

Holy Scriptures and religious tracts, went on one occasion to the quay at Plymouth, and requested permission of a captain to go on board a man-of-war in which there were about eight hundred men and many dissipated females. The captain said—

"Madam, it will be of no avail; you will only meet with abuse."

She answered, "With your leave I'll go."

"Certainly, madam," he replied; and she went. Something occurred during the time which irritated the captain, who swore a most dreadful oath. The lady said—

"Sir as you have granted me one favour, I hope you will confer another."

"Certainly, madam," was the reply.

"It is then, sir, that you will please to keep from swearing while I am on your ship?" this he complied with. After the lady had gone round the ship, and given away some tracts (and to the honor of the British sailors, he it spoken, they treated her with the greatest respect,) she returned to the captain, who was standing at the entrance of the vessel. She thanked him kindly, and said,

"I have yet one more favour to ask of you, sir; I hope you will comply with it."

"Yes, certainly, madam," was the reply.

"It is this," she said, presenting him with the New Testament; "I desire you will read it through twice." He replied, "I will, madam, for my word's sake."

Some years afterwards, when on a visit to a place about five miles from Plymouth, on the Lord's day, she went to church, where she heard an excellent sermon. As she was returning through the church-yard, a gentleman accosted her and said,

"Do you remember, madam, giving to a captain a New Testament, after distributing some tracts on board a man-of-war, and desiring him to read it through twice?"

"Yes, sir," she replied. He added,

"I am the man to whom you gave it, and I have been preaching to you to-day. Through your instrumentality God has brought me to love that book which I once despised."

TREE OF A THOUSAND IMAGES.—We had heard of this tree to often during our journey not to feel somewhat eager to visit it. At the foot of the mountain on which the Lamasery stands, and not far from the principal Buddhist temple, is a great square enclosure, formed by brick walls. Upon entering this, we were able to examine at leisure the marvellous tree, some of the branches of which had already manifested themselves above the wall. Our eyes were first directed with earnest curiosity to the leaves, and we were filled with an absolute consternation of astonishment at finding that, in point of fact, there were upon each of the leaves well formed Thibetian characters, all of a green colour, some darker, some lighter, than the leaf itself. Our first impression was a suspicion of fraud on the part of the Lamas; but, after a minute examination of every detail, we could not discover the least deception. The characters all appeared to us portions of the leaf itself, equally with its veins and nerves; the position was not the same in all; in one leaf they would be at the top of the leaf; in another, in the middle; in a third, at the base or at the side; the younger leaves represented the characters only in a partial state of formation.

The bark of the tree and its branches, which resemble that of the plane-tree, are also covered with these characters. When you remove a piece of old bark, the young bark under it exhibits the indistinct outlines of character in a germinating state, and, what is more singular, these new characters are not infrequently different from those which they replace. We examined every thing with the closest attention, in order to detect some trace of trickery; but we could discern nothing of the sort; and the perspiration absolutely trickled

down our faces under the influence of the sensation which this most amazing spectacle created. More profound intellects than ours may perhaps be able to supply a satisfactory explanation of the mysteries of this singular tree; but as to us, we altogether give it up.—*Ihu's travels in Tartary, Thibet and China.*

Pewer will intoxicate the best hearts, as wine the strongest heads. No man is wise enough, nor good enough, to be entrusted with unlimited power; for whatever qualifications he may have evinced to entitle him to the possession of so dangerous a privilege, yet, when possessed, others can no longer answer for him, because he can no longer answer for himself.

FIRE IN TORONTO.—TWENTY-SIX HOUSES BURNED.—We extract the following from the *North American*:—

"On Sunday night, at half-past 9 o'clock, a fire broke out in a stable in the rear of the block of buildings on King Street, between East Market place and George Street, and before it was got under, destroyed property, the annual value of which was upwards of £1500, besides a great amount of stock and household effects. With the exception of a few pigs, which were burned, no animal life was destroyed. Parsons & Wilcox's and S. G. Lynn's stores, on King Street, were consumed, and the whole block, including the *Leader* and *Mirror* printing offices, would have shared a similar fate but for the unceasing efforts of the firemen, assisted by a small hand engine belonging to Mr. Beaty, which was kept in operation on the roof of the building nearest to the flames. Mr. Leak has suffered a great loss in his candle and soap factory, he was insured for £500 in the British American; but that will not nearly cover his loss. Parsons & Wilcox were insured £750 in stock in the Phœnix. Mr. Platt was insured £150 in the North Western. The Inkeepers burnt out were Robinson & Green, James Arnott, John Galloway, George Platt, Stephen Stroud, Christopher Wright, William Monkhouse and John Peterson. The City Weigh House, lately erected, was also consumed, on which there was no insurance."

ROBBERY.—On Thursday night last some miscreant entered the residence of Mr. E. Jackson, Louisa Street; and stole therefrom several articles of wearing apparel. In the pocket of a coat which was abstracted were several private letters addressed to Mr. Jackson one of which was a money letter post marked Thornhill, with the remittance contained therein. The entry was made by the bed-room window. No trace of the robber has yet been discovered.—*North American.*

ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN BIBLE UNION.

THE Annual Meeting of the American Bible Union will be held in the Meeting-house of the First Baptist Church, on the corner of Broome and Elizabeth Streets, in the city of New York, on Thursday the 7th of October next. The exercises are expected to continue through several days.

Among the speakers appointed for the occasion, are Pres. Lynd of Covington Seminary, Pres. Shannon of Missouri University, Prof. Adkins of Shurtleff College, Ill., Prof. Duncan of Louisiana University, Elder Wm. B. Maxson, New York, Rev. John L. Waller, Editor of the *Western Re-*

cord, Kentucky, Rev. Dr. Pyper, Editor of the *Christian Observer*, Canada, Elder R. L. Coleman, Editor of the *Christian Intelligencer*, Virginia, and Rev. Messrs. J. G. Stearns, C. P. Shelton, Wm. S. Clapp, Thomas Armitage, A. Wheelock, W. W. Everts, J. I. Fulton and others.

Discourses upon the Bible are expected to be delivered by Revs. Dr. Lynd, A. Wheelock, and Dr. Pyper.

The morning hour of Thursday, from eight till nine o'clock, will be occupied as a prayer-meeting, in which brethren from all parts of the country will unite in seeking the blessing of God upon the plans and operations of the American Bible Union, especially in reference to the revision of the English Scriptures.

The business meeting will commence at 9 A.M., in the Lecture Room, and the Anniversary exercises in the body of the house, at 10, A.M.

WM. H. WYCKOFF,
Corresponding Secretary.

ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

Reg. Baptist Missionary Society
of Canada.

THE FIRST ANNUAL MEETING of the Regular Baptist Missionary Society of Canada, will be held in the Baptist Chapel, BOND STREET, TORONTO, on WEDNESDAY, the 13th of OCTOBER next, commencing at 11 o'clock, A.M.

The business of the Society will be introduced by a Sermon by the Rev. Wm. HEWSON, of Beamsville, C.W.

It is desirable that a large attendance from all parts of the Province, should be present at the ensuing meeting of the Society.

The Annual Report of the operations of the Society, will be presented, and will, no doubt, be an interesting document, showing the beneficial results which have been accomplished by the means (though too limited), which have been placed at the disposal of the Board.

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