

## The Church Times.

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## EDUCATIONAL.

We beg to call particular attention to the advertisement of the Colonial Ch. Society, signed by Rev. Mr. Dunn and Mr. Wm. Howe, in another column. The great defect in the department of Education in our Province, has been the want of well qualified teachers, and the great desideratum has been and is, an Institution for training those who are to teach the youth of the land. We hope this want will be supplied by the Establishment now announced, which will be under the management of a teacher of high qualifications, and strongly recommended by an eminent London Rector. It will be seen that candidates will be received in the training department free of all charge, except for stationery, and we cannot doubt that numbers both male and female, will gladly avail themselves of the advantages thus put within their reach.

## THE CITY.

The annual election of Civic Officers comes off to-day. Henry Pryor, and D. Creamer, Esqrs., are up for the Mayoralty.

A good direction for all such matters may be found in Exodus xxii. 21. "Thou shalt provide out of all the people, able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness, and place such men over them." We do indeed hope that whoever is elevated to the post of Chief Magistrate will be a man of such Christian energy and resolution, as to do his utmost to stem the flood of iniquity of various kinds which seems just now to be let loose upon the community.

**INQUEST.**—Another victim of intemperance has been offered up to the Demon, during the week. The jury returned a verdict—"Died by the visitation of God," as usual. But, judging from the evidence, "the visitation of Rum" would have been a more appropriate verdict.

The Surgeon who conducted the post-mortem examination, (Dr. Allan), testified, that even after death, the fearful destroyer could be detected, by the strong smell of alcohol in the brain and in the stomach, in which latter organ *nothing else could be discovered!* The unfortunate woman's name was Thomas, the wife of a drunkard.

We are very sorry to perceive by our Newfoundland exchanges, that strong apprehensions of scarcity are entertained for the coming winter with regard to the out-harbours of the island. We hope such fears may not be realized to the full extent. How thankful should our people of this Province be, when they look around and see on one side the awful dread of a famine amid the rigors of the fast approaching winter, and in another direction pestilence sweeping thousands before it, and even visiting those balmy isles to which our invalids have so often resorted in search of health.

The America, steamer, penetrated the thick fog, and the darkness of the night of Thursday, and reached Cunard's wharf soon after 9, P. M. The list of passengers will be found in another column. Among the number, we are happy to welcome back the Rev. GEORGE HILL, who has returned in good health.

The public news is important. It will be seen by our extracts that there is every prospect of a speedy collision between Russia and Turkey, the Emperor having rejected the amicable proposals previously submitted to him. We are sorry to see that the cholera has reached England and Scotland, having travelled much the same route as on its first visitation.

We see by a Guernsey paper of Aug. 30, that the Rev. Mr. Stannago attended a Missionary Meeting of the Society P. G. F. and spoke on the occasion.

We see by the *Christian Visitor*, that upwards of £10,000 has been already secured in notes and cash, for the endowment of Acadia College. The same paper states that Professor Stewart has been engaged in the United States by Dr. Crawley as an additional Teacher.

The able and just decision of the Honble. the Master of the Rolls, in the case of *Melvin vs. Tupper*, &c., has been sustained with high eulogiums on the learned Equity Judge, by the Hon. Chief Justice and

Mr. Justice Bles, on the occasion of a recent appeal from that decision. It will be recollected that the Master's elaborate Decree was published in a pamphlet form, last winter. It is well worthy of extensive circulation.

**THE FUTURE SUPPORT OF THE CHURCH.**—A Clergyman writing in the *Canadian Church*, thus speaks on this subject, which is not less interesting to Churchmen in this Province, where the question,—*What is to become of the Church when the present race of Clergy is gone?* is daily increasing in importance.

"The great want of the Church here is an assured respectable support for Her Ministers.

"Men rolling in wealth, or those who are almost, if not quite, selling their souls to acquire it, cannot about the self-denying simplicity in which ministers ought to be content to live. Why do they not act as well as preach! Is there one creed and one heaven for the layman, and another creed and another heaven for his minister? Why also do they not begin to teach their sons that self-denial, that so they may be willing to enter a starving, or at least a poverty-stricken priesthood? Is it not a fact, as our reverend Diocesan lately complained, that on the contrary, with a few honourable exceptions, scarcely any of the gentlemen of the Diocese are training and educating their sons for the ministry! In the recent convention in Buffalo, a similar complaint was made as to the evil consequences upon the grade of the ministry resulting from their small and uncertain incomes, and a committee was appointed to investigate the matter! Indeed the miserable support which especially the country clergy received in the United States, is patent to all those who have investigated the subject. Again, Bishop Edon of the Scottish Church, recently, and publicly, gave as the reason why the Church had not more influence with the Scotch gentry "that many of the poor Clergy of the North were not sufficiently well educated to be suitable companions for them, or to have any great hold upon them." And what is the result of this indifference of the aristocracy? Why, that, as God is pleased to work by means, the want of their influence causes the Scottish Church to make comparatively little progress among the people.—Let Canada take warning; a poorly paid clergy is a nation's curse! as thereby God is dishonoured, intellect unexercised, and consequently the wealthy and educated are ungodly, while the masses almost necessarily follow their example.

"The present Clergy are, many of them, shamefully crippled in their means; our young men whose hearts, we trust, are yet right in the sight of God, are trembling at entering a ministry in which they know not but they may have to beg, dig, or strive, while our wealthier parents, actuated by the same fear, rather hold back their sons, than encourage them to take orders!

"What then is the remedy? I fearlessly answer,—a system, voluntary as respects human law, but not voluntary as regards God and our own consciences; and no system can have this force but one ordained by God himself. Now this was unquestionably done when He instituted the payment of the tenth of all their increase by His people for the support of His ministers.

"I shall not attempt this week, this letter being already longer than I wish, to defend the truth of the principle here enunciated; I would fain hope that a principle so plainly Scriptural and Catholic, does not need any defence to Churchmen, but though I may fear that it is otherwise with some, even sincere-minded persons, still I must now content myself with giving a copy of a resolution, based upon it, which, if it be not contrary to order, and nothing better of the same character be offered, I intend to bring forward for adoption at the approaching Diocesan Conference; it is as follows:—

**Resolved.**—"That this Diocesan Conference, deeply convinced of the most injurious effects resulting both to pastors and people, from a system of supporting the former, which depends for its funds upon the mere inclination of the contributors, and believing that the payment of a tenth of our increase for that purpose has the undoubted sanction of divine wisdom, does hereby earnestly recommend to all the Clergy regularly officiating in this Diocese, to preach a sermon annually upon the first Sunday after Trinity, or as near that day as they conveniently can, upon the duty of conscientiously setting apart this certain portion of their income for the maintenance of God's ministers."

**AGRICULTURAL.**—The next week is to be distinguished by an event of novel occurrence in this city—namely an Agricultural Exhibition, which has been

long notified, and we hope will prove creditable to the Province, and salutary in its influence on the great and honorable cause, which it is designed to benefit.

His Excellency the Lt. Governor appears to take a lively interest in this essential branch of public industry, and we believe he has been mainly instrumental in getting up this Exhibition. We trust every section of the Province will be duly represented. The Committee of arrangement have advertised a variety of amusements, and exercises in connexion with the occasion.

The Horticultural Gardens and neighbourhood are selected as the place of Exhibition. A Ploughing Match is to take place on Monday 3rd. Wednesday and Thursday 5th. and 6th. are to be occupied by the Exhibition and its accompaniments. A public dinner is to take place in the Masonic Hall on the former day, with a display of fire, works in the evening, and lectures and other sources of instruction and amusement are promised.

On Thursday, the Cattle imported by the Governor to improve the Province breed, are to be sold, and the prizes, amounting to £400, are to be distributed by him. The public Buildings, Museum &c., are to be thrown open to visitors, so that, upon the whole, the Bill of fare is such as cannot but prove attractive. We hope our agricultural friends in Lunenburg County, will be up to show themselves, and their productions. The soil of that noble County is excellent, the farmers are more laborious and industrious than in any other part of the Province, and all that is wanting, is a more general diffusion of the Scientific improvements of the day, (in which a good deal has already been done) in order to give the County a high rank in the Agricultural scale. The Lunenburg Agricultural Society has done much within a few years, to promote improvement in this branch, and we hope its members will persevere in their laudable efforts—encouraged by the evident success which they have already met with.

**A THOUGHTFUL PEOPLE.**—The following extract shows that the Church people of Buffalo, U. S. are not unmindful of him who has to rule over them. Such cases are worthy of all imitation. It is to be feared, however, that as a Body, the clergy of the U. States are miserably paid. A Correspondent of the *Echo*, who had attended the late Convention of the P. E. Church, at Buffalo, thus records the clerical wonders which there met his eyes, and perhaps, also, nearly tempted him to break the tenth commandment.

"Another pleasing feature which marked the occasion was the generous hospitality of the churchmen of Buffalo. The house of the Rector of St. Paul's was open to all comers, and no visitor was at a loss for a home and a hearty welcome among his fellow churchmen, during his stay in the city. This is just as it should be. Indeed, the liberality of American churchmen to their clergy is proverbial. As we walked through the elegantly furnished apartments of the parsonage attached to St. Paul's Church, (which by the by, is a most comfortable and commodious house fitted up with baths and every convenience,) it was gratifying to learn that all the beautiful articles of furniture before us were presents to the excellent pastor from his people. A few days before, a worthy member of his congregation seeing him on duty in a hired vehicle, enclosed him a check for 205 dollars to buy a horse for his own special use. And as we were sitting with him, in came a splendid surplice, of most graceful dimensions and choice workmanship, which must have cost some forty or fifty dollars, a gift from the young ladies of his congregation; and only a few weeks since he was presented with a beautiful gown of the very richest material—the American ladies thus evincing a laudable desire that the habits of their clergy should be of the finest and purest character. In this respect we would hold them up to the ladies of the Anglo-Canadian branch of the Church Catholic, as objects worthy of all imitation; for, to our certain knowledge, there are several of our clergy, and some of the worthiest too, whose clerical habits need an entire renewal.

In concluding our observations, we would remark that there was only one thing which marred the otherwise to us unmingled pleasure of the occasion, and we noticed it with no unkindly feeling, but because it is alien to our ideas of what a clergyman's appearance should be, and so unlike anything we ever saw in the English branch of the Church. We allude to the fashion adopted by several of the American clergy, of the younger ones in particular, of having their faces covered with hair. To be a hairy man may be, in their estimation, a mark of distinction; but when we see almost every top that walks the street presenting the same hirsute appearance, we cannot but regret that there should be