervaded the party—consisting of upwards of 100 persons, belonging to various denominations—we sincerely trust it will not be the last.

To the Editor of the Gleaner,

Sir,—I cannot help regretting the occasion which is furnished by your personal absence from the Tea Meeting which was held in the Wesleyan Vestry and Chapel last evening, for my addressing you this morning, as had you been present I have no doubt a more acceptable report of the festivities of the occasion, than I can furnish, would have been given by your Editorship, and at the same time that I attempt a few words in addressing you, shall feel much obliged if you reject this, for anything more acceptable on the subject, which may be presented to you for insertion in your interesting paper.

For some days back the intention of the Wesleyans of Chatham to give a **TEA ENTERTAINMENT**, the proceeds from which to be appropriated to the interests of the Sabbath School connected with them, has been spoken of through the community, and last evening it "came off," notwithstanding that it was the first of the kind which we had an opportunity of witnessing in the community, with a degree of *clat*, which dazzled, as well as astonished many who were present. Tea was generally announced as being ready at seven o'clock, but from the number of persons who assembled in the Chapel to untrouble, previously to entering the Vestry, some knowing ones, edged into the Vestry to secure seats, before the general announcement, and the event proved them to have had their wits about them. I happened to be of the party who first entered the Vestry, and notwithstanding that I had in this Province and elsewhere, attended *Tea Meetings* and further, notwithstanding a personal acquaintance with many of the ladies who so liberally furnished tables for the occasion, and of whose good taste I had had frequent proofs, but upon a detached or isolated, and consequently upon a smaller scale, I must confess, that I was comparatively, if not altogether, unprepared for witnessing such an elegant, if not splendid, profuse, and substantial display.

The Vestry was fitted up with an end table at the lower end, two side, and one centre table; the whole of which were furnished with white tablecloths of, generally excellent, some of elegant texture,—next at convenient distances were seen trays containing in every instance neat, and in some instances elegant tea and coffee sets, and between these trays I do not hesitate to say, to use a figurative expression the tables groined with such good things as are sometimes met with at private tea parties of the most substantial description. Tea and coffee urns were also to be seen attached to some of the trays. The tables were lighted from end to end most abundantly; and in addition to which there were two excellent lamps suspended from the ceiling, at opposite ends, and an elegant lamp at the end of one of the tables; the room in point of temperature was very comfortable.

Before the general announcement that Tea was ready, each lady who supplied a table took charge of her tray, and there sat with a most inviting countenance to welcome, and attend to any persons who approached her. Not having had any share in the responsibility which must necessarily have attached itself to those who took a part in making the preparations, I had an opportunity of casting my eyes round to make observations, and must say that when the company entered the Vestry from the chapel I felt highly gratified at the admixture which presented itself; in point of religious denomination it was quite heterogeneous; however in another respect there did not appear to be the slightest shade of difference, every countenance was fraught with good humour and friendly feeling. The tables were filled thoroughly, and I think they must have furnished seats to at least one hundred persons, in addition to which, as a dernier resort, and a most useful one it proved, a table was fitted up in the Chapel, in front of the Communion, at which a lady kindly and most good-humouredly presided, and I am led to believe regaled between thirty and forty persons at Tea, &c. After thanks were returned in the Vestry, the Rev. Mr. Shepherd addressed the meeting at some length explanatory of the object of getting it up—the progress the children had made in the sabbath school since its institution, now nearly fifteen years—the amount of sound religious information communicated and received—the number who had committed to memory the second catechism used by the Methodists, and the scripture

proofs attached, embracing all the leading doctrines of Christianity—the number of volumes, I think two hundred, belonging to the sabbath school library—and took occasion to say that there were also two hundred volumes in the other library attached to the Wesleyan Chapel in Chatham—the manner in which these libraries were instituted and supported—and the indefatigable zeal manifested by the sabbath school Teachers from time to time in the discharge of their duties.

Mr. Shepherd was followed by Mr. James Taylor, of Fredericton, his present assistant on the Miramichi Circuit, in an interesting and energetic address, but the particulars of which I cannot furnish, owing to my having been engaged in the Chapel, during a part of the time; at the close of which the company were invited into the Chapel, which was made comfortable for their reception, and where they were gratified by the performance of many beautiful and favorite pieces of sacred music by the Wesleyan choir, than which, I do not think it is disputed, that there is anything better in this, or in the adjoining Province. Mr. Joseph Spratt delivered an interesting address during the intervals of the musical performance, in which he had gratifying reference to the labours and zeal of the late Superintendent of the Sabbath School, Mr. Robert Morrow; and Mr. Thomas Spratt, one of the office bearers of the Sabbath School, also addressed the meeting. Amongst the pieces performed by the Choir, and with very fine effect, were the following—"I'll wash my hands in Innocence," "All is Well," "David's Lamentation," "Strike the Cymbal," and "Miriam's Song." For the accommodation of such of the company who came from distances of from five to fifteen miles, the entertainments were closed a little before ten o'clock; but many loitered, engaging in agreeable conversation in groups, thro' the Chapel and Vestry, up to half past ten, and even then evinced an unwillingness to separate or leave the scene of so much rational, social and unalloyed enjoyment. For my own part I do not remember to have witnessed a more social scene, nor one from the enjoyment of which there is less to regret; and would only add that it was much to be wished that as great an amount of kindly feeling, and amalgamation of the different religious denominations were to become more general in our community, and that occasion should be sought and cultivated, of some common ground upon which all parties may meet, and that, more especially at the present juncture, to suit or meet the exigency of the times.

I am Sir, your obedient servant,
Nobody.

N. B. I should have observed, that kindly, respectful, and affectionate reference was had by Mr. Shepherd, to the causes which prevented the Rev. Mr. Macbean and his Lady from being of the party, as well as the Rev. Mr. Henderson, both of the Established Church of Scotland.

MELANCHOLY AFFAIR.—A man was found frozen to death, on the road, a short distance from the residence of Mr. Ronald Crocker, in the South West, on the morning of Thursday last. We have not learnt his name, or any particulars.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—We have not had time to peruse the communication of a *Novascotian*.

Downing Street Jan. 30.—The Queen has been pleased to appoint George Frederick Street, Esq., to be Puisne Judge for the province of New Brunswick; and William Wright, Esq., to be Her Majesty's Advocate-General, and William Boyd Kinnear, Esq., to be Her Majesty's Solicitor-General for that province.

ARRIVALS AT HEA'S HOTEL.

February 16th.—W. Wilson, South-West; David Crocker, do. 20th.—Rev. W. Temple, Woodstock. 21st.—Mrs. White, Amherst. 22nd.—S. B. Hetherington, Richibucto; John Greham, do.; Captain Brown, and Lady, Liverpool. 22nd.—J. Black, Dorchester. R. Taylor, do.; G. Crousen, do.; H. McKay, Esq., Quebec; Mrs. Fall, Richibucto. 24th.—J. Weaver, South-west. 25th.—E. C. Patten, Kouchibouguac; W. Patten, Sen., do. 26th.—W. Wilson, South-West; W. Parker, do.

Marriages.

At Oak Point, on the 1st inst., by Alexander Goodfellow, Esq., Commissioner for Solemnizing Marriage, Mr. Adam Sim, to Miss Harriet, youngest daughter of the late Mr. Robert Brown, of Chatham Head.

Deaths.

At Newcastle, on the 18th ult., Jane, eldest daughter of the late Mr. Thomas Mullans; after a long and severe illness, which she bore with christian resignation, expressing strong faith to the last in the promise of her Redeemer.

On Sunday evening last, James Charles, youngest son of Charles J. Peters, Esq. of this place, aged 17 months.

On the 22d November last, on board the bark Harmony, on her passage from Valparaiso to London, Mr. Gilbert Anderson, shipwright, aged 22 years.

Communications.

To the Editor of the Gleaner,

Sir,—On the 31st ult., I addressed you upon the subject of the proceedings instituted against our Hoggreeves for neglect of duty, and upon other matters therewith connected, and it appears to me that your succeeding paper of the 7th inst., over the signature of P. Williston, Esq., furnishes very ample grounds for the circulation of the report respecting the judicial conduct of one of the magistrates referred to in my former letter. We, the public, have also before us the defence of John Porter, Esq., in your paper of the 14th, between which defence, and Mr. Williston's affirmation, there appears to exist a sufficient number of slight discrepancies to furnish to the public quite an interesting view of how matters stand with regard to the characters of some of our leading men. We have also before us the pithy, and quite in point, result of a private negotiation between the belligerent magistrates, in their joint communication, in your last week's paper, which no doubt, is altogether as satisfactory (1) to the public as to themselves, and for that reason I do not pretend to scan it;—but would merely, quietly, and simply, enquire whether executions have yet been issued against the parties against whom judgments were given? and if not, do they, the magistrates, purpose to issue them? and if so, when? and if not, why not? These questions, and the answers to them, are all matters in which the public are interested, and respecting which they conceive they have a right to enquire, as calculated to give them to understand whether the regulations of the sessions are to be carried out and order and law respected and maintained, or otherwise.

I am, Sir,
CHATHAMITE,

February 26, 1846.

Mr. Pierce,

Sir,—I wish to ask you a few questions concerning the duty of Commissioners of Winter Roads. In passing from Newcastle to Wilson's Ferry, a few days since, I found the road almost impassable; and meeting some loaded teams, I asked the reason the Commissioner did not cause the roads to be broken and levelled? What was the answer? It was, that the commissioner hauled his firewood down that road last year, and we had good roads then; but this year he procures it from another quarter; therefore we had to break the roads for ourselves. You will please answer this in your next paper.

A TRAVELLER.

February 19, 1846.

European News.

Fresh foreign beef, or beef slightly salted, is in future to be allowed to be shipped duty free as stores, under the usual regulations. This is the decision of the revenue authorities.

The New German Church.—It is stated that Ronge has entered into explanations of his views with some of the leading members of the sect of the *Licht Freunde*, or "Friends of Light." They have, in consequence, determined to unite themselves to the German Catholic church. The friends of light hold ultra-liberal opinions on theological questions, and are more obnoxious to the German governments than the German Catholic church, from their views on political subjects being equally bold and free.

The first sod of the Midland Great Western (Irish) Railway was turned, near Dublin, on the 8th ult., by the Lord-Lieutenant, in the presence of a large assemblage of influential persons.

A letter from Rome, states, that the Emperor Nicholas, during his stay there, bestowed enormous sums in gratuities. On quitting the Vatican he left a sum of 12,000 Roman crowns for the domestics.

The Steamer President.—The Madrid Gazette of the 13th inst. states, that the Minister of the Interior had received a communication from the Political Chief of Guipuzcoa, announcing that a bottle had been found floating in the water near Motrico, containing a paper of which the following words only could be deciphered:—"Ship President. We are blocked up in ice, and we can't live much time. Kind friend will acquaint our. . . . We are dying of hunger. . . . I am fainting. . . . If, if. . . ." The bottle was found by some fishermen, and handed to the Alcalde of Motrico, a few leagues from San Sebastian. A copy of the paper has

been communicated to the British Minister.

New Planet or Comet.—Mr. Hencke of Driesen, in Prussia, has discovered a new star in the constellation Taurus. It is a star of the 9th magnitude. Sir J. South, in a letter in the Times, mentions that he has also seen it, by following the directions given by Mr. Hencke.

The guano used in the vineyards of Prince Metternich so deteriorated the quality of the wine that the plantations have been uprooted.

The use of diseased potatoes in Ireland by the destitute poor is becoming, as was expected, a frightful source of fever and disease. A fearful increase in the number of fever patients has taken place in the hospital of Fermoy.

The Case of the Ship Tory.—Captain Johnstone, who stands charged with three murders on board the ship Tory, on her voyage from Hong Kong to London, and also with cutting and wounding 12 of the crew, has nearly recovered from his severe illness, which prevented him taking his trial at the last session of the Central Criminal Court and he will be tried at the ensuing session, which commences on the 2d of February. Mr. Humphreys has had several interviews with his client, and Mr. Jervis and Mr. Clark have been retained for the prisoner. The witnesses, 20 in number, have been maintained at the expense of the Crown since the commitment of the prisoner, and are all staying in London. All the wounded men have recovered except Gair, who received 25 sabre cuts about the head, face, and body; and Morris, the Frenchman, who was shot by the captain. It has been resolved that three bills for wilful murder, and twelve for cutting and wounding, shall be presented to the grand jury. The prisoner, who stands charged with such an enormous amount of crime, has become more cheerful of late, and does not betray the least symptoms of a disordered intellect. The Attorney-General will conduct this important prosecution on the part of the Crown.

More Conversions.—Mr Hutchinson, of Trinity College, Cambridge, was received into the Roman Catholic Church at Birmingham, on Sunday last. We understand about thirty of the late parishioners of the Rev.—Marshal, of Swallowcliff, Wilts, have, together with their pastor, conformed to the Church of Rome.

The Fredericton Mail.

This mail arrived last night at 7 o'clock. The latest paper received by it is the Extra of the Reporter, published on Tuesday last. It does not contain anything of consequence.

RECEIVED,

Per Schr Elizabeth, from Prince Edward Island,

500 Bushels OATS,

few boxes Vermicellia & Maccaroni

H. C. D. CARMAN.

Chatham, Oct. 7, 1845.

LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining in the Newcastle Post Office, December, 1845.

Allison Wm	Haloran John	2
Atkinson Elizabeth	Hilney Susan	
Bulter Wm	Knight George	
Brynton George	Kennedy David	
Brown Wm	Lynn Margaret	2
Builham Mr	Lynn Mrs	
Cromwell Asa	Lewis John	
Cullen Ellen	Lus Agnes	
Croher John	Moor Mary	
Croher Mary	Matheson Thos	
Carroll Matthew	Mathews Donald	
Coughlan Mr	Murphy James	
Caldwell Wm	McMahon Richard	
Cummings Milton	McDonald Angus	
Croher Harriet	McNamara John	
Dougherty James	McKnight Francis	
Dempsey Thomas	McKinnon Donald	
Emerson Robert	McKendrick Mich	
Forsyth Robert	McLooney John	
Furlong Thomas	McCormick John	
Gibbons John	McKay Margaret	
Hill Thomas	Noble John	
Howe David	O'Brien Mary	
Hennessey Michael	Redmond Thomas	
Hurley James	Rebison John	
Haywood James	Rae Wm	2
Hillock Sarah	Smith Wm	
Halohan Jeremiah	Scotfield Richard	
Horrigan Dennis	Tozer Jared	
Haynes Thomas	Wright Wm	
Haw John		

HUGH MORELL, Post Master.

For Sale.

TWO PASTURE LOTS

On the James Brown Property, known as No. 77 and No. 79; the former containing about 2 1/2 acres, and the latter upwards of 4 acres: They will be sold either together or separate, or subdivided, if required. Terms made easy. Apply to

JOHNSON & MACKIE.

Chatham, February 11, 1846.