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causes us to stand continually upon the watch tower in the day-time, and which sets us in our ward whole nights? What of *importunate prayer*, which storms heaven with its "violence and force?" What of *united prayer*, "gathering us together to ask help of the Lord?" What of *consistent prayer*, which regards no iniquity in our hearts? What of *practical prayer*, which fulfils itself? Let but such prayer be understood, let our spirit but break with such longing, and the expectations of our bosom shall not be delayed? "And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer," says the LORD.

Yours, truly,

A LOVER OF GOOD MEN.

[FOR THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR.]

March 14th, 1853.

DEAR EDITORS.—A sister of the Portland church put this into my hands the other day. It is too good for me to keep to myself, so I hand it to you for the good of the public. A certain philosopher once said to a king who wanted to learn Geometry in an easier way, "May it please your Majesty there is no royal road to Geometry." This sister I expect has gained by her experience, what a celebrated lady-traveller had, who, on her return from her tour, said—"I have travelled round the world and have found that *men and women* are the same, whether clothed in RAGS or RUFFLES." I am like-minded with her, if she by this extract means to say, that the way to heaven is the same now as it ever was.—Oh yes—"It is through much tribulation that we must enter the kingdom"—or as John Bunyan said, "you can't go to heaven in silver slippers."

I am yours, truly,

AN OLD FASHIONED CHRISTIAN.

From Egypt to Canaan.

An aged minister, a correspondent of the Tennessee Baptist, dating from "Mount Ebenezer, near Alexandria, T." gives the following unique description of the "short method" of being "born again," under the new constitution, as he calls it.

"Religion is religion now as it always has been; but the way of coming into the possession of it is—Ah me! The people don't leave Egypt now as Israel did, and march forward under the command of Moses the great law-giver, by the special directions of the Lord Jehovah.—From Rameses to Succoth and Etham, through the wilderness, on to Pi-hahiroth, before Baal-zephon, and pitch before Migdol, by the Red Sea, shut in by the wilderness on either hand, and the rolling waves of the Red Sea in front, and the formidable army of Egypt, marching down on them, in dread array, where, oh where, they are compelled to cry unto God; and, 'stand still and see the salvation of the Lord,' by a newly created way, through the waters of the great deep. Then on to Mount Sinia, through the Great Desert, on to the plains of Moab, on the east side of Jordan; where the great law-giver dies, in order for Joshua, the Captain General of God Almighty's host, to lead them through the midst of Jordan into the promised inheritance."

"But now, brother Howell, the people have found out a much nigher way, from Egypt to Canaan. When they leave Rameses, they march on by the Isthmus of Suez, then over the river of Egypt, the Sihor, and brook Besor, directly into Canaan, leaving the Red Sea to the right hand, and Mount Sinia so far, that they see not even the flash of the lightning, nor hear the awful thunders roll."

"And this way, my brother, they have bestowed so much labor on, that it has become to be a beautiful Macadamized road, and travellers now meet little or no difficulty in passing from Egypt to Canaan."

General Intelligence.

SEVEN DAYS LATER FROM ENGLAND.

The steamship *Africa* arrived at New York at 3½ o'clock on Sunday afternoon. She was detained at Liverpool in consequence of a terrific storm, which prevented her mails getting on board. She brought 58 passengers and \$17,000 in specie.

MARKETS.—A Liverpool circular of the 28th says:—The Cotton market is quiet, and in the absence of speculative enquiry, has declined ½d. Breadstuffs are dull.—Wheat declined 2d. per 70 lbs., and Flour 6d per brl. Indian Corn nominally the same as last week.

TIMBER.—The arrivals of timber at Liverpool in January are 500 tons less than last year.—Sales of Yellow Pine of 14 inches at 18½d. Two car-

goes St. John Spruce Deals at £9 17s. to £9 18s. 3d. The market is nearly cleared of Railway Sleepers, and they are wanted.

London Circulars say Wheat and Flour are rather cheaper, but do not change quotations. Corn is firm; Iron ditto.

The Pacha of Egypt has given orders for leveling the Isthmus of Suez.

It is owing to the exertions of Eliza Cook, the poetess, that £400 have been raised for the purpose of erecting a monument to Thomas Hood.

The most singular feature of the news is, that France, while professing to act in conjunction with Austria in the Montenegrin difficulty, is now on terms of the closest friendship with Turkey.

Apprehensions are entertained of an outbreak in Hungary. Mazzini is supposed to be in Milan.

An important debate took place in the House of Lords on Thursday, on the subject of War with Ava. Earl Ellenborough moved for the production of a letter written in 1829 by the East India Company to the Governor General, giving instructions as to operations in any future war with Ava—especially with reference to the proclamation for the annexation of Pegu. Earls Aberdeen and Derby both defended the policy hitherto pursued, and the latter read a memorandum written by the late Duke of Wellington, going to prove that war could not have been avoided, and in justice both to Pegues and England, Government was bound not to stop short of the annexation of that Province.

In the Commons on Friday, the subject of Jewish Disabilities was under discussion. A motion by Lord John Russell, that the House go into Committee to consider the subject, was carried by a vote of 234 to 209.

The chief mate of the steamer *Victoria*, lost off Dublin, has been indicted for manslaughter. The Board of Trade returns for January shew an increased export of nearly a million sterling over the same month last year.

John Williams, a native of Boston, has been sentenced to death for a murder on the highway of an old man named Andrew Maber, at Edinburgh.

The ship *Three Bells* has arrived in the Thames from Melbourne, with 75,000 ounces of gold.

It is not believed on the London Exchange that the difficulty between Austria and Turkey will lead to a war.

FRANCE.—The greatest efforts were being made to reduce the estimates within the limits necessary to produce a Budget, on which the Emperor has set his heart. It will be laid before the Assembly in March.

The French Emperor having made a formal application to the British Government for the original of the will of the Emperor Napoleon I., the document has, at the request of Lord John Russell, been delivered up to his lordship by the Prerogative Court, for surrender to the French Government.

AUSTRIA.—Letters from Vienna are full of the recent attempt on the life of the Emperor. The assassin says he had no accomplices, and that it was not his intention to kill the Emperor, but only to give him a mark.

BATH, ENGLAND, *Somerset-street, Centenary Services*.—The Baptist church meeting here having been formed on Monday, Aug. 10, 1752, services were held on Lord's day, August 8, in commemoration. In the morning our esteemed pastor, Rev. D. Wassill, gave an interesting outline of our church's history. A numerous assembly gathered for thanksgiving and prayer in the afternoon, and Mr. Winter, of Bristol, preached in the evening to a very large congregation. On Monday evening, 250 persons sat down to tea; after which we adjourned to the chapel, and heard addresses from our pastor, who has labored here thirteen years, and Messrs. Wallace, Gilson and Spillar. About £20 were realized for the debt on the school-room. The following facts are highly gratifying. The church was first formed of nine members: 990 have been baptized in 100 years. Five churches have sprung from it—Limpley Stoke, Dunkerton, Twerton, York-street, and Bristol Road. Four from this church, one acting as minister, joined with others to form the church at Cubberly. Twenty have been sent out to preach the gospel in various places. Warm thanksgivings were offered for these blessings, and earnest prayer was made that the church might become a yet more extensive blessing to the city and its vicinity.

Departure of Missionaries.—The following persons embarked Monday morning for Smyrna in the "Edisto," Capt. Kendrick. Rev. William Bird and his wife, Dr. Fayette Jewett and his wife, and Miss Sarah Cheney. Dr. and Mrs. Jewett expect to reside at Tocat, in connection with the Arminian Mission. The Father of Mr. Bird was formerly a missionary in the same field; and he has a daughter (Mrs. Van Lennep) at Constantinople.—*Boston At.*

A mammoth steam yacht, called the *North Star*, of 2,500 tons register, built for Mr. Cornelius Vanderbilt, was launched from one of the New York ship yards, on Thursday morn-

ing. She will be ready to sail in May next, on a pleasure trip to Europe,—a somewhat costly excursion, as all the guests will be carried free, and Mr. Vanderbilt pays all the expenses of the trip.

Destructive Fire in New Orleans.—One of the most destructive fires that ever occurred in New Orleans, broke out on Wednesday afternoon, 2d inst., in the upper part of the Alabama Cotton Press. The flames spread rapidly and gained a tremendous headway before the engines arrived. It destroyed nearly all the contents of the press, besides a large quantity of cotton piled in the streets. The amount of cotton destroyed is ascertained to be about 18,000 bales, valued at \$800,000 at the least. Insurances had been effected in various offices to the amount of \$350,000. Several cotton factors had no insurance. Many other presses in the city were in great danger, but were saved. It is believed that several negroes perished in the flames.

RAILROAD ACCIDENTS.—It appears by the annual report of the New-York State engineer and surveyor, that 313 persons have been killed and 197 injured on the railroads of that State during the past year. This is a fearful number, and does not speak well for the safety of railroad travelling in that State.

NEW ORLEANS, March 7.—Fire on Shipboard.—The British ship *Belmont*, when nearly loaded for Liverpool, having on board 3000 bales Cotton, caught fire this morning and was scuttled. All the cotton was either burned or badly damaged.

The British ship *Fitzjames*, cleared at Savannah, has on board a cargo of over 1,000,000 lbs. of cotton, valued at \$230,000.

ARCTIC WHALE FISHING.—Late English papers make the following mention of the company which Capt. Penny has formed for prosecuting the whale fishery and locating a permanent settlement in the Arctic regions:

"He designs to employ propellers in the whale fishery in the bays and inlets of Davis's Straits. A colony is to be founded in the inlet known as Northumberland inlet or Hogarth Sound, in about the same latitude as Archangel. In this locality there are not only excellent fishing grounds, but great store of mineral wealth, especially plumbago. The company will send out two screw steamers of 500 tons each, in the spring months, to the seas between Greenland and Nova Zembla, and later in the year the steamers would start for Hogarth Sound, so as to arrive there before August. They would remain there until the ice forms in November, when they would return to England with the produce, leaving the settlers to prosecute the inshore fishery, and store up the proceeds until the return of the steamers in spring."

THE YEAR OF JUBILEE.—We understand that Bishop McIlvaine of Ohio, will sail for England in the early part of April to represent the American Bible Society at the Jubilee of the British and Foreign Bible Society in London. This interesting occasion will bring together many choice spirits of the Church from distant lands. The Catholicity of the Society, the influence it has exerted in softening sectarian animosity, and leading Christians to love each other, together with the vast benefits it has conferred upon the world at large, will conspire to make this Jubilee the noblest and most memorable of all that have been celebrated in modern times. May the blessing of Him who dwelt in the bush be given in large measure to this noble Institution, and its powers of usefulness increased a thousand fold.—*Halifax Church Times*.

Domestic.

LIQUOR LAW.—The Sessions met on Tuesday, when the question of granting Tavern Licenses in the County, for the ensuing year, came up for discussion. It was resolved, after a long debate, and by a vote of 18 to 9, to grant Licenses to the 1st June only, when the Liquor Law comes into operation. The price of the License was fixed at £10.—*Church Witness*.

The vote was as follows:—

Yeas—R. L. Hazen, Moses Vernon, Charles Simonds, Henry G. Simonds, Thos. Allan, H. Gilbert, Alexander Lockhart, Robert Payne, William Hawks, George A. Lockhart, William Olive, William Leavitt, John Gillies, Joseph Fairweather, William Parks, Gregory Vanhorne, L.H. DeVeber, James Travis.—18

Nays—John Henderson, James Gallagher, W. H. Street, J. C. Littlehale, J. W. Cudlip, Henry Chubb, J. M. Walker, George Anderson, John Johnston.—9.

NEW-BRUNSWICK SHIPS.—The demand for our vessels in Liverpool, and some other British ports, still continues increasing, and we are happy to learn, that everything in the shape of a well built New-Brunswick Ship meets with a ready sale across the water. It is stated that the ship *Conway*, of this port, which recently sustained such severe damage in a gale, near Liverpool, has been repaired and sold for £11 5s. sterling per ton. She was owned by Messrs. Owens & Duncan. We

trust our shipbuilders, however, will not be too sanguine as to the future, but confine their operations within moderate limits, as it cannot be expected that the present state of unusual prosperity will continue permanent. It must be borne in mind that the immense fleet of large vessels now lying idle at the Australian ports, for want of hands to bring them home, may get relieved as the gold diggings begin to fall off in their yield, and the result will be a glut of ships in the Liverpool market, as we have always seen in the times that are past, and which we may live to see again.—*Cour.*

LAUNCHED.—At Indiantown on Saturday last, a new Steamer named the "*Richmond*," in honor of a Parish in the County of Carleton, and owned by Messrs. Hatheway, Small & Tupper, to run between Fredericton, Woodstock and Grand Falls. She is a beautiful model, light draft of water, and the Machinery was constructed by Messrs. Flemming & Humbert upon the high-low principle. She promises well for the enterprise of the owners and accommodation of the public, and we are assured that she will be in every way a superior Steamer for the work.—*Id.*

FIRE AT BLACK RIVER.—The Grist and Saw Mills at Little Black river, owned by Mrs. Fowlie, were totally consumed by fire on the 10th Feb. There was a large quantity of wheat, flour and oatmeal, in the mill at the time, which was all consumed, together with everything on the premises. Loss from £800 to £1000.—*Miramichi Gleaner*.

COUNTRY TRAFFIC.—On Friday morning, says the *News*, two gentlemen going to Hampton, counted 53 sleighs between the Hay Scales and Torryburn, coming to the city, with country produce, and altogether between the city and Hampton, they passed 163. There were 15 loads of hay among them.

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

Saturday, March 12.—Petitions are pouring in, among those presented to-day, are the Petitions of Messrs. Sturdee, Parks and Thurgar, for the repeal or suspension of the Liquor Law, or compensation for their Stock.

A petition from Barney O'Toole for the appointment of Poet Laureate and leave to publish his Poems.

Also Petitions against the repeal of the Liquor Law, on the Mining question, &c.

The Report of the Board of Education, on School Petitions, was laid before the House by Mr. Partelow.

Efforts were made by Messrs. Smith, Botsford and others, in several ways, to bring the rejected Petitions before the House, there was much opposition. The Attorney General and others stating that it would be virtually repealing the School Act.

It was agreed that the resolution last submitted by Mr. Smith should lie on the table till Monday.

Mr. Hayward brought in a Bill to revive and continue the Act relating to bounties on Bears and Wolves.

Mr. Smith's Bill to amend the act for the local Government of Counties, &c., so far as relates to Westmoreland, passed in Committee, Albert is included in the provisions which relate to breaking Roads, &c.

The Bill to authorize the sale of the Alms House property in Fredericton passed, also a Bill to incorporate North-West Miramichi Bridge Company. Bill to incorporate Gloucester Agricultural Society, and a Bill to incorporate Agricultural Societies in three parishes in Northumberland.

Several bills were introduced. Mr. Smith one to reduce the fees of Registry.

Mr. Thomson one to incorporate the Chamcook Branch Railway and Dock Company. Mr. Kerr one relating to a lock-up house, and local bills.

Mr. Partelow presented a petition from the Treasurer for an increase of salary. Talk of going actively into work in Committee and the House next week.

Monday, March 14th.—Bill to Incorporate Nashwas Ferry Company passed in Committee, without discussion. Also, Bills to continue the Watch and Lamp Act, St. John; amend Fire Police Law, Dog Law, St. John; a Bill to connect portions of St. James, and St. David's, in the County of Charlotte as a school district; a bill to increase the Capital Stock of the St. John Water Company. Some little discussion on a Bill to Incorporate certain bodies in connexion with the Wesleyan Church.

Mr. Hatheway proposed an amendment, that Trustees should be elected by the Pew Holders. Mr. Partelow and others asserted that the Bill was formed in accordance with the wishes of the Wesleyan body and ought not to be changed. Amendment withdrawn and Bill passed.

The Bill to Incorporate the Courtenay Bay Bridge Company was committed, and progress reported, to allow the introduction of amendments as to the mode of voting at meetings of the Company.

On motion of Mr. Rice, to go into committee in consideration of the Bill to extend the Charter of the Aroostook Boom Company, there was some discussion; time was asked for parties who have objection or amendments to offer—agreed to stand over till Wednesday week.

Mr. Hanington moved the consideration of the Report on the Fisheries. Postponed for a day or two.

The Secretary brought in the report of the Commissioners of Roads.