

Colonial.

SAD ACCIDENT.—Yesterday forenoon, as a detachment of the 23rd Fusiliers were marching down Dundas street, and in the act of turning the Robinson Hall corner, a span of horses, attached to a sleigh, taking fright at some object, ran off, coming in contact with the soldiers, many of whom were knocked down, and one sadly injured, he being struck by the tongue of the sleigh in the breast. The poor fellow was immediately taken to the hospital, where he now lies in a precarious state.—*Prototype, London, C. W.*

YORK NORTH.—The declaration of the return of Mr. Hartman to represent the North Riding of York was made at Sharon on Friday last. The numbers were—Hartman, 661; Scobie, 327; Baldwin, 142.—Eli Gorham, Esq., Returning Officer, therefore declared Mr. Hartman to be duly elected. Mr. Baldwin was there and addressed those present in a spirit of bitter disappointment, telling them that the ties by which they were knit together, for so many years were now entirely broken.—*Colonist.*

The *Montreal Herald* of the 16th inst., says,—"We learn from various parts of the country that the cold, on Wednesday night and Thursday, was most intensely felt. We are informed that a little girl, the daughter of a person employed on the works of the St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad near Richmond, being sent on a message to a neighbouring house, her protracted absence created alarm, and she was found insensible in the snow. Every effort was made to recover her, but she died shortly after being discovered."

The *Montreal Herald* says,—"It is rumoured that Mr. Wilson, our present Mayor, is to be called to the Legislative Council, for his exertions in preserving the peace of the city at the late elections."

ST. LAWRENCE MARKET.—On Saturday, the show of large beef, and fat mutton for the ensuing Christmas holidays, was such as to eclipse any efforts hitherto made to attract the attention of the followers of Epicurus. While all the stalls made a good display, some of them did so at a considerable expense to the proprietors, in consequence of having purchased for that purpose the finest cattle which the Province could produce. In the stall of Mr. Mulleney, for example, hung the Mammoth Canadian Ox, which took the prize at the Provincial Exhibition at Brockville. As a proof of the applicability of the title to this great animal, it may be stated that where in ordinary oxen the thickness of fat is two inches, in this Mammoth Ox it is six inches. Mr. Mulleney's fat sheep, fed by Mr. Whiteside, of Pickering, are also very good. Mr. Armstrong showed some good mutton, fed at Markham. Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Toy, and Mr. Murphy displayed some excellent beef; but the great centre of attraction, both for rich and tasteful display, and highly loyal decorations, was No. 18, the stall of Mr. John Bertman. In fact, he has this year eclipsed all his previous efforts at display. His beef and mutton are of the best description, and consequently his stall presents the most dazzling appearance in the market. The beef showed by Mr. Bertman was fed by Mr. Bishop of Oshawa, and the mutton was fed by Mr. Cade of Oshawa. They were exhibited at the last New York State Fair held at Rochester, and took the premium. This is so far proof of their quality; if anything further is desired, an inspection will fully confirm the general opinion. The Market presented a very lively appearance on Saturday.

The Waterloo Council have passed a bye-law, advancing £1,500 in debentures to the Erie, Equestrian, and Trafalgar Road Company.

FOUR PERSONS KILLED BY A MANIAC.—An insane man named Carigan, living seven miles from St. John, N. B., on last Sunday night murdered his wife, two children and aunt, and dangerously, and it is feared fatally wounded four other persons. It appears that he called his family to prayers, and then made the attack upon them, killing first his wife. His youngest child he placed on a pole, and severed its head from its body with a knife. He then escaped into the woods, and was afterwards taken with his body frozen.

THIRD RIDING.—Mr. Wright has been returned by a majority of 114.

SECOND RIDING ELECTION.—Mr. George Wright has been returned for this Riding by a majority of 186. Alluding to the defeat of Mr. Morrison the *Streetsville Review* observes:—"The partisans of Mr. Morrison exerted themselves to the utmost possible degree. Not a stone did they leave unturned to secure the success of their favourite; but it was all in vain. There was a potency in the watchword of 'the Clergy Reserve' which nerved the conservative ranks, and rendered them impregnable to the fiercest and most concentrated assaults. Beyond all doubt this was the question which sealed the fate of our late member, and left him discomfited by so decided a majority. Mr. Morrison had every personal recommendation in his favour. A gentleman by profession and education and possessing great amiability of manner, he had made himself acceptable as a man to the vast majority of our freeholders. Even those parties, who on political grounds were most opposed to him, frankly conceded the good qualities above enumerated. But, Mr. Morrison, unfortunately for himself, chose to embark his fortunes in the piratical vessel of red-hot voluntarism, and hence the shipwreck with which he has been visited in common with that arch-destructive, Jas. Harvey Price. We need not dwell upon this pregnant and most significant text, which trumpet-tongued proclaims its own application."

THE CHURCH.

TORONTO, THURSDAY, DEC. 25, 1851.

PASTORAL LETTER.

To the Reverend the Clergy of the Diocese of Toronto.

REV. AND DEAR BRETHREN,

In accordance with a regulation adopted at a monthly meeting of the Church Society, appointing the second Sunday in January as one of the days for a general Collection in all Churches, Chapels, and Stations in this Diocese, in behalf of the Funds of the Society: I have to announce to you, that the Collection on that day, being *Sunday, the Eleventh*

January, or first Sunday after the Epiphany, will be applied in aid of the funds for assisting STUDENTS IN DIVINITY.

The Theological Students at present under instruction in this Diocese will be transferred to Trinity College, Toronto, at the opening of that institution, on the 15th of January next; and in order to encourage as many deserving young men as possible to matriculate, with that view, in our infant University, I must solicit your cordial endeavours to produce a liberal response to the proposed appeal on behalf of Divinity Students.

You are aware that the annual value of the Scholarships has been somewhat reduced, while their number has been proportionally increased, so as to extend as widely as possible the benefit to approved Candidates for the Ministry, and yet to leave an efficient and seasonable help towards their support during the progress of their studies.

Hence, while the Scholarships still encourage as much as ever the conscientious and deserving, they can afford no lure to those who may be influenced by inferior motives in seeking to be enrolled among the aspirants to Holy Orders.

Commending this good work in behalf of the Church to your accustomed zeal,

I remain,

My Rev. and Dear Brethren,
Your Faithful Servant in the Lord,
JOHN TORONTO.

Toronto, 22nd December, 1851.

The Secretary's notice of last week stated that the above collection would be for the Mission Fund—this was an inadvertence, as will be seen by referring to the published Minutes of the Church Society, in this paper of the 17th July, 1851.

J. G. D. MCKENZIE Secretary.

CHRISTMAS.

Another Christian year has commenced, and we are through the Divine mercy permitted to celebrate the anniversary of the birth of the Saviour. It is a season peculiarly fraught with interest to the sincere and pious believer; one which calls forth the warmest feelings of gratitude—the deepest emotions of joyful love.

It has been wisely appointed by the Church, as a high religious festival, and in this respect characteristically distinguishes her from many other denominations of professing Christians. It is a season most appropriate for serious thought and retrospective contemplation. As such it becomes the character of this publication to review the events which have occurred, and which it has been our province to chronicle and comment upon. In the performance of this important duty, we cannot fail to recognize how much there has been to elicit our praise and thankfulness for manifold and great mercies. If in the dispensations of an Allwise God, there has been much to awaken apprehension, still we perceive in the manifestations of His will the wonderful adaptation of events to the fulfilment of His counsels and purpose. Assailed by the aggressive spirit of sectarian jealousy from without, and disturbed by indiscreet and unhappy disagreement within her fold, the Church has been aroused to a sense of threatening danger, and an active course of self-trial and purification, which must subserve the good end of promoting her spiritual welfare and preserving her stability. In doctrine and in polity, there is now a general and sincere desire to work out her principles in all their purity and holiness. The consensual movement for the renewal of Synodal action which has been recently displayed, is the best guarantee we possess that her children are keenly alive to the necessities of her present condition, and are determined to fight the good fight as men ready to give a reason for the hope that is in them. It is a source of commendable pride to find, that the Canadian branch of the true vine has been early and zealous in this good work; fervently do we pray that the effort which has been made may be blessed with success. At this peculiar crisis in her affairs, it becomes her to exercise a vigilant guardianship over her members, and in a peculiar manner to watch over and protect those who came as wanderers from their native land, seeking in this vast portion of the empire a wider field for their industry. They are placed under circumstances of severe trial; thrown, it may be, among communities where schism is rife, and where opportunities for the exercise of their faith and worship are rare, they become the prey of designing and unscrupulous proselytism on the one hand, or lapse into indifference on the other. What a fearful responsibility rests upon us to meet the wants thus daily increasing.

How many of us who have come hither in this pilgrimage and voluntary exile, have rejoiced to find here the same refuge in the time of need at the shrine of our holy Church, under whose auspices we have been admitted to the privilege of

communion! How the heart is warmed to hear again her beautiful ritual,—to know that our children will share in those sacraments we prize so highly,—and to feel the conviction that when our allotted time arrives, we shall be consigned to the grave with the solemn offices which had been said over our fathers. In no other country in the world are the missionary exertions of the Church more required than in this. Confidently we can affirm that no other hindrance exists to her usefulness in this respect but the want of means; and we see that her enemies are striving to deprive her of the portion which she does possess, insufficient though it be.

The marked success which has attended her efforts, in the midst of her persecution, for the careful and religious instruction of her youth must be acknowledged, and calls for special gratitude. As the instrument in the hands of Providence, our venerable Diocesan deserves all praise for the energy he has displayed in the fulfilment of this great design. Well and faithfully has he done his Master's work,—let us pray that he will enter into the joy of his Lord, and that many years may yet be spared to him to see the fruitful results of his present labour.

The temporal interests of the Church will not be so fully protected as we had hoped would have been the case by the result of the recent elections. Let us hope, however, that when assembled in deliberation on the destinies of their country, the representatives of the people, now chosen, will, under the influence of the Divine Spirit, act with justice towards her.

During the past year, the immunity from disease, which has been remarkable, demands in an especial manner the grateful thanksgiving of the nation. In like manner the abundant supply yielded by the earth for our sustenance, marks the blessing of Almighty beneficence.

To those who have followed us in our efforts for their information and sustained our exertions by their support, we tender our grateful acknowledgments, with a fervent hope for their continued welfare and happiness.

CRIME AND ITS PREVENTION.

The *Globe*, *Examiner* and *Christian Guardian*, common champions of an unhallowed cause, have taken us to task for our recent article, entitled—"Facts for Anti-Clergy Reserve Agitators." There is nothing in the strictures of the last-mentioned journal worthy of a rejoinder, their leading feature being a flippant tone of insolence towards the Apostolic Church of John Wesley—a tone, unhappily, but too characteristic of "the people" who now usurp that good but erratic man's name.

Alluding to the cost of youthful criminals in England, the *Examiner* remarks: "If these facts prove any thing, they prove the utter inefficiency of a State Church to repress crime or to secure public morality." Our contemporary's proposition might, possibly, have some weight, if he could demonstrate that the resources of the Anglican Church were adequate to meet the demands made upon it. The reverse, however, is notoriously the case. It has been proved again and again, by statistics, the accuracy of which could not be impugned, that the revenues of the Establishment are utterly insufficient to provide religious instruction for the entire community. Nay more, Voluntarism, with all her self-vaunted virtues, has dismally failed to supply what was lacking. To blame the Church therefore, for the existence of crime, is to follow the example of the Egyptian tyrant, who demanded from the Israelites a full tale of bricks, whilst at the same time withholding the necessary supply of straw!

The *Globe* magnifies, as usual, the virtues of non-sectarian—in plain language, non-religious education; and parades the nostrum as an infallible remedy for all the moral disorders to which poor fallen flesh is heir. According to our contemporary, the secular school master is to be the arch-regenerator of mankind. Had the Church of England, he argues in effect, not opposed obstacles to the erection of a national system of tuition broad enough and latitudinarian enough to embrace and conciliate "Turk, Jew, Infidel and Heretic," there would have been little igourance, and consequently little crime.

Solomon writes: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; and the knowledge of the Holy is understanding." On the other hand, the *Globe*, referring to secular instruction, declares that "ignorance is as certainly the mother of crime, as knowledge [viz. of the rule-of-three, &c.] is the parent of morality!" The inspired aphorism and the Radical journalist are here plainly at issue. It is Revelation versus modern enlightenment!

Satan, when recommending unsectarian knowledge to the tenants of Paradise, gave them this assurance: "Your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil." Our first parents, seduced by the liberalism of the tempter, acquired knowledge, it is true, but lost their morality. Eve learned to lie, and Cain to murder!

Are the Clergy of the Anglican Church to be censured for opposing with all their energy the establishment of a system which from the dawn of creation has been productive of the most fatal

results? On the contrary, the stands which they have taken against the pestilence, do them the highest credit, and we trust will never be intermitted. We hope and pray that they will struggle on to preserve our father-land from the curse of national infidelity, a woe which the expulsion of Christianity from her schools would in a great measure produce!

Some months ago, we extracted from the *New York Herald*, some striking remarks touching the working of Godless education in the neighbouring Republic. The United States are frequently referred to triumphantly, by the trumpeters of voluntarism, as illustrative of the soundness of their dogmas. Our readers, we are certain, will pardon us, for re-quoting the above-mentioned article, bearing directly as it does upon the matter under discussion, and conveying a practical warning which cannot be too frequently reiterated:

"INCREASE OF CRIME IN NEW YORK.—By the report of the Secretary of State, which has just been published, it appears that crime, during the last few years, has been increasing as regularly as our imports and exports, or the growth of our population. In ten years, we learn by this report, crime has doubled in this State. We have seen various causes all alleged for this deplorable result; but none of them in our opinion are satisfactory, or reach the root of the evil. We suspect very much that the important revolution which has taken place in our system of common school education, during the last few years, has materially increased juvenile delinquency, and crime of every degree. Under the impulses of philosophy and socialism, which have operated very much on our politicians, and on our elections, for the last fifteen years, the school system of this State has been constructed entirely on philosophical principles, without any regard to religion, revelation, Christianity, or any of those doctrines on which human society is best founded. In fact, under the present system of education, all moral and religious instruction seems to be banished from our schools, and the education of the youthful mind is confined merely to its intellectual and material developments. Materialism—that modern system of philosophy which ignores a future life, and looks on revelation as a blank—has seized on our school system, and given a direction to all the youthful exercises of the day.

The consequences of rearing the youthful generation on intellectual or material principles merely, without reference to revealed religion, or Christian morals, are beginning to be seen in the extraordinary growth and increase of crime which has been doubled during the last ten years—a space of time covered by these philosophical, material, and more intellectual methods of instruction."

Again we commend to the voluntaries of Canada a thoughtful digestion of the statistics, for citing which we have been assailed by our democratic contemporaries. The Church of England, her more candid adversaries being witnesses, is indefatigable in her exertions to instruct and reclaim the mass of the people; and if crime prevails in spite of her labours, it is simply because the means at her disposal are insufficient for the work. Dissenters, whilst they cannot cultivate the ghastly fallow ground, oppose an extension of the Church's machinery; and thus sectarianism is justly chargeable with much of the crime which unhappily swells the criminal annals of Great Britain.

Anti-Clergy Reserve agitators of Canada, learn wisdom from facts, and cease to prosecute theories at once unscriptural, sordid and demoralising!

TORONTO VOCAL MUSIC SOCIETY.

In reference to the advertisement which appears in another column, we would remind our city readers, that the First Annual Concert of this Society takes place in the St. Lawrence Hall, on Tuesday evening. The programme embraces an amount of attraction which has never been surpassed in Toronto, including selections from Beethoven, Handel, Mendelssohn, and other eminent masters.

Native talent is likewise represented by Doctor McCaul and J. P. Clarke (Mus. Bac.), the former contributing a Trio, and the latter two Choruses, to the well-selected bill of fare. From parties who have been privileged to attend the rehearsals, we are assured, that no pains have been spared to render the Concert complete in all its parts; and that creditable as have been the former displays of the association, they will be surpassed on the forthcoming occasion.

The Rev. E. C. Bower requests that all letters and papers for him be addressed to Sydenham, near Kingston.

ARRIVAL OF THE "EUROPA."

New York 21st Dec.
Slight advance in breadstuffs. Decline in cotton. Decline in British funds.

Halifax, 20th Dec.
The steamship "Europa," with dates to the 6th from Liverpool, arrived at this port this morning.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.—Demand for cotton at Liverpool was moderate, but owing to the news from France parties were pressing their stock on the market. Sales of the week 49,000 bales, of which speculators took 9000; exporters only 1000.

Provision market—no change notwithstanding the alarming news from France. Lard in limited request, and prices were 1s. 6d. per cwt. lower,—with anxiety on the part of the holders to sell. The demand for Sugar continued active with full and steady prices. Pork, Bacon, and Beef unchanged. At London, British funds had been very sensibly affected by the astonishing news from Paris. Consols had receded at London, full 2½ per cent on the day after the French news had been received; the London stock market recovered somewhat, however, and consols returned within 2½ per cent of the previous quotations on the 5th, closed at 96½ a 96.