

The Roger Williams Statue.

Rhode Island has recently had an addition made to its attractions in the shape of a splendid statue of this pioneer Baptist, who founded that State on a broader basis than human governments had been before known, and which soon so far as religious equality is concerned, became the pattern for other States of the Union and these British colonies.

HOW IT CAME ABOUT

Late in the year 1871 died in Providence Betsey Williams, leaving by will a farm of 103 acres to the city of Providence, lying within its limits on several conditions, the principle being that it shall be forever preserved as a public park bearing the name of Roger Williams, on which the city should erect a Monument to his memory costing not less than \$500. This farm was the special personal gift of the Narragansett Sachem Canonicus to Roger Williams, and had always been held in his family and name till its acceptance by the city under the above named will. The park is laid out and opened to the public, and the Monument is erected and dedicated at a cost (for the Monument) of \$24,000.

THE MONUMENT

Consists of a granite base and pedestal with two bronze statues; the base being several successive broad steps, on which stands the pedestal, which with its capital may be fifteen or twenty feet above the base. This is probably a monolith, rectangular, its four faces finished as panels finely polished. Standing on the top of the pedestal is a bronze statue of Roger Williams seven feet in height. The statue faces the west. On the base of the Monument in front of the western face of the pedestal, stands the Muse of History, a female figure in bronze, in a proper posture to write on a proper place on the pedestal, the name "Roger Williams, 1636." The style is in her hand, and has just finished the last figure in the date. At her feet lie several volumes, and a shield bearing the Rhode Island emblem, the anchor. This statue is graceful in finish, and is six feet in height.

The ceremonies of dedication were numerous. The dedicatory oration by Professor J. Lewis Diman, of Brown University was perfectly charming to hear. And in the principal elements of the character and life of Williams nothing more or better could be desired. He did full justice to the great feature of Williams' character, that which has given him his high and assured place in history—his relation to the principle of soul liberty. He admitted the affirmation of the principle earlier than Williams, in the Confession of 1611

A new Baptist Church edifice just opened at Poughkeepsie has a baptistry of marble always open. A musical concert was given on the preceding Monday evening at which seventy young ladies from Vassar College took part.

An account of the opening says:

"The venerable Dr. Perkins, straight as an arrow under the weight of eighty-and-six years, whose personal knowledge touched the very origin of the church, led off in an address just exactly such as was wanted. J. Hyatt Smith came next with charming reminiscences, provoking in his inimitable way alternate smiles and tears. Then arose Thomas E. Hassar and with a speech of rare beauty and pathos stirred all hearts to their deepest depths. W. H. Wines rehearsed in most fitting words the history of the church under his administration—particularly how the two bands became one, &c., &c. At the evening service, the whole sanctuary was packed to its utmost capacity many standing to the end of the exercises. Probably 1,200 persons were present, while hundreds went away unable to effect an entrance.

After the sermon the pastor made an attempt to "lift" the floating debt of some \$15,000. The result was a little over \$6000. Deacon Ludlow, of New York, after some touching remarks, pledged himself for the last \$500 of the \$15,000."

The Los Angeles paper to which we refer in another place gives some account of the wonderful flow of oil in the regions of California. "Well No. 1. of the Star Oil Works at Andrew's Station was the first well sunk on the company's grounds. At 160 feet a very fair volume of oil developed; but since then the well has been deepened, and a few days ago another reservoir was tapped, at a depth of 220 feet, from which a most astonishing flow has been obtained. We can only judge from the extent of flow from a fact which has just reached us. A few mornings since, the Superintendent, Mr. Taylor, a brother-in-law of Mayor Bryant, of San Francisco, who is one of the chief capitalists in the company, took the plug out of the well and allowed it to run while the men were at breakfast. During that time it filled a 20-barrel tank! All the wells of the Star Oil works are kept plugged, except at very long intervals and for a very short time, when they are permitted to flow.

The Superintendent gives as a reason for this that all their tanks and containers are full. At the same time the tank cars of the railroad company are not sent forward with any degree of energy. The policy seems to be to keep back the flow as much as possible. A speculative reason for this is the fact that all the oil produced is handled in San Francisco by the great oil house of Taylor & Co. It would be the policy of that house to prevent a glut in the market, and the oil trade with foreign countries has evidently not been developed so as to keep pace with the productive capacity of the wells. California ought to supply all the oil consumed, on this coast, in the Pacific Islands, Australia, Western Mexico and Central and South America, as well as on the Asiatic coast."

The Presbyterian Witness gives a wide berth to the speeches of Judge Foster and Mr. Dana, at the recent Conventions of Dalhousie College, indeed altogether ignores the former—but makes a full report of the speech of Rev. G. M. Grant. Mr. G., truly remarks "Nothing has yet been done by the friends of Dalhousie, to show that they are in earnest."

The two former gentlemen seemed to regard the College as a Presbyterian institution, and, as one of the small colleges.

The editor asks the Chief Justice a very practical question about the Grand Parade, on which the College stands. He says:

"By the way, why has not that long-standing dispute between the City Council and the Governors of Dalhousie College been settled? Year after year we are told what the lawyers and judges are going to do, and we find that they do nothing. It is a shame to keep the dispute open year after year, to the advantage of nobody and the injury perhaps of importance interests. The "Grand Parade" has long been a disgrace to the city, and the reason is that the ownership is in dispute. Well: let the court decide. They might surely dispose of the difficulty in a very few days. Why does not the Chief Justice waken up the parties concerned and get them to do their duty?"

OUR FOREIGN MISSIONS AGENCY.—Rev. W. P. Everett, Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board writes the Visitor:

"Brother Boggs is prosecuting his agency successfully, and is receiving not only some substantial tokens of favor in the shape of collections, but expressions of sympathy for the great and holy cause which he is advocating. We hear that warm encomiums are bestowed on his lectures both by the audiences addressed, and by the reporters of the public press. He has recently visited the following churches and received aid for the Mission to the extent named: Andover, \$5.61; Grand Falls, \$7.00; Florenceville, \$3.51; Centreville, \$4.50; Middle Simonds, \$2.48; Rockland, \$2.61; 1st Keswick, \$2.60; 2nd Keswick, \$5.17; Deacon M. Yerxa, \$2.00. Total \$35.48.

A Los Angeles paper of October 9th, kindly sent by Dr. Hobbs, gives a detailed account of a grand Baby Show held there. There were thirty-one competitors for the prize ranging from 4 weeks to 10 months old. The exhibition was said to be "free-to-all" but when Chung Wa, a child of Wong Tong was put in, it was barred out "on account of nationality!" It appears that Babies are not all born free and equal. Some of the babies were pronounced "not pretty!" The prize was a handsome child's carriage, and was taken by Jose Maria Balleas, a large well formed pretty child 4½ months old, and weighing 21 pounds. The receipts of the evening were nearly \$400. "He was exhibited in his carriage in the evening. After which he was removed to one of the ladies sitting-rooms, and held a grand levee the entire evening. He is a blonde baby, with blue eyes and very black hair, is quite pretty and charmingly good natured!" There now babies there's an example for you to copy!

Our list of Deaths this week includes that of John Whitman, Esq., of Annapolis. Mr. Whitman formerly lived in Halifax, and was for many years a much respected and highly esteemed deacon of Granville Street Church. He removed to New York and subsequently to Annapolis in connection with his son Thomas Whitman, Esq., who has for several years been successfully engaged there in banking business. We have reason to remember with gratitude the friendship we enjoyed with our departed brother. The church at Annapolis will miss him. We would offer our condolence to, and sympathy with, the bereaved family.

THE WILL OF THE LATE EDWARD JOST.—The *Westminster* says in reference to it:

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[The names pledged for the last two subscriptions are withheld by request.]

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