

**NOTICES.**

**SABBATHS.**

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Types of eternal rest—four buds of bliss,  
In heavenly flowers infolding week by week;  
The next world's gladness imaged forth in this;  
Days of whose worth the Christian's heart can speak!

Eternity in time—the steps by which  
We climb to future ages—lamps that light  
Man through his darker days, and thought enrich,  
Yielding redemption for the week's dull flight.

Wakeners of prayer in man—his resting bowers,  
As on his journeys in the narrow way,  
Where, Eden-like, Jehovah's walking hours  
Are waited for, as in the cool of day.

Days fixed by God for intercourse with dust,  
To raise our thoughts and purify our powers;  
Periods appointed to renew our trust,  
A gleam of glory after six day's showers!

A milky-way mark'd out through skies else drear,  
By radiant suns that warm us well as shine;  
A clue, which he who follows knows no fear,  
Though briars and thorns around his pathway twine.

Foretastes of heaven on earth; pledges of joy,  
Surpassing fancy's flights, and fiction's story;  
The preludes of a feast that cannot cloy,  
And the bright outcasts of immortal glory!

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**GENERAL MEETING OF THE QUEBEC CONSTITUTIONAL ASSOCIATION.**

The most numerous attended meeting of this Association which has ever yet taken place was held on Thursday last, at the Albion Hotel, when the following Resolutions were passed:—

1st. Resolved, That this meeting has seen with regret that no remedy has hitherto been afforded to the evils of which they complained in their Humble Petitions to His Majesty and both Houses of the Imperial Parliament, presented at the last session thereof.

2nd.—That they have seen with extreme regret that since the presenting of these petitions additional means of injuring them have been afforded to those of whom they complained, and that these means, derived in great part from the petitioners, are now avowedly employed for the purpose of subjugating the person, property and freedom of the petitioners to the mere will and pleasure of a power derived from a majority of one distinct portion of the population only, proclaiming its "French origin" by solemn Resolves of its Representatives, and manifestly held together by feelings and prejudices averse to other origins, and acted upon by ambitious and self-interested individuals. (Passed unanimously.)

3rd.—That the Executive Committee be requested to take measures with a view to the assembling of a Select Committee of the petitioners, at some place to be agreed upon, to consult on such ulterior measures as may then seem most advisable to the said General Committee, in support of their petitions; and for the security of all rights and liberties, civil and religious, which the inhabitants of all classes and denominations in this Province now enjoy or of right are entitled to.

4th.—that the number of members of which the said General Committee shall consist, and the time, mode and place of selection be determined by the Executive Committee, in concert with the Montreal Executive Committee, and that the same be publicly notified at least two months before the day fixed for meeting.

5th.—That it is desirable that the said General Select Committee should, as speedily as may be, take into consideration the expediency of the assembling of a General Congress of the British Provinces in North America, to consider of the general interests of the said Provinces, with a view of submitting their opinions thereon to His Majesty and both houses of the Imperial Parliament.

6th.—That the day and place of meeting of the General Committee be fixed in the same manner, and that at least one month's notice be given of the time and place of meeting.

7th.—That Vigilance Committees of the petitioners, to consist of three residents, be appointed for each Ward within the City of Quebec, to receive signatures to the Declaration, and to enter in a book, by streets, a list of the names, surnames, additions, and residences of the members and signers of the petitions within each Ward; the Chairman and members of which Committees shall respectively keep a copy of such list, and transmit a duplicate to the Executive Committee.

8th.—That the unavoidable disbursements of said Vigilant Committees be allowed by the Executive Committee.

9th.—That the appointment of Vigilance Committees for like purposes, be recommended to the several Branch Associations, and the petitioners in each Parish, Township, or detached Settlement, and that the Committee-men, and all members and signers of the petitions, keeping in view the sixth object of the Association, as expressed in its Declaration, avoid all national reflections, altercations, or angry discussions with those who differ with them in opinion on public affairs, or who are of a different national origin, but extend to all the inhabitants of the Province that kindly feeling and toleration which they claim for themselves.

**MISCELLANY.**

**THE NEPTUNIA.**—A young Scotchman having wooed a buxom dame, persuaded her to accompany him to a Scottish Justice of the Peace to have the ceremony performed. They stood meekly under the operation, until the magistrate was luying the damsel under obligations to obey her husband, "say no more about that sir," said the half made husband,—"if this hand remains upon this body, I'll make her obey me!"—"Are we married yet?" said the exasperated maiden to this ratifier of covenants between man and woman—"No," said the wondering Justice—"Ah, very well," cried she, "we will finish the remainder to-morrow!" and away skipped the damsel congratulating herself on her narrow escape.

**CARRYING A JOKE TOO FAR.**—In a neighbouring village a few days since, a fellow was tried for stealing a wood saw. The culprit said he only took it in a joke. The Justice asked how far he carried it, and was answered about two miles—that is carrying a joke too far, said the magistrate, and committed the prisoner.—*Detroit Journal.*

**FORMATION OF COAL.**—That coal is of vegetable origin, no one who has read much on the subject, or personally examined the coal beds, will deny. Time was when it was considered a peculiar mineral product, formed in the earth in the same manner and at the same time with the rocks that surrounded it. The product of its chemical analysis being altogether vegetable, and the artificial formation of coal from wood by Sir James Hall, have silenced all doubts on the subject. The only mystery now is, how such vast quantities of vegetable matter could be accumulated, and grow on the spot where they were buried. That they grew in general, on the spot now occupied by the coal appears from the state in which the most delicate leaves and stems are preserved. Had they been transported by currents of water, especially from any distance, it is hardly possible they should not have received more damage. The climate at the period must have been more warm and more humid than at present, as many of the plants are of families which now grow only in tropical climates; and as the laws of nature never change, this may be deemed a correct inference.

**FINDING STORE.**—A chap from "the bush" was patrolling the streets of Boston a short time since, with a sheet of gingerbread under his arm, and gazing at the signs; when one which was labelled "General Finding Store," attracted his attention. He entered, chewing his gingerbread and after a severe effort at swallowing, like a hen eating dough, he exclaimed, "I s'wore! you must be darned lucky chaps to find all these here things.—I 'spose you aint found my umbrella nor nothing, are you?"—*Norfolk Ado.*

**A TEST.**—A jolly Friar, who was to read a homily to a congregation on a certain occasion, was while waiting for the time for him to officiate, playing cards in an apartment adjoining the church. He stationed a lad at the

door to give him notice when he was wanted; but the moment he was called, he had just dealt—his own hand was an excellent one, and, determined not to lose it, he agreed with his comrades, that each should keep his cards, and continue the game after service. Placing the cards up the sleeve of his surplice, he walked into the Dock, holding the end of his sleeve with his fingers.

His subject was the reminiscence of parents in the moral instruction of their children. As he proceeded in his discourse, he waxed violent in his gestures and motions—till forgetting the deposit in his sleeve, he struck the palms of his open hands together, and out flew the little tell-tales, to the amazement of the congregation. All were disconcerted but the friar. Leaning over his desk, he called to a little urchin of five or six, 'Boy, pick up one of those cards!' This done, the priest demanded of the lad, 'Now tell me what it is.' 'It's the ten of spades,' said the boy. 'Behold here, parents,' said the priest, 'a proof of what I have told you. I scattered these among you to convince the congregation that this child understands cards better than his prayers.—*Ohio Watchman.*

**HOW TO MAKE A PENNY.**—A very comfortable improvement in one branch of our manufactures has recently been adopted, which is in lacing shoes with fur, in imitation of the French. A large dealer in the article informs us that the hides of young lambs—the very youngest—may be used for this purpose to excellent advantage; and desires us to extend the information for the benefit of country lads. Many lambs die every spring, and we believe have hitherto been a dead loss; but now, for each skin, when carefully taken off and properly cured with alum, 12 1-2 to 17 cents may be readily obtained. Our industrious young friends in the country will doubtless engage with spirit in this novel 'speculation.'

**HUMAN LIFE.**—It has been calculated that there might be at least three thousand millions of men upon the face of the earth at once; but in reality there are no more than a thousand and eighty millions; of which there are,

In Asia	650 millions
In Africa	150 —
In America	150 —
In Europe	130 —

If, then, we suppose the earth to be inhabited by one thousand millions of men, or thereabouts; and that 33 years make a generation; it follows, that in the aforesaid space of time, a thousand millions of men die. Therefore the number of men who die on the Earth amounts

Each year to	30,000,000
Each day to	86,400
Each hour to	3,600
Each minute to	60
Each second to	1

This calculation affords matter for serious reflection. At this very moment, one of my fellow creatures has departed from this world; and before an hour has elapsed, more than 3000 souls shall have entered into eternity? What a motive to induce us to think often and seriously upon death!—*Burns.*

A Lawyer on his death bed willed all his property to the Lunatic Asylum, giving as a reason for so doing, that he wished his property to return to the same liberal class of people who had patronized him.

**AGENTS FOR THE BEE.**

- Charlottetown, P. E. I.—Mr. DENNIS REDDEN.
- Miramichi—Rev. JOHN McCURRY.
- St. John, N. B.—Mr. A. R. TRURO.
- Halifax—Messrs. A. & W. McKINLAY.
- Turo—Mr. CHARLES BLANCHARD.
- Antigonish—Mr. ROBERT PURVIS.
- Guyboro'—ROBERT HARTMORNE, Esq.
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