

architecture of the ancients. An elaborate notice of Babylon with its stupendous walls and wonderful hanging gardens—and also of the magnificent ruins of the cities of Balbec, Palmyra, and Petra, was presented to the meeting. The different objects of interest to the antiquarian and the scholar, yet visible among the ruins of the latter cities, were described with much beauty of language. The reflections which naturally arise from the consideration of the instability of all human greatness, as seen in the ruins of cities intended by their proud founders to be eternal, were dwelt upon by the lecturer with much pathos. Of the fine arts of Greece, on which the genius of her sons was so prodigally lavished,—her breathing statues and architectural grandeur,—the speaker was compelled to leave unnoticed for want of time. We could not but regret this circumstance. A more interesting field of inquiry can hardly be desired by a public speaker than that connected with the temples, the palaces, the monuments, the ornaments of costume and furniture, etc. of classic Greece. Her temples—so wonderful in number and magnificence; her theatres—structures of such vast extent, and sometimes wholly built of marble; her odea—edifices designed for the exhibitions of musicians, poets and artists; her gymnasia—schools for bodily exercises; her porticos—sometimes alone by themselves, but more frequently constructed in connection with temples, theatres, baths, market places and the like; her three orders of architecture, and a multitude of other important subjects, render the architecture of Greece a most captivating theme. And we cannot but hope that some individual of taste and education will yet introduce it before the members of the Institute. We were glad to find that Mr. Peter Lynch, Junr. intends to deliver a lecture “on the Sculpture of the Ancients.”

Mr. W. M. HOFFMAN will Lecture next Wednesday evening on BIOGRAPHY.

The St. John Mechanics' Institute has been opened under the most flattering auspices. Dr. Gesner delivered the introductory lecture to an overflowing audience. Mr. Foulis is to deliver three lectures on Chemistry—and Professor Gray, of Kings' College, is also to give a course of nine lectures on Natural Philosophy. The members already number nearly 300.

We subjoin a list of officers:—

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Subscriptions are making in New Brunswick for the relief of the widows and children of the loyalists who fell at Odell Town. Among the killed were one officer and 7 rank and file, leaving 8 widows and 35 children in a sad state of destitution. Except the accounts of fresh arrivals of prisoners at Quebec we do not find any news of importance. The two extracts below are all we deem worthy of publication.

COURT MARTIAL.—The Court Martial on Cardinal and the eleven rebels, which has been going on since the 28th ult., was brought to a close this afternoon. On Monday, the Court did not sit, to allow the prisoners to prepare for their defence; on Tuesday and Wednesday, they examined witnesses with this view, and this morning read their defence. The Court adjourned for an hour, and at one, Mr. Day, as Judge Advocate, summed up the law of the case, and the evidence adduced against each prisoner. From his address we gathered that the charge was distinctly brought home to nine, by numerous witnesses; that if the evidence of one of the crown witnesses was rejected, on account of contradictions in the testimony, Duchame and Thérien might become entitled to the benefit of a doubt; and that against Lesiege, there was not sufficient proof to warrant conviction. It was then intimated to the prisoners, that Judgment would not be pronounced against them, until the sentence of the Court had been approved of by His Excellency the Commander of the Forces.

The Exchange Register of this morning has the following:—

“We learn by a letter from Three Rivers, that Celestine Hood, confined in Three Rivers Jail for seditious practices and for treason, has been admitted to bail by Mr. Justice Vallieres, himself in £400, and two securities in £200 each. Mr. Turcotte appeared as counsel for the prisoner, but the case was not argued; Judge Vallieres at once decided it.”

A more horrible spirit of revenge we have not seen for some time than in the annexed piece from the New York Herald concerning the Prescott prisoners.

“If the British authorities in Canada execute these men, for every American put to death, 1000 will rise up to avenge them from all parts of this country; the shedding of their blood will be like the sowing of the dragon's teeth. The flame will run along the border with unquenchable fury, it may be smothered in

one small spot, but only to break out with redoubled violence in a still larger place. It is not as if these men had created a rebellion in the heart of England, or in one of her colonies far removed from us. The people of America know that the Canadians are aggrieved on many points, and that they have many interests and feelings in common with us. They know too that an hereditary government enforced at the point of the bayonet should not be endured or countenanced by any body of rational beings in the present day.”

WOMEN MURDERED.—The Prescott Sentinel has the following:—“We were much surprised to find three women in the list of the killed at Prescott. A correspondent of the Kingston Chronicle says that they were running out of their houses during the firing, and fell amid a shower of balls from each side.” And it is one of the abominations of war that innocent persons, such as females and children, are its victims. What cares the besieging army whether its missiles of death are stayed in the heart of woman or child? And when females are not thus hurried to an untimely grave, yet how irrecoverable is their loss of fathers and husbands and brothers, cut off by the merciless spirit of war. Every shot that tells on the field of battle, may wring and tear and mangle the heart of some kind sister, or wife, or mother. Writers have from time to time given us the statistics of armies; it would perhaps be no difficult task for them to furnish the statistics of battlefields and military hospitals; but who is able, except that God without whom not even a sparrow falls, to give the statistics of the sighs and tears, the groans and the broken hearts of wretched parents, of mourning brothers and sisters, of desolate widows and orphans! On this account the amiable Dr. Boyce, the founder of the London Missionary Society, once said; “A thousand times rather would I that God had said concerning me—‘Write this man childless’—than that a son of mine had ever embued his hands in the blood of man his brother.”

The rumours which were current last week of fresh invasions of Upper Canada, we are most happy to perceive are not confirmed by the papers of last mail.

Some most disgraceful scenes have transpired at Harrisburgh, near Philadelphia. A mob took possession of the House of Assembly—drove out the members—threatened their lives, and held possession of the place until a body of militia to the amount of 1000 arrived from Philadelphia. A proclamation was issued on the occasion by the Governor—and the ringleaders of the mob were arrested.

A case has recently been tried in the United States' Circuit Court in New York, in which a suit was brought to recover the amount of duty paid on an invoice of grease from South America. The Tariff Law imposes a duty of one cent a pound upon tallow, and the collector demanded that duty upon the article in question. The plaintiff proved that grease is not tallow, inasmuch as grease is soft, and only fit for making soap, whereas tallow is hard and is used for the manufacture of candles. The collector was ordered to refund accordingly.

THIRD VOLUME.—For the continued support we have received from a long list of subscribers we cannot but feel elated and grateful. We are happy to announce to our friends the arrival of our new type, etc. for the forthcoming volume. That the efforts we have made to sustain a respectable literary journal in a British North American Province are beginning to be appreciated, we are gratified to know. From the experience we have now acquired—the highly valuable periodicals and works we regularly receive—the original contributions expected, we flatter ourselves that the third volume of the Pearl will be far superior to its predecessors. The female readers of the Pearl will have a large number of choice pieces set before them suited to the wants and tastes of the lady—and for the especial benefit of the young we have procured a chaste collection of moral and interesting tales. In other respects we hope to improve the general aspect of our paper, so as to make it a greater favourite with all classes of the community. The patronage of our friends is respectfully requested to aid in extending the circulation of the Halifax Pearl. IS IT NOT WORTHY OF ADDITIONAL SUPPORT? Does it not furnish as valuable a selection of family reading as can be procured elsewhere? And is the cost comparable with the utility? Our patrons may do much for us with a little exertion on their part, and we hope the present appeal will not be made in vain.

The first part of a chapter on the consistency of Geology with Sacred History will be found on another page. It is taken from the truly fascinating work of the Rev. Dr. Buckland. Coming from an advocate of the truth of Scripture, and presented in the highest tone of a lofty and impressive eloquence, it is alike worthy the attention of the Christian and the Man of Letters. We shall conclude the chapter next week.

On Tuesday morning last, the body of Mr. Samuel Street, Tailor, was discovered in a well in Grafton Street.

At the last General Meeting of the Halifax Library, the following gentlemen were chosen as the Committee for the ensuing year. Beamish Murdoch, John W. Ritchie, Thomas Williamson, Henry Pryor, W. F. Black, J. L. Starr, Esqrs. and the Hon. J. W. Johnston.

Mr. Munroe of Cape Breton has been appointed Superintendent of the Royal Acadian School, in the room of the Rev. James Morrison, who has resigned his charge.

To new subscribers the price of the Pearl from the beginning of the year will be 17s. 6d. per annum. And when the style of printing—the size of the type—and the expensive price of the paper—are taken into account, it will be found that the Pearl is as distinguished for its cheapness as for the neatness and beauty of its appearance. Our new terms do not affect our present subscribers until their term of subscription is completed.

** On Tuesday evening next, an introductory lecture on THE DIVINE ORIGIN AND AUTHORITY OF CHRISTIANITY, will be delivered in the Wesleyan Association Chapel, Dutch Town, by Thomas Taylor—to be succeeded by a brief course of lectures on the following Sabbath Evenings. Any persons inclined to doubt or defy the supreme authority of the Christian Revelation are kindly invited to attend. To commence at 7 o'clock.

MARRIED,

On Saturday evening last, by the Rev. Archdeacon Willis, Captain James M'Daniel, of St. Mary's, to Miss Margaret, eldest daughter of Captain John Bellong, of Pope's Harbour.

On Thursday evening last, by the Rev. Archdeacon Willis, Mr. Benjamin Hooply, to Mrs. Sarah Gerrard, both of Pope's Harbour.

At Londonderry, on the 29th ult. by the Rev. John Brown, Captain Thomas Morrison, late of the brig Lender, to Hannah, eldest daughter of Samuel Faulkner, all of the former place.

DIED,

At Digby N. S. on the 12th ult. after a lingering illness which she bore with much fortitude and resignation, Miss Murgery McIntosh, aged 21 years, daughter of the late Mr. Alexander McIntosh of that place.

At Pictou, the 8th instant, after a lingering illness, the Rev. James Robson, in the 63d year of his age.

At Kingston, on the 12th inst. Major A. Cameron, R. A. aged 50, an old and distinguished officer of Her Majesty's service.

At the Island of Goree, on the Coast of Africa, on the 10th September last, Deputy Assistant Commissary General Julius Skurrett Lelievre.

On Friday, the 7th inst. suddenly, Andrew Edward, second and youngest child of William Forsyth Black, Esq. aged 12 months.

On Wednesday, the 5th December, of croup, at Middle Musquodoboit, Anne Jane, youngest daughter of A. H. Gladwin, Esq.

At New York, 1st inst. in the 39th year of his age, Mr. Martin B. Long, Printer, late of Halifax, N. S.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVED,

Sunday, Dec. 16th—schr. Jasper, Port Ebert, dry fish.

Monday, 17th—Richard Smith, Arichat, fish and butter; Mermaid, do. do. and oil; Jolly Tar, do. beef, etc.; Mayflower, Gabarus, fish; Ariadne, Pickle, Pictou, coals; Thörn, Canso, fish; Margaret, Sydney, coal, etc.; Queen Anguelique, Louisburg, fish, etc.; Royal Adelaide, St. Mary's, lumber, etc.; Reform, and Nancy, St. Mary's, lumber; Elizabeth, and Eliza, Bridgeport, coals; Hawkesbury, Brouard, P. E. I. produce; Pique, Landry, Quebec via Pictou, pork, etc. to S. Cunard & Co; Packet Industry, Simpson, Boston, 3½ days, tobacco, etc. to H. Fay and others—4 passengers; Am. ship Franklin, Pennington, Liverpool, G.B. 75 days, and St. Johns, 20 days, iron, coals, etc. 40 passengers, short of water and provisions—obliged to throw overboard, 300 boxes tin, to lighten her on 13th; brig Hypolite, Flockart, Demerara, 48 days, and Nassau, 43 days, ballast to C. West & Son, was blown off on Wednesday.

Tuesday, 18th—Schr. Ruth, Dover, Mackerel; Collector, Ragged Isles, dry fish.

Wednesday, 19th—Adelaide, Guysborough, beef, etc.; True Brothers, Slucomb, Liverpool, N. S. 1 day; Albion, Forest, St. John via Arichat, 23 days, fish, to J. Allison & Co. and others; schr. Ruth, Port Hood, butter, etc.

Thursday, 20th—Jane, Marshall, St. George's Bay, 10 days, herrings, etc. to the Master; schr. Olive Branch, Bouchier, Pictou, 12 days, and Arichat 4, pork, etc.; Esperance, Sydney, coal.

CLEARED,

Saturday, 15th—Wave, McDarmand, St. John, oil, etc. by S. S. B. Smith and others. 17th—Swan, La Broeg, P. E. I.; Shelburne, More, Liverpool, N. S.; Stranger, McDonald, Boston, herrings, wood and potatoes, by G. P. Lawson and T. Bolton, 6 passengers. 18th—brig. Susan, Crane, Coffin, Montego Bay, lumber, etc. by J. Allison & Co. and others. 19th—brig. Jane, Matthews, Bremner, Demerara, fish, etc. by M. B. Almon, and others; schr. Three Brothers, Wight, P. E. I. Venus, Blake, P. E. I.