

of Almighty God, would bishop, clergy, and laity, be united in one common bond of interest and affectionate sympathy. This view of the subject presents to my mind a wide field for observation; but I have already exceeded the limits I had prescribed to myself, and shall therefore conclude by respectfully commending this important subject to the earnest and favorable consideration of all the members of our communion in the Diocese of Toronto.

To the Editors of "The Church." HAMILTON, March 13, 1854. DEAR SIR, I would feel obliged if you would give insertion in your next issue to the enclosed report of the Parochial Committee of the Church of the Ascension, in connection with the Church of the Holy Trinity, in Hamilton.

MELANCHOLY SCENE AT WOODSTOCK.—An unfortunate victim of intemperance, named David Lindsay, committed suicide in Woodstock on the 20th ult., by taking laudanum. He was the son of Dr. Lindsay, of Crief, Perthshire, and had highly respectable relations in Scotland.

United States. The steamer Caroline, on the Mississippi, has been totally destroyed by fire. Between 40 and 50 lives lost. FEARFUL TORNADO.—The town of Harrison in the State of Ohio was visited on the 14th ult. by a tremendous tornado. The course of the current of air was nearly from south-west to north-east, and the width of its track was nearly one hundred yards. Several persons were more or less injured, but no lives lost. There were about fifty buildings either totally destroyed or badly injured. The entire loss will amount to \$25,000.

George Lloyd, a native of Nubia in Africa, has challenged Mitchell, the Irish fugitive from justice, to a public debate in defence of his position. "The title property of man is not, by nature, to buy, to sell, to keep slaves to their work by flogging or other cruel coercion."

SUFFERINGS AT SEA.—Boston, March 8.—The Savannah, from Genoa, fell in with, on 1st of March, the bark Orion St. John, Captain Robert Gardner, from Norfolk for Barbadoes, in distress. She was hove down on the 21st February in a gale. The captain's wife and a seaman died 22nd, a coloured seaman next day. Since that time the survivors—captain, two sailors, and cook, had no provisions or water, and had to live on the body of Douglas, a coloured seaman.

PRESIDENT PIERCE'S MESSAGE ON THE CUBAN AFFAIR.—The New York Times thus speaks of it:—"The message will disappoint the expectations of the country. It lacks courage and evinces no energy. The President ought at least to have provided against the repetition of such outrages, by sending one or more vessels to Havana to protect the American rights. We trust the action of Congress will be more decided than that of the Executive has been, so far as it is revealed by the message. We learn from a private source, entitled to full credit, that the courts of law at Havana have decided against the legality of the action of the authorities in confiscating the cargo of the Albatross."

MELANCHOLY EFFECTS OF THE SPIRIT DELUSION.—We have a painful duty in recording the necessary arrest and confinement of two of our most worthy citizens, father and son, yesterday afternoon. The father has been some time a believer in that most dangerous spirit delusion, and an attendant at circles, where the spirits, mediums, &c., were supposed to be present. The son became a believer also, and both became deranged by dangerous delusions. The great violence manifested, when the District Attorney, together with the Sheriff and some help, removed the unfortunate persons, and they are now confined, to prevent their inflicting injury on themselves and their families; while the wife, the mother, and the daughter, are broken-hearted at the condition of the husband and son. The conduct of the father, and one of unusual and unparalleled character, which has given to the encouragement their columns have given to a doctrine so dangerous, and which has already brought many inmates to a lunatic asylum!

The gentleman from which we obtained the information describes the removal of the two victims as the most heart-rending scene he ever witnessed; the mother, while she wept bitterly at the removal of her husband and the father of her son, felt that those engaged in the melancholy task were doing a kindness; while the daughter's cries were echoed through the house at the removal of her father and brother, she was confined not for crime, but for loss of reason.—Mittauke Sentinel, 24th ult.

There is one object of this Society, in which this Committee feel the liveliest interest, and to which they beg to allude, viz., District Missions. The necessity of such an important branch of the Society's operations, which should be over-looked, is too apparent to require any argument on its behalf; and the committee would express their pleasure at the prospect of the present vacancies in the number of Missionaries being filled up.

Experience has shown in every community, that the benefits resulting from exertions on behalf of the Missionary cause are never confined to the particular locality for which those exertions are made; on the contrary, they have a reflex influence, and bless those who send as well as those who receive; and the committee are persuaded that, in sustaining the cause, they are timely connected with the extension of the Kingdom upon earth, the object which the Society will not fail to promote to the great glory of its formation.

The whole humbly submitted, C. HORATIO GATES, Secretary.

Colonial. NEW POSTAGE REGULATIONS. The following postage orders have just been issued from the Postmaster-General's department. The Postmaster-General has issued a circular announcing the following regulations in regard to the postage on letters between Canada and Great Britain, which have received the sanction of Her Majesty's Government, and will take effect on and after the 23rd March, instant.

By the weekly closed mails sent through the United States and despatched by the British mail steamers, the postage on letters from any place in Canada to any part of Great Britain or Ireland, and not exceeding half an ounce weight, will be 8d. sterling, equal to 10d. currency.

Over 1 oz. and not exceeding 2 oz. 2s. 8d. stg. or 3s. 4d. currency, &c. When sent by the semi-monthly packets via Quebec and Halifax, or by the Canadian line of ocean steamers, the rate on a single letter will be 6d. stg. or 7 1/2d. currency.

Over 1 oz. and not exceeding 1 oz. 1s. stg. or 1s. 4d. currency. Over 1 oz. and not exceeding 2 oz. 4s. stg. or 5s. 4d. currency. On letters for the undermentioned British Colonies and possessions, the single rate will be as follows, increasing upon the British scale as above for letters weighing over 1/2 oz.

Table with 4 columns: Destination, Stg., Curr., and Remarks. Includes British West Indies, Mauritius, Ceylon, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, Van Diemen's Land, etc.

Letters from Malta via Messines, will have to pay a French transit duty of 6d. per 1/2 lb. station.

her testimony to the justice of the war. Here, then, stands the case—Europe, reassured by the moderation of the Emperor Alexander, of 1815, and by the Emperor Nicholas of the present and of the Emperor Alexander of the future, in which it time, seemed to doubt the power, which by successful from the colonies, embraced the North and the centre of Europe, and which possesses almost exclusively two internal seas, whence it is easy for its armies and fleets to launch forth against civilization, and its unfounded demand in the East has awakened Europe.

"The injustice of the new concessions from a weaker one, and because he cannot obtain them, invades the two provinces, is enough to put arms in the hands of those who revolt from the Emperor, and to prevent the Emperor from extending himself indefinitely over Constantinople in the Mediterranean. To protect this right, has for ages the policy of every national Government in France, and will not desert it. We are going, therefore, the Sultan, to defend the cause of the Emperor, to protect the rights of Christians, defend the free trade of the East, and France's just rights in the East. We are going to aid Germany, with Austria to aid in preserving the rank from which they wish to degrade her, to secure her frontier against the preponderance of her too powerful neighbors, are going, in short, with all those who desire the triumph of right, of justice, and of civilization."

The English press is unanimous in praising Report assigns the command of the Army of the East to Marshal St. Arnaud; and Marshal Vaillant will succeed him as Minister of War. The able Lamennais is dead, and his funeral was quite private.

Russia demands that Prussia shall, at least, close her ports nearest Prussia against French and English ships. Berlin letters say that Prussia is not willing to accede to this demand. Prussia has granted her officers in the Turkish service permission to remain.

Sweden. Russia makes the same demand on Swedish ports. The reply was not known. Denmark and France request Denmark to allow the allied fleets to re-occupy their station at Kiel. The reply was unknown.

Spain. The Treaty of Commerce between France and Belgium is signed. An insurrection of quite a formidable nature has taken place in Saragossa. The insurgents, for a considerable time, held the castle of Alferia and other strong positions. A brigadier horse regiment revolted, and the Captain General attacked them with three companies of infantry.

Madame Heirgel. (A PARISIAN ARTISTE OF GREAT EXPERIENCE, who has had the entire management of Fashionable Establishments in Paris and the west end of London. They will be prepared on the arrival of the latest accounts of their fashions.)

EARLY SPRING IMPORTATIONS, by Boston (of which due intimation will be given) to submit to the inspection of their numerous friends and customers, A DISPLAY OF MILLINERY AND FASHIONABLE COSTUMES, which for taste and beauty of design and material combined will give entire satisfaction.

MUSIC AND MUSICAL INSTRUMENT ESTABLISHMENT. MESSRS. SMALL & PAIGE, King Street, three doors west of York Street, TORONTO, C. W. Have constantly on hand and for sale, WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, Every article of Musical Merchandise:

Piano Fortes, From the celebrated establishments of Collard & Collard, London—Bacon & Raven, N. York & Co., Boston—W. & A. W. Ladd, Boston—and from other good makers.

Church Music, consisting of Oratorios, with the separate Vocal Parts, for the use of Choirs, Anthems and Services of Boyce, Green, Croft, Nares, Jeremiah Clarke, Clarke, Whitfield, Jackson, Kent, and others.

WANTED IN Toronto, a daily or resident GOVERNNESS, to undertake the charge of teaching Music, French, and Italian, to a young lady in the College. A liberal salary will be given to a Lady who is competent to undertake what is required, and who can devote five hours every morning to her Pupils—she must belong to the Established Church.

NOTICE. WHEREAS by a By-Law, passed by the Municipality of the City of Toronto, entitled, "An Act to authorize the imposition and collection of certain taxes, and to appoint an Officer to collect and receive the same, and to issue Licenses therefor,"

TORONTO MARKETS. Toronto, March 22, 1854. Flour—Millers' extra sup. per barrel 33 1/2 25 0 0

NEW LAW BOOKS. HILL on Trustees, with Notes by Henry Wharton, £1 5 0. Byles on Bills, with Notes by Sharswood, 1 2 6.

HOME DISTRICT MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY. OFFICE—No. 71 King Street, Toronto.

T. BILTON, MERCHANT TAILOR, No. 2, Wellington Buildings, King Street Toronto.

OWEN AND WOOD, (FROM LONDON.) General Importers of Licenses, Toronto, Feb. 23, 1854.

Bells!! Bells!! Bells!!! For Churches, Academies, Factories, Steamboats, Plantations, &c., made, and a large assortment kept constantly on hand by the Subscribers, at their old established and enlarged Foundry, which has been in operation for Thirty Years, and whose patterns and process of manufacture are perfect, that their Bells have a world wide celebrity for volume of sound and quality of tone.

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