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EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

Meeting of General Conference—Religious Intelligence—Offered for the Ministry—Friends—Home Again.

MY DEAR E.—In continuing to you an account of our visit to Nova Scotia we will in this letter speak more particularly of the Conference we attended, and the religious state of its Churches. On Saturday we were accompanied by a number of brethren and friends to Kemptville, the place appointed for the meetings. At 2 o'clock P. M. met in Conference; nearly all the Ministers of the denomination were present and a large gathering filled the house. Opened by singing by Elder Swin, and prayer by ourselves. It was truly a good season; many brethren and sisters met in this annual gathering who had not seen each other for twelve months, and in the relations they gave of their experiences during the past were really blessed; we enjoyed the meeting very much, and listened with pleasure to the many warmhearted exhortations delivered that afternoon. In the evening we met in public meeting and had preaching by Elder Charles J. Oran from Psalm 73d. and 24th v. After preaching, quite a number took part in the services, and the meeting closed with good religious impressions. As arrangements had been previously made for preaching at Carleton on the Sabbath, Elder Thorp, Sullivan and Weston spent a part, and some of them all the day with the Church and friends in that place, the rest of the preachers remained together. On the Sabbath, which was a clear and beautiful day, we had very large gatherings. Prayer meeting at 9 o'clock A. M. and preaching by ourselves at 11 A. M. from Gen. v. chapter 24th verse. Notwithstanding the excessively crowded state of the house the congregation was attentive, solemn, and deeply affected. Owing to the distance many had to go for refreshment it was considered advisable not to have meeting again until half past six P. M., consequently we protracted the morning meeting longer than we otherwise would have done, but we think neither saint nor sinner present considered it tedious. At the close of these services the Lord's Supper was administered by Elder Norton, assisted by Elder Swin to a very large number of happy communicants. In the evening Elder Norton preached from Deu. 32 chapter 9th 10th 11th and 12th verses. His discourse was sound and profitable, and delivered in a spirit calculated to warm the hearts of believers. It was a day of religious enjoyment, and at its close many could say with the Psalmist, "A day in thy Courts is better than a thousand." Business meetings commenced at an early hour on Monday morning; there was a good attendance of Presbytery, Delegates and other members of Conference. Elder Brown a Free-Will Baptist Minister now labouring in Nova Scotia, set with us through conference. At two o'clock P. M. met to receive the reports from the churches. They were nearly all reported, some in good standing, others not so prosperous. Much loss had been sustained by many of them for want of ministerial care. There were quite a good number of Sabbath Schools reported to be in efficient working order. This being the proper meeting for the Delegates from the N. B. Conference to give a statement of their denomination, we of course in the absence of Brother Perry had to do this alone. It is very evident that our brethren in Nova Scotia feel deeply interested in our prosperity. Amongst other things connected with our interests we spoke of the change in price and proprietorship of the *Intelligencer* and requested them to aid us in extending its circulation; subsequently in a business meeting they passed the following resolution which was moved by Elder Norton and seconded by Elder Benson.

Resolved. That the request of Elder Hartley, made in our reporting meeting for this conference to seek to advance the interests of the *Religious Intelligencer* be responded to; and that we recommend to all our brethren, to exert their influence in behalf of its circulation.

In the evening we preached again to a large and apparently enquiring congregation. From 1st Cor. 10th chap. 4th verse. Tuesday was spent in the transaction of business. As we had an appointment to preach that evening some eight miles on our road coming home, we left to attend the meeting before the business was closed, probably they finished that evening. Many of us were very sorry that Elder Perry did not get over, he doubtless would have been gladly received. Their manner of doing business differs some from ours, and we think in some ways improvements might be made. One change which we regard as a move in the right direction was made. Formerly they did their business by a unanimous vote, which was changed to a two thirds vote. There was a circumstance in connection with this conference that to us increased its interest. Brother James Kinsman, a young man of much promise, and who, if he gives himself fully to the work will be a blessing to the cause of God, offered himself for the ministry. We trust this young brother will enter the field at once and be abundantly blessed. We were most cordially received by our brethren and treated in a manner that we much endeared them to us; from the time we met them until we left we received marks of Christian courtesy and respect. The people generally were exceedingly clear, and although our stay was but short we felt on leaving that we parted with many warmhearted friends whom if we meet not again on earth we hope to see in Heaven. Leaving Carleton on Wednesday morning we reached our home in St. John safely on Thursday evening. We think we shall frequently look back with pleasure to our first visit to Nova Scotia.

G.

Lectures.

Professor Fowler of New York is now in this city delivering a course of Lectures on Phrenology and Physiology. They are well attended and full of instruction. Mr. Fowler labours to show the utility of Phrenology with the "Intellectual, Moral and Bodily Development of Man." This evening's lecture will be on "Intellectual Culture and Self-Improvement." Memory, how to secure and retain it—How to become good thinkers, writers and speakers, the basis of success in business etc.

Romanism.

The September number of "The News of the Churches" contains an able article on "Romanism in its recent action in England," which should be carefully read and pondered by persons on this side of the Atlantic. The writer commences by stating the fact that the Church of Rome has within the last ten years adopted a new policy in all parts of the world. Until recently she had failed to recover from the almost death stroke which she received at the French Revolution. The terrible events of 1847-8 found her in a state of weakness and imbecility, and the attempt that was then made by the Italian liberal party to place the Papacy at the head of Liberalism well nigh proved the destruction of the Papal power. The Papacy can not bear the light, much less, dispense it. Pope Pius IX, the present head of the church, fled ignominiously from Rome in the garb of a footman, leaving it to the government of others. These failed, and the government was handed over to others, whose policy consisted in restoring the Church to her former power, committing her schemes of active operation to the hands of the Jesuits, and to refuse any of those concessions which had been formerly considered necessary to the spirit of the age. With this policy Rome has never entered with her energy and power upon her work of enslaving the human mind, determining to resist every effort for the spread of truth and to meet in open combat whatever may oppose her aims. Hence the extraordinary position assumed by the Romish church in England, and the effrontery manifested by her to control the parliament and government by holding the balance of power. She cares little who is in authority so she occupies a middle place with sufficient strength to decide issues. In education, in the army, and even in the Established Church her influence and power is exerted, and the utmost efforts are being made to bring back the English mind to the darkness and bondage of Popery. The writer in question says:—"The danger truly is great. Romanism is advancing with rapid strides, and is assuming an air of defiance." The same thing is true of Romanism in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. It must be obvious to the most casual observer, that arrogance and assumption have become the peculiar features of the leaders and representatives of Romanism in these provinces; and that the least opposition to their aggressions is only the prelude to tirades of abuse and defamation.

A movement in the right direction in the sister province of Nova Scotia is the formation of a Protestant Alliance, having for its object the union of all Protestants, and the determined maintenance of Protestant principles as enunciated in the Bible. These, and these alone can defeat Rome. While the Bible principles are maintained and held sacred Rome must be defeated. To undermine and overthrow these are her aim and once accomplished, she rules. A similar movement is desirable in New Brunswick. The seeming abuse of the Popish press of all ranks and classes of men, who dare to utter any truth unpalatable to Romanism, is a positive evidence of its being prompted by Jesuitical priests and bishops, who expect to reap the fruit of what is gained.

With our Romish fellow-subjects, as men, we have no issue; but when they put themselves under the control of a system that aims at ascendancy for the purpose of crushing freedom and truth, we are bound to speak. The influence and ascendancy of this system through unprincipled politicians and newspaper writers, is an evil which may not be so foreign as some imagine.

Bible Distribution.

The Fredericton Auxiliary Bible Society has recently commenced a work which should command the sympathy and support of the Christian public, we allude to the work of Bible colportage. Mr. C. W. Wetmore, a young man of piety and deeply solicitous of doing good, has been spending a few weeks under the direction of this Society in visiting some neighbourhoods in the counties of York and Sunbury, and supplying them with the word of God. Mr. W. spent the first two weeks of his labour between Fredericton and Caverhill, on the North side of the River. Between these places, (on the Kesewauy) he found six families (protestants) entirely destitute of any portion of the Scriptures! These were supplied gratuitously or by sale. A considerable number of families were found who possessed only the New Testament. These also were supplied with the whole. The next two weeks were spent in visiting Maryland, North and South branches of the Oromocto, Gary, and some other places. In some of these places as well as above Fredericton, Mr. W. had been preceded by Mr. Smith, Agent for the New Brunswick Auxiliary Bible Society; who in some localities organized Branch Societies. Mr. W. found, however, that in these places all the destitution had not been supplied. Between Gary and Fredericton six families were found, part of them Protestants, who were destitute of the Scriptures, all of whom he furnished with them. Other families North of Gary and in the vicinity of the Mouth of the Oromocto were not called on, the supply which Mr. W. had with him being exhausted. Between two and three hundred copies of the Word of God were distributed by him during these four weeks spent in the employ of the Society. We learn from Mr. Wetmore that the destitution is by no means always in consequence of extreme poverty—some were without the Word of God who had sufficient means to purchase, and who did purchase when the volume was offered to them. He occasionally met with some intimations of contempt for the Scriptures, but in nearly or quite every case prevailed on the parties to receive them. A woman, the mother of a family, of whom he enquired if she had a Bible in her house, replied that she had not, and had no money to buy one. "Then," said Mr. W., "I will give you one." This she refused. He urged her to receive it on the ground that it was the Word of God, and that Word was to judge her in the last day. She still refused. "Then," continued Mr. W., "I shall confront you at the bar of God with the fact that I offered you His Word, and you refused it." After some further conversation she accepted a copy, with the promise that she would read it. How ought Christians to pray that the minds of such persons may be drawn to a perusal of the Scriptures, and be opened to receive "the en-

grafted seed, the Word of God, which is able to save their souls."

We trust this good work will be continued. Much more spiritual destitution exists in our own Province than many are aware of or willing to believe. Mr. Wetmore is peculiarly adapted to the work of doing good, for the good's sake, commends his efforts to the favour of those whom he seeks to benefit. Would to God our Churches had many more men of this stamp.

DENOMINATIONAL.

Free Baptist. Fourth District Meeting.

The churches composing this District are aware that we gave notice last week, and the week before that this meeting would be held in October. The notice should have been for the Third Saturday, instead of the Second. No notice was sent to us in relation to the time, and we named it from memory and hence the error. We deeply regret it, fearing least it may detract from the meeting; but as a week cannot make much difference we recommend that it take place on the second Saturday as noticed. Many probably are now expecting it at that time, not being aware of the reason of the alteration. We are requested by Elder Wayman to solicit some of the Ministering brethren to attend this meeting, which will be held at the Patterson Settlement. Brother W. is the only preacher, we believe, now labouring in the District. (Elder Gunter being sick); and it is important that some brethren should come to his help. We expect to attend the Third District meeting at Queensbury, commencing the same day.

Presbyterian.

A deputation from the Presbyterian Church in Ireland have been in this city for a few days in the persons of Revs. Messrs McClure and Gibson with Dr. Irvine of Hamilton, preached each three times in St. John last Sabbath to large congregations.

Rev. Dr. Burns arrived in this city on Wednesday evening, and passed on in the steamer the next morning, having been called upon to open the College in Toronto in the absence of Principal Willis.

Pic-Nic.—On Wednesday, pursuant to arrangement the F. C. Baptist Sabbath Schools of Waterloo St. and Portland crossed the river and met the Carleton School at the Meeting house on that side; from whence, accompanied by their superintendents, teachers and many other friends, including several clergymen, they repaired to the beautiful meadows and grove, owned by Mr. John Clark of Carleton, which he kindly granted for the occasion. The day was pleasant and every thing seemingly conducive to the happiness of old and young. Nearly five-hundred in all were present. After reaching the grove we had speaking from the preachers, and singing and recitations from the children, and feasting by all. Well filled baskets and barrels were on the grounds in abundance, and notwithstanding the increase of appetite by the ramble in the open fields, there was enough and to spare. All we think enjoyed themselves nicely and we know the children were glad they belonged to the S. School, and returned home determined to be more constant than ever.

For the Religious Intelligencer.

Pictou, N. S., Sept. 22, 1858.

MY DEAR BROTHER IN CHRIST JESUS—I sincerely hope and trust that you and many of the readers of your paper are brethren in the Lord Jesus of the sort spoken of in Ephesians 1st chapter 3d, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th verses. Yourself and readers are becoming a little acquainted with me now, and I hope we will never have reason any of us to regret that we became acquainted with each other. Brethren of the sort already referred to always understand one another. But what will we say brother of another very numerous class that I meet with in my travels. For instance, what will we say of those who think themselves good Christians and who have as yet never seen themselves as sinners before God! I am one of those who believe that from the sole of the foot to the crown of the head there is no soundness in man, but that he is all wounds, bruises and putrefying sores! I also believe that of himself, and from himself unaided by Divine Grace, no one good thought even, or proper desire, to say nothing of all motives, can come. And I can prove this by the Bible, the Word of God, the only rule of faith and practice. And what, I ask, is to become of those who have never yet experienced what we read of in Ephesians 2nd chapter, and which Jesus Christ, who was also ALMIGHTY God, told Nicodemus in 3rd chapter of St. John, all most experience to be saved, namely the New Birth or regeneration! How do I know they have not experienced this change? Because when I read to them Romans 5th chapter and 5th verse, and ask them when they first felt that love shed abroad in their hearts, they flidget on their chairs and twist about as if sitting on needles, and stare, blush and look confused! And when I quote to them from Romans 8th chapter from 14th verse, and ask them to tell me when and where they first received the spirit of adoption, they became more uneasy, more flidgety, and sometimes rise and fly from the house! And when I ask them to read First Epistle General of John through the whole five chapters, and ask them if they experimentally understood them and feel and possess, and know when it first took possession of them, what is spoken of in First Epistle General of John 5th chapter and 10th verse, they at times frankly admit that they are not in possession of this! And when I tell them that with all their forms, prayers, sacraments, baptism, professions and Church membership, they, without the witness of the Spirit, are strangers to the love of God which casteth out all fear. I rejoice to believe that very many who attend my Temperance Lectures are led to reflection, and to repentance towards God, and the exercise of that living faith in our Lord Jesus which in my case has made me a wonder to the world of godly and ungodly. This grace found me a wreck in fortune, character and name, it found me an infidel, and it made me a Teetotaler and it showed me that I wanted more than Teetotalism. But here let me say

that if I had not been by grace, and grace that I could not then see and feel—led to become a Teetotaler first, I feel well assured I would never have had any inclination to read the Bible and ask God to help me to lead a new life. Grace does all the work, although we cannot see and feel with the eye of faith this grace until God for Christ's sake opens our eyes, yet it is grace that does all the work. And so all who read this will admit too, when they obey the call of God given them in Isaiah 1st chapter, Isaiah 55th chapter, St. John 7th chapter and 37th verse, and Revelations last chapter and 17th verse. ALL MAY COME. But it is an awful truth that many will not come! God help them all to come now.

Yours in the Lord,

J. A. DAVIDSON.

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The Wisdom and Knowledge of God.

When we look around and view the mighty works of God, planned by his own wisdom, and accomplished by his own hands, we cannot but acknowledge his Omnipotence, when we view the sun in its unwavering course day by day, when we behold the moon rising from behind the distant hills, riding in beauty along the firmament, shedding its pale light upon the earth and lighting the weary traveller on his way, and the countless stars, too, as they shine forth in splendour and magnificence, we cannot but exclaim in the language of the Psalmist, "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament sheweth his handy work."

Thus then when we view those beauties of creation, and know that God by his boundless wisdom, planned and placed them where they are, we cannot but be convinced that he knew they would be beneficial to man, that he knew it to be good to have the sun to rule the day, and the moon and stars to dispel the darkness and gloom of the night. And thus when we contemplate these mighty things our hearts tell us that God is a God of infinite wisdom and knowledge.

GILVAN.

News of the Week.

INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY.—Hon. Messrs. Cartier and Rose have left Montreal for New York, on route for England, as the delegates from Canada on the Intercolonial Railway mission.

The Provincial Secretary of Nova Scotia has left in the Asia; and his co-delegate, Mr. Henry, leaves in the next steamer.

Hon. Chas. Fisher and hon. A. J. Smith, the delegates from this Province, left in the Admiral yesterday for New York, en route for England.

At present there are active efforts being made in England in the same direction. The London Post is strongly recommending railway communication from the Pacific Ocean to St. John or Halifax.—Globe.

Langrill, charged with robbing the Post Office in September last, was brought up on Saturday, and the offence against him being fully proved, he was found guilty, and sentenced to five years imprisonment in the Penitentiary.—News.

THE ATLANTIC TELEGRAPH.

The Coteau Presbyterian says "We understand that Mr. Landy of the Valentin Telegraph office arrived at Halifax by the "Prince Albert" from Galway on Sunday last, on his way to Trinity Bay. He intends to test the cable in concert with the English Electricians, for the purpose of ascertaining the exact locality at which the leakage occurs."

Our Halifax correspondent says:—"Mr. Thompson comes out at the instance of Professor Thompson, (who has been appointed chief Electrician,) for the purpose of subjecting the cable to a series of powerful tests, in order to be able to discover the exact locality and extent of present difficulty, which is caused, as far as electricians have been able to determine, by a loss of insulation, about 300 miles from Valentin."

Professor Whitehouse's system is still used. Another system will probably be tried should the defect in the cable be overcome by scientific process.

American papers publish following Telegrams.

TRINITY BAY, Sept. 25.

To Peter Cooper, C. W. Field, W. G. Hunt, and E. M. Archibald, New York.—I have not the least wish to withhold particulars as to the working of the cable, and until I have communicated with head quarters and ascertained the directions of the manager of the Company, I will send a daily report of the proceedings.

We are not working to day, but receiving occasionally from Valentin weak reversals of the current, which, when received, are unintelligible.

C. V. DESAUTY.

TRINITY BAY, Sept. 25.

To Cyrus W. Field, New York.—Your message received the day before yesterday. Commenced receiving current from Valentin, and was in hopes that I should be at work soon after. Informed Mr. McKay, and then the current failed. This will explain the discrepancy between his and my messages.

C. V. DESAUTY.

FIRE IN PORTLAND.—Between 2 and 3 o'clock on Sunday morning, a fire broke out in the Parish of Portland, which consumed nineteen wooden buildings, large and small. It is reported that the fire was the work of an incendiary, as the house in which it originated had been set on fire a few days ago. The principal sufferers are—Mr. Carr (two houses), Mr. Murphy (two houses), Mary Jane Capson (two houses), Mr. Munkin, Mrs. Hammond; Thos. Egan, Jas. Johnston (two houses), Francis Riddick, J. Law, R. Taylor, Robert McIntyre (two houses), George Riddick and Andrew Riddick. Some of the houses were insured. An examination is to be held to-day as to the origin of the fire, New Brunswick.

THE FISHERIES.—We are gratified to learn that the fisheries in the Passamaquoddy and vicinity will this season prove more than ordinarily successful. For the last two months the catch was immense and the fishermen belonging to the several bands have been doing a thriving business. Near Campobello, their average catch for several weeks, exceeded 1000 quintals a day. We

hope and believe that this hardly and industrious class of our population will realize handsome pecuniary returns as the result of their season's labour.—[St. Croix Herald.]

CONSERVATION IN NOVA SCOTIA.—But within a few weeks last and since the issue of the Hans Election, the Government have dug up this Bill again, and had it printed, and have sent copies to the members—a dozen or two to each—preparatory as we believe to an attempt at the next Session of the House to enact it into a Law!

This, we hesitate not to affirm, is the most significant and alarming act of the present Administration.

Four Protestant Counties lost five of their members! It adds, as we remarked once to Halifax, largely Catholic—two to Pictou—one to Inverness, largely Catholic—one to Sydney, Catholic—and one to Cape Breton, represented by two Catholics. So that while on the one hand all the diminution of Representatives applies to Counties strictly Protestant,—on the other, with the exception of Pictou all the increase is to Counties Roman Catholic! Here, therefore, we enter our most solemn protest against this most unjust, unrighteous measure, and we call upon the Country to resist it in every possible constitutional manner. Have we not done enough already.—Halifax Chronicle.

FIRE AT YARMOUTH.—The Yarmouth Tribune of Sept 25th gives an account of the destruction by fire of the "American House" owned and kept by Mr. Bradbury of that town. Some of the boarders as well as the proprietor sustained quite heavy losses, about which the Tribune says:—

The amount of loss sustained by Mr. Bradbury, the proprietor of the American House, we have heard estimated as follows:—House, \$1200; stables, \$250; stock, furniture, wardrobe, &c., \$800. Of this amount only \$1600 was covered by insurance. Very little of the furniture was saved and none of the stock. Four or five carriages and sets of harness, and all the hay, grain, &c. in the stable were consumed. Four hogs, confined in a pen at the rear of the stable, perished in the conflagration.

Mr. Enos Rogers, who boarded in the house, but was absent the night of the fire, lost a carriage, three sets of harness, his wardrobe, and miscellaneous property, amounting in all to about \$100. Mr. Hamilton, who conveys the mail between Kemptville and Yarmouth, lost his carriage and harness, but saved his horse. Mr. Meador Geldert, of Liverpool, who had arrived only the evening before, lost a valuable horse, which he had but recently purchased.

P. E. ISLAND CROPS.—Of the crops in the Island the *Islander* of the 24th inst. says:

The Crops are now mostly saved, and, save wheat, may be estimated a full average. Even wheat will be more plentiful than last year.—Potato tops are, as usual, struck with the blight, but we have not hitherto seen a single Potatoe affected with the disease. In so far as our personal observation extends, Potatoes are abundant and excellent in quality. Fruit of all sorts, large and small, has also been plentiful, a result which could hardly have been anticipated in a season so unusually cool, and throughout which thunder has been but seldom heard.

FROM NEWFOUNDLAND.—On the evening of the 17th inst., 25 houses in St. Johns were destroyed by fire. One man perished in the flames.

The Rev. R. B. Bullock has been appointed Private Secretary to the Lieut. Governor of Nova Scotia, having served in the same capacity to the late Governor.—*New Brunswick.*

A man named Marchant died of lock-jaw in Edgartown, Mass., last week. Some ten days previous he had his foot pierced by a silver from a board or shingle while at work.—*Globe.*

ON Monday last the Grand Trunk Railway of Canada was opened as far West as London, thus making a continuous line of railway from that City to Montreal.—*Id.*

DEPLORABLE CASE OF CHILD MURDER.—Columbus, Sept. 23. Yesterday at Greenport, in this county, a woman named Schelling, threw her four children into a well 35 feet deep, and then jumped in herself. The children were three girls and a boy, the oldest 12, and the youngest 2 years. They were all taken out dead. The woman is supposed to have been insane.

FROM HAVANA, New Orleans, Sept. 23. The steamship Cuba has arrived here with Havana dates to the 20th. An English steamer had brought 600 coolies, and a cargo of Africans from Cardenas.

Sugar at Havana was dull, and the stock was 135,000 boxes. Exchange on London 15 per cent.; on New Orleans 5 per cent.; on New York 4 per cent.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE AT MYSTIC BRIDGE, Ct. On Wednesday evening a fire occurred at Mystic Bridge, by which \$50,000 worth of property was destroyed. Among the buildings consumed was the U. S. Hotel, partly insured; the Post office, with its contents; E. W. Dennison & Co's variety store, some insurance; the shop of F. R. Gallup, tailor, and insurance; and the toll house.

The velocity of the comet, when at its perihelion, is about 150,000 miles per hour. Its distance from the earth at this time, roughly estimated, is about 87,000,000 miles. Its tail is at least 6,000,000 miles in length. It will increase in brightness for a few weeks to come, and will be seen later and later every night.

FIRE.—We understand that the dwelling on the South-west, formerly known by travellers as Coughlan's place, but recently owned and occupied by Mr. Underhill, was totally destroyed by fire on the evening of Thursday week. It blew a gale of wind at the time, and it was with difficulty the barn was saved. We have not been able to learn any particulars.—[Miramichi Gleaner.]

SURVEYING SCHOONER ARIAL.—This Schooner is the Tender of the Gulfair, has been for the last week in port, but owing to the rough weather has been enabled to perform but little work in the survey of the rivers.—She is commanded by Captain Carey.—[Miramichi Gleaner.]

THE LOST BALLOONIST.—We change our heading to-day! Lost is a fearful word to say of one who but now was in our midst in the high tide of life, strong, bold, full of hope, with troops of friends about him. "Lost" it sounds like the wailing of the wind in the tops of the pines! All hope of ever finding poor Thurston alive is blotted out, and we can only bemoan him as lost.

Mr. Bannister, his companion, returned this afternoon, and can bring only the worn tidings. The balloon he identified, and sent the silk of which it was composed to this city last night. He himself remained to search for his friend. To day he comes back despairing.

He states that the balloon valve on which Thurston sat is torn out from the silk of the balloon three quarters of the way around, indicating unerringly that the weight of the unfortunate man was too great for the strength of the sides, and that the silk gave way, when he must have dropped off. His only remaining chance would be to cling to the smooth material of which the balloon was made, and he could not have sustained himself in that manner. When this occurred we can only conjecture, but that it must have been within an hour after he started, seems highly probable. The balloon was seen for nearly two hours with a glass, but it must be remembered that this great body, full sixty feet high, was only the size of a man's hand, when then visible, and it would be utterly impossible to see the ill-fated man if he had dropped off. Mr. Bannister feels quite positive that he must have felt before reaching Canada at all.—[Detroit Tribune, Sept. 23.]

OUR INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING.—Large classes have entered almost all of our Colleges this year. Harvard has a very large class. Seventy have entered Amherst—more than ever before; sixty-eight Williams College; Columbia will have fifty or sixty; Yale has a great class; Brown's is large; from forty to fifty have entered Waterville—making their largest class; Newton has for an unusually large number of young men; Hamilton has also a full class; and we learn that the unprecedented number of seventy new students have entered the Princeton Theological Seminary; and in every other college we have heard from, are the same encouraging prospects, which speak well for the advancement of liberal education amongst us.—*N. Y. Chronicle.*

The Alliance News, the excellent organ of the Manchester Temperance Alliance, announces that its columns will hereafter be shut against any admission of controversial articles or letters of comment, concerning the Gough vs. Lees trial. A wise and timely resolve. Able English Temperance papers have been sadly disfigured by rabid articles on the subject. We trust this is the first step towards ending forever this disagreeable and destructive controversy.—[Tem. Telegraph.]

The State of Maine says that Lady Napier spent a few days at Campo Bello, and doubt not that her Ladyship found the scenery of that beautiful island far more attractive than the fashionable resorts of Saratoga and Newport.—[T. Tel.]

A LITTLE GIRL HUNG.—A frightful accident occurred on Wednesday last near the village of Friendship, Allegany county, on the New York and Erie Railroad. A woman named Guilford, started with a little girl about nine years of age after locking up the house, to visit one of her neighbours. After proceeding a short distance the mother remembered something which she had left behind her in the house, and sent the little girl back after it, while she walked on.—Arrived at her place of destination, she waited a long time, but the girl did not appear, and she returned home. On reaching home she found the body of her daughter hanging from the window outside, and dead. It appeared that the little girl, unable to effect an entrance by the door, had raised the window, and while endeavoring to crawl in, it had fallen upon her neck and held her fast until life was extinct. She was an only child, always of delicate health, and her parents are nearly distracted at her loss.

THE MURDERERS OF THE FIVE SPANISH GIRLS.—Two Catalonians who murdered the five girls in the neighbourhood of Vich have been arrested on the frontier by the French gendarmes. It appears that the day after the murder one of them was drinking in one of the little wine shops in the suburbs of Vich with one of the brothers of the second victim. On the young man declining to drink because he was not thirsty, the assassin said, "Well, I shall drink; for I ate a great deal of meat (carne, which signifies both meat and flesh) last night, and I have not digested it." When they were arrested by the gendarmes they alleged various excuses for not being provided with passports, and gave false names; but on being told that they would be confronted with the brother of the murdered girls they at once confessed their crime—one of them, the jealous lover, declaring with many imprecations, that if they had been twenty he would have killed them all. They confessed also that several hours after the crimes they had returned to make sure of the girls' death, and they suppose that the vapours of the wine they had drunk and their trouble had deceived them. They were sent to Perpignan to see whether they can be recognised as belonging to any of the gangs of criminals whose causes are pending before the French tribunals.

CROP IN IRELAND.—A Dublin journal says:—"What is one of the best crops ever seen in Ireland. The yield is heavy, the quality good, and it has been garnered in excellent condition. All doubts about the potato are at an end, and never was the crop more productive. The green crops, too, which now form so important a feature in our improved agriculture, will yield a heavy return this year; turnips, mangolds, &c., are of such superior bulk and quality that even the farmers themselves are satisfied, and have nothing to grumble at but the fact that abundant crops bring low prices. Still, however, the price of agricultural produce are highly remunerative; and besides, there is plenty there is employment, industry, contentment, comfort, diminished pauperism, diminished crime, diminished taxation, light burdens, and more enjoyment for all classes."

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