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School Examinations.

NO. 4, BOTSFORD.

Your correspondent had the pleasure of attending a school examination, held in District No. 4, Parish of Botsford, on Tuesday, April 29. The building was carefully decorated and altogether presented a beautiful appearance.

There were present about 25 pupils and a large number of the parents of the district, visitors and others. The manner in which the pupils acquitted themselves in the different branches in which they were rigidly examined by the popular and efficient teacher, Miss Eliza Jove, is deserving of the most laudable admiration. I presume, those who attended with a view of criticism, were sadly disappointed. The most intricate questions of Arithmetic were answered in a manner so quick and accurate as to do honor to a University Graduate. In Reading and Elocution, the person, however prejudiced, could honorably criticize the children, while in Orthography, Geography and the other branches usually taught in a common school, the pupils were nearly perfect.

The "North Sea," a recitation, so successfully rendered by Timothy Hayes, as to gain this young gentleman local applause. "Kalendar," another beautiful recitation by Miss Ellen Riley, was so well rendered, as to merit an encore. Other recitations by Messrs. W. J. and J. F. Riley, were correspondingly well spoken. But the most noticeable feature of the whole was a declamation by Miss Mary Murphy, a little girl of six years. She acquitted herself so well, as to be considered a marvel by those present.

The examination was a decided success, and the teacher is to be commended for the satisfactory advancement made by the pupils under her tuition during the past term, and I do not hesitate to say the people of this district are sustaining a severe loss in not securing her services for the coming term.

After commendatory remarks by "Squire Riley" and others, a company dispersed, having spent a very enjoyable afternoon. Thanks to Miss Jove and the children of School District, No. 4, Parish of Botsford.

Yours truly, J. F. Botsford, April 30, 1879.

ANDERSON EXAMINATION.

The public examination of the school in Anderson District took place on the 29th ult. The pupils were questioned in Grammar, Geography, British and Canadian History, in all of which, they evinced careful study and training. The exercises in Reading, Spelling, and Arithmetic, were quite creditable.

In the evening a Declaration was held by the teacher and pupils. Some of the pieces recited are worthy of note. "Lady Clive," by James Crossman; "The Deluge," by Willie Crossman; "Mary Queen of Scots," by Jane and Maggie Faraday; "Education and the State," by H. H. Simpson; and "The Pleasures of Knowledge," by Otto Crossman, were well rendered. Archibald Simpson, Esq., gave a short address in commendation of the teacher and school. The teacher also spoke at some length on the importance of education. Thirteen visitors were present including one working trustee. Upon the whole, we think the affair was quite a success.

One Present.

Winter Communication with Prince Edward Island.

(Ottawa Cor. Montreal Gazette.)

The report of Mr. H. E. MacLeod, M. Institute, C. E., on the survey of the coast near Cape Tormentine and Traverses, on Northumberland Strait, and on the suggested railway lines from these capes to the Intercolonial and Prince Edward Island railways respectively, with a view to secure winter communication with the Island, was brought down to-day. The conclusion as to the crossing is that the only reliable way during the severe part of the winter is as at present, by the ice boats, and that a steamer cannot be used. In no part of the Straits does the ice open at regular intervals, its movements being governed entirely by the wind and tide. A steamer cannot approach the shore to land passengers and mails. The present ice boat crossing is the best one, and a steamer of 10 feet draught is recommended as most desirable for all seasons when the crossing is practicable. Cape Jourdain on the main land and Cape Traverses on the Island are the most suitable places for wharves, and were selected as points for the termini of the proposed branch railway. Lines were surveyed from Cape Jourdain to Anlo and from Bale Verte to Sackville and Amherst. Surveys were also made from Pugwash to Thomson and River Philip stations. On the Island the lines surveyed were from Cape Traverses to the County line station and Summerside. From Cape Jourdain to Amherst would be 34 miles, and cost \$290,635; to Anlo 31 miles, cost \$290,776. The line from Cape Traverses to the County line station would be 11 1/2 miles, and cost \$102,151. To these estimates the cost of wharves has to be added—about

A Search for \$8,000,000.

After the Treasure of the San Pedro Alcantara, a Three-Dekker that has been Sunk for Sixty-Four Years.

A New York paper of Tuesday says—

In the year 1815, during the reign of Fernando VII. of Spain, the San Pedro Alcantara, a three-decker man-of-war, was despatched from Spain to convey a fleet of provision-laden vessels, bound for the Caribbean Sea with supplies for the Spanish army which was then obliterating what has been known as the Spanish Main. On board this vessel were 3,000 men and a number of treasure chests containing three million dollars in silver coin. When the vessel arrived at La Guayra, Venezuela, a fierce revolution was being in progress. Spanish citizens of Caracas, believing their property to be in danger, transferred their valuables to the man-of-war for safety. Even the churches followed the example, and great heaps of plate, jewels, bullion and other valuables were sent to the Alcantara in order that the vandals might not possess themselves of their treasures.

The Alcantara cruised up the coast to the Island of Margarita, where the troops debarked and conquered, plundered and destroyed the town of Ancon, Pompor, Portomar and Norte. The treasure obtained thereby amounted, some say, to only \$1,000,000, while others estimate the value at a much larger figure. However it may be, the amount of treasure on board the vessel after her capture, was in excess of \$8,000,000. The success of the expedition was celebrated in a grand revel, and during the height of debauch, when every one on board was under the influence of liquor, the ship was discovered to be on fire. No effort was made to save the treasure, but each one sought to save his life. The flames reached a cave of brandy, which exploded, and thus the fire spread in all directions, soon reaching the powder magazine which having ignited, the vessel was blown to pieces and sunk. One thousand men perished in the ocean and flames that night.

In 1816 Captain Goodrich of Newburyport organized a company, and by means of a wooden diving bell, succeeded in rising \$300,000 in silver. In 1845 two companies left Baltimore, and working under permission of the Venezuelan Government, succeeded in raising \$1,500,000, when a difficulty occurred which caused them to change their programme, which resulted in their obtaining the further sum of about \$200,000. When this money was obtained a portion of the divers and crew obtained possession of as much of it as they could secure, and hid it in a boat they put off for La Guayra. Mr. Royal Phelps was then acting Consul at that port. They were arrested at his instance, but what disposition was made of the plunder recovered from them is not known. The big returned with what was left of the company, but went back the next year (1846) Mr. Howland, the company's agent, then insisted that the divers should be searched as they emerged from the water, but to this the company refused to submit, and the result was the expedition was again broken up.

In 1849 the crew of the Emily Bannan of the United States recovered several thousand dollars, but the news of the discovery of gold in California caused the vessel to leave for that land. In 1856 Captain Nicholas Town recovered \$28,900. In 1858 Captain Whipple found \$30,000. In 1877, Captain Folingsby went out with a company under a contract from the Venezuelan Government, but his outfit was entirely inefficient, and he was only able to obtain about \$5,000. But his long experience with the companies, which have on former occasions worked the ground and sunk him in good time. He has returned to this city, and fitted out the brig "Gypsy" with everything necessary for diving and dredging. The vessel, which is lying at the foot of East Forty-first street, cleared on Saturday, and will sail in a few days. She will proceed to the wreck, and with the improved machinery and appliances, and the advantages of knowing the ground thoroughly, may be successful in reaching the treasure so long sought for.

Amadeo, Duke of Aosta, will marry the youngest daughter of Queen Victoria, Beatrice. Such a marriage is greatly desired in Italy, and while no formal negotiations have been opened, different persons in London have been sounded by an English friend of the Italian royal family. The Duke of Aosta is a Roman Catholic, a widower with children, and the greater part of his revenues are derived from his late wife's properties, in which he has only a life interest. He is also much the senior of the Princess Beatrice. Owing to the fast falling health of the Duke of Humbert, the late husband of the Princess of Naples, which appears now more than it did during his infancy, it is, for political reasons, desirable that Prince Amadeo should marry again.

A public lecturer fell on the stage in Indiana last week and the audience hissed him, believing him to be intoxicated; but when it was announced that the man was dead the audience repented its hasty course, and then the applause was deafening.

Cityway's Idea of Hell.

A MISERABLE SERMON AND ITS EFFECT—DEMOLISHING THE CHRISTIAN'S HELL FIRE.

An entertaining reporter of the Utica Times has interviewed a bloodthirsty Zulu, who told the following remarkable and amusing story.

Some years since a missionary went to King Cetewayo's kraal with a view of converting him and his people to Christianity. He stayed there a few days, and the King agreed to hear him on the following Sunday. The Sunday arrived, the King gathered his people together and also called up two of his finest regiments to hear what message had been brought to him from the white men. The missionary, being told that they were ready to listen to him, rose and delivered an eloquent but short sermon, in which he set forth the beauties of heaven as compared with the torments of the dark regions. He told them that if they lived a good life, did not steal, always spoke the truth, and, above all, kept only one wife, they would after death go to the happy hunting grounds, where they would never miss their game, where they would never die, but be forever and ever far happier than they were ever in their happiest months down here; whereas, on the other hand, if they lived a bad life and did what he had just told them they had ought not to do, they would be cast into a tremendous fire, so large that it would scorch up the whole of the Zulu nation, though they were as numerous as locusts, in a few moments. The chief and people paid great attention to all the missionary said and when he had finished the King asked him to dine with him. He accepted the invitation, but during the dinner noticed the people running about in all directions looking for wood, which they were piling up in one spot. The missionary said to feel queer; he thought it looked ominous; and the Zulu who told the story said he noticed he did not eat any more, but continued to take large draughts of beer and eat of the food.

At length the dinner was over, but, before rising, the King turned sharply round to the now affrighted missionary, and said, "What was that you said this morning about putting the great Zulu people in a great fire and scorching them up? Come this way, and I will show you what the Zulus are; you don't know them, I can see." He took him to the pile of wood, which had by this time reached tremendous proportions—big as a Bay State, the Zulu said—and he had it set fire to all round. When it was properly in a blaze, and gave out so much heat that no one could come near it, the King asked the two regiments who had listened to the sermon and ordered them to charge into the burning pile and extinguish it. Naked as they were, without shoes or any covering at all, they rushed into the burning mass like madmen, raving and yelling, and did not stop till hardly a vestige of the fire remained. The King then looked at the chief and said, "You have seen that. That is what we will do with your fire, and you had better clear out of this country at once or I will have a 'little fire' made for you to put out." The chief then looked at the king and the kraal the same evening. Is it any wonder, ask people, after this, that Gatling guns and rocket batteries have no terror for the Zulus?—and it is certain they have none. The Zulus, when ordered to attack, stand at all round, and may be mowed down by thousands, still come on, until they conquer or die. It is a tradition among them, which Lord Chelmsford would do well to take into consideration in his future movements in Zululand.

KEARNEY would abolish, first, the Chinese; secondly, the capitalists; and thirdly, the lawyers. Under the last head he exclaimed a fortnight ago at Merced, Cal.: "Wherever there are horse-thieves there are lawyers! Of what good are lawyers and law books? One shyster takes up the book and reads from it; then the other does the same, both citing precedents and the decisions of some overpriced old pill of blue ages. Then the Judge puts on his spectacles, looks wise, and adjourns the court, looks up the jury, and goes and gets drunk, and renders a decision on the case in about three days. That's law. Look at Switzerland; no lawyers, no courts, and no judges, and Switzerland is a happy and prosperous country." Kearney was certainly wrong in his facts about the Swiss Republic, and whether he does the lawyers some injustice.

The manganese mines at Markhamville, Kings county, N. B., which were closed during the winter, are about to re-open and it is understood that a very large business will be done during the coming summer. Mr. Markham shipped 100 tons a few days ago for the Bristol Channel and is shipping 500 tons for Philadelphia. This manganese is used in the manufacture of Bessemer steel.

ARIZONA butchers are required to keep the hide and ears of cattle killed by them twenty days for public inspection, and to keep a record of all brands and marks upon them. This law is a check to the stealing of cattle, which can thus be traced by their owners.

Warning to Bachelors!

El Martin, an old farmer, who lived on his large stock farm near Camden, Ind., was missed from the neighborhood and search was made for him. A little house in which he was living alone was found locked, and was broken into. The body of Martin was found lying partly on the bed and floor horribly mangled. The furniture was tossed around the floor in every direction, and there was every evidence of a terrible struggle. Martin's throat was cut in several places, and his person otherwise disfigured by a knife. The bureau drawers in which he was supposed to have kept his money were thoroughly rifled, and a bill or paper being left. Martin was a rich bachelor, and has lived entirely by himself for several years. The affair as yet is clothed in mystery.

The chief nihilist organ, which is clandestinely distributed throughout Russia, is entitled *Semla i Svaboda* (Country and Liberty), and is printed in a quarto form. It claims to hold jurisdiction over everybody. It warns, threatens, and punishes right and left, and gives prompt and accurate information respecting the carrying out of its sentences, which are those of the Revolutionary Committee. It is found everywhere. It is laid by unseen hands on the master's table, is unexpectedly discovered among the banker's registers, and the Imperial Councillor is astonished to meet with it among his papers; it is slipped furtively between the sheets of conservative newspapers, and its words find their way as if by enchantment on the tables of the cafes and into the private houses of rich and poor. It appears twice a month and advertises for subscribers. It mentions the nihilist pamphlets that are in preparation, and publishes the public that others hearing this or that title are shortly to be published, the prices of which are given, but the editor contents himself with designating the place at which they can be bought, and the well known house. On the day after General Mezentzoff was murdered the *Semla i Svaboda* appeared illustrated with a large cartoon, in which the General was represented as lying in state, the first page being occupied with a notice of the proclamation of the reason why he had decided the Committee to pronounce sentence of death upon him. The day after the secret printing offices in St. Petersburg were discovered by the Russian police a man was assassinated at Moscow, and the police were busy till the following notice: "On the 9th of March the traitor Reinsteint was executed in the Moscow Hotel, at Moscow. Reinsteint, a Polish Jew, disclosed to the police the whereabouts of two of the printing offices. We have therefore killed him. The Government need not boast of having made any great discovery. It has found nothing of any value. The editors' portfolio being seized had certainly caused some inconvenience but as we never sign any of our articles, the affair has no further importance. It will be useless to offer gold; traitors will not be found in our ranks. Reinsteint was only an agent—a newspaper distributor. We at our command have no considerable sums of money that we can resist all attempts at bribery. The execution of Mezentzoff cost us 6,000 roubles, we still possess 400,000 roubles for the accomplishment of our work."

The following account of the forces of the belligerents in the war now going on in South America is given in a letter from La Paz to a German paper, and is a very interesting one. The area greater than that of Germany and Austria-Hungary, and a population of 2,700,000, has four ironclads (a frigate, a ram, and two monitors) six wooden ships, three training ships, five river steamers, and a fleet of 8,000 men only on a peace footing, but with the cadres of eight battalions of infantry, three regiments of cavalry, and two brigades of artillery, besides 1,000 gendarmes, and 1,200 watchmen (vigilantes). Chili (with a population of 2,117,000) has two good ironclad corvettes and four wooden war steamers, besides some other ships which are unserviceable for war purposes. The armament of the Chilean navy consists of forty-four guns, and the personnel of 975 men. The Chilean army comprises 1,500 infantry, 1,500 cavalry, and 410 artillery, besides 6,000 national guards. Bolivia has no navy, and her army consists of 2,000 men; but it could be easily increased by the system of recruiting prevalent in the country, under which young and strong men are torn from their families to serve in the army. The population of Bolivia is 2,325,000.

A poor vine-dresser of Burgundy drew from a lottery a prize of \$90,000. Thankfully he gave \$10,000 to the building of a church in his native village and then with his family he went to Paris, where in one year he spent the remainder of his money. He then returned to his village and became sexton of his church.

GEN. LEE asked a stranger one day, whom he found eating green persimmons, if he did not know they were unfit for food. "I'm not eating them for food, General," replied the man. "I'm eating them to draw my stomach up to fit my rations."

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