

THE LARGEST TREE IN THE WORLD.—There is a cedar tree growing in the mountains of Calaveras county, about twenty miles north-east of Murphy's, which is said to be the largest tree in the world. At the ground its circumference was 92 feet; four feet above that it was 80, and ten feet above that it was 61 feet in circumference; and after that the tapering of the shaft was very gradual. Its height is 300 feet. This tree is by no means a deformity, as most trees with large trunks are. It is throughout of perfect symmetry, while its enormous proportions inspire the beholder with emotions of awe and sublimity. Elegance and beauty are inseparable concomitants of its grandeur.

POISONING A CLEVERMAN.—On Thursday last, we were informed on reliable authority, that a case of poisoning occurred in Buffalo on Tuesday, in which the Rev. J. E. Ryerson of St. Catherine's, nearly lost his life. Our informant states that Mr. Ryerson had been given poison in a glass of lemonade, by a person connected with a certain Temperance Hotel. Mr. Ryerson's watch was found upon the man, but his money, to a large amount, could not be found. The man is in prison, and it is said that he was once an inmate of the State Prison. Our informant is acquainted with Mr. R., and spent a few hours with him at the time of his precarious condition. By late accounts we learn that Mr. R. is out of danger, but cannot be removed for a few days to St. Catharines. —*Hamilton Gazette, July 11*

THE CENSUS OF GREAT BRITAIN, IN 1851. has just been published in two thick volumes. The number of people returned were 21,121,967, of whom 10,386,018 were males, and 10,735,967 females, thus giving the ladies the advantage. On the night of the census 12,924 were sleeping on barges, (vessels,) 9,972 in barns, and 8,277 in the open air or under tents. The number of families in Great Britain were 4,312,288; inhabited houses, 3,618,347. The towns, villages, &c., in Great Britain, 17,150. The British Isles, 500; inhabited 175. Great Britain has upwards of 21 millions, and Ireland upwards of 6 millions of souls. Anglesey, Jersey and the Isle of Man have 50,000, and Guernsey, Lewis, Skye and Shetland over 20,000. These numbers, however, rapidly descend in the remaining islands from 10,000 to 1,000, 500, 400, 100, 40, 30, 20, 10, and finally at Inchcolm, an appaage of Fife, there is an island with one man only on it.

SMALLEST STEAM ENGINE IN THE WORLD.—Mr. Benjamin J. Warner, the London Watch manufacturer, has sent to this country for exhibition at the World's Fair the working models of two steam engines. We infer from notices of them in some of the London Papers, that they will be the most curious specimens of minute workmanship exhibition in the Crystal Palace. The smallest one, an oscillating cylinder engine, stands upon an English fourpenny piece, (size of a half-dime,) with room to spare! The cylinder is but one-sixth of an inch in diameter, the length of the stroke three eighths, and diameter of the piston is that of an ordinary needle. The other is a beam engine, composed of more than two hundred pieces. The length of the stand is three and a quarter inches, length of beam two and a quarter inches, diameter of cylinder three-eighths of an inch, and the length of stroke seven eighths of an inch. Both of the engines are screwed together with the delicacy and precision of the work of a watch.

POPERY IN THE WORKHOUSE.—The Report of the Proceedings of the Armagh Board of Guardians recently, is well worthy attention. It appears that the Roman Catholic chaplain of the Armagh Workhouse has been (and the fact is verified by the testimony of several of the Roman Catholic children under his spiritual charge,) denouncing the Bible as a Book of lies, written by the devil or an evil spirit, and calculated to make Roman Catholic children Protestants when they grow big, or else drive them mad! No fewer than eleven of the priest's pauper flock, when examined by the Board, agreed, with slight variations, in this description of the priest's language. It is needless to comment on this frightful fact; but the priest betrayed himself when he admitted that the reading of the Bible would make Romanist children Protestants, or else madden them with doubts of the truths of Romanism. —*Belfast News Letter.*

The Board passed a resolution, censuring the conduct of priest Campbell, the Romish chaplain, as a distinct breach of duty, and resolved to transmit an account of the proceedings to the Poor Law Commissioners.

The value of the shad caught in New York Bay every season, is said to be 300,000 dollars.

SHAM FIGHT.—An interesting spectacle was presented yesterday, in the co-operation of the Naval and Military forces, in a sham attack upon the strong positions and forts leading along the shore to Point Pleasant. This compliment, we presume, was paid to the Earl of Ellesmere, Her Majesty's Commissioner to the United States Exhibition of the Industry of all Nations, now open at New York. The Royal Marines, to the number of from two to three hundred rank and file, headed by the Admiral's Band, marched through the town, a novel yet pleasing sight to its inhabitants, who soon crowded to the scene of operations. The attacking force, comprising the aforesaid Naval Guards, the Royal Artillery, and the 72nd Highlanders, assembled on the city side of Fresh Water Bridge, and were aided by a squadron of gun-boats, moored a short distance off in the stream. Immediately upon the landing of Lord Ellesmere and the Admiral, accompanied by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, with some members of their suite, at the bathing place, where they were received by Capt. Gore, the signal was given for commencement, and the attacking force proceeded onward to Steel's Pond, on arriving at which the enemy was discovered drawn up in order of battle on the opposite eminence, his right resting on the harbour, his left on the wood, which was occupied by his light troops. The gun boats on one side, a force despatched to clear the woods on the other, and a general cannonade of the position, soon compelled him to abandon its defence, and in this order of attack one or two strong points were contested, until the first redoubt commanding the harbour and entrance of the N. W. Arm, was reached. Here the spectacle was imposing, and the utility of an important arm of service, the Sappers and Miners, was demonstrated, who, under cover of a heavy fire, demolished the stockade, made effective breaches for the assault, and the position was stormed,—the enemy, however, getting off in the rear, and occupying in great strength another redoubt at a short distance. Here the Earl of Ellesmere, the Lieutenant Governor, the Admiral, the Commander-in-Chief, with the Admiral's lovely daughters, and other ladies, and a brilliant staff, witnessed the exciting scene, and stood the brunt of the attack with the utmost serenity. The crowning assault now took place upon the last strong position of the enemy. The gun boats stole round and completely shut him up on the sea side, in spite of his heavy ordnance, the artillery pitched their shot into his midst from the commanding eminences around, the light troops harassed the defenders of the ramparts, and a general attack of all arms, and a rush upon the fort from all sides—after as gallant a defence as was ever recorded in the annals of mimic war, completed the conquest. The enemy fought desperately to the last, and were either all killed or taken prisoners. The greatest praise is due to every branch of both services, for the able and intelligent manner in which both officers and men seconded and carried out the dispositions of the Commander-in-Chief.

After a short stay within the hard won redoubt, the land force returned to their several quarters, the Marines and gun boats to the squadron. W. G.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

The lines on the Aspen and the Cross, (whether original or copied we know not,) are pretty, but we decline their insertion, lest we should seem to favour, a superstitious reverence for the material cross, or to believe some traditional legend accounting for the "trembling" of the aspen leaves by the story that the cross of Jesus was made from its wood, to which the writer appears to attach serious importance.

LETTERS RECEIVED.

Wm. L. Young—payment, has been received. Rev. E. Gilpin—Books have not yet arrived from Dep'y. S. P. C. K. Rev. J. Ambrose—attended to.

Married.

At Chester, on Sunday July 31st, by the Rev. J. S. Smith, Asst. Missionary, Mr. JOHN LEVI, to Miss HANNAH VAUGHAN.

Died.

At Pictou on Sabbath morning, HENRY HATTON, Esq., in the 60th year of his age. He was a native of Wexford, Ireland, and for a considerable period Representative of Pictou in the General Assembly.

Shipping List.

ARRIVED.

Monday, August 1st.—H. M. Steamer Melea, Commander Hall, Boston, 45 hours—Lord Ellesmere and family on board, brig. Eagle, Patton, Chienuego, 23 days; Emily Smith, Sydney, 11 days—bound to St. John, N. B. Auguste, Boucher, Montreal, 22 days; Clyde, McIntosh, St. Mary's; Revenue schr. Daring, Daly, Sable Island, 3 days; schrs. Ann, McAskill, Boston, 6 days; Villager, Watt, Miramichi, 6 days; Argyle, Shelburn, Fortune Bay; British Queen, Pie, Richmond, 10 days; Thebes, Letteny, Annapolis, 13 days.

Wednesday, August 3rd.—H. M. S. Leander, 50, Capt. King, from Quebec, via Pictou; H. M. S. Calypso, 18, Capt. Forbes, West Indies; Amelia Adelaide, Dalhousie, Auguste, Montreal; Commerce, Newfoundland; British Queen, Richmond, Va; Antares, Boston, Thrt, Harrington, 50 hours—bound fishing, Delagatt, Harrington, 50 hours; St. Anne, Quebec, 16 days; Garabine, St. George's Bay.

Thursday, August 4th.—R. M. S. Niagara, Liverpool, 11 1/2 days; Liverpool Packet, Liverpool, N. S. 10 hours; Agnes, Ross, Richmond, Va; brig. Eawn, Mayaguez, 14 days; brig. Daphne, Bermuda, 9 days.

Friday, August 5.—U. S. Steamer Princeton, Commander Shubrick, Portland, U. S.; R. M. Steamship Europa, Lang, Boston, 40 hours; brig Rio Grande, Smith, Montreal, 21 days; brig. Adala, Vigneau, Montreal, 12 days; Victor,

(new) Canoe; schrs. Mary Judy, Mercier, Montreal, 10 days; Industry, Allard, Montreal, 16 days; Gadd, Begg, Bay St. George; Sarah Ann, Bay St. George; Emily, O'Bryan, Bathurst, 10 days; Debaunce, Curry, Bathurst; John and Charles Martell, Sydney, 6 days; Charles, Weldon, Guysboro; Rambler, Manadieu.

CLEARED.

Monday, August 1st.—Brigt. Oscar, Dunclith, F. W. Indies, schr. Meridian, Banks, St. John, N. B.

Wednesday, August 3rd.—William, Quebec; Pacific, Montreal.

Thursday, August 4th.—R. M. S. Ospray, St. John, N. F.; Mary Ann, Boston; brig. Rob Roy, B. W. Indies.

Friday, August 5.—Steamship Europa, Lang, Liverpool, G. B.; brig. Corrib, Bell, New York.

Passengers.

Per R. M. S. NIAGARA.—Liverpool to Halifax, Aug. 4.—Mr. Rose, lady, child and servant, Mrs. Tobin, Mrs. Murray and servant, Capt. McKenzie, two children and servant; Mrs. Agate, R. Ausland, S. Lewis, D. Baird, Hogan, Kearney and John Hogan.
Halifax to Boston.—Mr. Esdale and lady, Mr. Garrett and lady, Messrs. Moir, Long, Manning, Thomas McKay, Hart, Clift, Lounds, and A. McKinnar.

Advertisements.

EX GLADIATOR.

THE SUBSCRIBERS HAVE RECEIVED
per "Gladiator," from Liverpool, an assortment of "Hingley & Sons" best proved ANCHORS AND CHAIN CABLES. For sale low at BIRMINGHAM HOUSE, August 6. ALBRO & CO.

THREE CHEERS FOR THE MAINE LAW.

PROPOSED TEMPERANCE DEMONSTRATION AT LIVERPOOL, QUEEN'S COUNTY

THE VARIOUS TOTAL ABSTINENCE SOCIETIES, AND DIVISIONS OF THE SONS OF TEMPERANCE of Nova Scotia, are hereby respectfully informed that a Convnt Convention will be held in the Town of Liverpool, in the Temperance Hall, on Thursday, September 1st, next ensuing, commencing at Ten o'clock.

As it is essential that the various Counties be fully represented at such Convention, to "devise means for the passage of the Maine Law,"—at the next Session of the General Assembly of this Province;—It is hoped and expected that such Counties as are favourable to the same, will through their various Temperance Societies, and Divisions of the Sons of Temperance, send such Representatives as will show plainly what their wishes are, and that such are not to be trifled with.—By order of Committee of Management. W. A. S. BLEWETT.

Liverpool, Queen's Co., }
July 19th., 1853. } 4w. Secretary to the Convention.

MISS WILLIAMSON'S ESTABLISHMENT FOR YOUNG LADIES. Will re-open on the 15th of August. There are vacancies for a few more Boarders. Miss W. devotes herself entirely to her School, and is assisted by a lady, who is a first rate Artist, from London. The pupils are thoroughly instructed in every branch of a good English education, French, Italian, Music, and Drawing; the latter in various styles.
August 6th. 152 Hollis Street.

SCHOOL.

THE MISSES GROVE'S SCHOOL WILL
RE-OPEN on Monday the 22nd inst. Several Vacancies.
August 6th. 1853. 21.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

IN NOVA SCOTIA.

A SUM of not less than Five pounds in money, or the sum thereof in Books, is offered for the best of at least three Essays on the above subject. The Essayist is expected, will endeavour to institute some enquiry into the present state of the Sunday Schools of the Province, and the measures best fitted to promote their general welfare—touching in particular upon the expediency or practicability of a Provincial Sunday School Union.

The Essays to be given in before the close of the present year to any of the following Clergymen.

Rev. J. T. Twining, D. D.	Rev. E. A. Crawley, D. D.
" M. Richey, D. D.	" John Scott,
" Alex. Forrester,	" P. G. McGregor.
" J. G. Gekkie,	

Halifax, July 28, 1853.

COLONIAL CHURCH & SCHOOL SOCIETY.

THE SCHOOL PREMISES, OFFICE AND DEPOSITORY of the above Institution, are at St. Andrew's Hall, 159 Gottingen Street, where attendance is given every day from 1 to 3 P. M., and information as to the aim and object of the Society can be obtained, together with Books, Tracts, and a variety of School Materials and apparatus. The Society's School will be opened about the first week in September, by Mr. Marriot from London, for the reception of pupils, of which further notice with particulars will be given.

150, Gottingen Street, Halifax.
July 19, 1853. 1f.

JUST RECEIVED.

BOXES SOFT PASTEL CRAYONS, BEST QUALITY.
DRAWING PAPER (Whatman's best,) various sizes. CRAYON PAPER—Tinted and White—received by English Steamer.

WM. GOSSIP.

August 6th. 1853.

HEALTHY GERMAN LEECHES, JUST RECEIVED AT LANGLEY'S DRUG STORE.
July 23 1853.

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