

rous and accomplished sons of humanity, and to give each of them a devotedness and a power far beyond whatever could be sent into the hearts of enthusiasts by the mere impulse of literary ambition.

"Let one take up the question of war in its principle, and make the full weight of its moral severity to rest upon it, and upon all its abominations. Let another take up the question of war in its consequences, and bring his every power of graphical description to the task of presenting an awakened public with an impressive detail of its cruelties and its horrors. Let another neutralise the poetry of war, and disantle it of all those bewitching splendours which the hand of misguided genius has thrown over it. Let another teach the world a truer and more magnanimous path to national glory, than any country of the world has yet walked in. Let another tell, with irresistible argument, how the christian ethics of a nation is at one with the christian ethics of its humblest individual. This may look to many like the Utopianism of a romantic anticipation—but I shall never despair of the cause of truth addressed to a christian public, when the clear light of principles can be brought to every one of its positions, and when its practical and conclusive establishment forms one of the most distinct of Heaven's prophecies—"that men shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks—and that nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn the art of war any more."

THE WESLEYAN.

HALIFAX, DECEMBER 3, 1838.

WE have been gratified with the reception of a greater proportion of original communications, from valued correspondents, during the last few weeks—a considerable proportion of the present number will be found devoted to these. The article on Divine Revelation, commenced in number 19, is concluded in the present number—it was by accident omitted to be noticed on its first appearance, that it was "To be continued."

An article on the question of the Divine institution of Episcopacy, will appear in our next, and the continuation of the Review of Williams' Missionary Enterprise.

MISSIONARY ANNIVERSARIES.

PARRSBOROUGH.—The Missionary services connected with this Circuit were held in the following order:—

At "The Cross Roads," on Monday the 15th of October, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, Mr. John Lockhart in the chair. On Tuesday 16th, at "Halfway River," at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, and at 7 o'clock the same evening, at Maccan, William Smith Esq. in the chair. On Wednesday, 17th, at Nappan, at three o'clock in the afternoon. On Thursday 18th, at 7 o'clock in the evening, at Amherst. R. M.G. Dickey Esq. in the chair. On each of these occasions a Missionary Sermon was preached by Rev. William Wilson of Newport. A Report, giving an abstract view of the Mission-field, with a summary of Mission Stations and finances, as connected with the Wesleyan Missionary Society, was read by the Secretary; and the meetings respectively were addressed by the Rev. Messrs. Pope, and Wilson, and those of the Cross Roads, and Maccan, by Mr. George Sterling also.

The congregations were not large, but a deep interest was felt on behalf of a perishing world. The amount of subscriptions in every place, exceeded that of the past year.

SHUBENACADIE.—On Monday, October 22, a Missionary Sermon was preached at the Wesleyan Chapel by Rev. William Wilson. The congregation was afterwards addressed on the subject of Christian Missions, by the Preacher, and Richard Smith, Esq.

A subscription list was then opened, and although the friends at Shubenacadie are at present destitute of a minister, yet, such was their Christian philanthropy, that their amount of missionary subscriptions exceeds that of last year.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Letters have been received since our last from Rev. A. W. McLeod, Rev. T. H. Davies, Rev. W. E. Shenstone.

The arrangement of the matter respecting the chapel, is under consideration. It will hear from us shortly on this subject. The books for the stations have not yet arrived—the magazine referred to, was a single copy received every month by the Packet.

ERRATA.—Page 260, second column, 45th line, for "to render," read "or render." Page 278, second column, 25th line, for "denied," read "drawn."

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.

Mr. Donald did not lecture on the 21st ult. according to appointment, in consequence of indisposition. Mr. Joseph Howe was called on by the Officers to supply the vacancy; and he directed the attention of the Institute, to the design and utility of the Adelaide Gallery of Practical Science, London,—and some other exhibitions of Science and Art, which are to be met with in European Cities.

Mr. Charles Creed, Surgeon, delivered an interesting lecture Nov. 28, on the Ear. George R. Young, Esq. will lecture next Wednesday evening, on the advantages of a Steam Communication between Halifax and the Mother Country, and the means to be adopted for its introduction.—[Novascotian.]

N. E. BOUNDARY.—A Boston paper of Nov. 22, states that the Commissioners sent to explore the Boundary have been completely successful in discovering all the requisite landmarks, and that a peaceable settlement of the question may be expected forthwith.

An American Revenue Cutter has arrived here, seeking intelligence of the Liverpool Steamer. It is supposed that the Liverpool has put back.

Contracts were to be taken by Government, in November, for the conveyance, by steam vessels, of the Mails for this port—to commence we understand early in the spring.

A correspondent of the Novascotian mentions the case of a poor man, who met with a sad accident at Margaret's Bay on Thursday the 22d inst. A tree, it appears, fell upon his leg and broke it. In this state he remained lying on the ground, exposed to the cold for some time, before assistance came. Doctor Avery, hearing of his wretched condition, in company with Dr. Black, notwithstanding the severity of the weather, visited him gratuitously, on Sabbath last. One such act of genuine kindness we would rather record, than all the splendid victories ever won on embattled plains.—Pearl.

CANADA.

THE news from the seat of war during the past week, are of the most interesting kind. Three engagements between the Loyalists and Rebels had taken place, in all of which the latter were signally defeated. These were, at Lacolle on the 6th, Odell Town on the 18th, and Prescott on the 14th. The following documents refer to the latter.

PRESCOTT.—A severe engagement had taken place between a party of the Rebels and Sympathisers about two miles below Prescott, and a small detachment of the 83d regiment and marines, and about 200 volunteers. The rebels fortified themselves in a strongly built mill, and several stone and wooden buildings, by which they were enabled at first successfully to resist the attacks made against them, in which we are sorry to state, Lieut. Johnson, 83d regt. and Lieut. Dulmag, Sergt. Fraser, 4 men of the Militia, and 8 women, were killed and several wounded.

QUEBEC MERCURY OFFICE.

November 19th, 1838.

By the steamboat *British America* which arrived yesterday afternoon, we received an Extra of the *Montreal Herald*, dated Saturday morning, containing Colonel Young's Official Despatch on the subject of the Brigand landing at Prescott. The enemy were gallantly driven from their position, though at a heavy loss to the loyalists of 45 is killed and wounded. We refer for particulars to the extra which is copied below.

The Court Martial for the trial of the prisoners at Montreal, comes on to-morrow, Major Genl. Clitherow is President.

Extra of the *Montreal Herald*.

MONTREAL, Saturday Morning, Nov. 17.

TEN O'CLOCK, A. M.

The following important despatch from Col. Young was received at Head Quarters this morning, and, while every one will sincerely lament the heavy loss sustained by Her Majesty's regular and volunteer troops, their gallantry must