

# The Provincial Wesleyan.

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## Editorial Notes.

"Things New and Old."  
Much has been said on the modern improvements of the English language. We should like to see an improvement of the following description of the transgression of mother Eve, by Milton:—  
"... her rash hand in evil hour  
Reaching to the fruit, she pluck'd the eat;  
Sighing through all her work, gave signs of woe  
That all was lost."  
No language can exceed the beautiful simplicity contained in Ruth's affectionate address to Naomi:—  
"And Ruth said, Entreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God, my God. Where thou diest, will I die: and there will I be buried: for the Lord do so to me, and more also, if I be not buried with thee in thy grave."  
"What have you in your hand, friend James?"  
"A lookin' glass, Mr. Peters."  
"And what do you see in it?"  
"The appearance of a man born to die."  
"A serious reflection," said Peters.

They who have naturally what is called a bad temper, require a great deal of their own good nature, and are, in fact, a still greater measure, to make it profitable, and a yet greater degree, to make it pleasant.

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Never despair of success, whilst honesty, industry, economy, and grace are the principles by which you are invariably actuated. Under their inspiring and hallowed influence you will rise superior to all difficulties, and attain to that degree of prosperity which an all-wise Providence sees best for you.

Kindness can tear down a stone wall, subjugate the malice of enemies, and melt the frozen heart into tenderness. But an overbearing, tyrannical deportment will add fuel to the already kindled fire of animosity, and double-bar the door against the genial influences of friendship.

Be kindly affectioned one to another, is a maxim of universal application, the wisdom of which is seen in every day life, and of which the happy tendency is strikingly apparent.

A society has been formed in England under the name of "The Asyrian Fund Society," to provide means for continuing Mr. Layard's excavations at Nineveh. Beside the ruins of Assyria, it is intended to explore those of Babylon, and to restore the monuments of the latter city. The antiquities found will be presented to the British Museum, and periodical reports and memoirs will be issued to all subscribers of one guinea per annum.

The London Morning Herald understands that it is in contemplation to fit out another Admiralty expedition to explore the source of the Niger, with the view of procuring information in Africa and opening up new sources of commerce. It is held that the present is a fitting opportunity for another expedition, inasmuch as the mortality on the coast of Africa has of late very much decreased.

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A meeting in Liverpool, England, has been held with the view of drawing the attention of the friends of temperance to the efforts now being made in Manchester to get up an agitation for the total abolition of the liquor traffic in this country, and that a bill may be brought into parliament similar to that known as the Maine liquor law. Resolutions to that effect were passed unanimously.

By a Glasgow paper, we observe that electricity is practically applied to purposes of illumination—2 lamps having been constructed to give light edging 250 gas burners. The most recent discovery of the wonderful means of the discovery of the electric light, as well as illumination.

A cave was recently discovered between Columbia and Wood's Creek, in Tuolumne county, California, from which numerous bones, &c., of an anti-deluvian race of animals, apparently of the Mastodon species, have been found.

On Friday, the 28th of May next, there will be an eclipse of the sun, which will be more or less visible in all parts of the United States and British Colonies, and in a portion of both will be annular.

The subscription to the great Wellington College has at length reached \$100,000. At the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, held in Cincinnati in the spring of 1853, Professor Pierce announced his opinion that the ring of Saturn is fluid; not solid, as has been commonly supposed. This belief is substantiated in a paper read at a late meeting of the Association in Ohio, by the results of subsequent experiments.

An interesting account has been given by Professor Bach, of the discovery, by the assistants of the American Coast Survey, of a deep sea shoal on the eastern side of the Gulf-stream, off the coast of South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida.

The zodiacal light is said by Mr. Daniell, of Cincinnati, to be caused by the reflection of a collection of small meteors in the northern hemisphere.

It is said that the New York Crystal Palace leaks badly, and that many valuable goods have been greatly damaged.

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