

worship, which has the fascination of mystery about it, though enough perhaps has been revealed to enable us to form an idea of what the mystery was intended to conceal. It would perhaps be more correct to denominate the Anabaptist sect than a tribe, though they unquestionably differ from the Maronites and Druses, in descent as well as in creed. Very strange notions have been propagated concerning them by travellers. Volney, in general so accurate and sagacious, was misled by Assemani; and succeeding writers have, for the most part, contented themselves with copying or abridging his account.

Communications.

[For the Gleaner.]

BOOKS.

Oh Books! ye "monuments of mind," sweet remembrances of departed genius, here we can converse with mental worth, and enjoy sweet consolations from thy intellectual storehouse. What pleasure to enter into pleasant retirement with the thoughts and feelings of the silent dead? What a glow of enthusiastic feeling thrills through the mind, when the author vibrates a kindred cord? It leads us to overlook his failings, because he becomes a part of ourselves. They are, if I may so express myself, embodied mind. We have the thoughts and actions of other days arraigned before us, to praise or condemn; from the wild and tumultuous scenes of the battle field, to the simple narratives of humble life. We have laid before us from the rise and fall of mighty empires, to the insignificant record of a cottage conflagration; or the gigantic thoughts that have revolved through the mind of some ambitious warrior, only illustrative of his selfish greatness. Ages gone by are immediately brought before the mind by those pleasant companions. "They send our soul back to the ages of old, to the days of other years." They introduce us to the halls of greatness with as much freedom as to the cave of the smuggler; and they present you to the throne of august majesty with as little compunction as to the ruler of a Hottentot dominion. From the gloomy depths of Byronic reminiscences, to the flowery recollections of Hibernian Moore, whose exquisite imagination conveys to the mind the shade of a terrestrial paradise. They carry us down to the gross obscenity of man's depravity—to the carnal depths of his hardened nature, and recalls in too vivid colours the fearful departure from his benevolent Maker. But if they sink him down to the abode of demons, they exalt us to eternal benevolence, to the sublime majesty of the Almighty Creator, whose infinite wisdom has given us *His Book* to place above them all.

"Most wondrous Book! bright candle of the Lord!
Star of eternity! the only star
By which the bark of man could navigate
The sea of life, and gain the coast of bliss
Securely; only star which rose on Time,
And, on its dark and troubled billows, still
As generation, drifting swiftly by,
Succeeded generation, there's a ray
Of heaven's own light, and to the hills of God
Pointed the sinner's eye."

They are the main spring by which most of human affairs are carried on. Here we can see in a few years what has caused a lifetime to the experimental philosopher. While his body is marked by a perishable monument, his mind is marked by a more enduring monument of his undying remembrance. When companionship we require, the fierce sublimity of Pollock will arouse our emotions, as he peers with awful grandeur into the depths of eternity, picturing with enthusiastic magnificence, "the world at dawn, at mid day, and decline." The milder form of Milton's august imagination will carry us away with exalted conceptions of his superior genius; and the fiery vigor of Homer's composition will arouse the latent energies of our mind, and blind us to the errors of an intellectual nation that has passed away. As a melancholy shade of departed joys, or the vexatious annoyances of present disappointments pass across us, White, with his mournful melancholy, will soothe our ruffled happiness, and cause them to melt away so rapturously soft, like the dying cadence of an Aeolian harp. Gutenberg, what the world owes to thee for thy indefatigable exertions. The first printed copy of the sacred Word emanated from thy unwearied diligence. What a sublime idea must have moved thee to that undertaking? that the holy book should be the first of thy arduous undertakings, as if thou wert afraid of its valued truths being lost to succeeding generations. With what regret, too, do we think that it was the immediate cause of thy temporal ruin; but it has crowned thee with immortal honours, that will hand thy name down, and place it on the loftiest top of Fame's dread mount. And as we pass a sunny hour with a more refined production of the modern press, will glance back to thy one of pristine simplicity, and associate it in comparison with the baroque of the industrious Columbus. "God be thanked for books." All that is bad and all that is good are contained within thy voluminous pages. With what holy consolation does the christian pore over the sacred mementoes of the chosen of God? He receives there a balm that suits all his disquietudes; a friend that pours into the bleeding wounds of conscience a balsam which is sovereign—a triumphant support in his hour of affliction. Here again is another volume through which we can peer a little into the unfathomable region of space, we can be made acquainted with the stupendous power of an Almighty God. We can be exalted to the

sublime contemplation of eternal worlds, which cause us to shrink within ourselves, and be overwhelmed at our own insignificance. If the distant works of the Divine energy overawe us with their awful magnitude, the microscopical object of animate life no less astonishes us with its perfection and beauty. The deeper we drink at the fountain of truth, the more we are lost in profundity of contemplation, and convinced of our own unworthiness. What a mournful thing it is to see so many young men allowing their talents to lay dormant, while so many dust covered instructors surround them; allowing the summer of their existence to pass away, until the autumn of their life has arrived, destitute of a harvest. Eternity must soon burst upon their vision, while their talents lay resting beneath a burden of unaccountable neglect. The temple of science seems to have no room for them; they are content to gaze at the edifice and admire its glittering appearance, but halt at the gate that leads to its threshold, humming the while—
"Sense take the reins; blind passion, drive us on;
And ignorance befriend us on our way;
Ye new, but truest patrons of our peace!
Yes, give the brute full empire; live the brute,
Since, as the brute, we die. The sum of man,
Of Godlike man! to revel and to rot."

PHRENOGASTO.

Editor's Department.

MIRAMICHI:

CHATHAM, TUESDAY, SEPT. 7, 1847.

The Subscriber having been compelled to consume a large amount of time, and incur considerable expense, in his too often fruitless endeavours to collect his far spread Outstanding Debts, hereby notifies all persons to whom he is not indebted, and with whom he has not a running account, that orders for advertising in the Gleaner, and for Printing, in future, must be accompanied with the CASH, otherwise they will not meet with attention.

JAMES A. PIERCE.

EUROPEAN NEWS.

The Royal Mail Steamer Caledonia, with the 2nd August mail, arrived at Halifax on Tuesday last, after a passage of 12½ days.

Our files of papers furnish a good deal of matter of an important and interesting character, and we have consequently devoted a large space to extracts.

The accounts from all parts of Great Britain and Ireland and the Continent, represent the crop of grain as being abundant, and potatoes looking unusually healthy. The natural consequences have ensued. All kinds of bread-stuffs and provisions have fallen; and a number of parties who have been speculating therein, have become bankrupts. Trade generally, was in a much more healthy state than it has been for some time past, but fears were entertained of a monetary crisis, the Bank of England having issued an official notice, raising the minimum rate of discount to 5½ per cent.

TIMBER TRADE.—Duncan & Ewing's Circular, published on the 18th August, gives a more cheering account of the state of the Liverpool Timber market, than the one issued on the 1st of the month. We give below an extract from it.

Since our printed circular of the 31st ult., the arrivals of colonial Wood have been considerable, contributing to lessen the previous comparative deficiency, still, however, judging from the last advices from Canada, dated the 27th ult., there seems no reason to expect that such deficiency will be made up during this autumn, especially as it appears an unusual portion of the tonnage to be dispatched from thence will be occupied with articles of food. The wood that has arrived from British America since the 1st Feb. to this date, has occupied 51,545 tons; same time last year, 64,030 tons; same time year before that, 89,556 tons. The demand for most descriptions of wood was of late improved, and an upward tendency in prices has been manifest; but this course has been checked by a pressing desire on the part of some holders to realise sales at shorter credits than usual, caused by diminished confidence, and by the unexampled cost of converting long-dated bills into cash, nor can much relief in this respect be looked for until a good harvest be secured, which appears now in full progress towards a speedy and favourable issue.

FREDERICTON.—The papers from this place, give a very lengthy, and highly interesting account of a Temperance Soiree, which came off in Mr. Watt's gar-

den, on Wednesday week. It was a brilliant affair. Upwards of 400 persons sat down to tea. The band of the 33rd Regiment was in attendance. The evening was fine, and the manner in which it was conducted, reflects much credit on the managing committee.

WOODSTOCK.—The Telegraph records another act of incendiarism in Carleton County, by which a valuable Oat Mill, owned by Mr. Francis Sharp, and closely adjoining the mill recently burnt down, was destroyed.

MR. GOUHA.—This celebrated Temperance Lecturer has been addressing large audiences in St. John. He purposes paying Fredericton a visit.

CANADA.—The Quebec Morning Chronicle of the 28th August, contains the following articles, which will give our readers a correct and succinct account of the great mortality which has existed among the Emigrants, that have arrived at that port during the present season.

Previous statements have already made our readers on the other side of the Atlantic aware of the mortality that has prevailed during the present season both among the emigrants and those who came in immediate contact with them. From official sources we have derived the following particulars, which will give an idea of the fearful havoc that has been made in the masses that have visited our shores during the past three months. Our statement, we may observe, is made up to the 21st instant:—

Number of deaths on the passage,	3339
Do. on board ships after their arrival at Quarantine and previous to being put on shore,.....	1248

Number of Deaths at the Hospital and tents,.....	2503
Making a total of.....	7150

From the commencement of the season to the 21st inst., 26195 cases of sickness had been admitted in the Hospital and Tents at the Station; and we are sorry to state that little if any diminution in the mortality has taken place, the weekly number of deaths averaging between two and three hundred.

COUNTY WESTMORELAND.—*Suicide.*—A man named EDWARD FOLEY, residing at Irishtown, near Peticodiac, lately put a period to his existence, by hanging himself on a tree near his own residence. His body was found on the ninth day afterwards. The deceased left behind him a wife and four or five small children to deplore his melancholy end.

COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER.

DESPATCH.—The ship Enchantress, 832 tons register, consigned to Messrs Ferguson, Rankin & Co., arrived off the harbour of Bathurst on the 16th ultimo, with nearly 500 tons of salt, coal, brick, and other goods. Commenced discharging and taking in her cargo nine miles from the wharf, and finally completed and cleared out on the 23th.

The ship Lady Falkland, 700 tons register, arrived at the same place on the evening of the 18th ult., also to Messrs Ferguson, Rankin & Co., took in her cargo, and fully finished and cleared out the same day.

The cargoes, all Juniper Sleepers and Deals, had to be taken off in lighters, and the goods discharged in the same manner.

John Lanley, a Lunatic, formerly sent from the County of Gloucester to the Asylum at Saint John at considerable expense, has been returned to Bathurst in as insane a state as ever. This certainly shows something very wrong in the supervision of the institution. Lanley has caused the authorities and inhabitants generally, a great deal of anxiety and trouble, and steps ought to be taken to prevent a repetition of such unaccountable conduct.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—Chief Justice Norton has resigned his office, and Assistant Judge Desbarres has been appointed acting Chief Justice in his stead. His resignation is deeply regretted.

Fredericton Royal Gazette, September 1.
PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENTS.

Matthew Carruthers to be Local Deputy for the sale of Crown lands in the County of Gloucester.

Alexander McNeil the same for the County of Restigouche; and
James Davidson the same for the Northern District of the County of Northumberland, viz. all North of the Little South West and Main Miramichi Rivers.

By His Excellency's Command.

JOHN S. SAUNDERS.

Secretary's Office, 28th August, 1847.

FREDERICTON CATHEDRAL.—The cut stone for the doors and windows of this edifice arrived in Fredericton from England, last week, and the building is now rapidly progressing.—*Head Quarters.*

SUPREME COURT.—The Circuit Court for this County, will be opened on Tuesday next, the 14th inst. Judge Carter will preside.

CONSECRATION.—The Lord Bishop of Fredericton purposes consecrating the Church recently built in Nelson parish, on Sunday next; and will perform Divine Service at Newcastle, at 6 o'clock in the evening of the same day.

NOVEL CIRCUMSTANCE.—As the ferry scow was crossing the river yesterday afternoon, with several passengers from Bathurst, a fine Salmon sprang out of the water into the lap of a female sitting therein. It struggled desperately to escape, but its efforts were unavailing.

YESTERDAY'S MAIL.

We copy a few extracts from papers received by this mail.

The R. M. Steamship Cambria arrived yesterday evening, in 50 hours from Boston. She was prevented leaving that harbour at the appointed time, by a dense fog.

The new steamer Guadalquivir, Captain Hosken, arrived at New York on the 29th ult., in something over 14 days from Liverpool.

Gen. Scott moved from Puebla towards the city of Mexico, on the 7th ult., but no accounts had been received of his subsequent operations. The Mexicans had carefully fortified a strong position at El Penon, and thrown up other works to defend the approaches to their capital.

The United States government have ordered five additional regiments to be called out for immediate service.

The vomito, or yellow fever, was reported on the increase at Vera Cruz, but had rather abated at Tampico. At the last named place the garrison were apprehensive of a night attack by the Mexicans.

In Yucatan the Indians had risen in insurrection, and murdered the whites and mulattoes at Tepic and in several villages.—*Halifax Guardian, September 3.*

ST. JOHN.—His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, with Lady Colebrooke and family, arrived in town on Wednesday last in the Steamer New Brunswick from Fredericton, and have taken up their residence for the present in apartments fitted up for their reception in the Officers Barracks. We regret to learn that her Ladyship continues in a delicate state of health, and is now seriously indisposed.

EMIGRATION.—The serious infliction upon this community, the present season, of shiploads of diseased paupers from Ireland, many of whom become parish charges immediately upon landing, and now fill our Alms Houses, Hospitals, &c., while others subsist by street begging, has now become so alarming, that at a meeting of the Common Council, yesterday, His Worship the Mayor submitted some well-timed Resolutions on the subject, which were unanimously adopted by the Board, and we trust will have the effect not only of obtaining some temporary assistance from the Home Government, but also of preventing, in future, the wholesale exportation, by unfeeling landlords, in the Mother Country, of shiploads of their pauper and diseased tenantry to die at sea, or become burthens upon the Colonies.

We learn from the Observer, that the under-mentioned Clergymen have been appointed to the seven Deaneries, into which the Bishop of Fredericton has recently divided his diocese:

The Ven. Archdeacon Coster.	Fredericton.
The Rev. I. W. D. Gray, D.D.	St. John.
The Rev. Jerome Alley, D.D.	St. Andrews.
The Rev. W. E. Scovil, A.M.	Kingston.
The Rev. S. D. L. Street, A.B.	Woodstock.
The Rev. G. S. Jarvis, D.D.	Shediac.
The Rev. Samuel Bacon, A.B.	Miramichi.

—*St. John Courier, September 4.*
From all that we can learn by conversing with intelligent farmers on the subject of the apparent blight in the potato crop, the failure seems to be of a partial nature, and not the same as the rot of 1845. In this District it gets the name of the *rust*; and a gentleman lately from King's County, where potatoes are cultivated on a large scale, gives it the same name, and informs us that the extent of the damage will not effect the price, to the