

Religious Intelligencer.

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CHRIST AND THE CHRISTIAN.

A knowledge of the relationship that we as Christians hold to Christ is necessary in order that we may truly love and properly honour him. The word of God teaches us our true relative positions to both the Saviour and the world. A sense of these connections will give us more exalted views of the Christian character, and aid us to maintain a becoming deportment. Our position is by no means an inferior one, and although frequently looked upon by the world as a mean profession, yet we have distinguishing characteristics, and peculiar honours given us in the Bible that draws the line and places us in ranks far more glorious than those occupied by any other character on earth. Our connection to Christ is beautifully illustrated in the word of truth. When Jesus is called the Head, we are described as the members. What an important connection! How soon life become extinct at the loss of the head; just so with the church. No Christ, no Christianity. No head, no life. When He is represented as the King, we are the recognized subjects. What a picture of our duty. How willingly and faithfully ought we to serve and obey him. What protection he affords when he is named the Shepherd who leads the sheep of the fold. What exhibitions of love. How frequently he places himself shepherd-like between his sheep and the enemy. How untiringly He leads into green and fresh pastures, and faithfully watches his flock through the stillness and loneliness of night. He is the bridegroom, the Church the bride. What love. What a oneness in interest and reputation! How suggestive the figure. What an assemblage of excellencies and honours. The church actually the bride, the Lamb's wife. How truly beautiful in appearance and dignified in position. As the result of Adam's sin and the opening of his side was that God made of his rib a woman whom he gave him to be a helpmate for him. So through the virtue of the opening of the side of Christ and his sleep in death are we the members of his beloved bride redeemed from all iniquity, and brought into this glorious union with him our husband. What a cause to love him. Follow Christ if you are a kind and an affectionate husband, think, I think, how vastly greater is the love of Christ to you that yours possibly can be to the object of your affections. As much greater as he is than you are. How careful should he be to maintain a worthy and truly virtuous character. The wife may disgrace her self and pierce the heart of her husband with sorrow by one single violation of the marriage contract. So may the Christian in departing from Christ and again uniting with the world, bring a reproach upon the cause of his Saviour, and put him to an open shame by crucifying him again in the presence of his enemies. Child of God let not thy heart sicken and thy feelings become gloomy; Christ loves and careth for thee. He declares himself to be the vine, and his disciples the branches. What a beautiful illustration of our entire dependence upon him. Our existence and growth as Christians depend upon Christ. Our desire to honor him as well as the success of our labour in glorifying him by bringing forth fruit, are the result of being in Christ. How true, "Without me ye can do nothing." He is our life, our strength, our beauty. The whole cluster of Christian graces that beautify the Christian church are the result or fruits of the spirit that dwells in her. Our lives are those of faith in Him; our good works are the consequences of Him being in us. "If any man have not the spirit of Christ he is none of His." Professed Christian it is not enough for you to have the leaves of repentance or the blossoms of profession, but you must bring forth fruit if you would be saved. Every branch that bringeth not forth fruit he taketh away. The wild vine may twine around the true one and grow to its very top, mingling its leaves and blossoms, so that the careless observer would not notice the difference; but by the fruit there is an unmistakable evidence that the vine is yet wild, having only entwined around, and never been grafted in the true vine; and so with the hypocrite, he may, for a time deceive and have his name enrolled in some church record, and so cling to Christians as to be brought by his union to them before the world as one of their number, but for a season many may be deceived; but despite all pretension, by their fruits they are known. If the fruits are not unto holiness it is because the branch is not in the vine that is holy. Those who live in the vine will yield the fruit of the spirit which are "love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance." A life beautified by such graces represents Christ and shows the world that there is indeed a union between Him and His people. Even in the ill treatment of the disciples the Saviour manifests Himself as the one persecuted. Jesus regarded the persecution received by his disciples from the hands of Saul, as though He personally misused. He says Saul, why persecutest thou me? Saul was imprisoning the members, slaying the subjects, scattering the sheep, reproaching the bride, bruising the branches, &c., and Christ regards it as being done to Him. Those who see His children sick, or in prison, hungry, thirsty, and administer not to their wants, He will change as though not having done it to him. As much as ye did it not to one of the least of these, my little ones, ye did it not to me. Let the Christian ever remember his entire dependence upon the Saviour, and endeavour to exemplify the fruits of the spirit in his life. Let the world be careful how they treat the Child of God.

Spiritual Declension.

One great reason for declension of pure religion in the churches, among many others might be adduced, that in an evil hour the enemy of souls gets the advantage of many by his seductions in various ways that he resorts to, in poisoning the carnal-mindedness of many professors of Christ to sin. And no wonder "the flesh lusteth against the spirit, and the spirit against the flesh." Then commences a departure from all attempts at spiritual-mindedness, and then as an inevitable consequence backsliding from God.

All of such who leave the church are immediately pronounced by the church to be revolvers or backsliders from God, and very justly so too, notwithstanding they are so far honest in not remaining to pollute the church by their corrupt practices. But there are those in the church who are not sufficiently honest, but who are equally as guilty in the sight of the searcher of all hearts, and also in the eye of the world (the world being our judges), who still remain in the church, and would not for all the world have it known, but still they are well known by the world, and are known to be as worldly and evil as the world and the evil one can make them. These profess to love God and yet serve mammon at the same time, having their eyes blinded through the deceitfulness of sin. Sporting with their own deceivings and glorying in their shame; not enjoying the hope of the gospel, but that of the hypocrite, thereby becoming corruptors in the church, and stumbling blocks in the way of many who would willingly embrace the gospel and become bright and shining lights. If all such would be honest, make restitution and confess their faults to the church and their sins to God, or leave the church to which they belong, then prosperity would immediately attend the cause of the Redeemer and His church, and then world sinners be converted to God, not by scores but by hundreds and thousands—then and only then will spiritual or pure and undefiled religion in all the churches prevail throughout the wide world. The Lord knoweth all those that are hidden; he is kept from all that ploteth or maketh a lie, he is the honored instrument of converting the world, through the spirit which is being shed so abundantly upon them.

Moreover, there are many of such persons as before stated who "by good words and fair speeches and long prayers, deceive the hearts of the simple minded," even the "very elect" being as specious and artful as their master, the Devil, can make them, using the Church as a cloak for iniquity, and a place of "refuge for lies and fraud." O, may the Lord the Spirit, break in upon their minds, and convince them of their awful condition and the enormity of their sins, that they may obtain grace to repent before they are hurried hence to be seen no more for ever, and have their sins blotted out through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

A LOVER OF TRUTH.

DENOMINATIONAL.

Baptist.

The Russell and Germain Street Baptist churches of this city are enjoying a gracious season of revival under the indefatigable labours of Rev. Mr. Earle. Backsliders are being reclaimed and sinners converted. Eleven were baptized last Sabbath by Revs. Robinson, Bill and DeWitt. Mr. Earle appears to be a very humble and devoted minister, aiming at the encouragement of the Church and the salvation of sinners. He has been labouring in the city for a few weeks with much acceptance and profit. May his glory of God be more abundantly manifested in these Churches and the city throughout.

Methodist.

Quite an extensive revival is now in progress in Halifax N. S., under the labours of Dr. and Mrs. Palmer, who recently left this city for that place.

REVIVALS.

BALTIMORE.—A correspondent writes: "Our early (six o'clock) morning prayer meetings are all being held at five or six points in our city, as the people of God are returning from their summer jaunts, we find they gladly reappear at the meetings. The attendance is on the increase, and the interest in other respects I think is deepening." At a late meeting, six or eight persons asked the prayers of God's people in their behalf.

HARTFORD.—In Hartford, a daily prayer-meeting has been sustained all summer, and is to be continued. The fine church edifice, erected by the Unitarians, which had remained unoccupied by them for some time, was leased last spring by the several evangelical churches, and a prayer-meeting has been held there every afternoon. The attendance has not been quite so large since the hot weather as it was at first, but it is well attended notwithstanding; and although there is no special interest manifested in any of our churches, yet we learn that conversions are of frequent occurrence.

THE PHILADELPHIA TENT.—The Philadelphia tent is calculated to seat three thousand persons, and it has been crowded to its utmost, while so many remained without that another service has been held in the open air for them. Every night in the week, also, large audiences have attended. More than half the sermons preached during the last month were in the German language. Cases of hopeful conversion show that the German population can be successfully reached. Many persons who are drawn to the tent by curiosity, or the novelty of the thing, receive salutary and lasting impressions. Some of these cases are of a very interesting character.

THREE YEARS WITHOUT A REVIVAL.—A powerful work of grace has been enjoyed at Patchez, Miss., and one hundred and thirty-five individuals have been added to the Baptist church of which Rev. Wm. W. Keop is pastor. There had been no baptism in three years previous to this awakening.—N. Y. Independent

Among the many interesting incidents connected with the "Great Awakening" we find in the New York Observer the following of a speaker in one of our Fulton street meetings how the revivals began in Kalamazoo, Mich., last winter. "We heard of the wonderful work of grace in this city and in other parts of the land. We thought we ought to share in it and not stand idly by. Still we had no such feeling as we were. We appointed a daily prayer meeting, however. Episcopalians, Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians, and Congregationalists, all united. We appointed our first union prayer meeting in such fear and trembling. We did not know how we would be regarded. We came together. At our very first meeting some one put such a request as this: 'A praying wife requests the prayers of this meeting for her unconquered husband, that he may be converted and be a humble disciple of the Lord Jesus.' All at once a stout burly man arose and said, 'I in that man. I have a pious praying wife, and his request must be for me. I want you to pray for me.' As soon as he sat down in the midst of tears, another man arose and said, 'I in that man. I have a praying wife. She prays for me. And now she asked you to pray for me. I am sure I am that man, and I want you to pray for me.'

Three, four or five more arose and said, 'we want you to pray for us too.' The power of God was upon the little assembly. The Lord appeared for us and that right early. We had hardly begun and he was in the midst of us in great and wonderful grace. Thus the revival began. We number from 400 to 500 conversions.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

GLIMPSES OF JESUS: OR, CHRIST EXALTED IN THE AFFECTIONS OF HIS PEOPLE. By W. P. Baller. From the Second London Edition, New York: Sheldon, Blakeman & Company, 1858.

This is a beautiful little volume of 260 pages, every chapter of which teaches a practical lesson of Christ, intended to elevate the Saviour, and give him a higher place in the hearts of his people. The writer represents Him as embodying glory, worth, rarity, and usefulness, and hence his possession important, and a glimpse of Him much to be desired. True it is, myriads possess Him not, seek Him not; love Him not; but this makes Him all the more precious to those who do perceive, love and possess Him. Christ is a rare jewel, but men know not His value—a sun which ever shines, but men perceive not His brightness, nor walk in His light. He is a garden full of sweets, a hive full of honey, a sun without a spot, a star every bright, a fountain ever full, a brook which ever flows, a rose which ever blooms, a foundation which never yields, a guide which never errs, a friend who never forsakes. No mind can fully grasp His glory; His beauty, His worth, His importance, no tongue can fully declare. He is the source of all good, the fountain of every excellency, the mirror of perfection, the light of Heaven, the wonder of earth, times masterpiece, and eternity's glory; the sun of bliss, the way of life, and life's fair way. He is altogether lovely, a morning without clouds, a day without night, a rose without a thorn; His lips drop like the honeycomb, His eyes beam tenderness, His heart gushes love. The Christian is led by His hands, carried in His heart, supported by His arm, nursed in His bosom, guided by His eye, instructed by His law, warmed by His love—His wounds are his life, His body his bread, His smile the light of his path, the health of his soul, His rest and heaven below.

Jesus is sun in the light which He brings, the glory the empty. Men cannot lift the sun into the heavens, neither can they lift Christ into the soul, or carry a vivid glimpse of Him to the heart; but as light from the sun brings the image of the sun, and imparteth glory upon the face of nature, so light from Jesus gives a glimpse of Jesus, brings the image of Jesus, the glory of Jesus, into the soul; this we cannot command, but for it we can pray: 'Ask and ye shall receive.'

*** Hast thou had a glimpse of Jesus, reader? remember He must be seen BY FAITH, ere heaven is possessed. Wouldst thou see Him, then ask for faith, for faith is the eye of which His beauty is seen, and the "stronger" faith, the clearer the sight." The little volume before us, is an excellent help to obtaining a glimpse of the Saviour. He is exhibited in many of the most important incidents of His life, illustrating alike His humiliation, and His divine mission.

THE BANK NOTE REGISTER, is regularly received by us. Every person doing business should have it on hand. In fact we can scarcely see how business men in this time of suspensions and discounts can safely do without such an assistant. It is corrected weekly by Messrs. Spencer, Vail & Co., Bankers of Boston. Subscriptions will be received for it either weekly, semi-monthly or monthly. Persons forwarding money for it will direct, GUYNE & DAY, Bankers, 12 Wall Street, New York. Terms Monthly single Subscriber 50 cts., Semi-Monthly \$1, Weekly \$2 per year.

HALLS JOURNAL OF HEALTH for September is received. The contents of the present number are, Action in Emergencies; Swallowing Worms; Getting Wet; Tomatoes and Melons; Early Rising; Cheap Perfumes; Coffee Healthful; Stammering Remedies; Summer Recreation; Dangers of Return; Healthful Hot Brand; Night Air Precautions; Agues Prevented; Economy of Food; Medical Rules of Atlantic Telegraph.

Copper Mine.

Nearly three years ago Mr. Wm. Stevens of Woodstock began his mining operation in the Copper Mine on Bull's Creek, some three miles or rather more from the Town of Woodstock. He has kept to work, prosecuting his business indefatigably, although some times under quite discouraging circumstances, the ore not proving as rich as had been hoped for. A large amount of money and much labour has already been expended, and we are much pleased to learn that recently Mr. Stevens has struck a vein of ore sufficiently rich to amply reward him for his industrial operations, and which promises to add much to the wealth of Carlton. The Editor of the Woodstock Journal who has recently visited the mines says:—

A promising specimen of ore having been found in a field on the south side of the creek, Mr. Stevens was induced to search for the vein, or, in mining language, *lode*,—from which it came. Accordingly a trench varying from three to fourteen feet in depth, and of sufficient width to admit a man's working in it, was carried along the south bank for thirty or forty rods. The *lode* was by this means at length hit upon. Then another trench was made further up the hill, and across what was supposed to be the direction in which the vein ran. Again it was hit, and then its exact course being discovered, it was followed up the hill to near the summit. At this point, a distance from the creek of about half a mile, the striking of a shaft has been commenced. The vein at the location of the shaft is ten feet wide, though the ore is not of equal richness throughout. The shaft has been sunk about twelve feet, and so far as we could judge one half the stone raised was copper ore. The percentage of metal increases as the shaft descends.

Mr. Stevens expresses himself entirely satisfied with the appearance of the mine, and regards success as now certain. His foreman, Mr. McCallum, an apparently intelligent and well-informed miner, who has

followed the business in England, Canada, and the United States, is also very sanguine. The vein, or *lode*, he says, presents all the indications of the best *lodes*. He has seen nothing to compare with it since leaving the mines on Lake Superior. For a non-professional observer to pronounce an opinion in such matters is dangerous, and perhaps presumptuous; but we cannot avoid saying that judging from what we saw and heard we think there cannot be a doubt, but that Mr. Stevens's long continued and persistent labors are at length about to be crowned with a richly merited success.

Fire and Riot on Staten Island.

The American papers are giving quite extended accounts of the riot and fire that took place on Staten Island N. Y. on the day of the cable celebration. Such outrages upon the law cannot pass unpunished. It appears that the mob held possession of the island for forty-eight hours and in deeds if not in language defied the authority of the State. The State property burned is estimated at more than \$300,000. One man is said to have been murdered, and several of the inmates of the hospital in consequence of barbarous treatment have since died. After the mischief was done a body of armed police and a field piece were sent to make peace. Some arrests have been made. The New York Express says:—

"Entering through the breach in the west side of the wall, a large party came down to the women's hospital, and began to remove the patients, 75 in number. The scene was horrible. The poor creatures, in every stage of suffering, some delirious from fever, and others in a dying state, were taken out upon their reeking mattresses and placed one after another upon the green sward in the angle formed by the two walls, and about fifty yards from the building. One who had just died of yellow fever, was placed in the covered bed, taken out, and set down close by the others. One was pointed out as just breathing his last. The gaunt features and sunken eyes of these poor wretches as they lay scattered over the ground, were perfectly visible in the burning dwellings behind them. Burning cinders fell in showers among them. In full view before them was the noble edifice in which they had been sheltered and nursed, now wrapped in flames, from basement to dome. The roar of the flames, the clouds of dense smoke rolling upward, the furious outcries of the mob, crazy with their internal work, all formed a scene most horrible and impressive. At one time the mob were intent on carrying the patients out into the street, through the hole in the wall, for fear that they would be suffocated by the smoke and flames. It was only by strong remonstrance by a portion of the party that this was not done."

[For the Intelligencer.]

MOTHERS.

The Mother is said to be the most successful preacher of the Gospel. Whether this be true or not we are not prepared to say. But we believe that in the evangelizing of the world, much depends upon the faithfulness of mothers. There are very many like ourselves that have reason to thank God for a praying mother. Although we had been privileged from an early age with the preaching of the Gospel, and the other ordinary means of grace, yet God blessed the efforts put forth by our godly mother to the conversion of our soul. Her tears and prayers in our behalf touched our heart and we were brought to the Saviour. And we have felt (in consequence we believe) the importance of mothers being faithful in the discharge of their duty to their children. Mothers should remember that it is in their power to do more for the conversion of their children, especially when young, than any other person, weighty responsibilities devolve upon them in training the youth. Characters are being formed under their influence not only for usefulness in after life, but characters are being formed for eternity. They are thus touching upon cords that never will cease to vibrate—Mothers who have some unconquered, pray much with and for them, let them know that you are interested in their souls' salvation. You may not see the immediate answer of your prayers, but depend upon it, seed will thus be sown, that will in some future period spring up and bear fruit.

[From our Canada Correspondent.]

COBOURG, September 3rd 1858.

MESSRS EDITORS.—The return of the Hon. George Brown to Parliament as the senior member for Toronto was hailed with more than usual pleasure by the Reform party throughout Canada. Compelled to appeal to his constituents, although his ministry was so speedily extinguished by the Governor General, while his successors, the old ministers (with two exceptions) by an unworthy course involving perjury, retained their seats and resumed the reins of power. Mr. Brown has come through the ordeal in triumph, against a combination of influences not wholly dissimilar to those which caused the triumph of the anti-Maine Law men in New Brunswick. The Government, the Grand Trunk, the Northern Railway, the Old Family Compact party, the Orange Association, and even His Excellency himself, it is said, were in league against him. Christian men, who have endeavored to stand as far aloof from mere party strife as possible regard the return of Mr. Brown to Parliament as an omen of good. A love of fair play has had its influence too in increasing Mr. Brown's popularity, and many persons breathed freer and shouted the tidings of Government defeat and Reform triumph. Here in Cobourg a demonstration was made, which proved strong opposition, and some enquiry was sustained by persons known to be decidedly in favour of the winning candidate.

The same persons whose attacks were so freely used against Reform heads and shoulders, a night or two ago gave themselves the pleasure of burning Mr. Brown's effigy to their own amusement and without molestation. The taste which prompted such important means of exhibiting indignity is not very good, to say the least. It was highly commendable in the other parties to allow the exhibition to pass unnoticed. It would be a great improvement upon present custom, if there was as much moderation and a strong determination to deal fairly, on the part of our Reform press. Unhappily, while sympathizing in the main with the principles defended, Christian men are constantly pained by the violence and violence, the manifest unfairness and alas! that it must be written—the frequent untruthfulness of some of our ablest Reform journals. How

beautiful is simplicity combined with candor. How seldom do political contests engage the better feelings of men. How frequently must we say, "The wrath of man governeth not the righteousness of God?"

The other members of the Brown-Dorion ministry who lost their seats on accepting office have been returned without exception, I believe. This fact, if it says anything, speaks in favour of the ministry, whose sudden death so many lovers of good government do not cease to deplore.

A. B.

"NORTH SIDE."—A communication was received by us some time since, some extracts from which were inserted in our columns, under the above caption, accompanied also with some editorial remarks. These remarks were intended as general, and had no reference to any particular individual, we not knowing at the time to whom the writer of the communication inserted alluded in his statements. We regret that any unnecessary wound has been given, and are glad to learn that the case of the brother to whom our remarks were considered by some of our readers as intended to apply, was a very different one from that which we intended to rebuke.

News of the Week.

THE COURT OF SESSIONS and the Inferior Court of Common Pleas were opened on Tuesday morning. The Grand Jury elected Thomas Hatheway, Esq., their Foreman, but their being no criminal business whatever to lay before them, the Jury were, at their own request, discharged by the Court. In the Inferior Court of Common Pleas only 15 cases stand for trial.—News.

A heavy storm was experienced at Boston last Saturday, which caused the tide to rise to an unusual height, submerging some of the wharves, flooding cellars and doing considerable damage. Two boats were upset during the squalls, from one of which a son of Major Horsey, of Hingham, was drowned. The other contained Mr. Spear, his wife and niece, Mr. S. and niece were drowned, but Mrs. Spear was saved.—New Brunswick.

We understand that the owners of the *Emperor* contemplate running that steamer to Dorchester and the Bond, one trip each week, permanently, during the remainder of this steamboat season. This will be an acquisition highly to be appreciated by travellers upon that route. We have no doubt but that the travelling public will generally avail themselves of the speed and superior accommodations afforded by the *Emperor*, together with the probable consequent reduction of fare upon that route.—Id.

It is reported that the black measles is in some places in Westmorland county. Five families at Point Migic, and several others in the Beaujeogin road are affected with the disease.

CANADA CROPS. Of the crops in Canada the *Montreal Gazette* of Aug. 21st, says:— "The hay is a heavy yield, and mostly all housed; much barley cut and cured, and in splendid order; oats standing up beautifully, notwithstanding the great quantity of rain that has fallen this summer; spring wheat still very green, but quite healthy; rye excellent; pasture very good; some occasional complaint of rust in potatoe stems; many fine patches of turnips to be met with; and everywhere a high hope of coming plenty, with all its attendant benefits."

BUSINESS PROSPECTS. A morning paper of Wednesday says:—

"We are gratified to state that the general improvement in business in England is at length exerting an influence upon the price of our staple commodities. Letters from Liverpool, received in town on Monday, state a cargo of deals were sold at £7 12s. 6d.; and that the price ranged at £7 10s. The prices of late have been ruling at about £7 2s. 6d. The advance has, therefore, been about 10s. per thousand. We think the turning point is gained; and from this time forward the revival will be gradual; but it is to be hoped that there will be moderation used by lumberers and shippers, and that they will not rush into the business headlong, doing more than there is any occasion for."

Jane Glass, a coloured woman, threw herself off the balcony at 11 o'clock on Tuesday night. The body was found soon after, and taken to the dead house.—Free-man.

Sir F. WILLIAMS, who is on a visit to his sister at Sussex Vale, has been presented with a complimentary by the inhabitants of Sussex. In his reply he says: "I feel extremely gratified by the expression of personal regard towards me which your address conveys, as well as by your, but too high, appreciation of my military services; and with reference to the last war, I feel sure, that in no part of Her Majesty's dominions do more devotion to Her, or pride in the Empire exist, than in this our sister Province of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. You will all join me in a fervent hope that these feelings may, for ages, be cherished on both sides."

PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENTS.—The Hon. John Robertson and Thomas Murray, George M. Porter, and Wm. S. Caie, Esquires, to be Commissioners to enquire into and make an estimate of the probable expenses of the removal of the seat of Government. Robert Shives, Esq. to be Emigration officer in the room of Moses H. Perley, Esq. Thomas Barclay to be Fishery Warden for Restigouche, in the room of John Duncan.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.—At the Annual General meeting of the Chamber of Commerce held on Monday, the following members were elected:—Francis Ferguson, President; J. W. Cudlip, Vice President; John Robertson, Wm. Thompson, A. Jardine, J. Reading, S. D. Berton, J. V. Troop, Z. Ring, G. Morrissey, G. Thomas, Wm. Wright, Councilors; G. Thomas, S. D. Berton, C. MacLachlan, J. Reading, R. Jardine, Z. Ring, G. Morrissey, G. W. Fairweather, J. Duncan, Wm. Wright, W. H. Adams, Wm. Thompson, J. V. Troop, Arbitrators; Chas. T. Foster, Secretary.

PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENTS FOR NOVA SCOTIA.—His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, by the advice of the Executive Council, has been pleased to make the following appointments:—

Archibald Scott and Samuel Leonard Shannon, Esquires, to be Commissioners of the Railway Board, in the place of John H. Anderson and W. Pryor, Juniors, Esquires, resigned.

To be Judge of the Court of Probate for the County of Halifax—William Sutherland, Esq. in the place of the Hon. Johnathan McCully.

To be members of the Board of Commissioners of Schools—

In the District of Lunenburg—the Rev. Joseph Hart, in the place of Rev. Mr. Bent, removed from the District.

In the District of Chester—the Rev. J. C. Huid, in the place of the Rev. Mr. Crawley, removed from the District.

To be Custos Rotulorum for the District of Shelburne—George H. Denstad, Esq., in the place of Robert Currie, Esq., resigned.

To be additional Justices of the Peace—For the County of Halifax—Archibald Scott, Esq., Halifax; David Thompson, Hon'd Plains Ezrom Boutelier, Maragaret's Bay.

To be Coroners of the County of Pictou—Dr. William Cook, Pictou; Dr. Lewis Johnston, Albion Mines.

To be Surveyor of Shipping, Seizing Officer, and Warehouse Keeper at Yarmouth—Alex. Hood, Esq., in place of Charles Huntington, Esq., resigned.

To be Collector of Colonial Duties at Beaver River—Reuben Perry, Esq., in place of William Raymond, Esq.

To be one of the Trustees of School Lands in the Township of Horton—Thomas W. Harris, Esq., in place of Caleb H. Rand, Esq., resigned.

SUCCESS OF THE FISHERIES. Quite a fleet of Labrador fishing vessels have arrived at this port since last Sunday. All that have returned from that interesting quarter are well-fished, and they report favorably of the successful issue of the Labrador fisheries generally. Indeed, fish and bait were both plenty on the coast up to the 16th of August. These vessels have put in here to land their oil, after which they proceed homeward to Western ports for the purpose of "making" their fish. From the prevailing high prices, it is but fair to infer that our hardy fishermen will be amply remunerated for their summer's work. It is very satisfactory to add that the prospects for the fall mackerel fishery were never more promising than at present. Every true friend of Nova Scotia must ardently desire that the long pull and the strong pull and the pull altogether which have characterized the fishing interests may prove pre-eminently successful to all concerned in this important branch of Provincial industry. What is now required is a spell of dry seasonable weather, to secure in good condition the fares of the fishy tribe with which a bountiful Providence has favored us.—[Halifax Journal.]

P. E. ISLAND.—The dismissal of the Postmaster and other officials in Prince Edward Island, has created intense excitement there. Indignation meetings have been held at which strong Resolutions condemning the Government were passed. Counter meetings were called by the leading members of Administration and it was not without difficulty that a serious riot was prevented. On the 12th Aug. there was a temperance procession and celebration in Charlottetown.—Globe.

A CANADA OFFICE SWINDLER.—Mr. Knapp, Register of the county of Chatham, has been detected in frauds involving property to the amount of \$50,000, carried on through means of false mortgages made by the Register himself.—[Detroit Advertiser, Sept. 2.]

AN ENGLISH SEA CAPTAIN DROWNED.—The body of Capt. H. Chive, of the British brig Robert Reed, which arrived at this port on the 30th ult., from Cardenas, was found in the water near the Washington Free Bridge, South Boston, yesterday afternoon. It is supposed that he fell overboard and was drowned.—[Boston Courier.]

DROUTH AND GRASSHOPPERS.—We learn that grasshoppers are very destructive in several counties in this State. Some of the mowing fields in Yates County look as though the grass was all dead. Every green spear is eaten off. In Broome county they have not only destroyed grass and other sweet vegetation in some fields, but in one case we heard of a six acre lot of tobacco nearly ruined by these pests. The drouth appears to precede the grasshopper in all cases.—[N. Y. Tribune.]

THE REV. MR. SPURGEON'S BROTHER.—Yesterday two sermons were preached by the Rev. J. H. Spurgeon, brother of the Rev. C. Spurgeon, on behalf of the Sunday School connected with the very ancient place situated in Little Wild street, Lincoln's in Fields. The chapel was crowded in every part, and so great was the anxiety to hear the youthful preacher, who by the way, preached a very effective sermon, that many failed to gain admission.—[London Star, Aug. 16.]

GREAT HAIL STORM IN MINNESOTA. The late hail storm in Minnesota was of a most destructive character. In Freeborn Co. we are told, it raged as a tornado, tearing hundreds of oak trees almost into shreds, tumbling down fences, flattening corn-fields, demolishing gardens, and doing much other damage. In Fairfield, Geneva, Clark's Grove, &c., the storm was characterized by severe hail, which cut in pieces whole fields of grain, and completely destroyed numberless gardens. Some of the hailstones were of the size of hen's eggs. In the neighborhood of Faribault, chickens, pigs and sheep were killed outright, and cattle and horses that could not get under shelter were almost crazy with the fierce pelting of the storm.—[Rel. Telescope.]

THE CROPS A FEW MONTHS SINCE PROMISED favorably in these parts, has of late undergone a change which it is supposed will end in entire unprofitableness. Potatoes begin to show appearance of the blight, and corn has not yet, nor can it now ripen at this late stage of the season. Of the wheat we hear nothing very encouraging.—[Bridgetown Examiner.]

BUSINESS REVIVING. The favorable news from China received by the Atlantic Telegraph, has already given an impetus to the sale of our domestic fabrics. One house alone in this city sold three hundred packages last week for the Chinese market.—[Tribune.]