

FOR THE BEE.

TO MR. DONALD FRASER, WEST RIVER.

SIR,—

As you have thought proper to address the Editor of the BEE, in a communication, dated the 25th ult., purporting to contradict a statement made by me regarding my son, in a recent number of that paper. I will briefly state in reply, that *hearsay* evidence is considered no proof either in a court of law or of justice; and as I have every reason to believe that your observations are mere gratuitous assertions, hazarded without your being in possession of that personal knowledge of the matter, which would alone have justified you, in advancing them, I trust you will do me the favor, at an early period, of putting the public in possession of the *written testimony* of those Gentlemen you are pleased to mention. If you have quoted your proper authority, which I am much inclined to doubt, you can have no great difficulty in procuring the required vouchers.

I would not have noticed your communication, were it not, that under the rough and hairy garment of *Dean*, I could not avoid observing the *subtle insinuations* of the supplanter.

Having no vanity to gratify by a lengthened controversy on a subject of no manner of interest to the public in general, I will conclude in urging your early attention to the above request, which, when obtained, will to the public, I trust be "quite sufficient."

JOHN HOLMES.

January 9th, 1837.

COLONIAL.

QUEBEC, Dec. 26.

The Toronto papers of the 17th inst., give the decision in the Assembly for the Clergy Reserves question, which had been debated four days. Mr Norton's Bill for the distribution of the proceeds for General Education, was lost—24 for and 25 against. Mr Draper's Resolutions had the "go by," and Mr Hagerman's resolve, "That the proceeds arising from the sales of the Clergy Reserves should be applied for the promotion of religious and moral instruction throughout the Province," was carried, 35 to 21; and the resolution was ordered, by the same decision, to be sent to the Legislative Council for their concurrence. 12 bills had passed the Assembly up to the 16th instant.—*Gazette*.

MIRAMICHI, Jan. 3.

PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY.—As the papers by the mail contain no news of consequence, this has enabled us to devote a large portion of to-day's paper, to the intelligence received from the Legislature, which is of the highest importance to the future government, and well-being of the Province. If any doubts heretofore existed of the parental care of the mother country, or of its desire to promote the interests of the colonies, we think the tenor of Lord Glenelg's Despatches, and the ready manner in which his Majesty has complied with the wishes of the Assembly on all the questions embraced in their Address, is more than sufficient to remove them; and knowing, as we do, the feelings of a large portion of the inhabitants of this section of the Province, we feel this great attention of his Majesty's, to use the language of the Colonial Secretary in the concluding sentence of his Despatch of the 21st August—"will be received by them as a fresh proof of the interest which he takes in their welfare, and of his solicitude to promote the development of the great and manifold resources of the British Empire."

HEALTH OF MIRAMICHI.—We do not remember, since we have resided in Miramichi, hearing so many complaints of indisposition, as we

have this season, especially among the younger branches of the community. There is hardly a family that has not some of its members labouring under the menses. To give our readers some idea of the prevalence of this disease in Chatham, on the re-opening of one of the schools yesterday after the Christmas holidays, which comprises upwards of seventy scholars, only *three* made their appearance! The teacher personally knows that *forty* of the children are confined with this disease alone.—*Gleaner*.

THE BEE.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, JAN. 11, 1837.

By American Papers received by the Western Mail, we are put in possession of London dates to the 15th of November, and have transferred some extracts to our columns, to which we refer.

The differences existing between the French Government and the Swiss Diet, had not been finally adjusted. Suspicions of a connection between them and the late conspiracy at Strasburg, had created new difficulties.

A number of the friends of the Pictou Academy, residing in this Town and its vicinity, have agreed to raise annually, during the continuance of the present Legislative Grant, the sum of twenty pounds currency, for the payment of the Second Teacher. The first collection is now made, and will be deposited in the hands of Mr James Primrose, and Abramo Patterson, Esq., who will see that it is applied to the object above specified. It is hoped that the friends of the Institution in other quarters, will, without delay, give their co-operation, that the valuable labors of the Second Instructor be resumed. Any others in this place, wishing to aid the institution, may have an opportunity to become subscribers, by calling upon Mr Matthew Patterson, or James Dawson; and every sum, however small, will be gratefully received.

We have just returned from the Literary Institute of this place, highly delighted. The Rev. Mr Trotter, of Antigonish, lectured on "Meteorology." The well known talents and literary character of that gentleman raised high expectation, and attracted a large audience.

Mr Trotter never undertakes to write, without making himself perfectly master of his subject; and, on this occasion, we know not whether most to admire his acknowledged ability, or his indefatigable research. Some of his theories were novel, many of his proofs conclusive, and his style of illustration easy and familiar.

If the auspices under which the Literary Society commenced were not the most favorable, its constant progress has indicated an increasing desire on the part of this community for the pursuits of science, and banishes every lingering fear for its ultimate success. Within itself, it possesses sufficient talent for its support; and it is only passing a just encomium on it to say that, by some of its Members, lectures have been delivered that would not have disgraced the professorship of a seminary of learning. But it is still more gratifying to witness the encouragement which it receives from gentlemen of literary taste and scientific attainments, who live remote from the sphere of its operations, and whose generous literary contributions serve so much to forward its interests.

It is a great pity that such Institutions are not more frequent throughout the Province. If the friends of science would encourage them, they might, in some measure, disseminate a knowledge of the utility of education, and open the eyes of the people to the fact that a country is respectable, in proportion as information is generally diffused. The man who has never cultivated his mind, knows nothing of the fascinations of science, and of the philosophy which

maintains that the greatest amount of human enjoyment is to be found in intellectual pursuits.

One word to the Ladies of this place. In the Halifax Institute we understand that the presence of the fair sex constantly enlivens the 'Halls of Science.' It would be highly flattering if the example of those who attended Mr Trotter's Lectures were more extensively followed here. We have no hesitation in stating that those who favor the Society with their presence, will be amply rewarded by the pleasure and information which they will there receive. Much as female beauty is to be admired, its attractions are a thousand times more powerful when they possess the additional charms of intelligence.

Mr James D. B. Fraser will lecture this evening, on "Chemical Affinity."

RECENT accounts from Mexico state that about 9000 men were assembling under General Bravo, to invade Texas.

MR VAN BUREN has been elected President of the United States.

THE General Post Office Establishment in Washington together with the Patent Office, and the Mails of the preceding evening, were destroyed by fire.

DR WILSON has been returned for the County of Westmoreland, New Brunswick.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—"Melville" will appear next week.

We sometimes receive anonymous Notices of Deaths and Marriages from the country; this is highly improper, and will receive no attention. "A Subscriber will therefore excuse us from inserting his notice until he send us his name.

ERRON CORRECTED.—In Mrs Fraser's obituary, inserted in the Bee of the 25th ult., for 95 years of age read 85. We are always ready to insert marriages, deaths, &c., when accompanied with the writer's name, but we beg that they will state correctly, the ages or names of the parties.

SUCH of our Subscribers as reside on the East River, are informed that we are ready to receive Coals in payment for the BEE.

SANTA ANNA RELEASED.—The Sch. Texas arrived here after 12 o'clock last night, having left Brasas five days ago. She brings positive information that Santa Anna was set at liberty by President Houston, on the 26th November last, and that he had set out for Nachitoches on his way to Washington city. Col. Numes, nephew of Santa Anna, is one of the passengers in the same vessel.—*New Orleans Bee*, Dec. 12.

DIED,

On Friday last, Mary, wife of Mr William Ross, aged 24 years.

On the 2d of January, at Malignant Cove, Gulf, Ronald McGilvray, in the 52d year of his age. The deceased was a man of marked philanthropy and benevolence, and characterised as a kind husband, an affectionate parent, and one of the best neighbors and agriculturists along the whole settlement.

NOTICE.

THE Subscriber has opened an Office in the Village of Antigonish, where he intends to reside and practise as an Attorney.

CHARLES FORTNUM HARRINGTON.
Antigonish, January 3, 1837. h-w

NOTICE.

THE Subscriber being about to leave this Province, for a short time, hereby notifies all those indebted to him that he has placed his Books of Account and Promissory Notes in the hands of David Matheson, Esq., Attorney at law, whom he has authorized to collect all sums due thereon, and to give discharges for the same.

ARCHIBALD FRASER.
River John, January 9, 1837. if