

THE PIC-NIC.

OF ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH SABBATH SCHOOL.

ON Tuesday last, being the day set apart for this Pic-Nic, a large company of the younger portion of the community, together with a goodly sprinkling of middle-aged and old folk, met together at the Steamboat Wharf, and proceeded thence in Mr Bell's large boat to Beaubear's Island, where they spent—according to all accounts—a merry and a happy time. Not being able to attend ourselves, we are unable to give a report of the proceedings, and are therefore indebted to a Correspondent for the following account:—

It is pretty well known, that Mr Millar, our Grammar School Master, assisted by his good lady, Mrs Millar, and a few friends whose labours of love, are beyond praise,—has taught the Sabbath School in Connexion with St. Andrew's Church, Chatham, for nearly 25 years past. During that long period, Mr Millar has laboured in the good work, of training the youth of that Church, in the fear and nurture of the Lord, with equal ability, fidelity, and success.

It may not be deemed out of place, to state here, that St. Andrew's Church Sabbath School, which numbers from 80 to 90 Scholars—has been, all along, a self sustaining Institution, that its Library numbers nearly a thousand volumes, and that it pays annually for the education and maintenance of a Hindoo Orphan, whom it has adopted, and named, Elizabeth Millar. This little orphan is being instructed at one of the Institutions of the Church of Scotland, in India.

For some time past, a disposition had been evinced on the part of the parents of the pupils, and friends of the Church to tender to Mr and Mrs Millar, some expression of their gratitude for their unwearied exertions in so good a cause. A meeting was accordingly convened, in the School-Room, on Tuesday the 21st ult., at which it was resolved, in compliance with the suggestion of Mr Millar himself, that a *Water Excursion, and Pic-Nic* be got up for the Scholars of Mr Millar's School, their juvenile friends of other Sabbath Schools, and such others as the Parents of the former may invite. A Committee of five active and intelligent young men was chosen to secure the services of Mr Bell's largest Steamer, raise funds (an easy task) to pay for the Boat, &c., and make all preliminary arrangements.

The Pic-Nic came off on Tuesday last, and was, truly, one of the most delightful, best conducted, and successful efforts of the kind that we have ever witnessed. The Steamer started from the Ferry Wharf about 10 o'clock, and proceeded up the River—calling at Douglastown and Newcastle—till she reached the North-west Bridge. After affording the party an opportunity of inspecting this long and admirable structure, she put about, and passing through the *Tickle* to the South-west, stopped at Beaubear's Island, and landed the party at the wharf of Mr Harley. Here they remained till a little after 4 o'clock.

Having marched to the selected field of conflict, a terrific slaughter ensued. Knives and Forks, and other sharp Instruments were put into the hands of all present, and great was the destruction of Beef and Mutton, Puddings and Pies, Cakes and Crackers, Creams and Custards, &c., &c., which followed. To attempt a description of all the fun and frolic, singing, dancing, and speechifying, which were kept up till the *Whistle* announced the hour for departure, would be about as impossible as unnecessary.

To Mr and Mrs Harley, the Party are under lasting obligation. The preparations made by them previously—their unremitting exertions to contribute to the comfort and harmony of the Company while on the Island, and their hospitality to all who would partake of it, need no comment from us.

One great object of this Pic-Nic, was, to bring together, without distinction, as many of the Youth of our community, as possible. It is well-known that the friendly intercourse even of an hour, has not unfrequently sown the seeds of friendship, which time—instead of destroying—has only tended to deepen and mature. The invitations were therefore as numerous and general, as the size of the Steamer, and other circumstances, would warrant. Perhaps not less than 300 to 400 souls shared in the pleasures of the party. Persons of all ages—from the Babe in its Mother's arms, to the man of 'bald pate, and wrinkled brow'—were there. Every class, creed, and country, were represented; and judging by the supply of stores and steered instruments which went on board, one was almost tempted to suspect that the secret design of the Expedition was, to attack—if not another Sebastopol—at least that formidable looking spot—Beaubear's Island.

The Steamer was tastily decorated with flags, and rendered comfortable by awnings fore and aft. Mr Bell, the Owner—whose courtesy and kindness on such occasions are proverbial—did his best to render all, while on board, as comfortable and happy as possible. Besides securing the indispensable services of the Band, who ever and anon discoursed sweet music, he took part in these performances himself.

The day was dry and delightful; a cooling wind kissed the cheeks of all, but not too roughly, and all, from first to last, went off as happily as heart could wish, or pen describe.

Truly, if there be one thing more gratifying to the benevolent mind than another, it is the

pleasure to be derived from ministering to the amusement, and witnessing the innocent mirth of children; and it is wonderful what a small matter will suffice to render them happy. Only shift the scene at short intervals, and it will matter but little how 'tame,' or 'stale,' the representation may be; for

"In life's sunny morn, every thought is joy." Although pretty far up the hill of life ourselves, we seldom fail to share the happiness of the Young, as they laugh and prattle, and hop about like butterflies, in quest of fresh draughts of delight. Nor are we ashamed to confess, that—unmindful of the fact that "Silent time" has sped us far on the journey of life—we often unconsciously fall into the ranks, and take part in the innocent frolics of youth, even as in days long gone by.

May heaven's best blessing rest upon each and all of the "little ones" who attended the Pic-Nic. May God bless abundantly their Parents and Teachers, with health, happiness, and prosperity; and may he in his own good time, re-assemble the whole party on that happy shore,

"Where death-divided friends, do meet,
To part no more."

THE LATE STORM.

OUR attentive Correspondent at Shippegan, under date of July 31, furnishes the following detailed account of this terrible calamity:—

"They mount up to the Heaven, they go down again to the depths: their soul is melted because of trouble."

"They reel to and fro and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wit's end."

—Psalms CVII.

The late gale of the 21st and 22nd inst., has thrown the shades of night over this once flourishing settlement; all is cast into gloom and sorrow; the stroke is severe and will be felt for years to come. Thirty-one of our primest and best Fishermen have been consigned to a watery grave; ten of these are married men, leaving widows and large, helpless families to mourn over their sad bereavement, for all the help they had have gone, their sons along with the fathers. Nineteen are all young men from twenty to twenty-five years of age, and three boys under twenty. No Settlement in this Province could boast of a finer set of young men for high moral qualities, energetic and industrious, good farmers, capable of making all their own utensils, building their own boats and sailing them. The calamity is not confined to their own homesteads, for such a set of valuable men is a loss to the whole Province. They were men of sterling value, and will retard the progress of the place for years to come. "Peace be to their ashes."

I have held conversation with most of the well informed and experienced of the survivors; they all agree that there was not wind sufficient to raise such an unaccountable sea as ran during the gale, and from all the accounts we have been able to collect, we are persuaded that the cause must be from some great convulsion of nature; they state that the sea ran to the height of fifty feet, and that the top of each sea formed a cone or sugar loaf shape; all the boats that upset were on the top of these seas, and in one instance a boat was hurled down like a ball from the top of some high hill, then turned over and turned up upright. At the entrance of Big Tracadie Gully, another was turned over stern foremost, and all on board perished. In running before it the boats felt a tremendous motion, as if they would be shaken to pieces, along with sudden jerks, so as to throw or pitch a stone off the deck. One boat had her masts jerked out; another rode out the gale in ten to fifteen fathoms water; the crew describes the sea as similar to a pot of boiling barley soup over a sharp fire, bubbling up stones, sand and gravel all around them, and the sea changing its hue and colours until it became terrific to look on. Some boats that took in seas in thirty-five or forty fathoms of water, after bailing out found a large quantity of sand and gravel left. This must show that there was some singular and great commotion at the bottom; and boats falling down into the trough of the sea, in these soundings, felt a sensation as if the bottom of the boats were about to ground, or using the phrase "she smelt the bottom."—One boat of Tabusintac was upset as described above, and next day was found drifting up Miramichi River, picked up and taken into Néguaac, with one dead body on board: this shows that a dreadful current must have been running to the southward, as she was found, in about twenty four hours afterwards, nearly thirty miles in a straight line from where the accident happened, her route might double that distance or more.

The damage done to the fleet of Boats, about one hundred sail, was heavy; there will not be thirty left for our Fall Fishery, the rest have all come in in a crippled state, their Hulls shaken, some lost masts and sails, others their anchors and cables; those cannot be replaced here, therefore all our trade is paralyzed. The whole loss, including the fall fishing boats and material, cannot be estimated at less than £3,000 in Shippegan alone. From Caraquec no particulars is known here, but it is feared there are great losses there and on the Canada shores. The following are the names of those drowned, very few of the bodies are cast up: Richard Bulger and Son, Abraham LeBreton & Brother, Henry Mallet and brother, Vital, Olivia Chaisson, (son of David Chaisson) Peter Goodin, (stepson of Andrew Storey, Benjamin Mallet and Son, Policarp Letau, Augustin

Robichaux and two sons, two sons of Joseph Dugen, two sons of Marcell Savoy, Silvanus Laclau, one son of Sebastian Achi, one son of Louis Goutier, (Miscou) three sons of John B Gurgnard, two sons of Joseph Gurgnard, three sons of Gilbert Dugen, one son of John Louis Dugen, two sons of Simeon Bouche, Andrew Noil, son of Joseph Noil. Thomas Mallet, an old and respectable inhabitant, who is over 70 years of age, and has fished out of this place for over fifty years, was out along with his sons in the gale, and almost in his sight lost one son, one son-in-law, and four grand children, who leave 4 widows and families to share with him in their mournful loss, along with their orphan children.

Wrecked on Point Miscou, on Wednesday, 22nd inst., schr 'Fly,' Muirhead, Master, on a Trading Voyage to the Bay, total loss, lives all saved.

ANOTHER Correspondent, writing us from Bathurst, under date of August 6, furnishes the following further particulars, with a list of the lost and missing:

Wednesday the 22nd July, will long be remembered with sorrow by the inhabitants of the Eastern Parishes of this County, (Gloucester.) On the morning of that day, many a strong, able, and industrious husband, son, and father, who had left his family a few hours before, in joy and hope of a profitable week's labour, in their boats, (for the fish were exceedingly abundant at the time) were hurried, with but small preparation, into eternity. The hurricane came from the North-East on that morning, was by all accounts fearful, and it seems a miracle how any fishing boat got safely to the shore. Some few did, however, and it is pleasant to think that the losses are not so numerous as was at first anticipated.

I send you a list of the lost and missing at main Shippegan, Pokemouche, and Tracadie. The list has not been made up for Shippegan Island, Miscou and Caraquec, yet, when it is I shall forward it.

MAIN OR SOUTH SIDE SHIPPAGAN.—Richard Bulger, and son Gustavus, Abraham and John LeBreton. Bulger left a widow and six children, Abraham LeBreton, a widow, no children. Henry Mallet, Vital Mallet, Oliver Chiasson. Mallet left widow and three children. Benjamin Mallet, father, Seraphin Mallet. Policarp Letuigne. B. Mallet left widow and three children. S. Mallet, widow one child. Augustus Robichau, Father. Henry and Augustu Robichau, sons, left widow and five children.—Joseph Dugie and his two sons. Peter Storey, boy.

TRACADIE.—Barie Budreau and son, left widow and six children. Franquil Lousin, left widow and two children. Frank MacMahon. POKMOUCHE.—Isodon Gagnor, left a widow and two children. Michel Theniam.

There are some more affecting incidents connected with the tragic fate of those poor fellows, which I must send you at leisure. The Humane, will soon be called upon to contribute something towards the relief of those poor, distressed, and destitute widows and orphans.

Since the above, the weather has continued (with the exception of a light squall or two, with some heavy showers) calm and delightful, the crops are luxuriant almost beyond precedent.

LOCAL.

MELANCHOLY ACCIDENT.—At the commencement of the thunder squall, on Tuesday evening, the 28th July, the two mates of the Brigantine "Ariel" then lying off Newcastle, went into the Cabin for shelter, leaving Francis Butler (the only person on board at the time) in the Galley making a fire, when the squall passed over, the mates came out of the Cabin but could not find Butler, and as he had no means of getting on shore, they concluded he had in some way fallen over the side of the vessel, and was drowned. On Saturday last his body was found floating in the river, and an Inquest was held thereon, before Allan A. Davidson, Coroner; there were no marks of violence on the body, and their being no evidence of how deceased came to his death, (the mates having left the port) the jury returned a verdict of found drowned.

Deceased was a young lad of about 17 years of age, a native of Kilrush, Ireland, he came out a passenger in the Ariel, intending to remain here, and was engaged as a labourer on board the vessel assisting in loading her.

NEW WORKS.

To Messrs. Leonard, Scott & Co., of 79 Fulton Street, New York, we are indebted for the April number of the London Quarterly Review. It is a highly interesting number. The following is a list of its contents:

"Predestination in Switzerland; Dred—American Slavery; Lunatic Asylums; English Political Satires; Photography; Roving Life in England; Persia; The New Parliament and its Work."

To the same Establishment we are indebted for a copy of the July number of Blackwood's. The following is a list of the articles contained in this number:

"New Sea-Side Studies—No. II.; The Sicily Isles; What will he do with it?—By Piscistratus Caxton—Part II.; Charles the Fifth; Scenes of Clerical Life—No. III.; Janet's Repentance; Currier Bell; Life of Sir Charles Napier; Representation of the Colonies."

ONE THOUSAND AND ONE THINGS WORTH KNOWING.—We call the attention of the Public to Mr James's advertisement in another column. He has a large and varied assortment of Books, among which we recommend the one with the above heading to their particular notice; it is filled with useful and instructing information, and all should be possessed of a copy. As Mr James is only going to remain in Chatham for a few days longer, we would advise all those that have not given him a call to do so at once.

PROPOSITION.

It has been suggested to us frequently of late to publish the GLEANER TWICE A-WEEK. We tried the experiment in 1853, and after having incurred considerable loss, had to resume the publication of the paper once a week, in its present shape.

If the inhabitants of Newcastle, Chatham, and Douglastown, who are the parties that will reap the advantage of a more frequent issue of our sheet, will subscribe such an additional number of names as to indemnify us for the extra outlay it must incur, we shall have no objection to meet the wishes of the public.

To ascertain what success the undertaking will receive, subscription lists will be left in several places in the respective towns on the river, and on the amount of patronage obtained will depend the prosecution of this undertaking. It will be the same size and form as it was when we formerly printed semi-weekly.

Price 12s 6d in advance.

Rowland Crocker, Esq., has been appointed Supervisor of the Great Road from Newcastle to Boiestown.

BOWSER'S HOTEL.

ARRIVALS DURING THE PAST WEEK.

Capt. Hubbert, and two daughters, P. E. Island; Capt. Vere Bowles, 63rd Regt., Halifax; Capt. W. W. Arbuthnot, 63rd Regt., do; Mr Powys, do; Mr Murphy, do; Mr Russell, Boston; Mr Holmes, do; Hon. D. Wark, Richibucto; W. Carpenter, Moncton; George Smith, Bathurst; James Willis, do; John Jardine, Jr., Richibucto; Thomas Jardine, do; Levinson Jewett, Quebec.

MARRIAGES.

On Friday, 31st July, at Chatham, by the Rev. Wm. Macrobie, WILLIAM MCKENZIE, farmer, to FLORA McLEOD, both of Tabusintac.

On Monday, 3rd August, by the Rev. William Henderson, Mr JOHN TOZER, of the Parish of North Esk, to Miss JANE McNIEL, of the same place.

On Thursday, 6th August by the same, Mr JOHN STOTHART, Junr., of the Parish of Newcastle, to Miss MARY RUSSELL, of the Parish of Nelson.

DEATHS.

At Chatham, on Friday, 7th inst., MARY, wife of Mr John Fitzpatrick, and daughter of Mr Francis King, aged 26 years, leaving a husband, 3 children and a large circle of friends and relations to mourn their loss.

Funeral to-morrow, (Sunday,) at 4 P. M., when friends and acquaintances are requested to attend.

SHIP NEWS.

PORT OF CHATHAM—MIRAMICHI.

ENTERED—August 1—schr. Ellen, Curry, 4—schr. Ruby, Gallant, P. E. I., fish, Wm. Hubbard.

6—schr. Marie, Marie, Pictou, coals, Kelly.

CLEARED—August 1—schr. Amie Marie, Joyce, Boston, fish, G. E. Letson; Dove, Campbell, P. E. I., edgings, master.

3—schr. Villager, Watt, Halifax, alewives, Gilmour, Rankin, & Co.; Elizabeth, Campbell, P. E. I., lumber, Master.

4—brigt. Penelope, M'Nutt, Douglas, Isle of Man, timber and deals, D. & J. Ritchie.

5—schr. Lark, O'Brien, Boston, fish, W. J. Fraser, & Co. and others.

6—schr. Ellen, Currie, Dalhousie, salt, Master.

PORT OF NEWCASTLE—MIRAMICHI.

ENTERED—August 3—schr. Villager, Watt, Halifax, molasses &c.; bark Wapilla, Cain, New York, Gilmour, Rankin & Co.; ship Java, Whittien, Grenada, Robinson Crocker; barks Hamit Cann, Cain, Boston, do; Jane Lovitt, Lovitt, do., McLaggan & Park.

6—brig Clarinda, Russel, Caghan, Gilmour, Rankin & Co.

CLEARED—Aug. 3—brig Warley, Robertson, New Castle, timber and deals, Gilmour, Rankin & Co.; barks Claud, Chissel, Newry, deals, do do.; Dilster, Hills, River Tyne, timber & deals, R. Crocker; ship Odin, Levenning, Cardiff, deals, do.

5—brigt Return, Turner, Carbinear, lumber, Gilmour, Rankin, & Co.

6—bark Frederick, Hogan, Dublin, timber and deals, Gilmour, Rankin & Co.; ship Runtunda, Percy, London, deals and preserved salmon, J. H. & J. Harding.

SALMON CASES.

The Subscriber has for sale 18,000 one and two pound TIN CASES for SALMON. Also 700 seasoned Boxes.

HENRY UNARD, Miramichi, 29th February 1857.