

the crowded steerage. Here open berths are arranged on each side, and it struck us as being decidedly peculiar...

The first cabin presents a curious appearance of an evening when the lights are all extinguished but by order of the captain...

Friday noon found us exactly in the latitude of St. Augustine, and the air gave notice that we were rapidly drawing near to the tropics...

The Festival of the Nativity dawned upon us as beautiful a day as the imagination could conceive. There seemed scarcely a ripple on the sea...

At 8 o'clock we made our first land, the little island of Manzanillo. We were met by the Captain had predicted, who told us within an hour when we should see it...

At ten o'clock we were on the quarter-deck for service, and I read the prayers of the Church, and gave them a Christmas sermon. We had a large congregation...

Monday, 26th. Hot—hot! We were within sight of the hills of St. Domingo. A steamer is seen on the horizon...

Tuesday, 27th. At daylight we had before us the prospect of this beautiful scenery, the high mountains back, and the old city on a plateau at their base...

We cultivate in flowerpots. The roads were crowded with negro women on their way to market, their fruit carried in large baskets on their heads...

The Star of the West, which left when we did, has just come in. She goes to San Juan for passengers on the Irish route...

December 29. For two days we have been sailing over the Caribbean Sea. How the year brings up the stories I read in my boyhood of the exploits of the bold Buccaneers in these waters!

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NEWCASTLE DISTRICT BRANCH OF THE CHURCH SOCIETY. Notice is hereby given that the Annual Parochial Meeting of this District Branch of the Church Society will be held as follows, viz:—

DIocese of Toronto—Eastern District. Prescott, this Thursday, Feb. 9, 7 P.M. This will be the General Annual Meeting.

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sleight season of the year,—and from miles round their little sanctuary. The village church exhibits a healthy company, many a sterling, true-hearted churchman amongst them,—assembled to acknowledge God's blessing on their endeavours, and to hear how the Church is prospering, as well from their leading lay brethren as from the Clergy present...

at length been driven by "the irresistible arguments of facts" to descend from the ground he occupied with respect to the efficacy of his cherished system, to his present very untenable position. After such a fall, it is rather severe to charge the Church with "employing every artifice which the most satanic ingenuity can suggest" in the defence of our own property. Since we found it necessary, a few weeks since, to expose the true character of this paper, it has not been sent to our office, and we are indebted to a friend for the number before us.

Mr. Whitefield, an English artist of established reputation, residing in the United States, called on us the other day to show us a sketch of this city, which he had taken, and purposes issuing in the shape of a tinted lithograph. The sketch exhibited to us was in pencil, is very well executed, and gives a far better idea of Toronto than anything which has yet appeared. In fact, we ought to say that no view hitherto taken will bear comparison with it.

The letter of a "Layman," in the Bishopric Fund, will be read with interest.

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Resolved, on the recommendation of the Standing Committee, that a set of service-books be granted.

A letter from Mr. W. B. Walker, of Pickering township, concerning an application from the Grand Trunk Railway Company to be allowed in paying consideration to make bricks on part of a lot belonging to the Society, at Duffin's Creek.

Resolved, on the recommendation of the Standing Committee, that the subject be deferred until the return of the Secretary.

An application was read from the Rev. J. G. Armstrong for authority to lease a piece of land in Chinguacousy.

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"Where does he come from?" I could tell but little—as before said, I had not known he had given his attention to politics at all. Perhaps it was, that differing, as I did, from his political views, he had felt delicate in mentioning the subject. However, friends there who observed him said, "that lad must have an education."

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But he has rested from his labors, and has gone where "the wicked cease from troubling, and the weary are at rest." Oh my friends, there is rest in Heaven, and God grant that we may all reach that rest, and that we shall have having fought the good fight of Faith, and having on the armour of Righteousness, guarded by His Grace on the right and left. May God sustain this may be our portion for ever and ever. Amen.

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