

The Weekly Monitor.

BRIDGETOWN, MAY 29, 1878.

THE CHURCH ESTATE.

Pursuant to announcement in the columns of this paper, a meeting of the descendants of Annie and Lydia Church was convened in the Court House, in this town, on Saturday, the eleventh day of May inst., for the purpose of hearing the report of the delegates who went to Great Britain last year to make searches in reference to this estate.

The attendance at the meeting was quite small, owing, no doubt, to the purpose of the report being already known to many of the interested parties living in the County. A lengthy report was given by L. S. Morse, Esq., one of the delegates, who, in the course of his remarks, read copious extracts from the parish and other records which had been examined by the delegates in the course of their researches.

The estate referred to was that of Samuel Church, Esq., of Ffrwdgrach in the County or Shire of Brecon in Wales, who died on the first day of May, A. D., 1845, aged seventy-four. He was a solicitor or lawyer by profession, and by steady and sharp practice during a long and busy life accumulated a very large estate which was not, however, so large as has been reported. He lived and died a bachelor, and his remains were interred in St. John's church-yard, in the town of Brecon, under the shadow of the massive stone walls of the old Priory Church, which was built in the eleventh century.

The same iron palings inclose the monuments erected to his memory, and that of his father and mother, brothers and sisters, and of William Richard Ellis, Esq., the husband of his niece, the daughter of his sister Mrs. Morrice.

The delegates personally examined every entry in the records kept in St. John's and St. Mary's parishes, in the town of Brecon, and of St. David's parish, in Llanvaches, adjoining Brecon, on the opposite side of the river Usk, from the earliest entries therein down to the year 1846. The records in St. Mary's parish begin in the year 1685, those in St. John's parish in 1706, and those in St. David's parish in 1730. These parish records disclose the fact that in July, 1740, a man by the name of Samuel Church was wedded to Mary Lewis, and that between that date and the year 1758 they had ten children, named respectively—Cicily, Mary, John, Samuel, William, Evan, Mary, Thomas, Margaret and Mary.

Some of these died in infancy, and of others no further record appears. The elder Samuel Church died in 1770. John Church, the eldest son of Samuel Church, was born in 1745, and died in 1814. He married Mary Bedoe, in 1764, and had by her seven children, named respectively—John, Jane, Mary, Elizabeth, Samuel, Mary and John, of whom the last was born in July, 1777. Five of their children died in infancy. Elizabeth and Samuel alone lived to years of maturity. Samuel entered the legal profession as before stated, amassed a large fortune, and died in 1845. Elizabeth married William Morrice in 1797, and died in May, 1846, one year after the death of her brother. She left one child surviving her—the widow of William Richard Ellis, Esq., before mentioned. Mrs. Ellis afterwards married Lieutenant Colonel Pearce, and had one son named John Church Pearce, who afterwards assumed the surname and arms of Church, and died in 1856, aged seventeen years.

The delegates ascertained from several independent sources that Church was not a Welsh name; that it originated from the fact that the first Samuel Church, when an infant, was found upon the steps of Talgarth Church, and that overseers of the poor took charge of the child, and not knowing his parentage, gave him his name from the fact of his having been found at the door of the church. This rumor or tradition was current in Brecon, and was told to the delegates by the Vicars of the three parishes first named, and by several other influential residents of the town, who had formerly been intimate with the late Samuel Church and Mrs. Morrice. On examining the parish records at Talgarth, however, the delegates found that there were persons by the name of Church at that place previous to the time of the eldest Samuel Church before mentioned. The records in that parish begin in 1692 and contain entries of the baptism of John, William and Jane, sons and daughter of John Church in the years 1696, 1701, and 1704 respectively, and of the burial of Annie, daughter of John Church in 1718. No other mention of the name of Church is made in those records previous to the year 1760 down to which date careful search was made. The origin of the name must, therefore, have been previous to the time of the eldest Samuel Church, or there was a family of Churches in Breconshire, separate and distinct from those in the town of Brecon.

It appears, therefore, that Annie and Lydia Church were neither sister nor aunts of the founder of the Church Estate, so called, nor could they possibly have been such, for the elder of the women referred to was married to Abner Morse, at Sherborn, in Massachusetts, in February, 1756, fifteen years and seven months after the marriage of the eldest Samuel Church. It also appears that the last Samuel Church was the son of John Church, who was the son of Samuel Church, who, if the tradition before referred to be correct, was *nullius in law*. It also appears that Mrs. Morrice survived her brother, and was the heir-at-law to his estate. No will of Samuel Church has been proved in Hereford, as appears by the Registry of Her Majesty's Court of Probate in that city, nor in London at the principal Registry of the said Court, kept in Somerset House, at one or other of which places wills made by parties residing in Breconshire must be proved. The records of the last named Registry show that administration of the personal estate and effects of her late brother was granted to Mrs. Morrice in May, 1845, the same month in which he died, and that on the 9th day of June, in the same year, she signed and published her last will and testament. Between that date and the day of her death in 1846, she also signed and published three codicils to her said will. On the 7th of August, in the same year, this will with the three codicils was proved by Lieutenant Colonel Pearce, the executor named in the first codicil. By this will she bequeathed the personal estate of every kind and description to Mrs. Pearce, her only child, for her own use and benefit absolutely. The real estate was devised, *subject to certain annuities*, to her grandson, John Church Pearce, and his lineal descendants according to the law of primogeniture, and in case of the death of the said John Church Pearce, without issue or on failure of said issue, to the use of Samuel Church Phillips, son of her cousin, the Rev. Samuel Phillips, of Fairy Hill, in the County of Glamorgan, and to his descendants according to the same law. The estate is now held by Mr. Phillips, who, in accordance with an express condition in one of the codicils to the will, has assumed the surname and arms of Church. A copy of the will referred to, with the three codicils annexed, was obtained from the Registry office at Somerset House, in London, and was produced at the meeting. It is so voluminous and contains so many limitations that it would be impossible to give an adequate idea of its contents in the limited space at our disposal. It is sufficient to say that it contains *ninety-five* folios, and covers *thirty-nine* pages of foolscap paper, quite closely written.

It having been conclusively proved by the evidence of public records that the estate of Samuel Church has never been out of the possession of the rightful heirs, it becomes a matter of curiosity to know in what manner it ever became the subject of speculation and interest to so many on this side of the Atlantic. It appears that a branch of the Church family, residing in the United States, first took measures to investigate their title to this estate, and sent a delegate to Wales in their interest, whose report put an end to their expectations. The Churches in Falmonth, in this Province, next undertook to establish their claim and failed. They sent an agent to Wales and also, we are informed, procured the services of the present Governor of Nova Scotia, then in Great Britain, to make searches for them in 7 years, and elsewhere. These delegates, as far as we have been able to learn, did not make any satisfactory report, in reference to the title to this estate.

The first cause of these investigations was an advertisement which, we are informed, appeared a number of years ago in the columns of one of the English papers, calling upon the heirs in America to come forward and claim the estate. This advertisement, we believe, appeared over the name of one William Hier, and was copied into some of the American papers. This William Hier was the confidential clerk of the late Samuel Church. He died some years ago. It is a somewhat curious fact that Mrs. Morrice in her last will and testament, before referred to, gave and bequeathed to this William Hier "one annuity or clear yearly sum of one hundred pounds of lawful money; of Great Britain for and during the term of his natural life by equal half-yearly payments" and made the same a first-class charge upon the rents and profits of her estate. This bequest of itself may not be the cause of much surprise; but when it is coupled with the fact of the advertisement above mentioned, it certainly gives cause for a suspicion that the late Samuel Church had left a will, by which his estate had

been left to relatives other than his sister. If this were not the case, why should the heirs be called upon to come forward and claim the estate, when the heir-at-law was then residing in Brecon. This advertisement, which we are informed, has been seen by parties now living in this County, was probably issued very shortly after the death of Mr. Church, and before administration was granted to Mrs. Morrice. While in Brecon last summer the delegates ascertained that an impression prevailed there that something had been wrong with the estate. They were told that very soon after the death of Mr. Church, his sister sent to London for a lawyer and had the business settled very quickly. Why did she send so far for legal advice and assistance, when there were several members of the legal profession residing in her native town, unless something was to be done which she was determined, by every means in her power, to prevent coming to the ears of the public. If Samuel Church left a will, it was destroyed. We are glad that Mrs. Morse was able to report in such a manner as at once and forever put an end to all speculations, in reference to this estate, and to prove indisputably from the public records of Great Britain, the facts in reference thereto. If the delegates sent to Wales, in the interest of the other branches of the Church family had made a thorough investigation, all agitation would have ceased long ago. It may be interesting to those who contributed to the fund to defray the expenses of this delegation, to know that each of the delegates, in the course of their investigation, expended about forty or fifty dollars more than they had received for that purpose, and that they make no claim to be reimbursed.

The space at our disposal will not permit us to give a more extended notice of this subject further than to say that it was ascertained that there is no other "Church Estate" in Great Britain awaiting heirs.

HARPER'S MAGAZINE FOR JUNE, 1878.

HARPER'S MAGAZINE for June, while it has that largeness in the character of the subjects treated which usually distinguishes this periodical, is exceedingly beautiful in its numerous illustrations and surprising in its variety. Lovers of the picturesque will read with interest the exquisitely illustrated paper, contributed by S. W. BENJAMIN, "Along the South Shore," showing charming bits of coast and rural scenery between Hull and Plymouth; also Miss MURPHY'S animated description of Heligoland and the "Enchanted Isle." MR. BENJAMIN'S article opens with a fine picture by Bricher, illustrating the gathering of Irish men in the salt marshes by Soltwater Harbor. Another illustration by Eytzinger, represents the old well on the "Woodworth Place"—the original of the "Old Oaken Bucket;" another, by Moran, illustrates the wilderness of lakes in the vicinity of Plymouth; another, by Abbey, is a very effective picture, illustrating an incident in the war of 1812.

For sale by Buckley & Allen, 124 Granville Street, Halifax, N. S.

LAWRENCE TOWN.—The Queen's birthday was duly celebrated here on the 24th. Our band consisted of two hundred and thirty. Performance opened before many of our town-folks were up. A case of diphtheria is reported; so far we have been clear of this fatal disease. Most of our farmers, especially those who have heavy land, are long for dry weather to get their crops in. A four-year old horse belonging to Mr. SIMON CHARLTON, Williamston, broke his shoulder on Saturday last. Mr. Charlton had hitched his horses to the plough, dropping the reins for an instant, the horse took fright and ran away. Becoming entangled in the harness, they were thrown to the ground and severely injured. The Vose Mills commenced sawing on Thursday next.—Com.

ANNAPOLIS, S. S. In the Court of Special Sessions, May 23rd A. D. 1878.

Pursuant to requisition and order endorsed thereon a Special Session was convened at the Court House in Bridgetown on Thursday, the 23rd inst., for the purpose of taking into consideration the Railway award for damages on the N. S. Nictaux and Atlantic Central Railway. Present, His Honor, the Custos, Justices Tupper, Foster, Murdoch, Bath, Fitz-Randolph, Carleton, Morse, and Miller. Moved by Justice Tupper, seconded by Justice Carleton, that proceedings be taken to set aside the award made in the N. S. Nictaux and Atlantic Railway. Passed, Justice Foster dissenting.

J. G. H. PARKER, Clerk of the Peace. Bridgetown, May 27, 1878.

HANTSFORD.—The Windsor & Annapolis Railway Company have again succeeded in stopping the tide at the *saboteuz*. The works here were greatly injured a short time since. J. E. Newcastle's store was burglarized on the night of the 25th inst. The parties effected an entrance by prying off the shutters and breaking the glass in the windows. The safe was operated upon but proved too strong for them, the proprietor also a quantity of ready-made clothing.—Com.

PERSONAL.—The members and congregation worshipping at the Baptist Church in this town had the pleasure of listening to a sermon on Sabbath last from the Rev. Mr. Whitman, the former pastor of the Baptist Church at Lookport. Mr. Whitman is a native of this County and as such our Baptist friends feel very proud of him. We hear that it is the intention of the church to give him a call as pastor.

—Quite an awakening is now in progress in the Baptist Church here, under the Rev. Mr. Young, of New Brunswick. Meetings have been held during the past and present week. A number of persons have gone forward for prayer and on Sunday last six candidates were baptized.

—Ex-Governor, Lemuel Allen Wilmoit, one of New Brunswick's foremost men, died suddenly at Fredericton, on Monday, the 20th inst. At the time of his demise he was out taking a drive with his wife, and was seized with a fit resulting in death in less than an hour after reaching his home.

BEAUTIFUL.—Lovers of flowers (and depraved must be the taste of any one who does not) will have their wish gratified by paying a visit to the garden of W. Y. Foster Esq., where may be seen a choice collection of the most lovely flowers to be found in our valley.

MIDDLETON.—Nothing new to report from here at present except that a dead-lock still exists in reference to the Atlantic and Nictaux Railway. On Thursday last a box car was smashed up by the engine running into it.

Correspondence.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinion of our correspondents.

[For the Monitor.] EDUCATIONAL.

DEAR SIR, Observation during the recent season of terminal examinations convinces me that misapprehension exists in many minds concerning the true purpose and province of School Examinations. I offer for no other purpose than to request you to publish the following from a great educationalist, the late Dr. Forrester.

I am &c., &c. MAJOR. Granville, May 24th 1878.

PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS. Such an examination is held for the purpose of testing the professional qualifications of the teacher from the progress and conduct of the scholars. On these occasions some examinations are conducted very quietly, and others with an immense amount of external pomp called exhibitions or demonstrations. The compositions of advanced pupils are read, and recitations are gone through amid the plaudits of visitors. Speeches are made and replies given on occasion of the delivery of prizes to successful competitors, &c. Now it is to be grave question whether these exhibitions are really beneficial to accomplish the end in view. It is our candid conviction after the calmest consideration of the whole subject, that, in the great majority of cases these exhibitions, instead of being beneficial, are positively injurious, and instead of testing the character of the institution, but mock and deceive the auditors. If the examination is got up with a view to a demonstration, if certain lessons have been in course of preparation for weeks, to the neglect of others of essential importance, if the grand motive brought to bear on pupils has been the prospect of a prize or the applause of an audience, then we say such examinations are injurious and ought to be discontinued. Instead of furnishing criteria of the faithfulness or success of the pupils they are quite the reverse. Every faithful teacher knows, if compelled into compliance with this custom, that such is mere show of the most superficial character. But it is the demonstration which is the danger, renders them specially objectionable. They tempt the teacher to a course in composition to his conscience. Such is the pressure from without that he is obliged to comply with the usage of making his school appear what it is not. During this time they study not for improvement but to make a show at the celebration. An unworthy motive makes them, and they are conscious of it, and they are conscious of it to the world. If this enhances the seal of few parents, or increases interest in a few visitors, it is purchased at too great a price. If teacher and pupils have done well, they should have an opportunity of showing it without doing violence to their own consciences.

NEWSPAPER BUSINESS.

An exchange says: "We suppose many people think that the newspaper men are persistent duns; let a farmer place himself in a similar business position and see if he would not do the same. Suppose he raised one thousand bushels of wheat, and his neighbor should come and buy a bushel and the price was a small matter of only two dollars or less, and the neighbor says, 'I will hand you the amount in a few days.' As the farmer did not want to be small about the matter, he says all right, and the neighbor, with the wheat. Another comes in the same way until the whole one thousand bushels of wheat are traded out to one thousand different persons, and not one of the purchasers comes himself to buy it, for it is a small amount that he owes the farmer, and of course that would not help him any. He does not realize that the farmer has frittered away all his crop of wheat, and that his value is due to him in a thousand little dribbles, and that he is seriously embarrassed in his business because his debtors treat it as a small matter. But all would pay him promptly, which they could do as well as not, it would be a very large amount and enable him to carry on his business without difficulty. The above comparison is too true of the difficulties that the newspaper man has to contend with.

New Advertisements.

CARPETS

Hemp, Union, Wool, and Tapestry, STAIR, Hemp, Oil, Linen, and Wool.

OIL CLOTHS,

INDIA MATTING, LACE CURTAINS, HEARTH & DOOR MATS, The New Haven Window Shades at J. W. WHITMAN'S.

I. O. G. T.

THE Tenth Quarterly Session of the Annapolis County "Degree Lodge" will meet with "VESPER" No. 200 at Torbrook on Friday, June 14th instant.

FOR SALE!

Two Second-hand Wagons, cheap. Apply to J. W. BECKWITH, Bridgetown, May 29th 1878.

A Word to the Wise!

Just received at Moir's Musical Warehouse from the first makers and largest factories in England, Germany, America and Canada, \$5,000 worth of PIANOS AND ORGANS, consisting of— First Class Grand, Square and Cottage PIANOS, First Class Palace and Uxbridge ORGANS; FIRST CLASS GOTHIC ORGANS, Public especially for Churches, Schools, Lodges, Public Halls, etc.

Reciprocal!

I TAKE great pleasure in thanking my many friends for their very liberal patronage, during the past, and assuring them that as in the past, so in the future their interests shall be my interest, by keeping constantly on hand, such goods as are most required by the public in general. I beg, therefore, to say that on Monday, June 3rd, I will open in my NEW STORE, where will be shown a very full and well selected STOCK OF GOODS, all of which will be offered at a small advance on cost for cash or its equivalent. Comprising in part Grey & White Cottons, Printed & Mourning Cottons, DRESS GOODS, in LUSTRES, CASHMERE, MERINO, &c. CLOTHING, READY-MADE CLOTHING, Ready-made Clothing, Flour and Meal at lowest prices. HOUSEKEEPING GOODS in variety. Other articles too numerous to mention. Country produce taken in exchange. O. W. SHEAFFNER, Wilmot, May 27th, 1878.

Middleton Corner.

CHEAP CASH STORE. Offer their entire stock of Spring and Summer Goods very cheap, at a small advance on cost. Prices as low as the times. Call, inspect and compare with other goods, and buy if satisfied. Country produce at cash value taken in exchange for any of our goods. N. B.—We adhere to one price and sell for cash only.

Staple and Fancy Dry Goods,

MILLINERY, SMALL WARES, BOOTS & SHOES, READY-MADE GARMENTS for ladies and gentlemen, including— CAMBRIC AND LINEN COSTUMES, PRINCESS WALKING SUITS, SACQUES, UNDERSKIRTS, &c., &c. Choice lines in DRESS GOODS, MANTLE CLOTHS, SCOTCH, ENGLISH, CANADIAN, AND AMERICAN CLOTH SUITINGS, HOUSEKEEPING GOODS, MEN'S AND BOYS HATS, UMBRELLAS, TRUNKS, VALISES, &c. Agent for BUSTIC WINDOW SHADES, cheap and durable. Tailoring on the premises by Artists from the city. J. HENRY SMITH & Co. Middleton, May 29th, 1878.

New Advertisements.

New Spring and Summer Goods.

THE Subscriber has now opened her Spring and Summer stock, consisting of SILKS, MANTLE & BONNET VELVETS, a large assortment of Mourning & Colored Dress Goods, Black Crapes, White Quills, Towels, Table Linens, Napkins, Curtain Nets, Girdles, Monkeys, Hats, bonnets, Flowers, Feathers, Ribbons, Satinets, Tanks, Ganshades, &c., &c. Having secured the services of a FINEST CLASS MILLINER, all orders in that line will receive careful attention. MRS. L. C. WHEELLOCK, Lawrencetown, May 22nd, 1878.

A. W. D. Parker

Has opened up a Dry Goods and Grocery Store in the building known as THE MASONIC HALL, where he intends keeping all the articles usually found in a general country store, and to which he respectfully invites the attention of the public. He has now on hand a large lot of READY-MADE CLOTHING, BOOTS AND SHOES, HATS AND CAPS, GENTLEMEN'S SHIRTS, &c., &c. In the Dry Goods Department will be found a good assortment of TWEEDS, LUSTRES, ALPACAS, WATERPROOFING, CLOAKING AND DRESS GOODS, generally A further supply expected shortly. The above together with an assortment of CROCKERY AND GLASSWARE, NAILS, BRUSHES, PAINTS, PARAFFINE OIL, SOAP, CANDLES, TOBACCO, &c., &c. WILL BE SOLD LOW FOR CASH. Bridgetown, May 22nd, 1878.

Dodge's Knox

THIS justly celebrated Horse will stand during the season commencing on May the 27th inst., ending July 12th, at the following places, viz:— Wade's Hotel, Bridgetown, from Monday afternoon until Tuesday morning; at Granville Ferry, Tuesday evening; at Perkin's stable, Annapolis, Wednesday; Thursday, return to Bridgetown; and on to Wilmot on Friday, and will remain at his own stable every Saturday. Knox is no doubt, the fastest stallion ever raised in Annapolis County. Terms:—Season \$8.00; Warrant \$10.00. AMBROSE DODGE, Wilmot, May 22nd, 1878. N. B.—During the session of the Supreme Court, Knox will stand at Bridgetown, for one week. A. D.

JUST RECEIVED AT MURDOCH & CO'S,

Granville Street. Timothy, Red and Alsike Clover, and Mangel Wurtzel Seeds, Cow Corn, Beans, Peas, &c., &c.

Casks Raw and Boiled Oil,

BRANDAM & BROS LONDON WHITE LEAD, in 12, 25, 50, and 100 lb. packages WHITE & HANDY COLORS in one pound tins.

WINDOW GLASS,

from 2 1/2 to 24x15. 500 POUNDS PUTTY, SHEET ZINC, SPADES, HOES, RAKES, &c., &c.

Carriage Whips from 25cts. to \$2.50.

House Furnishing Hardware,

Chests and 1/2 Chests Choice blk. Tea Granulated, Crushed & Brown Sugars. For Sale Low at MURDOCH & CO'S.

ANOTHER CHANCE FOR A BARGAIN.

THE Property of the late R. D. BALCOM, situated one mile east of Paradise Station, will be offered at Public Auction, On Saturday, 8th of June, next, at 2 o'clock p. m. The house is thoroughly finished, containing 14 rooms and every convenience for comfort. A large stable and a never failing well of water on the premises. The whole comprises three acres of land on which are one hundred fruit trees, besides ornamental trees. The situation commands a fine view, and is one of the most desirable places in the Annapolis Valley. Possession given immediately. Also a TANNERY AND WOOD-LOT will be offered on the same day. Terms made easy. SAMUEL E. BALCOM, B. R. BALCOM, Executors.

G. T. BOHAKER,

Barrister & Attorney-at-Law, Conveyancer, Notary Public, &c., Middleton, Annapolis Co., N. S. n 6m 129

Oats.

For Sale a quantity of good Oats. Bridgetown, May 15th, 1878. J. B. GAMERON.

BILL-HEADS, VISITING, WEDDING and BUSINESS CARDS, &c., &c., neatly and promptly printed at this office. Call and inspect samples of work.

New Advertisements.

S. Dennison,

Queen St., Bridgetown, Has now completed his Spring Stock of DRY GOODS, Boots and Shoes, Hats and Caps, Ready-made Clothing, &c., to which he invites the inspection of the General Public. In the GROCERY DEPARTMENT will be found all articles usually in use. In addition to the above I have a stock of CROCKERY WARE, Farming Utensils, Paints, Paint Oil, Flour, Meal, Zinc, Oilcloth, &c. All of which will be sold to meet the hard times. S. DENNISON, Bridgetown, May 16th, 1878.

Card of Thanks.

HAVING Sold out my entire stock of Goods to Mr. A. W. D. Parker, I take much pleasure in recommending him to my late customers, and bespeak for him the same patronage so generally bestowed upon me. Mr. Parker will be found in the building on Granville Street, known as Masonic Hall. In retiring from mercantile life I sincerely thank my many friends and customers for the kind support given me during the seven years that I did business in this town. Being desirous to settle up my books, I must request all those indebted to me by Book Account or Notes, to call and pay up without further notice, otherwise I shall be compelled to leave their accounts for collection after the first of June. R. H. BATH, Bridgetown, May 14th, 1878.

BURBANK SEEDLINGS.

TEN BUSHELS of the celebrated Burbank Seedling Potatoes. White Seedlings From the EARLY ROSE, exceptionally fine. For Sale by the subscriber, ALBERT MORSE, Bridgetown, April 17th, 1878.

CLARKE,

KERR & THORNE, SUCCESSOR TO MESSRS. I. & F. BURPEE & CO. Wholesale Hardware, etc.

WAREHOUSE,

Cutlery, PAINTS, OILS, GLASS, ZINC, ROPE, TAR, PITCH, PUTTY, Mill Saws, FILES, Powder, Shot, SHOVELS, SPADES, Etc., Etc.

We will be prepared in good time with a well selected stock of HAYING TOOLS. NEW GOODS EVERY WEEK. CLARKE, KERR & THORNE. ST. JOHN, N. B. P. S.—At the old stand of Messrs. I. & F. BURPEE & Co., Prince William Street, March 27th, 1878.