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SPECIAL NOTICES.

FIFTY DOLLARS REWARD.—Left my residence at Lawrence, K. S., on Tuesday the 1st day of November last, my name being JUDY. She is about 35 years old, 5 feet 3 or 4 inches high, and corpulent, weighing about 225 pounds. She is very black, with several teeth out in front, and speaks intelligently and plausibly. She has been seen at several points in the neighbourhood, and when last seen was travelling westward, accompanied by a black and washerman and in other respects an vagabond House-Servant. She is now doubt lurking in up about Lawrence. If she has not already secured a passage on the underground railway to Chicago, I will give \$30 dollars information that will lead to her apprehension. \$20 more reward will be delivered at my residence.—G. W. CLARKE.

As the era of Railroads is just commencing in your Province, some of your readers may be interested in glancing at the following tabular exhibit of the progress of that kind of enterprise in the States. This is from Dinsmore's Railroad Guide and reliable. It will be seen by the study of this, that we began to build in 1828 (in which year only three miles were completed) and we now have 21,476 miles.

SUMMARY BY STATES.			
States	Miles, Jan. 1, 1856.	Miles, Jun. 1, 1857.	Increase
Maine	422	442.2	20.2
New Hampshire	840.5	943.5	93.0
Vermont	365.6	400.5	34.9
Massachusetts	1,277.1	1,388.6	111.5
Rhode Island	78.4	88.4	10.0
Connecticut	398.2	400.9	2.7
New York	2,988.2	2,703.8	-287.2
Penns.	2,307.8	2,472.1	164.3
Delaware	84.0	120.0	36.0
Maryland	371.8	387.8	16.0
Virginia	1,252.1	1,479.7	227.6
North Carolina	485.0	612.0	127.0
South Carolina	705.4	253.0	-452.4
Georgia	1,030.9	1,090.0	59.1
Florida	9.0	88.0	79.0
Alabama	317.5	484.5	167.0
Mississippi	254.8	310.0	55.2
Tennessee	222.9	267.5	44.6
Texas	6.3	71.0	64.7
Iowa	365.8	308.9	-56.9
Missouri	197.2	287.7	90.5
Ohio	2,841.1	2,867.0	25.9
Indiana	1,438.2	1,806.8	368.6
Penns.	670.5	710.0	40.5
Michigan	2,353.0	2,524.0	171.0
Illino	274.4	329.3	54.9
Wisconsin	88.0	252.0	164.0
Missouri	164.7	180.7	16.0
California	22.5	22.5	0.0
Grand total,	21,476.1	24,479.8	2,403.7

PROGRESS OF RAILROADS.

Years.	Miles.
1828.	3 1865.
1829.	28 1864.
1830.	41 1865.
1831.	131 1864.
1832.	579 1865.
1833.	792 1865.
1834.	918 1860.
1835.	1,092 1861.
1836.	1,252 1862.
1837.	1,348 1863.
1838.	1,339 1864.
1839.	2,057 1865.
1840.	2,319 1866.
1841.	2,319 1867.
1842.	2,477 1868.

NUMBER OF MILES BUILT EACH FIVE YEARS.

First 5 years, 1828-32.	131
Second 5 years, 1832-37.	1,281
Third 5 years, 1838-42.	2,065
Fourth 5 years, 1843-47.	1,455
Fifth 5 years, 1848-52.	6,288
Sixth 5 years, 1853-57.	12,940

Huntington, the great forger of Wall street, the man who made furnished houses guests to his friends, has received sentence of four years and ten months to Sing Sing State prison. The wicked flourish like a green bay tree. Their triumphing however is short, even at the longest. The circumstance that has attracted most attention to this trial is the fact, that his very able counsel defended him on the ground of insanity and obtained favoring testimony from two distinguished physicians when it is perfectly manifest to every body else there is not so much evidence of insanity as in most cases of crime. The jury was unanimous in the verdict of guilty, and the court pronounced the severest penalty permitted by the law.

Last Sabbath a most shocking murder was perpetrated by a young man living but two blocks from me, and on whose family I have called in my professional duties, though I never saw the young man to my knowledge. On Saturday he stole a pocket book containing some \$20. Saturday evening or Sabbath morning he purchased a pistol. He went to a church in Brooklyn, and being too late for services upon being invited to ride with a man by the name of Canon, he accepted, and had rode but a little way till he shot the man, killing him instantly. Layman, the murderer, soon threw the corpse out of the wagon, drove to the city and then to Hoboken, where he was arrested. He says he killed the other man for money; that he never seen him before. He is manifestly insane from spiritualism. Canon left in jail to await his trial.

Yours, &c., G.

Grand Mason.

GRANDHANAN, Jan'y 8th 1857.

Rao. McLean.—On last New Year's evening, I had the pleasure of attending a Tea Meeting and Fair got up by the ladies composing the sewing circle in this place. The display of goods was highly creditable to the skill of the ladies and the rapidity with which they were sold sufficiently proved that they were properly appreciated by the company present.

The Tea was admirably got up. The tables were covered with a profusion of dainties that called forth the highest commendations, and a company of about 150 persons sat down, and did ample justice to the good things spread before them.

After Tea, appropriate addresses were delivered by Messrs P. W. Cook, Elliot, and myself, Mr. Elliot also assisted as Auctioneer at the sale of the goods.

The evening entertainment closed with Music from the Chair under the management of Mr. Smith, whose harmony enlivened the occasion.

Too much praise cannot be awarded to the ladies of the Sewing Circle, through whose untiring exertions in the face of adverse circumstances this festive occasion was brought to such a successful termination.

And here I cannot omit to especially notice the liberality of the Vice President of the Circle, Mrs. J. B. Pettit, by whose munificence one third of the Tea was provided free from any cost to the Circle.

The proceeds of the occasion, amounting to the handsome sum of about 37 or 38 pounds, is to aid in the erection of a Free C. Baptist Meeting House, now in progress of building in this place.

Not a jar or discord occurred to any of the employes of the evening, and I am satisfied that all those who participated in this festive occasion departed entirely pleased with the manner in which they had spent the first evening of 1857.

A. TAYLOR.

in supporting the Institution, the resources of which had been materially assisted by various articles of clothing, furniture, and other necessary things which have been kindly given in way of donations.

The following are the officers for the ensuing year:—Dr. Bowditch, Hon. A. M. L. Seely, Dr. Patterson, and Messrs. T. W. Daniel, John Frazer, Wm. Peters, and T. B. Barker.

THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

CHAPTER I.

The Idea of a Church.

The term CHURCH is sometimes used in a limited sense, and sometimes otherwise. In the former it represents either a particular denomination of Christians distinguished by peculiar doctrines, form of government, &c., as the Episcopal Church, the Baptist Church, the Romish Church; or it represents a particular body or society in one place who profess to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, as their God and Saviour, and stately meet together to maintain his worship and ordinances. In its unlimited sense, it embraces all who profess to be Christians, whether in the Greek, Roman, or Protestant communion. It distinguishes those who profess to believe in the Saviour from infidels, pagans, unchristians, &c. In either of those senses it embraces many hypocrites and unbelievers, who will never be entirely separated from it until the end of the world. The true spiritual church on earth, however, and of which the church triumphant in Heaven will be composed, is made up of those only who are washed, are sanctified, are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God. These are to be found in the New Testament; and are the result of several years prayerful searching of the Scriptures, with the conviction from observation that this branch of Biblical truth is generally too little studied, and hence too little known. We, of course, intend them especially for the benefit of our own denomination, but hope that others also may be profited.

That there is at the present time a great departure from the usages, spirit, and aim of primitive believers, we think few will deny, and if such perish thereby, their blood will be required of the professed church; and it especially becomes those who have the "oversight" of the flock of God to be truthful, faithful, and persevering in commanding the gospel in all its parts to those that hear them. We feel deeply our responsibility, and in the performance of this task which we have assumed we know that we are—and we ask—the prayers of all those who are worshippers of God, and do his will.

We wished he had been a Minister.

Such, it is said, was the wish expressed by a gentleman, a distinguished lawyer of New York, recently deceased, on the evening previous to his death. When he uttered these words he was apparently in perfect health, and hence they were not exerted from him by remorse for the past, or fear for the future, but they seem to have been the result of sober reflection. He was reputed as an honourable and upright man, successful as a lawyer and a politician; but he was dissatisfied with his position, and wished that he had been something else. What renders this case more remarkable, is the fact that in a few hours after the conversation in which this wish was expressed, he who made it was numbered with the dead.

We ask, does not an incident like this teach an important lesson? Are there not many who, after a few years of experience in life regret deeply that they entered the race they did—that some different business or profession had not been selected by them. We believe there is a particular allotment for every man, some are fitted for one department in life, and some for another; that one man of quite inferior abilities may succeed in another of far greater powers of mind, and acquirements, may utterly fail in; and the true secret of this is, the latter have missed his providential allotment, that place in the affairs of life which nature and providence fitted and designed him for. This is not always the cause of want and success, neither is mere temporal success an evidence that a man is in his right place. Human prosperity may attend, and does often attend—the labours and pursuits of wickedness; but happiness and usefulness can never spring from any other source than uprightness and the fear of God, and these are set aside when selfishness rules, and our own exclusive interests control our choice of business, or pure scriptural order, are as necessary under the Gospel, as under the law. And as God's chosen ones were found inside of the Jewish pale, so all true believers are generally found within the limits of some properly organised Christian Church.

A community of believers, united together after any form—not contrary to the Bible—contending for the faith of the gospel, worshipping God, and keeping his ordinances, is a Christian church: not a mere human society, like numerous other organizations and bodies; but a divine institution, or organic union of many members, having different gifts and callings, but prevailed by the same life-blood, ruled by the same head, animated by the same soul, and working together toward the same end. It is the body of Christ, in which he dwells, and through which he acts as Redeemer upon the world. Christ is the soul of the Church, and manifests himself through it, as the human soul manifests its activity through the human body. The formal union of some unbelievers or hypocrites with the body, and whose real condition is unknown to the church, does not exclude Christ's presence; it is only when he is denied, or rejected by believers themselves, that he withdraws his manifestations, and leaves them to themselves.

Results of legalizing the Run Traffic.—There is not a doubt but the legalizing of any thing, though it be the blackest crime, will entice some men to engage in it who otherwise would not. The fact that they can do it with impunity is to them a sufficient license. The legalizing of the run traffic gives a kind of respectability around it, and we know there are scores of men in New Brunswick whose self-respect would not only have kept them from the trifling, while it remained under the ban of prohibition, but who also would have been ashamed to indulge in its use; but with the dimmed mantle of the license law around them they are emboldened to show themselves in their true characters. The following statement by one of the editors of the *Morning Star* represents this to be true also in Maine as well as here:—

"Travel which you will in our State during the eight months up to December 15th, amounted to \$85,231, and the amount received for sales in the same time was \$120,176 making the total receipts \$213,407. One liberal christian friend had given a donation of \$2,000, and other liberal contributions had been made. But so numerous are the claims for foreign and domestic aid from the Society, that funds are still needed to carry on its operations. A request has been received from a Missionary at Constantinople to print the Pilgrim's Progress, Dodderidge's Rise and Progress, and Baxter's Saints Rest, in Armenian. Missionaries also in the Sandwich Islands are soliciting large grants of books and tracts to supply whale ships and others. A remittance has recently been made of \$500, to aid the Tract Society in Paris. The American Tract Society is a noble institution, and is doing a great work in evangelization. Nearly all its publications are constantly for sale at the Religious Intelligencer Book Store, St. John, at the catalogue prices; also large supplies of tracts, with numerous other religious works.

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Education.—How narrow is that view of education which confines it to the school house, the academy, or college. Education begins with the first awakenings of intelligence and never ceases while we live. Our tastes, habits, and characters are being continually educated and trained. How important then that our instructors—our early ones especially—should be wise and judicious.

The following is a true and beautiful paragraph:—

"Education does not commence with the alphabet, but begins with a mother's looks, with a father's not of approbation, or a sign of reproof, with a sister's gentle pressure of the hand, or a brother's noble act of forbearance, with handfuls of flowers in green and daisy meadow, with bairns' heads in the sun, and smiling faces, with creeping ants and almost imperceptible sunbeams, with pleasant walks in shady lanes, and with thoughts directed in sweet and kindly tones, and words to mature and to sets of benevolence, to deeds of virtue, and to the sense of all good, to God himself."

CATTLE STEALING.—Walter Dennis, butcher, has been committed for trial by the Police Magistrate, on the charge of stealing a yoke of oxen from Mr. John Palmer, a farmer living near Hammond Bridge.—C