

the sky is overcast without rain that there is no stratum of cloud above, but that the sun is shining on the upper surface. In every instance in which I have been up under these circumstances I have found such to be the case, agreeing in this respect also with Mr. Green's observations.

The size of the rain drops as they fell on my note-book before starting was fully as large as a fourpenny-piece; they decreased in size on ascending, but our upward movement was too quick, and we soon passed out of rain. On descending from above the clouds we first encountered a dry, then a wet fog, passed into that which may be described as damp air or exceedingly fine rain, then experienced very fine but decided drops of rain like pins' points, covering the note-book; these increased in size on approaching the earth, but more rapidly when very near the earth. The drops of rain on returning to the earth were as large as those noted on leaving, and rain had been falling heavily all the time we were in the balloon.

• Our place of descent was about 25 miles, in a straight line from the Crystal Palace, performed in about 53 minutes.

## News of the Week.

**WRECKS AT SABLE ISLAND.**—The brig *Gordon*, from St. Andrews, N. B., laden with deals, and bound for England, was wrecked on the south side of Sable Island, on the 1st July; and on the 4th inst. the steamer *Georgia*, from New York, bound to Liverpool, ran on the N. W. Bar of the Island. She had on board 49 passengers, and a valuable cargo. The crews of both vessels, and also the passengers and a portion of the cargo of the *Georgia*, were saved. 43 of the passengers arrived at this port on Saturday, in the government schooner *Daring*.

**MILITIA TRAINING.**—A General Order has been issued from the Office of the Adjutant General of Militia for the Metropolitan Battalions to assemble on the Halifax Common for four days' Company and one day's Battalion Muster and training, in the following rotation:—

1st Batt. 1st Regt., on Tuesday, 11th August, concluding on Saturday, 15th.—  
2nd Batt. 1st Regt., on Monday, 17th August, concluding on Friday, 21st. 1st Batt. 2nd Regt., on Monday, 24th Aug., concluding on Friday, 28th. 2nd Batt. 2nd Regt., on Monday, 31st August, concluding on Friday, 4th Sept. 3rd Batt. 2nd Regt., on Monday, 7th, concluding on Friday, 11th Sept.

A Correspondent of the 'Christian Mes-

senger, states that C. E. Gates, son of Oldham Gates, Esq., of Wilmot, Annapolis Co., graduated at the Musical Academy, Boston, on the 26th ult., with honor, being at the head of the class of eleven, who took their Degrees at the same time as Professors of Vocal and Instrumental Music.

An accident of a very distressing nature, attended with the loss of life, occurred at the Forks of the Middle River, near McDonald's Mills, (Pictou,) on Wednesday last, the 29th of July. Three females,—Mrs. Henry Campbell, Miss Catherine McDonald, and Miss Maria Murray, all belonging to that neighborhood,—were driving in a wagon, when, it appears, the horse took fright and ran off. After proceeding some distance along the road, Mrs. Campbell and one of the others in the wagon were violently thrown out, the former receiving such serious injuries that she died in the course of a few hours. The other two were also very badly hurt, but are expected to recover.—*Colonial Standard*.

**REWARD FOR SAVING LIFE AT SEA.**—Captain O'Brien, of the barque *Helen Campbell*, of Yarmouth, N. S., a gentleman well known at Greenock, has received a silver medal from the Spanish government for saving the Crew of the Spanish brig *Leon*, during a gale on the banks of Newfoundland, on the 27th of January last.

The Reporter says that a monster Concert is shortly to be given at the Horticultural Gardens by the United Bands of the 16th and 17th regts. and Royal Artillery—numbering together some 120 performers.

The Colonist learns that herring are abundant on some parts of the eastern coast, and that large quantities have lately been taken at Marie Joseph and Indian harbors.

The Eastern Chronicle says that on Tuesday last, Mr. Hugh McIntosh, of Roger Hill, Pictou, was severely injured by falling from his cart, the horse having taken fright. There is not much hope of Mr. McIntosh's recovery.

**P. E. ISLAND.**—We learn from *Ross's Weekly* that the weevil has made its appearance in the wheat in different sections of the Island, and it is feared that the destructive insect will be found throughout the country.

A large bear was recently killed in the vicinity of St. Peter's road, which weighed 275 lbs. when dressed. Five gallons of grease were obtained from it.

On Wednesday last, a pair of horses attached to a waggon, ran away on Brunswick street, St. John, and passed over a little girl 8 years of age. She died shortly after from the injuries received.

The Montreal Advertiser states that a number of Montreal mechanics who recently

went to the United States, enticed by the high rate of wages, have been drawn as conscripts, and in some cases immediately marched off to prison for security. Every impediment is placed in the way of proving their nationality; and they complained that the draft is so managed that in a shop of 500 workmen, where only fifty are foreigners, nearly the whole fifty are sure to be drawn, although not more than one in five natives' names are taken from the wheel.

Gold is said to be found in abundance in Seignory of Vaudreuil, and on the tributaries of the Chaudiere River, about 50 miles from Quebec. One nugget of pure gold, worth 18 dollars per ounce, and weighing a pound and a quarter, was picked up in the bed of one of the streams, which at this season is almost dry. It is estimated that about \$20,000 worth of gold has been gathered there this season.

The St. John Morning Post is informed that a gentleman who lately visited Sackville, N. B., purchased eighty head of cattle, besides leaving several thousand dollars for further purchases. The cattle are intended for shipment to Bermuda.

## AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE.

In the Northern States, the national thanksgiving for late victories, was observed on the 6th inst.

President Davis has issued a proclamation calling upon the people of the Confederacy to set apart Friday, the 21st inst., as a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer.

It is said that General Hooker, in his parting address to his officers, said that "the Army of the Potomac fought with the rebels two hours out of 24, and with the Government at Washington the other 22."

On the 3rd inst., it is said, 10 deaths occurred in New York from sun strokes.

New York, Aug. 5.—So far over ninety cases of *coup de soleil* are reported in this city, a large proportion being fatal.

The Journal says:—Southern advices report the repulse of a Federal cavalry expedition in North Carolina, and the defeat of the Federal General Banks' force in Louisiana, making 600 prisoners.

The Portland Advertiser says:—It is evident that Gen. Lee has not only got away with his spoils, but has also been able to reinforce the rebel commander at Charleston.

The New York News professes to have news from off Charleston, S. C., to the effect that not only have our land forces been repulsed, but that the iron clads and Monitors are of little use against Fort Sumpter. The rebels have a projectile which penetrates the decks of the iron clads. There is scarcely a hope that Admiral Dahlgren will succeed in his attempt to reduce the fort.