

mirally, and since by negotiations for different sites on shore, the decision upon which having, in several instances, been protracted by unforeseen circumstances, it is only recently that the above-mentioned site, (selected by a most respectable and intelligent committee who have been willing to charge themselves with the task,) has finally been purchased.

In the near time, however, the services which were commenced upwards of a year ago, in a temporary place of worship gratuitously provided by the liberality of Mr. James Hamilton, have been uninterruptedly continued; and since the appointment of a clergyman in the special charge of *Près-de-Ville* and the *Côves* beyond, they have been performed upon Sunday instead of upon a week day as before. During the summer months, more extensive accommodation being, of course, then necessary, Mr. J. S. Campbell was so kind as to afford the use, without charge, of a spacious moulding loft, thus consecrated to the same purposes for which "an upper chamber" was used in Apostolic times.

The Sunday-school established in connexion with this undertaking has also continued to prosper, and upon the whole, a beginning has been made which promises, under divine protection, to produce blessings both to those yearly visitants of the port who "occupy their business in the great waters," and to the Protestant population resident along the river side, the promotion of whose religious interests has always been contemplated as an important part of the design.

The necessity, however, of purchasing a site, which a prospect existed at one time of procuring in the shape of a grant, and the price which the committee have felt themselves justified in engaging to pay, in order to secure the advantage belonging to the particular spot which has been selected, will necessarily entail an expense much beyond the amount originally calculated. But relying as well upon the liberality of their fellow citizens as upon higher sources of confidence, they trust that they shall not be left unprotected with means to carry through an undertaking at once so evidently called for, and pregnant with such important benefits. They trust that the result of that appeal which is now about to be renewed, will substantiate the hope once before expressed, that a building will ultimately be erected which, when regarded as a public edifice for the most sacred of purposes, will do credit to the port of Quebec, the Metropolis of British N. America. — *Quebec Mercury.*

Enormous Bones.—The skeleton of an animal of prodigious size was discovered about four weeks since, at the Big Bone Lick in Kentucky. We have the following particulars from a friend, who received them from a gentleman who resided near the Lick:—

There are ten or twelve sets of tusks, from four to twelve feet long; the claws are four feet long and three broad; the tusks were arranged in a circular order, as if by the hands of men; within the circle the bones were deposited, which when placed together showed the animal to have been at least twenty-five feet high, and sixty long.—The skull bone alone weighing 4000 pounds. They were found by Mr. Finney, about fourteen feet below the surface of the earth, who had refused 5,000 dollars for them. The skeleton is said to be complete, saving only one or two of the ribs.

When and how this animal existed, must baffle all calculation. The mammoth himself, so long the wonder of those latter times, must dwindle into comparative insignificance before this newly discovered prodigy. If caruivorous, a buffalo would scarcely serve him for a meal, and if graminivorous, trees must have been his tender herbage. — *Nat. Intell.*

Festivals Are days set apart by the Church for the special remembrance of certain divine mercies or in memory of the Apostles and other chief saints. The most important festivals are Christmas, Easter, Whit Sunday, and Trinity Sunday: on which days no Christian should neglect receiving the holy communion. 2 Chron. viii. 13. John vii. 10.

Summary of News.—There have been no later arrivals from Europe than those already noticed.

The New York Albion thus sums up the principal acts of Lord

Wellington during his reign:—"In the short space of two years, he repealed the Corporation and Test Acts; attacked and carried by storm the great question of Catholic Emancipation, which his predecessors, including Mr. Canning, never dared to approach; he has preserved peace—tranquilized the Colonies—[of this there is great doubt]—perpetuated and consolidated the system of Free Trade, and established the best understanding with this country [America] such as has not before existed from the epoch of the revolution: he destroyed the Beer monopoly and the tyranny of the London Brewers, carried reform into every department of the State, and repealed millions of taxes. He finally saved Europe from convulsion by his most fortunate and prompt recognition of the new order of things in France."

The new Ministry is pledged to the following outline of policy:—1. A correction of those abuses which have been introduced into the representation of the people by Parliament. 2. An unsparring retrenchment of all but the most unavoidable expenses in the public establishments. 3. A complete system of non-interference on all those questions which are now disturbing and distracting the Continents of Europe, so far as the national honor will permit.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT.

THE EXCURSION.

(Continued from last week.)

When little Emily had minded Jane's advice, and offered her morning prayers to God, she ran joyfully to seek her mother, and her other sisters. "Good morning, dear mamma," said she, "how glad I am! the sun shines brightly, and you are quite well! Now we shall go; and I shall see all those pretty things I read about! May I get my hat mamma?" "My little girl forgets," answered her mother, "that there is need for us to breakfast first. Besides, cannot you think of any thing which is to be done before breakfast?" Emily considered a moment. "Oh, to be sure!" she exclaimed; "papa has not come in yet, and we have not had prayers! How I wish papa would come! Does he know that we are going? Will he come soon?"—Although they did not say so much about it, Emily's sisters were almost as anxious to set out as herself, especially the little Lucy. They made themselves very busy in preparing their hats and shawls, and seeing that every thing should be ready. Among other things they did not forget each to place a book in her basket, for all, from the eldest to the youngest, were very fond of reading, and could not think of being a whole day without a book.

At last all was ready; papa had come in; the family had prayed; the breakfast was eaten; and little Emily and her sisters, with her father and mother, set out for the boat.

These children as I have told you, were brought up and taught at home. They never went into the Streets of the city, except on Sundays, and holy-days, on their way to Church, or, now and then, on a visit with their mother. Many things, therefore, were strange and amusing to them, which others, who are often abroad, would think quite common. The little party had not gone far before they overtook a man with a large box strapped upon his shoulders. He unbuckled it, set it down upon the pavement just before them, and began to turn the handle of an organ which was in the box, when immediately out jumped half a dozen monkeys of different sizes, dressed in uniform of many colours, and began to leap and dance about. A crowd of idlers instantly collected, and the little people could hardly make their way through. "Oh mamma, what funny creatures!" said Lucy; "how I should like to have them!" Her mother asked her, why? "Because I should like to play with them all day long!" "Do you think that God made you to play all day long?" asked her mother. The little girl stopped to think and then replied that "she did not mean quite all day long; but after she had done all her lessons, and then she might play." "But look again at the monkeys," said her mamma; do you think that if you were in their stead, you would like to be shut up in a box never to come out, except to be made to