

PUBLIC MEETING.—The following is a copy of the Secretary's minutes at the meeting held in the Temperance Hall, on Wednesday last; and we are happy to learn that the object of the meeting is likely speedily to be obtained.

PUBLIC MEETING TO PROCURE A TOWN CLOCK.

A large and highly respectable meeting was held at the Temperance Hall last evening.

Mr. Deputy Sheriff Myshrall, in the unavoidable absence of the High Sheriff, opened the meeting, by reading the requisition, and requesting the appointment of a Chairman, when Asa Coy, Esquire, was called to the Chair, and Mr. S. Barker was requested to act as Secretary.

The meeting, after having been addressed by the Hon. Thomas Baillie, C. Fisher, W. D. Hartt, Jas. Taylor and C. M'Pherson, Esqs., and other gentlemen, came to the following resolution:

On motion of James Taylor, Esq., seconded by Mr. Hatheway.

Resolved—In the opinion of this meeting, that a sufficient sum of money to purchase and set up a public Clock in this City, should be raised by an assessment on the inhabitants thereof: and further

Resolved—That the Hon. L. A. Wilmot, Charles Fisher, and James Taylor, Esquires, and the Hon. Thomas Baillie, be a Committee to prepare a Bill to be submitted to the Legislature for the purpose of assessing the inhabitants of Fredericton, in order to carry out the object of the foregoing resolution.

Whereupon the Chairman having been requested to leave the Chair, and W. D. Hartt, Esq., to take the same, the thanks of the meeting were presented to the Chairman and Secretary.

ASA COY, *Chairman.*

S. BARKER, *Secretary.*

After the business for which the meeting had been called was disposed of, D. L. Robinson, Esq., introduced the important subject of supplying the city with water. This led to some discussion, and elicited an almost unanimous opinion from those who spoke on the subject, that the present supply of water was quite insufficient for the wants of the inhabitants. Mr. Robinson urged the propriety of our citizens at once turning their attention to the subject, and of having the ground surveyed, the levels ascertained, and the proper course for laying down the pipes marked out. There can be but one opinion about the correctness of Mr. Robinson's views, and we hope the matter will not be suffered to escape public notice until the practicability of procuring an abundant supply of water is fully ascertained, and expense of bringing it to the city carefully estimated. We again repeat, that in cases of fire (to say nothing of the health and convenience of the inhabitants) the measure, if carried into effect, will be the means of saving a vast amount of property, which from an insufficient supply of water, would necessarily be lost.

[From the Saint John Courier.]

HARBOUR OF REFUGE.—The necessity of establishments of this description in the Bay of Fundy, is constantly becoming more evident as the trade of the Province increases—especially during such stormy weather as has been experienced the past autumn and present winter; and as the erection of a Breakwater would render Dipper Harbour a safe, as it is a convenient place of refuge for all vessels bound up or down the Bay in heavy weather, we trust the subject will be again brought before our Provincial Legislature by Petition, and that a sum of money will be granted for making the desired erection. As it is, Dipper Harbour is frequently resorted to by coasting and other vessels, in stress of weather, but the proposed Breakwater would be a great addition to the security it now affords, and it therefore becomes the duty of all who feel a desire to lessen the perils of the mariner, and thus further the interests of commerce, to lend their aid to accomplish so desirable a work as that now proposed.

We subjoin the following report of Captain Leadbeater, of the barque *Duke of Wellington*, as one among many proofs that might be adduced in favour of the erection of a Breakwater at Dipper Harbour:—

"On the 1st January, when off Point Lepreaux, got a Saint John Pilot—wind E.N.E.; when beating up, found the weather coming on thick and threatening a snow storm; bore up for Dipper Harbour and run in on the 2d., and came to anchor in five fathoms water, and rode out for twenty four hours, a tremendous blow, with very heavy sea running.

"It is my decided conviction, that when the contemplated Breakwater is erected at Dipper Harbour, ships may use it as a port of refuge with great advantage, and I would recommend the agitation of the subject to the mercantile community as one in which they are deeply interested."

FRANCIS LEADBEATER,
Master Barque Duke of Wellington.

Saint John, N. B. January 7, 1847.

WESLEYAN MISSIONS.—During the present week the Anniversary Services of the Saint John South, North, and Carleton Auxiliary Missionary Society have been held. The Ministers who took part in these services were those residing in the city, namely, the Rev. Messrs. Daniel and Sutcliffe, and the Rev. Mr. Smallwood of Portland, and the Rev. Mr. Rice of Carleton;—also, the Rev. Messrs. Hennigar of St. Stephen, and Pickles of St. Andrews.

In the South Circuit, namely, Germain street and Centenary Chapels, in addition to the above mentioned Ministers, the Rev. Messrs. Gallaway, Independant; Irvine, Presbyterian; and Robinson, Baptist; took part in the meetings. Also, the Hon. Mr. Wilmot of Fredericton, who delivered a most effective address at the Germain street meeting on Tuesday evening; and presided with his usual ability at the Centenary Chapel on Thursday evening. The cause of Missions at these meetings was most nobly advocated. The addresses of the different Ministers were listened to with deep attention and evidently with great delight. As an evidence of the effect produced, the collections were more than twice the amount of last year, reaching the respectable sum of £63.

We are informed that both in Portland and Carleton, the collections are largely in advance of last year,—shewing that the cause of Missions is acquiring additional hold of the public mind in this community,—that when a case is earnestly made out,—when the wants of the world are pressingly set forth to view, a generous response will be found in the heart of the religious, and "the liberal man will divide liberal things."

Considering the numerous appeals which have been made on the Wesleyan Congregations in this city for different local objects, during the last six months, the proceeds of the Missionary Anniversary just closed, are highly creditable.

NEW BRUNSWICK BIBLE SOCIETY.—The Annual Meeting of this Society took place last Wednesday evening in the Hall of the Mechanics' Institute, the Honorable Neville Parker, Master of the Rolls, in the Chair.

A very animating scene was presented. Around the Chairman sat gentlemen of various religious denominations, their distinctive peculiarities being happily merged for the time in the great cause of Bible circulation;—every seat and every corner were occupied by eager and attentive listeners, and besides, there was a great concourse of people on the steps and at the doors, who could not find accommodation; and four beautiful gas chandeliers shed their clear and lustrous light, for the first time throughout the Hall.

At the close, a collection was taken up amounting to £15 8 3.

AMERICAN PUBLICATIONS FOR QUEEN VICTORIA.—Evidences of American progress in literature, science and art, are constantly presenting themselves. Our latest efforts are startling even to the "Mother Country," who now begins to find a sturdy competitor, if not an equal, in her promising daughter. These legitimate branches of competition are eminently calculated to strengthen the bonds of friendship and perpetuate the blessings of these amicable relations at present existing between the two nations. These reflections were suggested by a pleasing incident which came to our knowledge yesterday. Our readers are probably all acquainted with the series of excellent family books issued by Mr. Robert Sears, of this city, and we presume there are few who are not acquainted with the principal incidents in Mr. Sears' own life—his beginning in this city as a poor journeyman, and the subsequent achievements which he accomplished by perseverance, morality, honest labor and a liberal patronage of the popular advertising newspapers. The reputation of his books having extended to England, and being considered there equal to many of their own best publications, he received an intimation from an eminent Divine, the Rev. Thomas Timpson, of London, and others, that a complete set of them would be an appropriate present to Her Majesty. Accordingly Mr. Sears sends out by the steamer of the 1st January, the "Pictorial Illustrations of the Bible," the "Bible Biography," the "Pictorial Wonders of the World," the "New Pictorial Family Bible," the "Pictorial History of the American Revolution," the "Pictorial History of the Bible," the "Guide to Knowledge," the "Pictorial Sunday Book," the "Pictorial description of Great Britain and Ireland," and "Information for the People," being thirteen magnificent volumes in all. They are superbly bound in morocco, and ornamented with beautiful designs in gilt. The following presentation is written inside of each:—

Presented to Her Most Gracious Majesty

VICTORIA,

Queen of Great Britain and Ireland,

with the utmost respect, by the

Compiler and Publisher,

ROBERT SEARS.

New York, (U. S. A.) January 1, 1847.

This splendid New Year's present will be forwarded from Mr. Sears' store, 128 Nassau street, this afternoon or to-morrow, to the steamer *Cambria*, which leaves Boston for Liverpool on Friday next.—*N. Y. Paper.*

Died,

Of disease of the heart, at her residence, in St. Mary's, on Sunday morning the 11th instant, after a short illness, Mary, wife of Cavalier H. Jouett, Esquire, in the 50th year of her age, leaving a deeply afflicted husband and family, with a numerous circle of relatives and friends to mourn this dispensation. Her parting words gave full assurance that her end was peace, and that she relied solely upon a crucified Saviour for acceptance in a world to come.

On Thursday last, of scarlet fever, Miss Ruth Perley, in the 23d year of her age. Her remains were conveyed to Sheffield, and interred, on Sunday, in the family burying ground.

All Letters must be Post-paid.

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