

A large organ predisposes to a manifestation of mind through that organ: it being a principle of our nature always to use that most, which we can use best. This accounts for the fact, that on a peculiar organization, or conformation of brain, depends peculiar character.

The CREATOR made all the organs; He made nothing bad; therefore, there are no bad organs. The brains of men are now unquestionably similar to that possessed by the first man. The form of the head, as the expression of the countenance, may be different, some portions of the cerebrum being predominant; but no son of Adam possesses one organ more or less than their great progenitor.

An instrument cannot be bad unless applied to a bad purpose. The agent, not the instrument, does either the good or the evil, as the case may be. We do not blame the knife, or the razor, nor even the hand of the assassin, for deeds of blood, and the pen of the Editor is not accused with writing the objectionable articles that may appear in a journal. With just as much reason may vanity be attributed to the organ of *self-esteem*, pugnacious propensities to the organ of *combateness*, or murder to the organ misnamed *destructiveness*.

When we charge certain organs with the feelings manifested through them, we forget that they are organs—mere instruments—perfectly harmless of themselves, even as the pen or the razor. Ignorance of this fact originated the idea that Phrenology leads to materialism.

To what, then, shall we assign the crimes and vices which unfortunately are so common to man?—to the material or immaterial nature?—to the instrument or the agent? This question can receive but one reply.

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OBITUARY.

DIED, on Sunday evening, the 22th Nov., Mr. JOHN BROWN DOUGLASS, of Douglassville, near Napierville, Yeoman, in the 33d year of his age—leaving a mourning widow, and numerous relatives and friends, to lament his early removal from them. During his last illness, Mr. Douglass experienced a renewed sense of the mercy and favour of God, through Christ our Lord, and departed this life with the most cheering and scriptural anticipations of another and better world.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

EXTRACTS FROM THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

Sept. 27, 1841.

The Council reported the following donations:

From James Keith, Esq. of the Hon. Hudson's Bay Company—one large brown (ear'd) owl, one loon, or northern diver, two teals, two ducks, one stormy petrel, sea fowls' eggs, and shells.

From C. Jones, Esq. of Fort Erie (Canada)—a wild turkey, from Detroit.

From Dr. Chatrand, of St. Vincent de Paul—a collection of beautiful moths, in excellent preservation.

From the Quebec Mechanics' Institute—a catalogue of their books, and the Rules of their Library and Reading Room.

From Albert Furniss, Esq.—a specimen of lignite, from Toronto (Canada.)

From Mr. Isaacson—a Caracass silver coin.

From Dr. Belin—four nuts of the acajou tree brought by him from the Island of Guadaloupe.

The thanks of the Society having been voted for the above donations,

The Chairman of the Committee of Physical Sciences reported that the meteorological observations at the Island of St. Helens, have been completed for the last two years, and the manuscripts preparing for publication.

The Chairman suggested the advantage of continuing these observations for the ensuing year, and that a record be kept of the barometer, and added thereto, offering to supply the necessary instruments at his personal expense, the Society undertaking to remunerate the person superintending the observations at St. Helens.

On motion duly seconded,

Ordered, That the above suggestion and offer be adopted, and carried into execution.

The President announced the death of Lord Sydenham, Patron of the society, and the Recording Secretary was directed to enregister that lamented event in the Register of the Society. Kenneth McKenzie, Esq. and B. B. Brown, Esq. M. D., both of St. Louis, Missouri, were ballotted for, and declared unanimously elected Corresponding Members.

The Council was directed to take measures for organizing courses of lectures during the ensuing season.

October 25, 1841.

The following donation was announced:—

From the Hon. George Moffatt—two cones of the gigantic *pinus lambertiana*, of the Oregon Territory, across the Rocky Mountains. These cones were sent from Fort Vancouver, on the Columbia River, by Dr. McLaughlin, Chief Factor of the Hon. Hudson's Bay Company, who states that this tree is the largest species of pine known. The late Dr. Douglass measured one which had been blown down by the wind, fifty-two feet in circumference at the butt, and at the length of two hundred and fifty feet, where it was broken, and the upper part carried away by the water, it was still thirteen feet in diameter. We find these trees only between this (Fort Vancouver,) and California; they grow without branches, with only a tuft at the top. The Indians eat the seed. The cones are many a foot long; those presented to the Society showing their two extreme sizes.

The thanks of the Society were voted to Mr. Moffatt, for his donation.

Chas. Mondelet, Esq. was unanimously elected an Ordinary Member.

Dr. Thomas Bouthillier, Member of the Legislative Assembly, was unanimously elected a Corresponding Member.

DONATIONS.—The Treasurer of the Mercantile Library Association acknowledges with many thanks, the receipt from the Hon. George Moffatt, of the very handsome donation of thirty-seven pounds fifteen shillings, in aid of the funds of the Association.

The Treasurer of the Montreal Mechanics' Institute acknowledges with thanks the receipt from the Hon. George Moffatt, of the very handsome donation of thirty-seven pounds fifteen shillings, in aid of the funds of the Institute.

R. N. Watts, Esq., M.P.P. for Drummond, has presented his Parliamentary indemnity for the purpose of erecting an Agricultural Hall—£10 having been reserved from it for a blind man resident in the country.

NOBLE INSTANCE OF HONESTY.—It gives us pleasure to insert the following paragraph, from the *Montreal Herald*:—"It is an old proverb that honesty is the best policy, and we trust that it will be proved in a satisfactory manner in the case of a private in the Royal Welch Fusilier who is a specimen of a truly British soldier. His name is William Evans; he found a pocket book on one of the streets in this city, a few evenings ago, containing some valuable papers, and money to the amount of seventy dollars, which he handed over to Captain Comeau, of the Police department, after having informed his superior officer of the circumstance. We do not mention this fact as a matter of singular occurrence, if opportunities were afforded of similar instances of honesty being exhibited—but as they seldom occur, the one to which we allude is worthy of notice, as exhibiting in a striking point of view, that the soldiers in the British army are as conscientious as they are brave."

BOURNE'S LITHOGRAPHIC SKETCH OF A TEMPERANCE PIC-NIC.—The Temperance Pic-Nic held on the Mountain in August last, has given occasion to a spirited Lithographic Sketch, from the establishment of Mr. Bourne. The drawing presents a very fair view of the Mountain scenery—of the tents erected for the convenience of the party, and of the crowds who assembled to do honour to the cause, and to enjoy the pleasures of a summer ramble among the trees. The sketch is really well prepared, and as commemorating a very pleasant event, deserves to be well preserved. On the other side of the sheet which contains it is a portrait of Father Mathew, administering the Temperance Pledge. These efforts of art ought to be generally and generously encouraged.—*Com. Mess.*

MARRIED.—At St. Antoine Hall, on the 26th instant, by the Rev. Mr. Willoughby, Thomson Vaneck, Esq., only son of the Hon. Thomson Vaneck, of Suffolk, England, to Catherine Ann, daughter of John Torrance, Esq.

At St. John, on Wednesday evening, the 24th instant, by the Rev. Mr. Baldwin, Dr Robert Wight, to Cynthia, second daughter of Jason C. Pierer, Esq. of that place.

At Quebec, on Tuesday, at the Cathedral Church, by the Reverend George Mnekie, B.A., the Reverend John Torrance, Missionary at Mascouche, to Jane Ann, second daughter of Jeremiah Leaycraft, Esq., of this city.

DIED.—At the town of Three Rivers, on the 23d ultimo, the Rev. John Doty, Chaplain on half pay since 1783, aged 96 years and 7 months.

SUMMARY OF NEWS.

SIR CHARLES BAGOT.

The following letter contains the latest intelligence respecting our new Governor General:—

QUEBEC, 23d Nov., 1841.

SIR,—I am commanded by the Administrator of the Government to inform you, that by a Despatch received this morning, it appears that H. M. Steamer *Styx*, on which the Governor General and his suite were embarked, had been compelled, in consequence of an accident, to put back to Portsmouth, and that Sir C. Bagot would, therefore, proceed to Canada on board H. M. S. *Illustrious*, which was expected to sail about the 10th instant.—As, however, it would be impossible for that vessel at this season to enter the Saint Lawrence, His Excellency would proceed at once either to New York or Boston, and from thence direct to Kingston, where he may be expected to arrive about the middle or end of December.

The despatches contain no other intelligence which His Excellency considers it necessary to communicate to the public.

I have the honour to be, Sir, your most obedient servant.

T. W. C. MURDOCH.

His Worship the Mayor.

The following notice of Sir CHARLES BAGOT is extracted from "Dodd's Peerage":—

"Bagot, G.C.B., creation 1820.—Charles Bagot, P.C., second son of the first Lord Bagot, by the daughter of the second Viscount Bolingbroke. Born 1781; married 1806 eldest daughter of Lord Maryborough; was Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs 1807; Minister Plenipotentiary at Paris 1814; Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to the United States, 1815; Ambassador to the Court of Russia, 1820; Ambassador to the Hague, 1824; was created a Privy Counsellor on proceeding to Washington, and received the Order of the Bath on his return."

NEWS BY THE CALEDONIA.

SUMMARY.—The news of the acquittal of McLeod had reached England, and appeared to create a good deal of satisfaction.

The 96th Regiment are to proceed to China direct, instead of relieving the 87th at the Mauritius, as formerly arranged—and the 50th to proceed to Calcutta.

Twenty-two villages have been destroyed in Egypt by the overflowing of the Nile.

Rear-Admiral John W. Holland expired at his residence, at Bath, Tuesday last, in his 76th year. Lord Ellenborough had been appointed Governor General of India, and was about to take his departure for that country.

Among the marks of respect intended to be paid to Lord Morpeth at New York, the St. George's Society of that city propose to give him a dinner. It is to be a splendid affair, and his reception will be most cordial, as amongst the members of that National Society are many of his old Yorkshire constituents.

Theodore Hook, it seems, has left his family—a widow and five children—utterly destitute. A subscription for their relief has been got up, but the papers complain that its proceeds are altogether inadequate. His income must have been large, but he appears to have consumed it all in "riotous living."