

DISCOURSES ON SABBATH-KEEPING.

We cheerfully insert in our columns the following circular which we have received from Montreal, and call the special attention of pastors to the subject. No lover of the Lord's day will hesitate to comply with the arrangement suggested by the committee. We shall return to this important subject hereafter. The circular is as follows:—

“MONTREAL, 16th April, 1851.

“REV. AND DEAR SIR,—The Committee of the MONTREAL SABBATH ASSOCIATION, at their last Meeting, resolved:

‘That the various Ministers of this City, and of the Province generally, be requested to deliver Discourses, enforcing the duty of observing the Lord's Day, and that the third Sunday in May (the 18th), be suggested to them as a day on which they might all unite for this purpose.’

This is one of the *moral means*, by which, chiefly, it is now sought to prevent the desecration of the Sabbath.

I trust that you will find it consistent with your other arrangements to co-operate in this design, and thus give your valuable assistance in the repression of a sin so prevalent in Canada. The Association would be very grateful, if, on the same occasion, a Collection could be made in aid of its funds.

I am, Yours, respectfully,
F. H. MARLING,
Secretary, M. S. A.”

SUMMARY.

A ploughing-match took place in the township of Markham, between the townships of Scarborough and Vaughan, on the 25th of last month, and the honour of success was awarded to Scarborough.

There has been a large fire at Kingston, by which property to the value of £20,000 has been destroyed.

A considerable conflagration has also taken place at Brantford, by which upwards of twenty buildings have been destroyed.

Also, a large fire at Galt—loss estimated at about £10,000.

A terrible destruction of life has taken place, by the bursting of the boiler of the British steamer *Comet*, in the harbour of Oswego, by which, at least, eight human beings have been hurried into eternity, at scarcely a moment's warning. A Government Inspector of Steamboats should be appointed, which would have a beneficial effect in preventing such accidents.

The Canadian Parliament is to meet for business on the 20th of May.

The slave excitement in the United States still continues. Simms, a fugitive slave who escaped to Boston, from his masters, has been taken back again, amidst great excitement.

It is generally believed in England, that there will be a dissolution of Parliament, and that some reaction on the Protectionist side will take place. The effect would be to cause a small duty to be put on grain.

Lord John Russell has introduced into the British Parliament a Bill reforming the Court of Chancery.

The Italian refugees, and those of France and Germany, are preparing to rouse their countrymen again to rise against their oppressors.

Three fugitive slaves have been captured in Har-

risburgh, and handed over to their claimants. Large crowds collected in the street, and there was much excitement, but no disturbance.

A telegraphic despatch from Boston says, “a British schooner has come ashore at Cape Cod, with all hands probably lost.”

Eight steamers will run this season between Montreal and Quebec.

MARRIED.

On the 17th ult., at the Parsonage, in Barnston, by the Rev. J. Green, Mr. W. H. Lovewell, of Barnston, to Miss Artemisia Merriman, of Stanstead.

By the same, on the 24th ult., at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Samuel Page, of Newbury, Vt., to Miss Lucinda, fourth daughter of Lotus Baldwin, Esq., of Barnston.

By the same, at the Parsonage in Barnston, Mr. Lewis F. Hanson, to Miss Minerva Hill.

By the same, at the same place, Mr. Israel Martin, to Miss Adaline Gould.

By the same, in Stanstead, Mr. Joseph L. Davis, to Miss Diana Clarke.

DIED.

On the 8th ultimo, in Terauley Street, Toronto, Ruth, wife of Samuel George, in the 58th year of her age. Mrs. George was a much respected member of the Bond Street Baptist Church. She was brought to Christ under the labours of the Rev. James Upton, Senr., of London, England, and by him baptized thirty-eight years ago. During her last illness she was a great but patient sufferer, and died in the full faith of the gospel. A large family circle mourn the loss of one of the best of mothers.

We have also to record the sad tidings of the death of Agnes, Wife of Mr. James Lesslie, of the *Examiner*. She died at their residence in King Street, on the afternoon of Lord's day, April 27th, aged 35 years. It was our privilege to see Mrs. Lesslie occasionally during her last illness, and we never entered her sick chamber without feeling it to be a privileged spot, nor left it without admiring afresh the sublime power of our glorious gospel. She was a great sufferer, but bore all with singular fortitude and resignation. “My sufferings, (she remarked to the writer,) are all from the hand of a kind Father.” She rested on the work of Christ with the simplicity of a child, and rejoiced in the sweet assurance of her acceptance in the beloved. Her faith was triumphant. She has left behind her an afflicted companion, and a large circle of relatives and friends to mourn her loss. May their last end be like her's.

Is that a death-bed, where the Christian lies?
Yes, but not her's, 'tis death itself there dies.

In Brantford, C.W., on Friday, April 4th, William Winter, only son of the Rev. Thomas L. Davidson, Baptist Minister.

“He died before his infant soul
Had ever burned with wrong desires—
Had ever spurned at heaven's control,
Or ever quenched its sacred fires.”

He died to sin; he died to care;
But for a moment, felt the rod;
Then rising on the viewless air,
Spread his light wings, and rose to God.”

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per ton 50s a 65s; Straw, per ton 25s a 35s; Onions, per bushel, 9s 9d a 5s; Tub Butter, per lb, 6d a 7d; Fresh Butter, 9d a 1s; Eggs, per dozen, 6d a 6d; Beef, per 100 lb 15s a 20s 0d; Pork, fresh, per 100 lb 23s 9d a 26s 3d; Fowls, per pair, 1s 8d a 2s; Mutton, per lb by the quarter, 2d a 4d; Veal, per lb by the quarter, 2d a 4d; Hams, per lb, 5d a 6d; Bacon, per cwt., 30s 0d a 40s; Lard, per lb, 5d a 6d; Turkeys, each, 2s 6d; a 5s 0d; Geese, each, 2s 0d a 2 6d; Ducks, per couple, 1s 6d a 2s 6d; Cordwood, 13s 9d a 15s per cord.

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