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EDITORIAL NOTES

Since our last issue there has been some talk among the young men about organizing a Fire Department. We are glad to hear this and would propose a systematic mode of procedure. Held a meeting some night next week and talk the matter up, see what necessary legal steps have to be taken and start a subscription paper to get money for ladders etc., and see how many can be got to go in for it.

We have heard a great deal about starting a band in Wolfville. Why cannot it be done? There are of course objections, so there are to every thing, but still the project would be a good one and worth trying.

Now they tell us that the Dyke road from Greenwich to Port Williams does not belong to any road section but that the Local Government should keep it up the same as the bridges. We thought by the look of it that the Local Government was running it.

We are still occupying the west part of the Higgins' building which has been considerably renovated during the past few weeks. The building has been so much changed in appearance that we were afraid some of our friends might miss the place, consequently we have gone to considerable expense to procure a handsome sign, so that no one can fail to see us. We would be pleased to have any of our patrons call upon us and point out to us where they consider we are making mistakes, and also to furnish us with items of news from different parts of the County. Our time is so taken up that we find it impossible to travel as much as we would like, so no doubt many items of interest are passed over. If parties, seeing anything of interest, would communicate the same, they would confer a favor upon us and at the same time make the paper more interesting to another. Try it.

THE NOBLEST SERVICE.

It needs to be repeated, over and over again, that there is work in the world better worth doing than getting rich or winning fame. And, by the way, this sort of work usually does win fame, although not aiming at it. But what is showy, and what promises speedy reward, is the great attraction for the majority. Hence, as we remarked, it needs to be repeated even to weariness, that there is something which really pays better.

Example speaks loudly on this point. Just at present all the world knows about the English General Gordon, "Chinese" Gordon, who is the hero of the war in Egypt. This man has, by his brilliant services, come to be a Mandarin of the highest rank in China, a Pacha in Africa, a General in England, Governor of the Soudan, and the only Christian for whom prayer is daily offered in the Mohammedan temple at Mecca. Yet he has no pride in these distinctions. His chief pleasure is to make men happy, and to benefit them by all means in his power.

While he was living at Gravesend, in England, he used to take homeless boys to his rooms, and share his meals with them. In this he found greater delight than in the most important of his military campaigns, and this trait of his character will secure him the most lasting fame. Upon the walls of his room, a visitor noticed "God bless the Kernel," written there as expressive of the feelings of his boys. And he used to keep a map of the world, on which pins were stuck at different points, to show where the boys were for whom he had obtained berths on various ships. General Gordon describes himself as a man who "despises money, name, glory, honor—one who looks to God as the source of good and controler of evil."

Another living example is the Earl of Shaftesbury, one of the best known and most honored men in England. Several years ago he noticed a pauper's funeral passing by. He was so impressed by the heartless indifference of those who assisted at it, that he then and there resolved to devote the rest of his life to helping the helpless. He went to work establishing schools for the children of the poorest, and by means of these he has aided over 300,000 girls and boys to positions of usefulness. Besides this he has been of great service to the people in pressing the passage of useful and liberal laws. His wealth and aristocratic position are as nothing to him by the side of the work to which he has given his life.

Such occupations do not always bring luxurious comfort. Sometimes, indeed, they provoke the sneers and contempt of thoughtless people. But the names of such men are garnered up by history and will be honored and loved forever.

What an influence hath women over the heart of a man, to soften it, and make it the foundation of cheerful emotion. Speak gently, then; a happy smile and a kind word of greeting after the toils of the day are over, cost nothing, and go far toward making home happy and peaceful.—Benj. Franklin.

GENERAL NEWS.

—The crops in south Russia promise well.

—Severe earthquake shocks were felt in Boston on Sunday Aug. 3d.

—The committee of the House of Commons has rejected the Manchester Ship Canal bill.

—A Boston dispatch says the Seal Island mackerel catch has been very successful.

—The English harvest is doing much better than a week ago when the prospect was black as night.

—Mr. Stanley, the explorer, has received the decoration of the Order of Leopold, from the King of Belgium.

—H. M. S. "Canada," with Prince George of Wales on board, has arrived off the Scilly Islands from North America.

—From all quarters come reports that the harvest is turning out so well as to astonish even the farmers who are reaping it. Many good judges expect that in quality the wheat crop will be equal to the best ever grown in Canada and that the total yield will be little if any short of our great-st crop.—Toronto Globe.

The Greely Relief Squadron arrived at Portsmouth, N. H. August 1st, and was received with flags flying on the ships in the harbor, bands playing, etc. Several noted persons including Mr. Chandler, Secretary of the Navy, and General Hazen, boarded the "Thetis," on which Lieut. Greely was. Mrs. Greely also arrived to meet her husband, who had not expected her, and the meeting between them was very affectionate. There was an affectionate meeting between Greely and his mother.

By Telegraph.

STORMS IN ENGLAND AND SCOTLAND.

LONDON, Aug. 13.—Later reports indicate that the thunder storms which swept over the north of England and Scotland yesterday were of almost unexampled severity. Many buildings in Edinburgh and other cities were partially demolished by lightning. Dundee was enveloped in dense darkness for an hour, and traffic was for a time suspended. Several persons were killed by lightning, among them the Earl of Landsdale, who was overtaken by the storm while out riding.

KING ALPHONSO A FREEMASON.

ROME, Aug 13.—It was a surprise to the vatican to learn that King Alphonso of Spain is a freemason. Cardinal Jacobin, pontifical secretary of state, has written in behalf of the pope to Marcio, at Madrid, for details of the matter.

DETERMINED TO FIGHT.

LONDON, Aug. 13.—Advices from Shanghai of Aug. 12th. say: "The Tzing Li Yamen announces its determination to resist the French demand. Tamsui, on the south-west coast of Formosa, is being defended by torpedoes. Li Hung' Chat goes to Berm." Two regiments of French marines and three more ironclads are being placed in readiness to start for China.

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