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Business Education!

THE importance of a thorough Business Education is pressing itself upon the attention of commercial circles more and more every day, and its advantages are perhaps more emphatically shown by nothing more than by the vast ground on which it places the fully trained clerk above the imperfectly trained one, when looking for a situation.

THE BRITISH AMERICAN COMMERCIAL COLLEGE has in full operation such a course of instruction as to give it practical business to the work proposed.

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We were again awarded the First Prize at the late Provincial Exhibition, Kingston, for the best specimen of Business Penmanship, and an Extra Prize for our system of Writing.

For Penmanship, Circulars, &c., address—MUSGROVE & WRIGHT, October 12, 1867. Guelph, Ontario.

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A LARGE Lot just received of New Crop

Local News.

BASE BALL.—A game of base ball was played on Tuesday last week, near Galt, between twelve players of Dumfries and an equal number from Puslinch.

The Late Shooting Case.

AN inquest was held by Dr. Howitt, in the Police Court to-day (Thursday), on the body of Thomas Chamberlain, who died last night from the effects of wounds inflicted by a gunshot on the evening of Monday last.

Cornmeal, Oatmeal, Flour!

Bacon, Sugar-cured Hams, and Potatoes.

SHUTTLE SEWING MACHINE,

Patented May, 1867.

NEW MUSIC!

SONGS.

Police Court.

Before T. W. Saunders Esq., Police Magistrate.

Cordwood Wanted.

WANTED about 30 cords of good GREEN BEECH or MAPLE

Guelph Bible Society.

The annual meeting of the Guelph Branch of the Upper Canada Bible Society was held last (Wednesday) night in the Town Hall.

Mr. Thos. McCrae, the Secretary, then read the annual report, which is as follows:—

In submitting their annual report, your Committee have usually endeavoured to condense the chief items of intelligence respecting the circulation of the Scriptures which are contained in the reports of the British and Foreign Bible Societies, but your committee find that this course is becoming, year after year, a more difficult task, as the course of the Bible cause is still higher and wider and farther in its glorious progress to the ends of the earth.

Nothing in our times is more remarkable than the universally prevailing and penetrating character of the Bible Society. It has supplied the Word of God to nations that are now extinct, and printed in tongues that are spoken no more; and has thus supplied the light of life to nations in their passage to oblivion.

The Society has never yet abandoned a field upon which it has once established operations, and through on some occasions—as in the case of Austria in 1853, and of Madagascar about 27 years ago—the Society has been for a time driven from the soil, yet its agents have ever waited with their work of mercy at the door, and have sooner or later found an effectual door of entrance.

The state and transactions of the Upper Canada Bible Society during the past year are undiminished interest and importance, and may be learned from the Report so extensively circulated, and from the address of the Agent whom we shall have the pleasure of hearing this evening—while the reports of the Treasurer and Depository will show the operations of our own Branch.

In view of past success, we thank God and in the face of future labors we take courage.

The Rev. Mr. Griffin moved the adoption of the Report and the appointment of the office bearers for the year. In doing so he made some excellent and pertinent remarks in regard to the influence which the Bible exerts on a nation. Men often attributed the success of nations to many diverse causes, but the spirit and truths of the Bible were the true foundations of any country's greatness and prosperity.

He instanced the case of our revered mother country, where the King of Zion holds the sceptre of the Queen of Great Britain. In applying this principle to our own country, he said the success of this Dominion of ours would be due not to Confederation but to the spreading of God's word into every corner of the land, and the influence its truths would exert on men's minds.

Seeing therefore that the Bible Society was such an important agency in bringing this about, it was the duty of every lover of his country to aid it in the great work to which its energies were directed. He then moved that the following be the office-bearers for the year:—

President—James Hough, Esq. Vice-Presidents—Revs. R. Torrance, W. S. Griffin, J. Hogg, J. Howie, W. S. Ball, G. Gratey, W. F. Clarke, G. Wood, and all other ministers of the gospel who are members of the Society; Judge Macdonald, Hon. A. J. Ferguson, Blair G. Mossa, Wm. Neave, David Allan, Elliott, C. J. Mickle, F. W. Galbraith and Wm. Cowan.

Committee—Dr. McGuire, Messrs. Jas. Armstrong, F. Prest, R. Thompson, G. Smith, Stephen Boult, Joseph Ryan, D. Guthrie, A. Robertson, D. Krebs, G. W. Sandilands, James Massie, C. Davidson, W. B. Collins and C. Raymond.

Collectors—East Ward, Mrs. Kelly; South Ward, Mrs. Emslie and Miss Hough; West Ward, Mrs. Newton and Mrs. Massie; North Ward, Mrs. Armstrong and Mrs. Raymond; Scotch Block, Miss Mickle and Miss A. Mickle.

The Rev. Mr. Ball seconded the resolution, which was carried unanimously.

Mr. E. Newton, Treasurer, then read his report. The amount to the credit of the Society is as follows:—Balance from last year \$53.62, donation \$6.00, collected in East Ward \$18.87, in South Ward \$51.65, in West Ward \$115.52, in North Ward \$69.70, in Scotch Block \$35.58, donation from John Mickle, Esq., of \$20, to be applied to the Austrian branch of the Parent Society's operations, amount from Depository \$80.55, being a total of \$471.44.

The Rev. W. F. Clarke moved the next resolution:—"That the Bible as an unchanging word of the living God, being as much adapted to the wants of human beings, and as deeply needed as ever, it becomes us to persevere in Bible Society efforts with undiminished ardour."

He remarked that the best proof of the genuineness of the Bible was the Bible itself—that its footprints were not of man. He then dwelt for a short time on man's tendency of the age to look with contempt on the past and everything that pertained to it. But the assertion that man's need of the Bible was now as much as ever necessary was as immutable as the author of the Bible itself.

He then went on to combat the statement we sometimes hear that the machinery for carrying on the Bible Society was too costly, and showed clearly that in view of the amount of work done, and the great results accomplished, the expense was but a mere fraction of the revenue.

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Cable News!

Special and Exclusive Despatches to the Evening Mercury.

LONDON, Nov. 27th—Head Centre

Francis has been captured in Dublin.

PARIS, Nov. 27th—The evacuation of the Roman territory by the French troops has commenced.

LONDON, Nov. 27th—In the House of Commons last night, the debate on the Abyssinian war became quite animated, and was prolonged to a late hour.

LONDON, Nov. 27th—Baron Von Beust, the Austrian Prime Minister, has issued a diplomatic note, in which he declares that the maintenance of the temporal power of the Pope is necessary for the peace of Europe.

BERLIN, Nov. 27th—The Prussian Diet, by a vote of 181 to 160, has adopted a resolution declaring that the constitution of Prussia guarantees liberty of speech.

PARIS, Nov. 27th—It is said France and Austria have concluded a special treaty in regard to their future policy in the Eastern question, and that by one of its clauses they pledge themselves to maintain the territorial integrity of the Ottoman empire.

WILMINGTON, Nov. 27th—The prize fight between Collyer and Kelly came off in Chester county, Pa., this p. m. One hundred and one rounds were fought in one hour and fifty minutes. The fight was won by Collyer.

SHOOTING MATCH IN ERIN.

The Erin Rifle Company held their Rifle Match last week, as before announced, for which the sum of \$40 had been generously subscribed by the people of the village and vicinity.

WATERLOO PLOUGHING MATCH.

The annual ploughing match got up by the farmers living in the north-east part of Waterloo Township, was held on Tuesday on the farm belonging to Mr. John Clemens.

MEN'S CLASS.—1st, Benj. Tuck, \$4, and a new neck yoke, the gift of Mr. John Derry; 2nd, George Tuck, \$3, and a new neck yoke; 3rd, George Pringle, \$3, and a neck yoke; 4th, Mathew Ruch, \$3, and a whip; 5th, Joel Warner, \$1.50.

BOYS' CLASS.—1st, John Tuck, \$4.50; 2nd, Wm. Wright, \$3; 3rd, Wm. Waters, \$2; 4th, Joseph Prytz, \$1.

In the men's class, Benj. Tuck got the prize for the best ridge, and Geo. Pringle for the best finish. In the boys' class John Tuck got the prize for best finish, and Wm. Wright for the best ridge.

The good Princess of Wales has established herself thoroughly in the hearts of the English people, and more than makes up for the unprincipled ways of her husband. Right royally does she discharge every duty imposed upon her as the lady next in rank to the Queen, while as a wife and mother she is admirable.

She is very domestic, and trains her children with the utmost care. They are very popular in London; every costermonger and street-sweeper lifts his hat to the little creature as she passes by, and the salutation is returned by the children with a grace worthy of George IV. The Princess is very beneficent. She is kind to the poor. She has under her charge a hospital for sick children. She daily visits the pallet of the sick, and distributes little tokens of kindness, fruit and flowers. Some of the London poor when they died begged that the flowers given them by the Princess might be buried with them in their graves.

The Turkish government has just had an iron padlock gunboat launched at Glasgow. The vessel is of 1000 tons burden, is very fast, going 21 miles per hour on her trial trip, and is armed with five Armstrong guns.

THE SHIP CARPENTERS' STRIKE.—There seems no prospect of a settlement of the disagreement between the ship-carpenters and the ship-builders of Quebec. The builders adhere to their original intention of not dealing with the society rates of wages which are more than the builders can afford to pay. Unless some arrangement is made to settle the difficulty, there will not be more than