

the care of proper masters and mistresses, and their own general superintendence.

Let adults, both men and women, be taught to read as well as children, (we know that they are willing to learn). Let the Holy Scriptures be their school-book let their sacred contents be explained to them in a plain, familiar and faithful manner. Let them be earnestly and affectionately exhorted to read and practice the pure oracles of truth, and in a few years, La-prairie will cease to present a repetition of so odious a profanation, and the priests will have the credit of being instrumental of producing the desired change, without the interference of the magistrate. Should the Priests throughout the country adopt such measures, they would find it the most effectual way to maintain their own ascendancy, and the ascendancy of the Canadian population in the scale of society, and in the use of such means every reasonable person would wish them the most complete success.

We take leave, to submit to the serious consideration of the proprietors of Steam-Boats, whether their plying on that day does not operate to the encouragement of sabbath-breaking in others, as well as incur an awful responsibility to themselves. In considering the question it may perhaps be of service to refer to *Exodus* 20-8-9-10-11. We would also recommend the same subject to the consideration of Tavern-keepers, Store-keepers, and indeed, *To all whom it may concern.*

We regret to add that we have been informed, that a quiet sober passenger was knocked down and run over by a cart at the Fair; his skull was fractured, but some hopes are entertained of his recovery; should it be so, it may possibly be to a life of pain and misery; and what compensation can be offered to society or to the poor young man and his friends for so great an

injury, occasioned by so wanton and wicked a practice?

The general Meeting of the British and Canadian School Society, of Montreal which in our last we announced for the 9th inst. at the City Tavern, has been postponed until the 25th inst. and will then be held at the boys' school-room, at the building previously occupied by the Montreal General Hospital.

THE CHRISTIAN PHILOSOPHER.

POISONOUS WINDS.

The quality of the air depends, in a great measure, upon the soil over which it passes. The sandy deserts of Africa and Arabia give a burping heat and blasting quality to the air passing over them. At Goree, on the river Senegal, there is an easterly wind from the inland parts, with which those who are met by it in the face are scorched, as by a blast from a furnace. At Falkland's Islands an extraordinary blasting wind is felt, which cuts down the herbage as if fires had been made under them. The leaves are parched up, and crumble into dust; fowls are seized with cramps, and never recover; and men are very painfully affected with complaints in the chest, which, without the greatest care, cannot be removed. But the most dreadful winds are those called the Samiel, or Mortifying Winds, which are frequently met with in the Arabian and Nubian Deserts. The camels perceive their approach, and are said to cover their noses in the sand, that they may not inhale the blast. Travellers, for the same purpose throw themselves, as close as possible, on the ground, and, wait till it has passed over, —which is commonly in a few minutes. Thus some escape; but those who die have their limbs mortified. Mr. Bruce describes this wind, which he calls the Simoom, as a kind of haze, 'in colour like the purple part of the rainbow, but not so compressed or thick. It did not occupy twenty yards in breadth, and was about twelve feet high from the ground;' it moved very rapidly, 'though it did not prove fatal to the celebrated traveller, or any of his companions, he felt the