

d'Arene, near Rheims, a great number of curious objects were discovered, amongst which are some statuettes of rare perfection and beauty. A few days since a workman found a small leaden vessel, in which were enclosed, in a perfect state of preservation, 199 gold coins, bearing the effigy of Charles VII., and worth from 10*l.* to 15*l.* each.—Mr. J. F. Cooper, the distinguished American writer died recently at his residence in the State of New York; also the Rev. Thomas Gallaudet, LL. D., the celebrated instructor of the deaf and dumb.—M. Morin, Director of the Conservatory of Arts and Trades, at Paris, has just made to the Academy of Arts and Sciences a very interesting communication, which proves that the *steam Locomotive Engine is a French Invention* and that the credit thereof is due to an engineer by the name of Cugnot, by whom the first machine of the kind, designed for travelling upon common roads, was constructed about 1770, which machine was deposited, and still remains in the Conservatory.

Editorial and Official Notices, &c.

LAYING THE CORNER STONE OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL HOUSE IN CHATHAM.—On Monday, the 1st instant, the ceremony of laying the corner stone of the public school house in the town of Chatham, was performed by Mr. W. D. Eberts, merchant in the town. The inhabitants, generally, entered into the ceremonial with a great deal of enthusiasm. We have heard the number present on the ground, estimated at one thousand; and we make no doubt, inclusive of the various lodges and societies which honoured the occasion with their presence, that this number was considerably exceeded. The occasion was also graced by the presence of a great many ladies, who apparently took a kindly interest in the proceedings; and we sincerely trust that all parties were gratified in the prospect of having so handsome a public ornament commenced under such favourable auspices.

The following was the inscription on the plate covering the cavity in the corner stone:—

CANADA.

Hoc primo die Septembri, Anno Domini MDCCCLII. VICTORIAE, Dei Gratia, Fidei Defensoris, decimo quinto, anno Imperii Majestatis Magnae Britanniae et Haberniae, Regni Coniuncti, Reginae apud Cathamiae Municipium Comitatu Cantii et Canadae Provincia, subiciente atque huic Regno pertinente.

LAPIDEM ANGULAREM LOCAVIT

Edificii ad PUBLICAM SCHOLAM propositi atq, Juventutem ad edocendam Municipii Cathamiae dicati.

GULIELMUS D. EBERTS

Mercator Cathamiensis, ex principio qui viciniae liberaliter Commercio et Incrementis faverat.

Geo. Duck, junior, Praeside, And. Currie, Ric. Monck, Rowleio Pegley M. D. Alberto P. Salter, et Gulielmo Smyth, Sociis et Complentibus "Concilium Commissariorum Scholasticorum Municipii Cathamiae in Comitatu Cantii." Georgio Witherspoon, Municipii Praetore. Thoma Cross, M. D., Educationis Municipii Curator. Johanne Turner, Dilinators. Jacobo Baxter, Johanne Baxter, et Petro Brown, Edificatoribus.

The following was the inscription on the trowel presented to Mr. Eberts:—

"This trowel is presented by the Board of School Trustees of the incorporated town of Chatham, to William D. Eberts, merchant, on the occasion of laying the corner stone of the Public School House in the town of Chatham, 1st September, A. D., 1851."

The corner stone was then placed in its proper position by the workmen; and Mr. Henry Baxter having handed the mortar, Mr. William D. Eberts spread the same on the stone, with the trowel above mentioned, and then applying the level, and ascertaining the correctness of the stone, in all positions, after giving it three slight taps with the mallet, amid the deepest silence, said:—

"I hereby lay the corner stone of this public school house, dedicated to the instruction of the youth of Chatham." The assembly then dispersed.—*Kent Advertiser.*

TARDY SCHOOL TEACHERS.—We submit to our common school teachers the following fact respecting the way in which they cure tardiness in the Sandwich Islands:—"This is the law of my school," said a teacher in one of their school conventions; "if any one is tardy, or plays truant, he receives a certain number of blows

upon his hand with a ferule. If the teacher arrives at the school three minutes behind the time, then he takes the punishment from the scholars. And many a time has my hand smarted under their blows. We have now no more trouble from tardy pupils. All are on the ground before the time, and we have no noisy or unruly scholars."

SCHOOL STATISTICS—SANDWICH ISLANDS.—There are in the Sandwich Islands 441 Protestant schools, with 12,949 scholars, and 102 Roman Catholics, with 2,359 scholars: total number of schools, 543; of scholars, 15,308. The amount paid for teachers' wages, in 1850, was \$20,630 58 cents. The average yearly cost of each school was \$47 68 cents; the average wages of each teacher, \$37 99 cents. The income of the island, for the year ending March 31, 1851, was \$330,546; the expenditure, \$250,707. The revenue, in 1843, amounted to only \$41,000.

AN INTERESTING INCIDENT.—A correspondent has sent us, in an account of the late meeting in Albany, of the American Association for the advancement of Science, the following noble and touching instance of magnanimity, alike honourable to the parties concerned in it, and to human nature itself:

"At the closing meeting on Saturday afternoon, one of the most interesting occurrences ever witnessed in this association took place. It is well known to many that a difficulty has prevailed for some years among some geologists and naturalists, originating at first in professional matters, but afterwards becoming personal. A lawsuit took place in the spring, growing out of this difficulty, between Dr. Emmons, of Albany, and Professors Agassiz and Hall. Most of the scientific men in the county sided with one party or the other, and much hard feeling has been manifested.

On Saturday, after passing resolutions of respect to the memory of Dr. Morton, the distinguished naturalist of Philadelphia, Dr. Emmons, whom many considered to be deeply aggrieved, arose, and with some complimentary remarks, proposed a resolution of thanks to his heretofore bitter opponent, the president of the association, Prof. Agassiz. Such a proceeding, so unexpected, caused the president no little embarrassment.—He blushed, hesitated, and then with the whole-souled magnanimity for which he is noted, stepped forward in the assembly, and gave to Dr. Emmons, the man to whom he has not spoken for several years, a free and cordial embrace and greeting. The enthusiasm and excitement of the association manifested itself in loud applause, and this act of Prof. Agassiz was immediately followed by others, and, in a moment, the differences of years were settled. Another suit which was also pending, has in consequence of this, been withdrawn."

ONE.—One hour lost in the morning by lying in bed, will put back all the business of the day.

One hour each day gained by rising early is equal to one month of labour in a year.

One hole in the fence will cost ten times as much as it will to fix it at once.

One diseased sheep will spoil a flock.

One unruly animal will learn all others in company bad tricks; and the Bible says, "One sinner destroys much good."

One drunkard will keep a family poor and make them miserable.

One wife that is always telling how fine her neighbour dresses, and how little she can get, will look pleasanter if she will talk about something else.

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