

INTERESTING DISCOVERY AT JERUSALEM.—The following extract of a letter dated Jerusalem, May 16, 1853, has been sent to us by a friend for publication. We have much pleasure in complying with his request, as we feel assured that the facts which it details will be perused with interest by all our readers, but more especially by the antiquarian and the biblical student :

"I was spending a couple of days in Artas, the *hor-tus clusus* of the monks, and probably "the garden enclosed" of the Canticles, when I was told there was a kind of tunnel under the pool of Solomon. I went and found one of the most interesting things that I have seen in my travels, and of which no one in Jerusalem appears to have heard. I mentioned it to the British Consul who takes great interest in these matters, and to the Rev. Mr. Nicolayson who has been here more than twenty years, and they had never heard of it.—At the centre of the eastern side of the lowest of the three pools there is an entrance nearly closed up; then follows a vaulted passage some fifty feet long, leading to a chamber about fifteen feet square and eight feet high also vaulted; and from this there is a passage, also arched, under the pool, and intended to convey the water of a spring, or of the pool itself, into the aqueduct which leads to Jerusalem, and is now commonly attributed to Pontius Pilate. This arched passage is six feet high; and three or four feet wide.—Each of the other two pools has a similar arched way which has not been blocked up, and one of which I saw by descending first into the rectangular well.

"The great point of interest in this discovery is this. It has now been thought for some years that the opinion of the invention of the arch by the Romans has been too hastily adopted. The usual period assigned to the arch is about B. C. 600. We thought we discovered a contradiction of this idea in Egypt, but the present case is far more satisfactory. The whole of the long passage of fifty feet, the chamber fifteen feet square, the two doors, and the passage under the pools in each case are true "Roman" arches with a perfect key-stone. Now, as it has never been seriously doubted that Solomon built the pools ascribed to him, and to which he probably refers in Ecclesiastes ii., the arch must, of course, have been well known about or before the time of the building of the first temple, B. C. 1012. The "sealed fountain," which is near, has the same arch in several places; but this might have been Roman. But here the arched ways pass probably the whole distance under the pools, and are, therefore, at least coeval with them, or were rather built before them, in order to convey the water down the valley, "to water therewith the wood that bringeth forth trees." What I saw convinced me, at least, that the perfect key-stone Roman arch was in familiar use in the time of Solomon, or 1000 years before the Christian era.—JAMES COOK RICHMOND.—*Bell's Weekly Messenger*.

Correspondence.

SONGS OF THE CHURCH.

No. 46.

"Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm."—St. Matthew, viii. 25

"And he saith unto them, be of good cheer, it is I, be not afraid, and He went up unto them into the ship, and the wind ceased"—St. Mark, vi. 50, 51

AFLOAT upon the ocean's breast,
Lord of the earth and sea!
Where'er we roam, where'er we rest,
Our hearts are turn'd to Thee.

When o'er the sun-lit deep the sail
Upon its shadow sleeps,
Or bending with the favouring gale
Our gallant vessel leaps.

Or when beneath the flaming sky,
The clouds are black and dark;
And the wild waves are dashing high,
Against our reeling bark.

Thy presence Lord is ever nigh,
Thy promise ever sure;
In troublous times to hear our cry,
And teach us to endure.

Thy presence is our guard from ill,
Thy promise from alarm;
Thy word goes forth, the winds are still,
The angry sea is calm.

We know thy gentle voice "Thy I,"
And feel from danger free,
O save us Lord, we cannot die,
While we believe in Thee.

W. B.

This song is inscribed to a Parishioner at her embarkation.

ERRATA.—Song 45.
3rd Stanza, 3rd line—For lies read lie.
4th Stanza, 4th line—For land read band.

The Church Times.

HALIFAX, SATURDAY, JULY 23, 1853.

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS.

THE Toronto D. C. Society appears to attach deserved importance to the increase of the fund for the relief of "widows and orphans," which has already reached a respectable amount, and is frequently replenished by the contributions of the charitable. A Mrs. Macauley has recently made a donation of £25 to the fund, and by a rule of the Society every Clergyman must pay to it £5 yearly, before his family can claim its benefits at his decease. Little or no attention seems to be paid to this interesting object in our Diocese, where a similar fund has been commenced, and that is all. We would again commend it to the favourable notice of the friends of the Church, and especially to those who desire to bestow a portion of their goods for the benefit of their ministering brethren and their ill-provided families.

There are many Clergymen who would prize the securing of a small stipend for those whom they leave behind them, far more highly than thrice the amount given to themselves. And if the fund were large enough to afford any prospect of this, we think every Missionary would gladly comply with the Canada rule, and pay even more than the sum we have mentioned in order to secure that posthumous advantage. We hope the D. C. S. will in future make an annual appropriation of a part of its funds to this excellent object. Meanwhile, let those individuals who have any thing to spare, devote at least a share of it to what may cheer the hearts of the widow and the orphan.

AFFAIRS OF TURKEY.—It appears by the papers received by the last Steamer, that on the 25th June the Emperor of Russia ordered his troops to advance towards the Turkish frontier. Ten days afterwards the van of the Russian army crossed the Pruth at two points. This is equivalent to a declaration of war, and we shall anxiously await farther tidings. Here we have the first move, but who will venture to predict what will be the last. Powerful as the Russian autocrat is, the Sultan appears not ill provided with the means of resisting his rapacious designs, to say nothing of the assistance of England and France, which is at his doors. Our readers will find various extracts in our columns embracing the latest news.

The "Canadian Churchman" has resumed its original name of "The Church," and its former shape, but we believe under different management. We submit the Editor's introductory notice:—

"We disclaim all idea or intention of making it, or allowing it to be made a party paper. We neither desire to identify it with any party, nor to assail any party. Conceiving that the spirit of party is utterly at variance with, nay, most injurious to, the best interests of religion; aware that it engenders strife and ill-feeling where, above all things, peace and charity should most prevail we would do our utmost to extinguish, rather than to fan, the flame of party feeling and party action; and would fain see the brethren of the Church united as one band in promoting that Gospel which was first heralded to mankind with the announcement of "Peace on earth, good will toward men."

We see that the letter of our correspondent "Episcopalian," on the subject of the Bishops' Endowment Fund, has been copied into the "Church."

His Lordship, the Bishop of Fredericton, arrived in this City on Friday last, and preached to very large congregations on Sunday; at Saint James' Church in the morning, and at Saint Paul's Church, Portland, in the afternoon. His Lordship returned to Fredericton on Tuesday. We are informed, on authority, that Wednesday, 31st August, is the day fixed upon for the consecration of the Cathedral at Fredericton. A noble organ is now in course of erection; and we understand that a fine Peal of Bells for the Cathedral have been cast in England, and will probably shortly arrive at this port.—*St. John Paper*

DUBLIN CHURCH SENTINEL.—Among all our exchanges, none exceeds in value the *Dublin Sentinel*, a weekly paper of the largest size, each number containing sixteen folio pages of elegantly printed and truly excellent matter. The *Sentinel* is a highly talented, manly, uncompromising advocate of genuine Protestantism, unflinching loyalty, and conscientious fealty to Church and State. Its columns are filled with religious, political, and general matter, both original and

selected, of the best description; whilst its editorial department displays the highest talent and vigor, in boldly maintaining the principles of Protestantism as taught in the Established Church of England and Ireland, and incessantly combating the insidious foes beyond her pale. We earnestly recommend the *Sentinel* to the attention of all those who can appreciate the above-mentioned qualifications, and who at the same time desire the most copious and correct information of the doings in both the religious and political world.—*St. John's paper*.

We will be glad to exchange.—*Ed. Church Times*.

We observe that the (*London*) *Colonial Church Chronicle* for July has copied our obituary notice of the late respected Rev. Dr. Rowland.

We are happy to observe that Mr. John Moody, A. B., son of the Rector of Yarmouth, has been appointed by the Trustees to the charge of the Grammar School at that place.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—We have to thank Rev. Mr. Campbell for his friendly letter, and for four new subscribers, "good men and true." If every Parish in the Province would do this, the *Church Times* would be permanently established. Let the small effort be made. Granville now stands next to Liverpool on our list of subscribers, and Mr. Campbell is one of our very best and most attentive agents. We are obliged by his suggestions, all of which however we may not be able to carry out, without subjecting ourselves to complaints from friends of a different taste in those matters.

ITEMS.

The *Chronicle* states that the Commissioners for the Lunatic Asylum have at length decided on a property adjoining Woodside as a suitable site. Miss Dix has returned from Newfoundland, and we hope her presence will quicken the movements of those who have this all important work in charge.

The Siamese twins are exhibiting themselves at St. John, N. B., and are expected here.

Messrs. Starr & Williams' steam mills are in active operation at Richmond near this city, with superior machinery worked by an engine of thirty horse power, and employing between thirty and forty men and boys. A fine engine has been added to the establishment. We wish success to the enterprising owners.

The waters of St. Margaret's Bay and other harbors on our coast are swarming with mackerel, but generally of a small kind, which it is a pity to destroy. The old fishermen seem to think that there is a good prospect for the Fall fishery.

The Hon. Neal Dow, the celebrated author of the Maine Law, is to lecture in Canada. We hope he may come this way.

We hear that Assistant Commissary General Richard Inglis, who served for many years in these Provinces, died suddenly at the Cape of Good Hope a short time ago. He was a son of the Rev. Archibald Paine Inglis, the first Teacher of the Academy at Windsor.

The St. John N. B. *Morning Freeman*, gives the particulars of an atrocious assault committed by a party of persons returning from an Orange celebration on the 12th inst., on a party of unoffending young men and females, on whom they inflicted severe injuries. It does not appear that the ruffians had been apprehended.

RELIGIOUS TOLERATION IN CANADA.—We take the following from a late Quebec paper:—

Before Alexis Derouselle and Jean Baptiste Parant, Esquires, Justices of the Peace, residing in the Parish of Beauport, 4th June, 1853.

Narcisse Filiu, of Beauport was summoned on complaint of Laurent Gosselin, of Beauport constable, for having on Sunday the 29th May last, being the day of the Procession, behaved himself in a disorderly manner at the door of the Beauport church, by keeping his hat on his head during the procession of the Most Holy Sacrament; which was then proceeding from the church to the neighbouring chapel, and by telling the said constable that he had no right or authority to compel him to take his hat off; and that he would keep it on in spite of him—then and there bringing into contempt the authority of the said constable.

Filiu having been tried on this novel accusation, was convicted and fined five shillings, and twenty-one shillings and three pence costs, with imprisonment until paid, should his goods and chattels prove insufficient to meet the amount.

A certiorari was this morning allowed to remove the conviction to the Superior Court.

Quebec, 5th July, 1853.

The Editor of the *New York Evangelical Catholic* offers \$250 for the best tract on the "Duo Observance of the Lord's Day," by those who profess and call themselves Christians." The tract not to exceed from 24 to 30 pages duo. Manuscripts to be sent in on or before 1st October 1853, addressed to Ed. 697 Broadway, postpaid. Other particulars are given in the E. C. Will any Novascotian pen be employed?

The Bishop (New Zealand) walked from Wellington over 800 miles in 10 weeks, confirming 3000 natives, and examining every single one.