

CURIOSITIES OF SCIENCE.

(From Sharp's Magazine.) COLD IN HUDSON'S BAY.

Mr. R. M. Ballantyne, in a lively journal of six years' residence in the territories of the Hudson's Bay Company, tells us, that for part of October there is sometimes a little warm, or, rather, thaw weather; but after that, until the following April, the thermometer seldom rises to the freezing point. In the depth of winter the thermometer falls from 30 to 40, 45, and even 49 degrees below zero of Fahrenheit.—This intense cold is not, however, so much felt as one might suppose, for during its continuance the air is perfectly calm, and the slightest breath of wind to rise when the thermometer stands so low, no man could suffer by its face to it for a moment. Forty degrees below zero, and quite calm, is infinitely preferable to fifteen below, or thereabout, with a strong breeze of wind. Spirit of wine is, of course, the only thing that can be used in the thermometer; as mercury, when exposed, to such cold, would remain frozen nearly half the winter. Spirit never frozes in any cold ever experienced at York Factory, unless in very much adulterated water; and even then, the spirit would remain liquid in the centre of the mass. Quick-silver easily freezes in this climate, and it has frequently been run into a bullet mould, exposed to the cold air till frozen, and in this state rammed down a gun barrel, and fired through a thick plank. The average cold may be set down at about 15 or 16 degrees below zero, or 48 degrees of frost. The houses at the Bay are built of wood, with double windows and doors. They are heated by large iron stoves, fed with wood; yet, so intense is the cold, that when a stove has been in place red-hot, a basin of water in the room has been frozen solid!

EFFECTS OF PRESSURE OF THE SEA ON FISH. Dr. Williams has shown that a gold fish, when the water in which it was placed was subjected to a pressure of four atmospheres, became paralyzed. Dr. Williams also states the following conclusions as deduced from his own experiments.—1. That round fishes, having an air-bladder, cannot, without injury, be exposed to a pressure of more than three atmospheres. 2. That the use of the air-bladder, is not so much to regulate the specific gravity of the animal, as to resist the varying force of the fluid column, and thus to protect the viscera and abdominal blood-vessels against excess of pressure. 3. (Though in this case the results are less striking,) flat fish exhibit a limited capacity only for sustaining pressure. From these observations, Dr. Williams infers that the condition of pressure regulates the distribution of fishes in depth.

GREATEST ASCERTAINED DEPTH OF THE OCEAN. On the 2nd June, when in latitude 15° 3' south, and longitude 26° 14' west, being nearly calm, and the water quite smooth (says Sir James C. Ross), we tried for, but did not obtain, soundings with 4,000 fathoms of line, or 27,600 feet. This is the greatest depth of the ocean that has yet been satisfactorily ascertained; but we have reason to believe that there are many parts of it where it is still deeper. Its determination is a desideratum in terrestrial physics of great interest and importance.—Voyage to the Southern Seas.

HEAT AND EVAPORATION. In a communication made to the Academy of Sciences, at Paris, M. Daurbe calculates that the evaporation of the water on the surface of the globe employs a quantity of heat about equal to one-third of what is received from the sun; or, in other words, equal to the melting of a bed of ice nearly thirty-five feet in thickness if spread over the globe.

ACCURACY OF TIME-KEEPERS. The Astronomer Royal proposes to check and test the great clock for the new House of Parliament, by the Astronomical clock at Greenwich Observatory, through the medium of the electric telegraph. Once in every hour, accurate to less than a second of time, the Parliament clock would indicate its time to the Greenwich clock; and besides this, all other clocks throughout the immense building are proposed to be placed in connexion with the great clock, and to receive correction from it once in every minute.

HEIGHT OF WAVES. Sir James C. Ross, in his Voyage to the Southern Seas, states the result of several experiments to have given only twenty-two feet for the entire height of the waves, or eleven feet above and below the general level of the ocean; the velocity of the undulations, eighty-nine miles per hour; and the interval between each wave, 1,910 feet.

COLLEGE "CROSS AND THE WORLD."

From Mr. Bryant's beautiful eulogy on the late Mr. Cole, we copy the following passage, descriptive of the Artist's dying work.

His last great work was the unfinished series of the Cross and the World, in which, as in many of his previous works, he sought to exemplify his favourite position, that landscape painting was capable of the deepest moral instruction, and deserved to stand second to no other department of the art. Three only, of the five pictures of which it was to be composed are finished, and in these we know not what changes in design or execution might have been made, had he lived to complete and harmonize every part of the design; but that design is one of singular grandeur, and was capable, in his hands, of a noble execution.

To the second picture in this series I might object that it makes the life of a good man too much a life of pain, difficulty, and danger. The path of his Pilgrim of the Cross is over steep and precipices, interrupted by fearful chasms, amidst darkness and tempest, and torrents that threaten to sweep him from his footing, with no resting places of innocent refreshment nor intervals of secure and easy passage after the first asperities of the way are overcome. The most assiduous of those who have written on the Christian life hardly go through this length. Even Bunyan provides for his pilgrim the Delectable Mountains, and the delightful and pleasant land of Beulah, and the hospitable entertainments of the House of the Interpreter. But in the third of the series, I acknowledge a power of genius which makes me, for the moment, fully assent to Cole's idea of the dignity of his department of the art. That pilgrim arrived at the end of his journey on the summit of the mountain, that ineffable glory in the heavens before which he kneels; the luminous path over the emerald clouds leading upward to it, the mountain height shooting with verdure under the beams of that celestial day, the darkness suddenly receding on either side, the ethereal messengers sent to conduct the wayfarer to his rest, form altogether a picture which could only have been produced by a mind of vast creative power, quickened by a fervent poetic inspiration. The idea is Miltonic; and a friend when he first beheld it. It is Miltonic: it is worthy to be ranked with the noblest conceptions of the great religious epic poet of the world.

It was while he was engaged in painting this series that the summons of death came. An inflammation of the lungs, a sudden and brief illness, closed his life on the 13th of February. On the third day after the attack, he despaired of recovery, and began to make preparations for death. The close of his life was like the rest of it, serene and peaceful, and he passed into the next stage of his existence, from which we are separated by such slight and frail barriers, with unflinching confidence in the divine goodness, like a docile child, guided by the kindly hand of a parent, suffering itself to be led without fear into the darkest places.

A FABLE.

A lecturer on Pneumatics filled a small paper globe with pure hydrogen gas, and suffered it to ascend into the air. It rose till the ceiling of the room arrested its progress, and then remained suspended at that elevation, moving occasionally to and fro. "Do look at that absurd balloon!" said the gas-pipe; "why could it not stay quietly on the earth? It never could have been filled but for me, and yet it is so proud to be content as I am!"

"Why does it go to the left in that manner?" cried the air pump. "How ridiculous! I stand quite still." "Now it is moving the other way!" exclaimed one of the retorts; "and now back again!" "We don't think it knows which way it is going," said they, all together; "we believe it is either mad or intoxicated. Its motions are evidently without reason." "Be satisfied, my children," said the lecturer. "If you had the power within you to rise to that high region, you would find currents there which, on the surface of the earth, you do not feel. You cannot know the causes of moment which there prevail. How, then, should you be able to judge of the results?"—S. M.

ST. PAUL'S SHIPWRECK.

The story puts us in mind of the losses we are called upon to suffer for the soul's sake. When Paul and his companions were in the midst of the storm they were obliged to throw all the cargo overboard. A very valuable cargo perhaps it was. All the wealth which many of them had in the world was embarked on board that ship. Yet they were obliged to part with it all,—to throw it all into the water to save their lives. And afterwards, even the very food they depended on for sustenance, all the wheat they had to make bread of and live upon, even this was spared. They threw it all away that their lives might be saved.

And does not this remind us of what our Lord said to his disciples, "Whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath he cannot be my disciple?" Whether, then, we are high or low—rich or poor—wise or ignorant—there is but one condition of discipleship for us all: all things must be forsaken and renounced, when the Saviour and the soul require the sacrifice.

We are not indeed called upon, as many of the early Christians were, to give up house and home, all earthly comforts and enjoyments, and to lay down our lives for the Gospel's sake. These are losses which, at present at least, are not called upon to suffer. I do not say that the time will never come when we shall. But there are some sacrifices which are necessary to be made now as ever, and without which we cannot be the Lord's disciples.

There is the loss of worldly credit and reputation, which he that would be owned by Christ before the angels at the last day, must be prepared to suffer. And this every Christian, who manfully takes up the cross, and testifies by his life against the vices and vanities of the world does suffer more or less. His religion is laughed at, and himself is despised as a weak and silly person; and his nearest relations and best earthly friends will look upon him, and will no longer be so cordial with him as they have been before. The reproach of the cross has not ceased nor will it till the end of time.

There is, moreover, the loss of worldly pleasure, which he that would inherit heavenly joys must be contented to suffer. "If any man will come after Me," saith the Lord, "let him deny himself." "Come out from the world, and ye separate," is the command of God to us in the Old Testament. And we may be assured that the indulgence of sensual gratifications and the partaking in worldly amusements is utterly inconsistent with the maintenance of a good hope and clear conscience towards God. These things must be renounced and given up, and our happiness and peace must be looked for only in God's favour and the narrow way of religion, before the heart can be right and the soul be safe.

There is, moreover, the loss of worldly power, which many who would win eternal treasures must suffer. For many are the gains of ungodliness—large is the mammon of unrighteousness, on which some grow rich. But rich as the Sunday traffic—the false balance—the lying lip, or the thieving hand may make a person in this world, it will only double his poverty for the world to come. All these things are consistent with a good hope and clear conscience. And if the sacrifice of an ungodly gain for conscience sake should ever reduce us to poverty and leave us without a meal the profit is greater than the loss; and the sailors, Paul's companions on the voyage, who threw overboard their whole stock of provisions to save their lives, have set us an example how we are to act to save our souls.

AN HONEST BOY. That "honesty is the best policy" was illustrated some years since under the following circumstances detailed by the Rochester Democrat. A lad was proceeding to an uncle's to petition him for aid for a sick sister and her children, when he found a wallet containing fifty dollars. The aid was refused, and the distressed family were pinched for want. The boy revealed the fortune to his mother, but expressed a doubt about using any portion of the money. His mother confirmed the good resolution—the pocket-book was advertised and the owner found. He presented the fifty dollars to the sick mother, and took the boy into his service, and now he is one of the most successful merchants in Ohio. Honesty always brings its reward—to the mind, if not to the pocket.

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MR. DANIEL BROOKE, SOLICITOR IN CHANCERY AND BANKRUPTCY, Attorney-at-Law, Conveyancer, &c. Office on Division Street, next door north of Messrs. Brooke & Beatty's, COBOURG. July, 1848. HUGH PAYNE SAVIGNY, Provincial Land Surveyor and Draughtsman, YONGE STREET, ADDRESS, TORONTO POST OFFICE. June, 1848. DONALD BETHUNE, JR. BARRISTER AND ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, Solicitor in Chancery and Bankruptcy, CONVEYANCER, &c. DIVISION STREET, COBOURG, CANADA WEST. Cobourg, Oct. 31, 1848. J. P. CLARKE, Mus. Bac. K. C. PROFESSOR OF THE PIANO FORTE, SINGING AND GUITAR, Residence, Sumach Cottage, Ann Street, Toronto, Jan. 13, 1847. OWEN, MILLER & MILLS, COACH BUILDERS, FROM LONDON, KING STREET, TORONTO. JOHN S. BLOGG, BOOT AND SHOEMAKER, (Next door to Messrs. Beatty & Co., Medical Laboratory,) KING STREET WEST, TORONTO. HAS constantly on hand a beautiful Assortment of Ladies' French Kid, Morocco, Patent Leather, Shoes, together with a quantity of Satin Slippers of the very best quality. Elastic Sandals, Ladies' and Gentlemen's Elastic Boots made to order in a style unsurpassed by any Establishment in the City. Toronto, August 24th, 1848. MORPHY & BROTHERS, WATCHMAKERS AND JEWELLERS CITY BUILDINGS, (Opposite Saint James's Cathedral,) AND AT 98, YONGE STREET, TORONTO. IMPORTERS of Watches, Clocks, Jewellery, Silver and Plated Ware, Fancy Goods, Acromions, Musical Boxes, &c. &c. Clocks, Watches and Jewellery, Repaired & warranted. Acromions and Musical Boxes tuned. Jewellery and Silver Ware made to order. Gilding, Silvering and Engraving. Old Gold and Silver bought. W. MORRISON, WATCH MAKER AND MANUFACTURING JEWELLER, SILVER SMITH, &c. No. 9, KING STREET WEST, TORONTO. A NEAT and good assortment of Jewellery, Watches, Clocks, &c. Spectacles, Jewellery and Watches of all kinds made and repaired to order. Utmost value given for old Gold and Silver. Toronto, Jan. 28, 1847. BOARD. A WIDOW LADY, residing in Queen Street, within a short walk of the Upper Canada College, is desirous of taking a limited number of PUPILS, who have been for some time in England. Reference may be made to the Rev. J. MacGillivray, at the Office of the Church Society, Toronto. January 24, 1849. PRIVATE BOARDING-HOUSE, 18, WILLIAM STREET. MRS. FIELDS can accommodate a limited number of BOARDERS, on moderate terms. Reference kindly permitted to the Rev. Dr. McCaul. Toronto, Nov. 23, 1848. Situation Wanted. A YOUNG LADY is desirous of obtaining a situation as Governess in a family where instruction is required in Music and the ordinary branches of an English Education. Address (post paid), B. A., at the office of this paper. February 9, 1849. MRS. COSENS. IN consequence of the new arrangement made respecting the management of Upper Canada College Boarding House, has taken a house in St. George's Square, where she proposes to receive, during the Christmas vacation, a limited number of College Boys to board on moderate terms. The ladies having conveyed to Mrs. Cossens their assurance that the duties of her situation had been uniformly discharged to their satisfaction, she trusts that the confidence she has in her new quarters will be continued to her. Mrs. Cossens's Son, who has been for some time in England, will immediately return, and undertake the supervision of the boys during the evening, and every affectionate and kind means will be used to instil religious and moral principles into the minds of the boys, and to enable them to be comfortably and contentedly employed in their studies, and to give them the advantage of the most liberal part of the town, exceedingly roomy and comfortable, and within a short walk of the College. References are kindly permitted to the Lord Bishop, the Hon. the Chief Justice, the Hon. Mr. Justice Draper; the Solicitor General; Dr. McCaul; Dr. Deane, and the Rev. H. J. Graetz. Dec. 29, 1848. BOARDING. A FEW GENTLEMEN can be accommodated with comfortable Board and Lodging upon moderate terms, at the House in Queen Street, (formerly Temperance Street,) first door from the corner of Yonge Street. Toronto, January 14th 1849. ALEXANDER SMITH, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN'S HAIR DRESSER, WIG MAKER, AND ORNAMENTAL HAIR MANUFACTURER, No. 24, KING STREET WEST, TORONTO. Persons residing in any part of Canada or the United States, who are desirous of having their hair cut and dressed in the most successful manner, and sending a pattern of the hair, with a description of the colour and texture, will be served a perfect copy of the directions to be observed. 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HAVE constantly on hand, from their HUNSON OIL WORKS, Bleached and Unbleached WINTER AND FALL OILS, of all kinds, such as Sperm, Whale, and Lamp Oils, and SPERM CANDLES, which they offer on favourable terms. Also: Are receiving large supplies of NAVAL STORES on Consignment, which they offer on as favourable terms as can be had in this market. New York, Oct. 19, 1847.

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