

are unwilling to spare time for them on other days of the week, are utterly inexcusable. God has consecrated the whole day to his worship and service, and we may not do our pleasure therein. You need all your time on that day to learn the will of God, to worship him, and to perform acts of mercy and benevolence, which you cannot neglect without incurring guilt.

5. The habit of visting on the Lord's day must always keep professors of religion who indulge in it *uninstructed, worldly minded, and unfruitful*. They mispend the time specially given them to read and meditate on the truths of religion, and to attain a spiritual frame of mind. If you inquire after well-informed, diligent, spiritual, and fruitful Christians, you will find them among those who perform on the Sabbath its appropriate duties, and scrupulously abstain from what they fear to be a violation of its sanctity; who "*exercise themselves*" on this subject to maintain a "conscience void of offence." On the other hand, those who are less scrupulous in the observance of the Sabbath, will be found to be less employed on other days of the week in prayer, reading the Scriptures, and other duties.

6. Visits on the Sabbath, by professors of religion, tend to pour contempt upon the institution of God and upon the Christian name. The due observance of the Lord's day is the great means of preserving the fear and worship of God in the world. Let the sanctification of the Sabbath be neglected by Christians and the world will soon forget that there is a Bible; the duties enjoined in it will not be performed, nor its requirements obeyed; and the ordinances of religion, and even the name of Christian will become a reproach.

7. Long continued custom can no more justify Sabbath visits than any other vicious practice. It is very easy to slide into the general practice of what is expedient and injurious. Mankind are not apt to reflect seriously upon their conduct when they see the same conduct pursued by others. We deem it the imperative duty of all, especially of every preacher of the Gospel, to consider, steadfastly to resist, and fearlessly to expose the evils of Sabbath breaking in all its forms; and we venture to affirm, that where the practice of *visiting on the Lord's day prevails*, it furnishes a satisfactory reason why efforts to promote the cause of enlightened, spiritual, and fruitful religion, have been attended with so little success.—*American Tract Society.*

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

LETTERS have been received since our last No., from Rev. T. H. Davies and Rev. W. Smith. Also, from a Friend to Youth and O. P. Q.

With respect to the missing numbers of which complaints have reached us from Mills Village,—we have ascertained that they were posted with the Liverpool papers. The fault, therefore, lies in one of the offices, and inquiries should be made.

The Agents of this paper will now please to forward the subscriptions due for the second half year, (paid in advance) as soon as possible, to the general Agent, Mr. J. H. Anderson, Halifax. Terms for the Country, four shillings and four pence halfpenny, including postage.

THE Annual Regatta took place on Thursday last,

the 20th inst. The day was remarkably fine, and appeared to be kept as a general holiday.

THE SOLAR ECLIPSE.—A general disappointment was experienced on Tuesday last, by the gloomy state of the weather entirely preventing any observation of this rare phenomenon. During the whole of the day the sky was entirely obscured; and a very faint additional gloominess only marked the event.

Extract from the Minutes of the Board of Dalhousie College, 15th September, 1838.

"RESOLVED,—That for the present the Rev. Alexander Romans be appointed Professor of the Classical Languages, and the Rev. James McIntosh be appointed Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy in the College; and the Governors request that the President and Professors meet and draw up a code of regulations for the Government of the College, according to the directions of the Act."

DROWNED.—On Tuesday 11th inst. Mr. Gustave La Basse, Jeweller—a native of Germany—on his passage hence to Lunenburg. It appears, in the very moment his untimely fate befel him, that he was heartily enjoying the delights of friendly and social intercourse with his fellow passengers, when the vessel yielding to a surge, suddenly inclined on one side, and Mr. La Basse was instantly precipitated into the deep. The deceased, thus cut off, far from the place of his nativity and relatives, was only in the flower of his days, but his melancholy death is sincerely deplored by a large circle of friends whom he acquired during his residence here by his amiable manners and a course of spotless integrity.—RECORDER.

ANOTHER MELANCHOLY ACCIDENT.—It is with deep regret we announce the death of Capt. James McKenna, of Weymouth. Captain McKenna sailed from Weymouth in a new Schooner, with a cargo of produce, etc. for Bermuda, but the vessel becoming leaky, bore up for Shelburne, and when off Barrington on Friday last in company with the schr Ino, of Brier Island, was knocked overboard, by the fore-boom, the boat of the Ino was immediately got out, but nothing was afterwards seen of him. Capt. McKenna was long a resident of this town, and highly respected; his untimely death is very generally and sincerely regretted by all who knew him.—JOUR.

The Governor of Maine, as is asserted, has appointed Commissioners to run the North Eastern Boundary. If so, causes of excitement will not be wanted for the winter, and the rallying of the New Brunswick Militia may be the next move.—*Nova Scotian.*

The total abolition of Negro Slavery in the West Indies has been carried perfectly into effect. It is asserted, that difficulties had occurred, subsequent to the day of Abolition, by the emancipated slaves refusing to work, except at wages which have been declared ruinous to most of the Planters. It is not safe to give credence to the rumours which have been set afloat on the subject.—*Id.*

LAW OF DIVORCE IN ENGLAND.—Mr. Sergeant Telford has introduced a Bill into the House of Commons, which has passed in that house by a large majority, the object of which is to enable the Courts when deciding cases of divorce, separation, &c., of man and wife, to dispose of the children according to their sound discretion, a power which they have not heretofore possessed. For instance, heretofore in case of a decree of separation and separate maintenance, founded on the grossest misconduct of the husband towards the wife, the decree could not extend to any regulation with regard to the guardianship of the children; the wife could be provided for and leave the husband, but he could say to her, if you go, you shall never more see your children—a deprivation worse than death, and cruelty of the most execrating kind.

NEW MASTS FOR STEAMERS.—At the last meeting of the Academie des Sciences, a memorial from M. Bechamel, an officer of the navy, was read, describing a new means, invented by himself, for fitting steamers with masts, which may be set up and taken down again in less than two hours. The great object of the invention is to save consumption of fuel when the wind is sufficiently favourable to impel the vessel without the use of her engine; and the masts consist of a great number of short spars, capable of being so well joined together, that they are equal in solidity to ordinary masts. It was stated at the meeting that M. Bechamel had obtained authority from the Minister of Marine to fit out a vessel on this plan, and to make the experimental voyage with it to Rio Janerio.—[Paris Paper.

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