

STANDING REGULATIONS.

Correspondents must send their communications within a certain time, and must not expect to be inserted in the paper unless they are sent to the Editor in time to be published.

THE WESLEYAN.

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HON. H. BELL'S LETTER.

ELSEWHERE we have given insertion to a Letter of the Hon. H. Bell, animadverting on one of our recent articles, headed "State of the College Bill in the Council." In that brief notice we stated the FACT that the Hon. Gentleman had moved "that the further consideration of the Bill be deferred to that day three months, which was carried by a vote of 12 to 8—the President voting with the majority."

seives which are wholly unwarranted.— Though "in that portion of the press under the direction of violent political partisans," he says, he is "not surprised at the too prevalent attempt to misrepresent and blacken the character of their opponents"; yet "in our paper professedly non-political and religious" he "expects candour, charity and truth"—which, if there be any point in the remark, implies that we lack "candour, charity and truth," whilst we "misrepresent and blacken the character of our opponents."

are denominational, but because they are educational." We are not expert at splitting hairs; but the case stands really thus—State-aid is not withheld because they are denominational—the religious element forms no objection to aid being given,— which is all we need prove. We dissent from the opinion advanced that the purely secular-education principle is rapidly advancing. We sincerely believe the contrary to be the case. In conclusion—we are at a loss to know in what sense we are to understand our hon. Correspondent, when he "only asks that we will not for the purpose of assailing those who differ from us in opinion impute designs and motives which really have no existence but in our own imagination."

THE LATE ELIJAH FORSYTH, ESQ. We record today the demise of Elijah Forsyth, Esq., of Greenwich, King's, who departed this life on the 18th of March last. He was for some years a pious and accredited member of the Wesleyan Church. We had the pleasure of his acquaintance, and had frequently partaken of his well known hospitality. We sincerely sympathise with the widow in her bereavement, and with the Church in the loss she has sustained. But the loss of friends and church-members on earth, is his eternal gain in heaven. A correspondent from Horton states, that our deceased brother has left Three hundred pounds to be put on interest for the support of the Gospel on that Circuit, and, at the same time, promises to forward us an obituary notice for publication, which we will be glad to receive.

ORDINATION OF MISSIONARIES.—On Friday evening, the 1st, an Ordination was held in the New Chapel, St. John's-square, Clerkenwell, for the purpose of setting apart to the pastoral office and work, Messrs. John Wood, late student at the Richmond branch of the Theological Institution, and Mr. George Douglas, from the Eastern Canada District. The Ministers present were, the President of the Conference, the Rev. Drs. Beecham and Alder, with the Rev. Messrs. Hoole and Hargreaves. Prayer having been offered by Mr. Hoole, the Candidates were presented to the congregation by Dr. Alder, and gave a clear and impressive statement of their personal conversion and call to the Ministry; after which the usual Ordination Service was read, and the usual questions put to the two brethren by the President of the Conference, who, assisted by the above Ministers, set them apart to their sacred calling by the imposition of hands and prayer. The printed instructions, drawn up for the use of Missionaries abroad, were presented by Dr. Beecham; and the solemn exercises were closed by the President, who commended these two newly-appointed Missionaries to God in earnest prayer in which the congregation cordially joined. On the following day, Messrs. Wood and Douglas embarked at Southampton, on board the Royal Mail steamer, which sailed on that day, the former for St. Vincent, and the latter for Bermuda.—Watchmen.

PARLIAMENTARY REPORTS.

We give the concluding portions of our Parliamentary Summary in our present issue; so that our readers will have before them a continued synopsis of the doings of the House during the recent Session. Our reports have necessarily been brief, though full as to the actual business done. The transactions of the Representative Body will leave their impress for weal or woe on the future destinies of our noble Province. On this ground we may not tread, and must therefore leave our readers to form their own opinions as to the character of the measures adopted, which now form part and parcel of the laws of the land.

SABBATH DESECRATION.

This last Recorder has an excellent article on the profanation of the Sabbath in our City by numbers of youth, who are in the habit of playing and making an unseemly noise in the streets on the Lord's Day, to the great annoyance of the staid and devout part of the community. Our cotemporary suggests a remedy, and asserts the duty of the magistrates and police in the premises. We hope his hints will produce the desired effect, and that this nuisance will be promptly abated. It is, it is, that these youth are not gathered into good Sabbath Schools.

Gorham v. the Bishop of Exeter.

All the members of the Judicial Committee of the Court of Privy Council, except the Vice-Chancellor Knight Bruce, have concurred in the decision pronounced by Lord Langdale in favour of Mr. Gorham. Of the three prelates appointed by Her Majesty to attend the hearing of the case and assist the Judicial Committee in the capacity of Assessors, the Archbishop of Canterbury and York concurred in the judgment. It has been affirmed that the third, the Lord Bishop of London, approved of the finding of the Court; but, dissenting from the grounds on which it had been arrived at, was not regarded as concurring in the decision.

Sir John Franklin.

A Mr. C. Peck, of San Francisco, has written to his father, in Liverpool, Eng., that he had seen a gentleman from Kamchatka, who had informed him of the happy discovery of Sir J. Franklin. But Lady Franklin regards the report as utterly devoid of foundation.

Dr. Layan's Researches.

Dr. Layan has effected an entrance into a room in the old Nimrod palace, containing an extraordinary assortment of rare and valuable minerals, pearls, bowen's rocks, catkins, quartz, diamonds, in ivory and powder of pearl, &c. &c. A King of Dr. Layan has discovered a very interesting series of stones, showing the process of building the mounds and palaces.—Ab. from Athenaeum.

The salary of the Postmaster General, Mr. Howe, N. B., has been reduced from £600 to £400 per annum.

There is a prospect of the half-penny postage on Newspapers being withdrawn in New Brunswick as soon as the other Colonies agree to do the same. We gave our views not long since on the propriety of such a measure, and we hope soon to see the tax altogether abolished.

ITEMS OF GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

Climate of Georgia.—Fine red June Apples were gathered in the orchard of Mrs. Douglas, in the upper part of Guineet Co., Georgia, in the month of last December, and were the third crop of the season, and trees in the orchard were then full of blossoms for the fourth crop at the same time.

Steamer Duties.—The Boston Traveller says, the amount of duties paid on foreign merchandise by the British Steamer Niagara which arrived at that port on the 29th of January, was little over \$260,000, more by \$30,000 than has ever been paid by any of her predecessors.

Bank of the State of Missouri versus A. Child, Junr.—The St. Louis Republican of March 6th says, Yesterday, the case was called in the Circuit Court for trial, when Mr. Leslie, Counsel for the Bank, submitted a non-suit. Thus terminated this case. Mr. Child's fair fame remains unimpaired.

Singular Luminous Appearance.—Capt. Prichard from Porto Cabello on his arrival at N.Y. reported that on the 13th day of February, in latitude 16 10 and longitude 74 38 at eight o'clock P.M., he observed a luminous appearance in the heavens resembling a large ball of fire, about ten feet in diameter. It appeared in the west, moving eastward, slowly, and was in sight a little more than a minute. It appeared to travel about ten degrees high, and during its motion the heavens were illuminated with a brightness nearly equal to that of the moon. When disappearing it broke into a thousand fragments.

Another.—The Cherokee Advocate of the 11th, says quite a phenomenon appeared in the southern part of the heavens on Friday night, 8th inst., between 8 and 9 o'clock. It had a luminous appearance, resembling the tail of a comet, some three or four feet long. At times it would seem to increase in brilliancy, as to cast considerable light upon the earth, and then diminish again, and so on until it disappeared about 9 o'clock or a little after.

California Gold.—We learn that the whole amount of gold from California, received at the mint in this city, is about nine million four hundred thousand dollars, of which about 600,000 has been received this week.—Philadelphia Pennsylvania, March 15.

A Musical Prodigy.—Sebastian E. Cook, a lad of nine years of age, says the New York Sun, performs upon the piano, compositions of the most difficult nature with all the ease, elegance and effect of a De Mott, or Herz, which in such a young age is truly astonishing. In the rapid execution of the most difficult parts, not a single note is lost. He has already given, indeed, his performance with the most perfect criticism, and he is regarded by the musical critics about him, when performing, to put out, if they can, any other in the world.