

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCER.

Sir David and Misses Baxter, with a liberality worthy of being held in perpetual remembrance, has presented the town of Dundee, in Scotland, with thirty-eight acres of land, tastefully laid out and embellished, for a park for the recreation of the people. The cost of it is fifty thousand pounds sterling! On the 7th inst. it was opened with great ceremony. Lord John Russell was present on the occasion, and the freedom of the town was conferred upon him, together with an address, to which he replied as follows:—

"Sir and Gentlemen—I receive with gratitude the freedom of the ancient and Royal burgh of Dundee. I have come for the first time in order to add my tribute of respect to one of your most distinguished citizens, who has nobly provided for the health and recreation of his fellow citizens, and well deserves to be remembered to all time as a public benefactor. (Cheers.) The increase of wealth, and the extent of our industry, is not without accompanying evils. One of these evils is the exclusion of the face of Nature; and happy is he who can give to those in populous cities, a rest from exhausting toil, amid scenes which invigorate the body and turn the mind to the contemplation of the wonderful works of God. (Cheers.) In referring to measures which I have contributed to promote during a long course of Parliamentary exertion, you have done me too much honor. I have been happy to contribute humbly to the victory of those eloquent and distinguished men who were foremost in the cause of Catholic emancipation—who won for the people the great battle of the repeal of the Corn Laws. (Cheers.) With regard to the measures in which I had a more immediate part in preparing the repeal of the Corn Laws, I have been studious to frame a plan for the reform of Parliament, and introduced a bill for the reform of our Municipal Corporations. I have been studious to build upon the ancient foundations. (Hear, hear, and cheers); to adapt new measures to existing laws, and to put them in harmony with the institutions of a country justly proud of its liberty. (Loud cheers.) Thirty years of experience have shown that I have not been mistaken in my hope; every year has strengthened our political constitution, and confirmed, as you justly observe, our domestic tranquility. (Cheers.) As Secretary for Foreign Affairs, it has been my object to preserve peace with both Europe and America. (Hear, hear, and cheers.) You may be well informed in the Administration of Lord Palmerston, who is so justly and universally popular (cheers), for maintaining a firm attitude in the lamentable conflict in America. (Cheers.) The duties of neutrality between parties violently hostile are not easily performed. (Hear, hear.) It has been, and it will be, our endeavour to exercise the powers now intrusted, or which may be intrusted, to the Crown by Parliament in such a manner as at once to defeat every attempt to engage our people in enterprises inconsistent with our neutral position, and to preserve for ourselves, our persons, and our property, those safeguards of British law and British justice to which alone they are indebted for the security they now enjoy." (Loud and prolonged cheering.)

The ceremony of opening the park then took place, when several addresses were made. Lord John Russell, in his speech, put in a forcible plea for the schoolboys, which is worth reading. He said:—

"I have been accustomed in the course of my life to pay a great deal of attention to education; and I have been told of late years by those who are occupied in education in great towns—such as Glasgow, Birmingham, and similar large towns—that there is one great difficulty they have to contend with in their schools, and that is that in those towns there is no such thing as a playground. (Hear, hear.) I think a playground is quite as useful as a school (laughter and applause); and it is still more necessary—a playground in these days, when we are told how clever the boy who is at school is in the week learns quite as much, if not more, than the boy who goes six, and that the boy who is at school half a day learns quite as much as the boy who is at school the whole day. (Laughter and cheers.) Whether that be true or not I am not going to say, but I think it would be a great advantage to the schools in this town, if they were to ask the permission of Lord Dalhousie and the other trustees, that from time to time, at certain fixed hours, this park should be made a playground for certain games during the hours of recreation which the school allows. There is a very great tendency at the present time—which is a good tendency—at bringing people together in large numbers, and I think that in that that children are brought up without having the least notion of the green fields, or a game at cricket, or a game at trap ball. (Hear, hear.) And it is quite as essential that the body of a boy should be educated, and his mind turned to these things, as that he should learn his alphabet and ciphers. (Applause.) I am in hopes that, being the youngest burgess in Dundee, my presumption may be excused. (A laugh.) I think it would be a great pleasure to know that the young generation of Dundee could enjoy the advantages of this park as much as those who are their elders, and able to give themselves to more manly pursuits."

I beg to thank you for the name of Lady Russell (cheers). I have certainly found by experience that there needs no better place to come to for a wife than to Scotland, and I certainly shall recommend the practice to others which I have adopted myself." (Laughter and great applause.)

ARRIVAL OF THE "EUROPA."

CAPE RACE, Sept. 29.

The Europa from Liverpool 19th, and Queenstown 20th, off Cape Race, 2:30 on Tuesday afternoon.

A letter from Richmond in the Confederate organ, the Index, speaks of the probable early recall of the representative of the South from England, on account of the attitude of the Government.

The Index also says that the project of a blockade against the ports of the South is again on foot, and that the port of New Orleans is to be closed.

The portion of the paper published in Boston, "The Boston Post," says that the blockade of the Southern ports is to be extended to the West Indies, and that the blockade of the South is to be continued.

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