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OUR PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The free public library, which was established in this city six years ago, has vindicated its usefulness in many ways.

It has become one of the most popular institutions in St. John and is much visited by the public both on account of the reading room which is connected with it, and the books upon its shelves.

The number of books which are now in the library is about 7000 and embrace a great many valuable publications in standard works, as well as many popular works of fiction.

It also contains a considerable number of books fitted to form the nucleus of a reference library such as is much needed in St. John by students and others.

Unfortunately, however, the St. John public library occupies such narrow quarters that the reference library cannot be conveniently used, it being in the same apartment as the reading room.

The closing of the Mechanical Institute is certain to bring both the reading room and the books of the free public library into greater use, while the addition of Portland to the city increases the number of readers about 50 per cent.

All these things tend to show the necessity for the free library being placed in more commodious quarters and kept open every day.

When the Market House was being built the large room above the shops in the building on the West End was seen by the public to be the site of a public library and a petition was circulated and numerous signed asking that it be appropriated for that purpose.

The Council by resolution agreed to comply with the terms of the petition, but there was then no library to put in the room and it was rented in the meantime for other purposes.

It is at present occupied as a warehouse by Messrs. J. & D. Hovey, the furniture dealers.

At a place here suitably fitted up for the purpose, it is estimated that it will be able to hold 100,000 volumes.

The existing wall space of the room, without any change would readily accommodate 60,000 volumes which is a larger number than we are likely to have in our free public library for a good many years to come.

We think that the Commissioners of the Free Public Library should take immediate steps to secure its removal to the room appropriated to it in the Market Building, not later than the 1st of May next.

The additional expense involved in the removal will be too small to be worth mention while the benefit to those who use the library will be immense.

At present the Library Commissioners pay the Messrs. Hovey \$200 a year for the room in the Market Building. The rent was, we believe, originally \$50 a year, but it was increased to \$25, at which it stood for some time, and last year was further reduced to \$20.

The transfer from the present dark and inconvenient room in which the library is placed to the Market Building would at once double its usefulness to all classes, and would be the means of largely increasing its receipts both in money and books.

If the energetic ladies who are on the library board will take hold of this matter we feel confident that they will succeed.

THE FRENCH AND ANTI-SLAVERY.

Archbishop Faber and Chancellor Ezauz have returned from Baltimore and have taken occasion to deny, on the part of the ecclesiastics of Canada, that they were in favor of the annexation of Canada to the United States.

The Archbishop stated that not an Archbishop, Bishop or Priest of French Canada was in favor of annexation and that every interest, whether national or religious, would irretrievably suffer if Canada were handed over to the United States.

These words are true and they have always been true, and have kept the French in Canada faithful to British rule. In a memorial addressed by the Continental Congress to the people of Great Britain in October, 1774, the British government were thus strangled for the toleration they had granted to the Roman Catholic religion in Canada.

By another act the Dominion of Canada is to be extended, modelled and governed, that by being detached from our interests, by civil as well as religious prejudices, that by their members daily swelling by Catholic emigrants from Europe, and by their devotion to administration so friendly to their religion, they might become formidable to us, and on occasion be fit instruments in the hands of power, to reduce the ancient Free Province to the same state of slavery with themselves.

These words lost French America to the United States and will always keep the French in America, so long as they remain faithful to their religion, faithful to the British Crown. It is a conspicuous proof of the hypocrisy of the so-called fathers of the American revolution, that five days after these words were written they should have drafted another address to the inhabitants of the Province of

Quebec in which they were asked to cast their lot with the rebellious colonies, and in which the concessions of the British Parliament to the French of Quebec were treated as unworthy of their acceptance.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

The port of Baltimore, which claims to be the great Atlantic port and to rival New York and Boston, has not only had to dig a deep water channel 27 feet deep up to its wharves but had to build an ice boat to keep this channel clear of ice in winter.

The Baltimore ice boat is described in the report of the Baltimore Board of Trade as built of iron 200 feet in length, with engines of 1200 horse power. St. John is the only harbor in America north of Cape Hatteras which needs no ice boat.

The Contract Labor law in the United States is being carried to a ridiculous length. It appears that the collector of Norfolk, Virginia has informed the Treasury Department, Washington, that the employment in the United States of cheap graders, whose business it is to classify cotton for the English market, and who are specially trained and sent out by the English cotton brokers, and the latter in violation of the requirements of the British trade, is a violation of the Contract Labor Law.

The Liverpool Chamber of Commerce has protested against such an interference as being detrimental to trade, and resolved to request Lord Salisbury to point out to the Washington office the error in the Washington law which authorizes the evil result which must follow such action.

St. George's the latest Anglican church established in Ottawa, a fine brick edifice on Metcalfe street, built by the Methodist Society five years ago at a cost of \$35,000, and purchased for \$22,000 by those who were opposed to all innovations in the Anglican service, is in hot water.

There was a meeting of the members of the church at the morning service lately, led by Chief Justice Ritchie, owing to the chanting of the Kyrie. Since then at a meeting of the members, the rector's course, which he took only at the request of very many, was sustained by a vote of 22 to 4.

Those who by their ill-considered urging him to brighten the service, did not all sustain him by their vote, as appears by the small number at the meeting of this large congregation. The objection to the chanting of the Kyrie seems to be that it is really a vulgar and unbecoming petition to be by the congregation, not sung by the choir.

LEND A HELPING HAND.

Abundant Opportunities for Doing Deeds that Enable the Poor.

Men and women are coming more and more to recognize that they are not living solely for themselves. Selfishness is being replaced by a desire to help others.

Never before was there so much sympathy and desire to help others. The world is full of neglected children, of discouraged men, of women who are heavy laden with sorrow.

There are many who are naturally bright minds and are starved and dwarfed. Material charity might help some of them, but their greatest needs lie often in the direction of sympathy, care, intellectual stimulus and aids to a higher life.

An invalid may need a cheerful correspondent; there is some one in the neighborhood who could be her good. There may be a neglected girl or boy in the neighborhood who is in need of correct moral training; some good woman ought to seek him out and put him on his feet again, not by a gratuitous gift, but by helping him to employment or restoring his confidence in himself.

There may be a woman—ah, there are regions of women, who know of no other life than that of suffering and sorrow, who need sympathy and encouragement, and a way to express themselves withal, to improve the condition of their families.

Who will help them? They are all around you—you will not need to look far. Will you let them out your plain sewing, or take your bread or do your weekly work—something for which you can pay them? Or, if their minds are starving, will you give them some of your books and papers, with the intention to pass them on to those who have more?

We know personally of a poor family who owned not more than two or three books. An agent came around and offered the mother, at a low price, a small work on civil government which she sorely desired to possess for the sake of instructing her growing boys. She had no money, but much against the wishes of the father, who did not think such things were necessary, she bartered some domestic produce for the coveted volume. As she sat down and turned its pages lovingly, and found there just the information of which she felt herself so urgently in need, in order to be an intelligent instructor for her children, her emotions overflowed her and she wept long, influenced by the prevision also had undergone the present joy of possessing the coveted treasure.

And that one book proved a very great help in the rearing of her sons and daughters to an intelligent manhood and womanhood. This language is only a single one in a thousand. There are others who experience a thirst for wider knowledge, a soul hunger that is pitiful, and which many, even though poor in this world's goods, could easily relieve, if they would. This is a phase of charity in which people who have not money to give can help. There are many highly educated ladies who could not bestow alms, but who might gather together a class of women hungry for intellectual things, and feed them from their rich stores acquired by education and travel, or who could visit them and talk with them singly while at their work—Atlanta Constitution.

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Diamonds were first found in India, and at one time the mines near Golconda were very productive of stones of great size and brilliancy. Asia controlled the diamond markets for years, and only lost its hold when, in the eighteenth century, some natives of Brazil were found playing at cards. They were using stones for counters, and these stones were rough, but very valuable diamonds.

This was in the province of Minas Geraes, in which mines were worked as early as 1730, and where diamonds are still found.

When the news of the first discovery spread there was a rush of fortune hunters to Brazil, and great wealth was hunted in very singular style. Every bird that came within range was shot, and the contents of its crop inspected with greedy eagerness and often with great success. Small diamonds were also occasionally found in the stomachs of slaughtered animals, and this led to a careful searching of every carcass.

On one occasion a gem of seven carats was found in the tangled bowels of a slave. Scores of slaves had their work shaved off at once, but no diamonds were found by the barbers.

While the Europeans were hunting in this irregular way, the Portuguese, who had long been experienced workmen in the mines, were found near the surface, and they were twelve feet of soil was removed. The soil was of the usual diamond-bearing nature. It was piled in small heaps by the side of a natural or artificial stream, and washed in the troughs of a sluice. The overmen occupied seats on elevated ground or on stands erected for the purpose, and were able to watch the washings very closely.

The slaves washed with great care, for the finding of a diamond of eighteen or more carats was rewarded with freedom, and many hundreds were shot, and the contents of their papers in this manner. In 1744 the Bahia mines were discovered, and since recently diamonds have been found in many other provinces.

In South America diamonds were also discovered, and more recently diamonds were exported has exceeded \$500,000, and there was an idea that they were of Asiatic origin. But this was evidently more prejudice than fact. The American gems have a world wide reputation. The "Star of the South" is a regular doctored diamond, weighing 124 carats when cut, and an octahedron, found in the same mine, weighed only 12 carats.

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