

contrast between the two is, of course, very striking. In the latter, the Missionary boat has run ashore, and the barbarians have crowded to the beach, peaceable, though armed, to scrutinize the strangers: the two parties are in friendly communication—the Missionary announcing the great object of his visit, while one of his companions is offering to a knot of beautiful females some coloured stuff and a hand looking-glass, in exchange for the cocoa-nuts and other fruits, with which, in anticipation, they have loaded themselves. But in the companion picture, the scene is sadly changed. Here, though the landscape is still verdant, glowing, and serene, all else is confusion and horror. In the foreground, a number of fiend-like men, armed with clubs, spears, and bows and arrows, have pursued into the sea the honoured Williams, who, like Stephen, as he falls, is calling upon God; higher up on the beach, his fellow-labourer, Harris, is already in the agonies of death, inflicted by clubs and spears, which have prostrated and transfixed him to the ground; while, in the middle distance, the boat, with the remnant of its hapless crew, is hardly making its escape from a mingled shower of stones and arrows."

MONTREAL MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.—The Semi-Annual Report of the Institute has just been published, from which our readers will be happy to learn that the Rev. W. TAYLOR, of this city, intends delivering a course of lectures on Astronomy in the early part of next month. The Report adds, "From the sublime, interesting, and important nature of the subject he has chosen, together with the well-known talents of the reverend gentleman, your Committee feel confident that the lovers of science will have an opportunity of enjoying a rich mental feast." The Rev. Mr. Esson has also promised to deliver a course of lectures; and the subject, and time of delivery, will be duly noticed. The Institute appears to be in a flourishing condition, and is now composed of two hundred and fifty-five members, seventeen of whom are life members. There is a balance in hand of £61 16s. 8d.

THE REV. MR. SCOTT, Wesleyan Missionary to Sweden, now on a collecting tour on this continent, arrived in this city a few days ago, and on last Sabbath delivered two most impressive discourses—in the morning at the Wesleyan Chapel, and in the evening at St. Gabriel Street Church,—after each of which a most affecting appeal was made in behalf of Sweden, and a collection taken up, to assist in liquidating the debt on a spacious place of worship recently erected in Stockholm. We were happy to hear that the Rev. gentleman was cordially and affectionately received, throughout the neighbouring states, by all denominations of Christians.

STATIONS OF THE WESLEYAN MINISTERS IN THE CANADA EASTERN DISTRICT.

Quebec,—Revds. M. LANG and J. BROCK.
Montreal,—Revds. R. L. LUSHER, W. SQUIRE,
(Superintendent,) and J. BORLAND.
Three Rivers,—Rev. B. SLIGHT.
Wesleyville,—[Vacant by the death of Mr. J. F. ELLIOTT.]
St. Johns,—Rev. Mr. MONTGOMERY.
Russellton,—Rev. J. RAINE and Mr. R. A. FLANDERS.
Odell Town,—Rev. W. M. HARVARD.
St. Armand,—Rev. R. HUTCHINSON and Mr. M. McDONALD.
Dunham,—Rev. J. BROWNELL.
Shefford,—Rev. T. CAMPBELL.
Stanstead,—Rev. R. COONEY.
Hatley, &c.—Rev. J. TOMKINS.
Melbourne,—Rev. E. BOTTERELL.
New Ireland,—Rev. E. S. INCALLS.

Rev. W. M. HARVARD,
Chairman of the District.

THE FRIENDLY UNION.

THE FRIENDLY UNION of MONTREAL met at the Bethel yesterday for the election of Officers and Committee for the year ensuing. GEORGE SAVAGE, Esq., was called to the Chair, when the following Resolutions were adopted:—

RESOLVED, That the Officers and Committee elected at the last public meeting of this Union be requested to serve for the year ensuing, with power to fill vacancies, and add to their number. [It will be remembered that the Committee of this Institution consist of such Ministers as may subscribe to the constitution, with a layman from each congregation.]

RESOLVED, That Mr. Osgood, who has acted as Agent to the Friendly Union, be requested to continue Agent and Secretary of this institution.

RESOLVED, That a respectful Petition be presented to His Excellency the Governor-General, earnestly soliciting his patronage in the accomplishment of this design. Also, to petition the Mayor and Corporation of Montreal to grant to this Institution a suitable lot of ground for the erection of the proposed building, and that each of the Committee, with the Agent, be requested to solicit funds for the accomplishment of their designs.

The Hon. Peter McGill has placed against his name four shares of 50 dollars each; the Hon. Judge Gale, Dr. McCulloch, B. Holmes, Esq., with some friends from the United States, have subscribed for ten shares more at 50 dollars each. £200 have been paid to the Treasurer, by friends in England and America; and nearly £200 subscribed, to be paid when called for.

That many may come forward in aid of this important Institution, is the fervent prayer of all friends to Seamen and Emigrants.

When it is known that the little temporary building which was erected four years ago, for a Reading Room and place of instruction for Seamen and Emigrants, has been useful to many Seamen and poor children, having now a school of fifty children, and worship four times a week, it is hoped that will encourage many to subscribe to the reading of 300 volumes, and other privileges.

That God's blessing may be granted to this Institution, is the prayer of

T. OSGOOD, Sec.

Montreal, August 7, 1841.

TEMPERANCE PIC-NIC.—The pic-nic party on Thursday was attended by a large concourse of citizens, who availed themselves of the occasion to enjoy an afternoon away from the cares of toil and business. The day was delightful—the ride out pleasant—the arrangements excellent—the refreshments cooling—the company agreeable—the music exquisite—and every body satisfied. We hope it will not be the last pleasant meeting of the kind before the beautiful weather, we at present enjoy, gives place to dreary winter.—*Com. Mess.*

SUMMARY OF NEWS.

GREAT BRITAIN.

THE *Acadia* steamship arrived at Boston on the 2d instant, bringing dates to the 20th ult. Various rumours were afloat in England respecting the Governor Generalship of Canada. There is nothing, however, to shake the belief that Baron Sydenham's determination will decide whether there is to be a change or not. Lord Canterbury, Lord Aberdeen, and Sir George Murray, are spoken of.

The latest papers from England speak favourably of the crops, which are represented to be in a highly promising condition. From Scotland and Ireland also the accounts are that the farmers anticipate fully an average crop.

THE WEATHER IN SCOTLAND.—The weather has been rather soft since our last. The fields, however, look beautiful, and are covered with luxuriant crops everywhere.—*Glasgow Constitutional.*

We regret to learn that many lives were lost during the late election riots in Great Britain and Ireland.

The fate of the President no longer engaged the attention of the public mind.

The amount received from the exhibition of the *British Queen*, at Liverpool, was £102 17s. 6d., which was appropriated to the relief of the families of the crew of the President steamship.

The Queen, Prince Albert, and the Princess Royal, enjoy excellent health.

Prince Albert has been presented with a beautiful black Arabian horse, by the King of Prussia.

The *Devastation* war steamer, of 1000 tons, has been launched at Woolwich. She is 180 feet long.

The Royal Canadian Regiment, for service in British North America, is gazetted. It consists of 167 officers, non-commissioned officers, &c. and 950 rank and file.

THE SLAVE TRADE.

The British cruisers on the coast of Africa are prosecuting with great vigour the noble task of annihilating the brutal slave trade.

The American papers contain accounts of a capture recently made by H. M. brig *Fawn*. The scene on board of the captured slaver, is described as terrible and disgusting. The following is an extract: "The living, the dying, and the dead, huddled together in one mass. Some unfortunates in the most disgusting state of small pox, in the confluent state, covered from head to foot, distressingly ill with ophthalmia, a few perfectly blind; others, living skeletons, with difficulty crawled from below, unable to bear the weight of their miserable bodies. Mothers, with young infants hanging at their breasts, unable to give them a drop of nourishment. How they had brought them thus far appeared astonishing. All were perfectly naked. Their limbs were excoriated, from lying on the hard plank for so long a period. On going below, the stench was insupportable. How beings could breathe such an atmosphere and live, appeared incredible. Several were under the plank, which was called the deck, dying: one dead."

The *Courrier Grec* publishes a decree, signed by King Otho, forbidding, under severe penalties, any of his subjects to be concerned in the detestable traffic in slaves.

The Bey of Tunis had, at the recommendation of Sir Thomas Reade, British Consul General, decreed the abolition of the slave trade within his dominions.

CANADA.

Mr. Solicitor General Day, in introducing the "Education Bill," stated that, in Upper Canada, the schools educated only one in eighteen of the population, and that in Lower Canada there were 120,000 of the youth of both sexes who receive not the slightest description of elementary education.

A lengthy discussion took place in the House of Assembly on the 5th instant, on the subject of a petition for the introduction of the Bible, as a class book, into all schools where Protestant children are taught. The petition was indefinitely referred, the House deciding that it would not interfere with the religious instruction of the people.

Major General Clitherow has assumed the command of that portion of the British army situated in Canada west. He is a veteran who has survived the sanguinary fields of Egypt and the Peninsula, and bears numerous honourable scars gained in many conflicts against his country's foes.

The Upper Canada Academy at Cobourg is to be called "Victoria College."

MCLEOD.—The Supreme Court of the State of New York has delivered its opinion: which opinion remands Mr. McLeod to take his trial in the ordinary forms of the State of New York law.

MONUMENT TO TECUMSEH.—On the evening of the 2d instant, a meeting was held at Orr's Hotel, for the purpose of promoting the erection of a monument to the memory of the Indian warrior, Tecumseh. The *Commercial Messenger*, in noticing the meeting, remarks: "Tecumseh was the soul and leader of the Indian tribes, who were, by his skill and energy, disarmed of their clannish feelings of hostility, and allied together in defence of their homes, and of the graves of their fathers, as well as of the supremacy of Britain. He died defending the cause to which his life was devoted, and the projected monument is designed to convey to posterity a record of his virtues."