

Thoughts on the Present State of the World.

Among the chief nations of the earth may be ranked our own country, Great Britain and Ireland, and in her history we trace the manifestation of the principles of God's providential government to which advertency has been previously made. She has not escaped the judgments of God, as indicated by wars, famine and pestilence.

Our beautiful civil government is, one which in all respects is influenced and directed in all State affairs by the principles and precepts of evangelical Christianity, in every case where these are applicable.

It is profitable to converse, and read, and sing, and join in prayer with her. On my next visit I found her very feeble, and passing away, evidently to the eternal world, but resting on Christ.

At early dawn she merrily sang. The gentle call, "Beloved one, come!" She doubted not the heavenly world. She dreaded not the summons home.

She saw not moon, nor twinkling star; The distant hills no shadows cast; The city, greeted from afar, Is nearer—'tis won—the portal past.

Lilies, less pure than her pure mind; Basils her lay, with roses sweet; And many fragrant bals entwined In carices grace her at her feet.

A loving hand had placed these there, A Emblem of Alas, peerless maid; Like her—in life supremely fair; Like her—'tis soon, alas! to fade.

But not, like her, to live again, And as the stars in glory shine; Tears—one short summer's transient reign; Hers—an eternity divine.

Alice was gone. She calmly died When early life poured forth its store; With love's rich treasures at her side, She closed her eyes for evermore.

How can you ask such a thing with a clear conscience? "Lord of creation, that you are!" Do you think you deserve any pity for not appreciating, or being able to discover, germs of thought and feeling in such choice "moreaux" as the specimens you give in a tantalizing inventory to your "many thousands of readers?"

What a strange question you must be—quite tough to lighten away "the muses" from your contributors for a month to come. I should not wonder if they were afraid of you, else, why does not "Edith" brand her pen, and try again? And "Miss Lucia" think me in a white, soul-far, glimmering light to show, still she exists—she used to write more frequently.

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When twilight approaches, the season—That ever is sweet to me, Does seem to me to pass, as if I were dead, and I were not to live.

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sense of their danger and leading them to the Cross of Christ as his only foundation of their spiritual safety; and that his and their successors have laboured from that day to the present, in the prosecution of the same glorious toil; that while thousands have been brought forth, and their instrumentality from darkness to light and from the power of Satan unto God, and a goodly number are found at this day in connection with the Wesleyan Church, the spirit of revival now prevalent, and the successful efforts of other evangelical bodies now put forth, are primarily to be attributed, through the grace of God, to the unostentatious, yet frequently persecuted labours of the Wesleyan Ministry.

The result of my mission during the summer is a subscription list of £297, entirely independent of £250 subscribed by our Charlotte-town friends previously. There are a few individuals undecided as to the propriety of taking Scholarships, and they only allow their thoughts to turn in the right direction, our District was so high as £1275. My book now shows in Scholarships and Donations for

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Parties residing within the limits of Nova Scotia East, and P. E. District, and who during the past Summer became Subscribers for Scholarships in the first instalment, viz. £8 6s. 8d. N. B. Cy. One-third of twenty-five pounds, cost of each Scholarship, falls due on Dec. 15th.

Persons at a distance would naturally infer from the foregoing, that Christian Ministers were not going to shipwrecks on marauding expeditions. It was the "Clarendon gentleman," to whom the "British North American" refers, at all honour and honesty, if he be possessed of these virtues, he ought to have designated them, and not circulate a vile and slanderous report throughout the Province, against the "Clarendon gentleman," of this city generally.

Very little is known in this country of the habits, feelings, and state of civilization of the Russians. We are accustomed to consider them a benighted nation of slaves, inhabiting a country into which the schoolmaster has not yet penetrated; but the following statistical details, drawn from reliable sources, may perhaps give our readers a different impression, or at least enable them to form some idea of the actual state of public instruction in the Empire of the Czar.

There are 27 military colleges, all of which are under the direction of the heir apparent, the Grand Duke Cesar Alexander. They are superintended by 865 professors, and are frequented by 8090 students.

In addition there are ten naval schools, with 3920 students, under the charge of 337 teachers. The Minister of the Finances has 95 schools belonging to his department. He employs 451 teachers and instructs 9729 students.

There are two schools of civil engineering, with 85 professors and 446 students; three law schools, with 99 professors and 529 students; and 9 schools pertaining to the Post Office Department, with 33 professors and 591 students, and 6 institutions under the direction of the Secretary of State, with 96 professors and 993 students.

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