

PROF. WEBSTER AND RELIGIOUS COUNSEL.

The Boston Transcript gives the following information respecting the feelings and movements of Professor Webster with reference to religious counsel:—Professor Webster sent, through his friend, Professor Horsford, for the Rev Dr. Allen to visit him. The latter thereupon called, and was refused admittance by the jailor. He then applied to Sheriff Eveleth, who said that no person could be admitted to converse with the prisoner except the one spiritual counsellor selected by him. Dr. Albro was nevertheless permitted, on Wednesday last, to see Professor Webster alone at the window of his cell; a three feet wall and three sets of iron gratings being between them Professor Webster was, we understand, much concerned because he was privileged to commune on spiritual affairs with only one individual, as it was his wish to see several on the subject of religious preparation for another life. He had no fixed religious views, and had never made personal religion a duty. He was not a materialist.—He had faith in the Bible, and had read it through during his imprisonment. He was anxious on the question of atonement, and wanted much instruction. He asked Dr. A. to visit his family; a request which has been complied with. Whether he will select Dr. A. for his spiritual adviser is as yet undecided. Dr. A. went to the prison at his request, but will not repeat his visit unless summoned. The office would not be an enviable one; but he would not shrink from it, and few men more competent to fulfil it faithfully could be named. The Bee says:—Professor W. has selected the Rev. Dr. Putman, the distinguished Unitarian clergyman of Roxbury as his spiritual adviser.—Dr. P. is now the only divine who visits Professor Webster. We learn that Professor W. selected Dr. Putman because he did not wish those whom he had been associated with to visit him. Our own information, says the Transcript, accords with this statement.

ROBBERY.—On Friday night last a man in Ogdonsburgh robbed a traveller of a package of money consisting of some four or five hundred dollars. On Saturday morning the robber came to Prescott, and engaged a team of Mr. Gilman to take him to Kingston: but he had not been gone long on the journey when parties from Ogdonsburgh came over in search of him. Mr. Gilman promptly furnished horses, and two started in pursuit. They over-hauled the gentleman in Brockville, where he had stopped to take breakfast.—Prescott Telegraph.

The Pacific News, California, has this advice to correspondents:—"Wafers instead of wax should be used in all cases, as in crossing the Isthmus and Gulf, the wax melts, and the letters are frequently mutilated in separating them for delivery."

CHOLERA.—The Cincinnati Enquirer of the 4th instant says that nine deaths from cholera occurred on board the steamer Cincinnati on her last trip from New Orleans—all cabin except two. There were also twelve or fifteen who were attacked with the Cholera but recovered.

ALE AND BEER LICENSES.—At the last Court of Quarter Sessions held in Woodstock, the Inspector of Licenses, for this County, came before the Grand Jury and entered a complaint against three individuals for selling Beer without License. True bills were found and the cases were about to proceed to trial, when the parties came forward, paid the expenses incurred by the prosecution and took out their licenses.—British American.

COMMUTATION OF INGRAM'S SENTENCE.—We learn that His Excellency the Governor General has been pleased to commute the sentence of Ingram (who was recently found guilty of murder, in Lower Canada, under aggravated provocation) to two years imprisonment. We believe the extension of the Royal clemency in this case will be most acceptable to the Lower Canadians.—Globe.

The population of Montreal, according to the census recently taken, is 48,149. 1844, it was 44,093. Increase, 4,056.

On the 2nd inst., a young man named Thompson, while engaged in chopping in the Township of Eramosa, was struck on the head by a falling branch and his skull broken, from the effects of which he died next day. The deceased was a native of Perthshire, Scotland.

We have heard that the Gold Mines at St. Marie Nouvelle Beauce, will be worked this summer under skilful superintendance.—Quebec Mercury.

A man named William Armstrong, lately discharged from the Rifle Brigade, was killed on the 7th inst., in Quebec, by the fall of a wall of a house which he was assisting in pulling down.

NEWSPAPER POSTAGE.—A motion was recently made by Mr. Barbarie, in the New Brunswick Assembly, to exempt newspapers from the payment of local postage, which was negatived by a majority of four. We hope before long, to see this drawback to newspaper circulation abolished entirely.

BOONTE.—This thriving village is situated on the Lake shore, seven miles from Wellington Square, on the 12 mile creek. There are about 200 inhabitants, and saw and grist mills. It is in the Township of Trafalgar, and carries on a considerable trade with the United States. In the last year, there were exported 70,000 bushels of Wheat, 2,200 barrels of flour, 67 do. Ashes, and 2,000,000 feet of Lumber.—Journal and Express.

A NEW SEAL FOR THE UNITED COUNTIES.—In our report of the proceedings of the County Municipal Council, we made reference to the new seal. The following is a description of it. It is made of brass, 1 1/2 inches in diameter, the device being, in the foreground a Turtle raising a Globe from the water, on the left side a Steamer in progress; and on the right a light house, over which is a Royal Crown, with the initial of HER MAJESTY, the whole being encircled by the words "United Counties of Wentworth & Halton.—lb.

NOVA SCOTIA.—An Act of Incorporation for the city of Halifax, passed by the Legislature of Nova Scotia, makes the Mayor elective by the people instead of by the Council. Democratic opinions are evidently spreading there.—lb.

NEW POSTMASTER AT BRANTFORD.—We are happy to learn that J. D. Clement, Esq., has been appointed postmaster here. In this instance the government have acted most judiciously, as Mr. Clement's appointment is calculated to give every satisfaction.—Herald.

The weather is excessively cold for the season, and Sunday last was about as wintry a day as can well be imagined. Snow fell to the depth of several inches on Saturday night, and the wind has been high and piercingly cold since. Yesterday, though cold, was bright and smashing. The high wind has had the effect of completely clearing the ice in front of the city; how it is at Laprairie we are unable to say: but from appearances, there seems nothing to prevent the Laprairie boats from commencing their summer campaign forthwith.

Snow still lies deep in the streets, and street travel is not at all improved by the late bad weather.—Transcript 16th inst.

ST. LAWRENCE ROUT.—We are glad to see by advertisements in the London newspapers that the advantage of the St. Lawrence rout for emigrants is being pressed on the attention of the British public, and we trust with good results—looking at the influences which are now stimulating the public mind in England, we may expect to see emigration increasing every year, and though a large number of the most enterprising and wealthy will go to Australia and the Cape, thousands upon thousands will prefer a home nearer England in Canada and the States. The next six months will do much towards testing the value of our Canals, and arousing a more hopeful spirit in the community.—Transcript.

THE POST OFFICE.—What we stated last week respecting the probability of the Post Office not being transferred to the Colonial authorities until the 5th Oct. next, has been confirmed by the "Organ." The country must feel disappointed at the long delay in altering the system. But we, poor colonists, have learned the virtue of patience and have become so accustomed to moving at a snail space, that we suppose we couldn't be whipped out of our tracks. But the longest and darkest night will have an end; with the exercise of a little more patience, we shall probably have cheap postage. In the mean time we hope the press will send petitions to the Legislature for the free postage of exchanges.—Prescott Telegraph.

NARROW ESCAPE.—On Sunday morning, between the hours of nine and ten o'clock, a boy nine years of age, son of John Cothrel, while walking on Helliwell's wharf, fell into the water, and sank: he again rose to the surface, however, and called to a boy, two years of age, to go and "tell that he was in the lake." The child obeyed, but having some distance to go, a considerable time elapsed before assistance was obtained, and the boy got out.—His face was swollen and livid, and every sign of life gone. Dr. G. Russell, however, who happened to be at hand, had him, immediately carried to his home, and by energetic measures, assisted by Mr. Hay, (of the firm of Jacques & Hay,) continued for about two hours, life was restored, and the boy is doing well. Those who were present maintain that the boy was 15 minutes in the water; Dr. Russell thinks this an exaggeration, but from all the circumstances, it cannot be much over the truth; it affords a useful lesson to those who may have to deal with such cases in future.—Globe.

It is said that the Massachusetts authorities have, decided, that the sentence of the law on Professor Webster shall be carried into execution.

A fine young man (says the Galt Reformer) named William Hartleb, was instantly killed, at Preston, on the 17th instant, by the bursting of a gun with which he was shooting pigeons.

It is rumored that Mr. Webster will become Secretary of State in a new Cabinet to be formed at Washington.

It is said a donation of \$20,000 has been made to the family of Dr. Webster, by the citizens of Boston, of which sum Mrs. Dr. Parkman gave \$500.

Fresh disturbances are apprehended, we learn, in the neighborhood of Three Rivers, on account of the School Act. A detachment of 50 men of the 19th Regiment will leave immediately for that neighborhood, to replace a smaller detachment of the 79th.—Pilot.

On Wednesday, Captain Patterson launched his schooner Dundee from the Marine Railway Ship-yard. The Dundee was built in this yard a year or two ago as a first-class barge for the river trade, and has now been fitted into a very neat fore-and-aft schooner for lake and river, carrying about 1500 barrels.—Kingston Chronicle.

We are glad to learn that the important subject of Roads is beginning to attract the attention of the people of these Counties. A meeting was lately held at Brattle's in West Williamsburg, for the purpose of forming a Company to construct a road from that place to North Williams-

burg, a distance of six miles. In conformity with the provisions of the Act of last Session, a company was formed and stock to the amount of £1500 taken on the spot. We have not heard what description of Road is intended to be built.—Cornwall Freeholder.

On and after 20th inst., the mail from the East will arrive at Hamilton at 12 o'clock, noon, and the mail for G. I. and westward to Owen's Sound and Goderich, will be made up and dispatched from Hamilton at about 1 o'clock each day, arriving in Galt between 5 and 6 o'clock the same afternoon, instead of at midnight as at present. If the mail is dispatched from Preston, on to Stratford and Goderich, as soon as it arrives, a whole day will be saved to the inhabitants of the Huron District in the transmission of their letters.—Galt Reporter.

A French Canadian, whose name we have not learned, returned last week to the neighborhood of Laprairie, which he left for the West about fourteen years ago. After many adventures, he settled in California, and has come home with 300,000 dollars. He has in his possession a lump of gold, weighing 11 lbs. Certain building lots, which he owned in the City of Sacramento being fixed on as the site for Government building, he has let the ground on lease for a term of years, for that purpose, at a rent of \$10,000 per annum.—Pilot.

It is said that during the approaching Session the Administration intend to introduce a Bill for the establishment of a general Provincial Police Force, the formalities necessarily attending the movements of the troops, rendering them inefficient in the suppression of tumult or disturbances occurring in the Country Districts.

CLOSING OF THE HALIFAX SESSION OF PARLIAMENT.—His Excellency the Lieut. Governor put a period to the Parliamentary Session of 1850, on Thursday, the 28th ultimo; on which occasion His Excellency complimented the members of both houses upon their loyalty, and the zeal and unwearied assiduity with which they had discharged their legislative duties. We believe the compliment to have been well bestowed.

THE LARGEST LUMP OF GOLD YET.—By the last accounts from California, we learn that a lump of quartz and gold was found in the diggings, weighing ninety-three pounds, of which sixty were gold. This must, doubtless, be the handsomest specimen of "rock" that can yet be boasted of. The miners are evidently approaching the great deposits, and when they reach them, we suppose they will dig out gold by the ton, as coals are dug in Pennsylvania. What may we not expect next?—N. Y. Herald.

The following persons were sentenced at the Niagara Court of Quarter Sessions:—Brown, arson, six months in jail; Elizabeth Richards, receiving stolen goods, three months in jail; Thomas Rowan, larceny, six months in jail; John S. Jones, stealing from a shop, three years Provincial Penitentiary; Hardless Livers, larceny, six months in jail.—Globe.

THE AMERICAN STEAMERS.—The Niagara is at present running upon her old route, and is the only one of the Lake line by which we have as yet been visited; but we understand that this favorite vessel will in a short time be withdrawn, to run, in connection with the Lady of the Lake, between Oswego and Toronto. The regular line, coasting between Lewiston and Ogdonsburgh, will consist of the Cataract, Ontario, Bay State, and Northern, the latter a vessel which has not yet visited this port. All of these are new steamers, the oldest and first named having seen, in Indian phraseology, but "two summers." Kingston Chronicle & News.

COMMERCIAL CRISIS IN THE UNITED STATES.—"The reports about California—or the facts, now well understood, about that remote region—are producing their fruits. The West is being depopulated and drained of its resources; property is falling in value; the merchants are unable to pay for past purchases, and unwilling to enter into new engagements. The stores of our importers and jobbers are daily filling up with the immense importations of the spring—importations stimulated by the successful sales of last year: and the prospects for an active spring business are dark and gloomy in the extreme. The speculative feeling of the New Yorkers appears to be on the decline. Real estate presented for sale at the Merchant's Exchange, finds no bona fide bidders; good productive property is almost unsaleable; stocks are at a stand-still, and will, ere long, take the back track, with strides not at all agreeable. People are very little disposed to see truths which conflict plainly with their interests; and it is manifest that but few discover, in the signs of the times enough to induce them to get under easy sail."—N. Y. Herald.

PROSPECTUS OF "THE WATCHMAN."

RELIGIOUS AND LITERARY JOURNAL, PUBLISHED WEEKLY IN THE CITY OF TORONTO.

This Journal will vindicate the great principles of Protestantism; but especially that form of Protestantism termed dissent or non-conformity. The equal civil rights of the several sections of the Christian Church, the support of the Gospel Ministry by voluntary contributions, the introduction of lay agency into all the Councils of the Church, are some of the positions which will be advocated in the Watchman. Error and sin, wherever existent, or however high the earthly authority by which they may be sanctioned, will be fearlessly exposed; but party politics will never be admitted in the columns of the above Journal. The Watchman will not be the official organ of any religious community; yet the undersigned will feel great pleasure in inserting brief notices (if furnished) of the progress of evangelical denominations. Especially is it expected that in the absence of a connexion organ, the Canadian Wesleyan Methodist New Connexion Church, will consider this Journal their medium of acquainting the public with their operations and progress.

Great care will be taken to render the Watchman not only unobjectionable, but interesting and instructive as a family newspaper. It is intended that this periodical shall

maintain a position equally distant from the any region of romance and the spiritless monotony of an uninteresting compilation. The following plan of Departments has, after much consideration, been adopted.

- 1. THE MISCELLANEA—containing original and selected articles—religious, moral, literary, scientific, &c.
2. THE FAMILY CIRCLE—in which the duties, responsibilities, advantages &c. &c. of this most ancient compact will be discussed.
3. THE GEOGRAPHIC AND HISTORIC—which will furnish notices of the position, history, habits and customs, &c., of the various nations of the earth.
4. THE PRESS AND GENERAL REVIEW.—Here the sentiments of the leading periodicals on the great topics affecting the interests of the Church and the world, will be inserted; also occasional reviews of late works.
5. ECCLESIASTICAL.—or an index of the progress or decline of evangelized Christianity in the world.
6. THE WATCHMAN of principal editorial department—containing a faithful testimony for the truth, a solemn protest against the prevailing errors in the doctrines, practice, polity, &c., of professedly Christian Churches; also a review of news.
7. GENERAL INTELLIGENCE—containing Provincial, American, British and Foreign news. Special attention will be paid to the proceedings of the Canadian parliament.
8. THE AGRICULTURAL department will contain general selections, notices of the latest improvements, &c., in this most important branch of Canadian industry.
By engaging in this enterprise, the undersigned places himself under heavy responsibilities—moral, literary and financial; and he is fully aware that without divine assistance and the hearty co-operation of brethren in Christ and personal friends, those responsibilities will be extremely burdensome.
The Watchman will be published every Monday evening, by and for the undersigned.

TERMS: Annual subscription for a single copy, in advance, 10s. Ditto ditto, not in advance, 12s. 6d. 12 papers to one address, per ann., each, in advance, 8s. 9d. Each Agent furnishing ten subscribers, who pay in advance, will be entitled to a copy for one year gratis; and for every additional five pounds, remitted in advance, a copy of the Watchman will be furnished. Ministers of the Gospel, and other responsible parties, are respectfully requested to act as Agents. Communications to be addressed to T. T. HOWARD-Box, 321, TORONTO, P. O., and invariably post paid, unless from parties who act as Agents gratis or who furnish literary articles for publication. For rates of advertising, see last page.

T. T. HOWARD, Proprietor and principal Editor. Toronto, Jan. 21, 1850.

GREAT INDUCEMENTS TO BECOME SUBSCRIBERS TO THE WATCHMAN.

THE PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE is to assemble on the 14th of May; and we imagine from the almost restless anxiety which the public mind has evinced relative to the assemblage and work of our Legislators at the ensuing session of Parliament, that every one will be desirous to know, at least weekly, what the people's Representatives are doing. We are aware, however, that the majority of our Agricultural population do not desire to plod through everything that each speaker advances on any particular subject, in order to ascertain what is being done. Nor do they wish to be misled by the discolored versions too frequently emanating from interested parties. On the contrary, every inhabitant possessing a spark of patriotism will feel anxious to peruse, from week to week, a brief summary of the proceedings of our law-makers; and when subjects of unusual interest occupy attention in our Legislative Halls, they will desire a pretty full report of what may be said by the principal speakers. In order, therefore, to adapt the Watchman to this numerous and influential class we shall furnish a weekly summary of the business of Parliament, and a carefully condensed report of debates on great public questions. To afford still further inducement to parties to avail themselves of PARLIAMENTARY INTELLIGENCE we have resolved to make the following

- Reduction in our terms: New Subscribers, from this date, requiring back Nos., in advance, for Vol. 1., 8s. 9d. Do. (single copies) commencing No. 15, to end of Vol., in advance, 6s. 3d. Do. to Clubs of ten or more, commencing No. 15, to end of Vol., in advance, 5s. 0d.

Any person remitting 10 dollars (post paid), will receive eleven copies of the Watchman from No. 15 to the end of Vol. 1, addressed separately, if required.

For the accommodation of Subscribers who have taken the Watchman from the commencement of the Vol., the advance term is farther extended to the 1st of next month.

With these inducements and a vigorous effort on the part of Agents to collect subscriptions and obtain subscribers, we hope to obtain still stronger assurances of future prosperity in our enterprise. A little more effort would, we are confident, increase our present subscription list, at least two or three hundred. We now wait for a response; and earnestly hope that our expectations may not be disappointed. It will readily be perceived by any one acquainted with the heavy expenses connected with the publication of a weekly Journal, that any reduction in our regular rates, can only be warranted by a largely increased circulation. We therefore appeal to the public for an answer to the question—SHALL WE BE SUSTAINED IN THE ATTEMPT TO FURNISH TO THE INHABITANTS OF CANADA A SOUND AND CHEAP LITERATURE?