

The Weekly Monitor.

BRIDGETOWN, OCTOBER 30, 1878.

"BETTER TIMES."

A brief phrase—nay, even a single word—often contains a volume of meaning. It is—more than a mental key, which unlocks the door into a storehouse of thought, and illustrates what Locke meant when he dilated on the "association of ideas." A mere monosyllabic utterance often awakes a marvellously expansive train of thought—brushes the cobwebs from memory—and calls the airy powers of the imagination into play.—"The time of the singing of birds" is a scriptural phrase which contains within itself a vivid idea of returning Spring. It not only produces on the mind the impression of grove music, but it also makes us see the vernal season, with all its greenness, leaves, buds, and flowers.—"The time of snow" is another phrase of a kindred import, picturing in the mind the chilling characteristics of cold Winter.

The two words, which we have selected as an epigraph to our present remarks, are pregnant with a multitude of thoughts, hopes, wishes, longings and expectations. In all the bygone ages men have been looking to the future for the realization of better times. An undefinable millennium in the world's prosperity has been anticipated. A sighing and struggling for something better were as common all through the long ago historic period as they are to-day; and generation after generation has lived and passed away without entering into the enjoyment of those better times for which they ardently longed. Pope says:

"Hope springs eternal in the human breast; Man never is, but always to be blest."

Whether or not these aspirations for coming good is an innate principle imbedded in human nature, it is not for us to say. It may be that these are soul-paintings for immortality; and are the yearnings of our spiritual being, which are clogged by earthly impediments and are indications of a higher destiny than pertains to this mundane sphere; and that they will be fully satisfied in the experience of a higher life. This is a matter which we leave with the theologians. We may say, however, that the visions of better times, as regards worldly prospects, are for the most part illusory, and hopes, based upon them are fruitless and unattainable.

The present is a period of discouragement, of business depression, and of monetary stringency; but just such seasons, from time to time, were experienced by our fathers, if not by ourselves. We sometimes hear "the good old times" talked of; but times were never so good—so satisfying—that the longing for still better times was not as prevalent and universal as it is to-day. It ever was, is now, and ever will be in men's minds. But it must be conceded by every body that just now the business matters of the world are in a degraded and disheartening condition. It is felt alike in both hemispheres and this cry for better times is more wailful and loud than usual.

If ever the unhappy condition of things, to which we have referred, is removed, and a better state of the world's business affairs realized, the change must be effected by industry, prudence, retrenchment and economy. We need not hope that Aladdin's magical lamp will come to the rescue, nor that extraordinary favors will come from the skies, like manna showered on the Israelites in the wilderness. Providential blessings have been munificently vouchsafed; but we have perverted them. We have been too lavish in our expenditures—too stylish in our mode of living—too reckless in running into debt—and too indifferent to the claims of economy. Looseness in all these matters has ramified all ranks, classes and condition of the people.

Bankers, merchants, traders, professional men, farmers, artisans, mechanics and day laborers have all been infected by the prevailing lack of energy and prudence in managing their business affairs, and extravagance in modes of living. Even paupers, in some instances, have been affected by the prevailing mania for ostentatious show and style. Of course, in every community there are exceptions, as respects the folly which has brought hard times upon the business world; but the multitude have been reckless and improvident, and are now suffering in consequence of their want of industry and forthrightness. Necessity and difficulty may drive thousands into habits of living, and business courses, which they should pursue from choice rather than from stern compulsion.

Better times is a hackneyed phrase, like some others which we quoted in the opening paragraph of our present remarks, and the very mention of which, as we intimated, present to the vision of the mind a wide range of matters, connected with them. And what is implied in better times? Industry, prudence, economy in expenditures, discretion and forthrightness in all our undertakings, and the practice of honesty in all the departments of business, whether commercial or otherwise. There must be retrenchment in our households, as well as activity, care and reliability in the out-door relations of business life. All these are essential to the return of better times.

COLLEGIATE EDUCATION.

A century ago, in the highest educational institutions in the world, the only attainments required, in winning collegiate degrees, were the classics and mathematics. Instruction in the physical sciences was little thought of, and much less regarded as essential to a thorough course of study. A knowledge of languages—more particularly those of antiquity—and mathematical science, was almost everything that was required in the conferring of degrees in the most distinguished universities. It is true, there were chairs of philosophy in the colleges, but the teachings of those of antiquity—and mathematical science, was almost everything that was required in the conferring of degrees in the most distinguished universities. It is true, there were chairs of philosophy in the colleges, but the teachings of those of antiquity—and mathematical science, was almost everything that was required in the conferring of degrees in the most distinguished universities.

It seems to us that no youthful student should spend years in the study of the Greek and Latin languages to the almost utter exclusion of branches of inquiry that are better adapted to secure the principal object of all educational undertakings and efforts, namely, mental discipline—intellectual invigoration. Perhaps there is no exercise of the mind, which so much tends to its development and vigor as does a thorough mathematical training and study. The thinking powers in no other way are more entirely brought into play. The grappling with Euclid's problems gives an impulse to the intellect, and calls into healthful strengthening exercise its innate powers. The mind of even a little boy receives both expansion and vigor, when it is made to comprehend the meaning of the multiplication table.

The study of languages, however, requires less exercise of the thinking, calculating powers. Without a very large amount of thought, a boy, with an ear for sounds and a retentive memory, may make respectable proficiency in learning Hebrew, Greek and Latin; he may be able to read Homer and Virgil with accuracy in the languages in which they are written, and yet have but an imperfectly disciplined mind. But in the study of the physical sciences, the intellect necessarily receives an invigorating training.

At the opening of the present century the vast field of physical science was an unexplored waste. The properties of matter, organic or otherwise, were then little known, and less understood. To the genius and industry of Sir Humphrey Davy the world is indebted for the widening—we may say the opening—of a field of science which has greatly enlarged the circle of human knowledge, and which has marvellously contributed to the business interests of every day life. Till his time the science of chemistry was little better than it was in the days of superstition, when alchemists, (as denuded a few centuries ago as were Oak Island gold-diggers in our own time) were in search of the philosopher's stone. The arcanum opened in this interesting field of science by Sir Humphrey has been more beneficial to the world than have been the mines of Golconda or Mexico. Contemporaneously with his efforts in this department of inquiry and experiment, other big-minded men were engaged in researches that have tended to vastly enlarge our knowledge of material elements of the universe. The mineral world, geology, electricity, and other kindred sciences in these modern days, have all, within the memory of living men, become popular studies, and are now regarded essential to thoroughness in education. A student in any of these departments of physical science has his mind more disciplined, and his knowledge more enlarged than it could be by familiarity with Homer's immortal Epic, or with Ovid's "Metamorphoses."

It is no matter of marvel then that the physical sciences are receiving that collegiate consideration which their utility and importance demand. What has led to our present remarks is the fact that the Governors of Dalhousie College have added an Art Course, embracing the physical sciences, to the other courses of instruction in that institution, and we venture to predict that sister academical seats of learning will do likewise.

JUST NOW, To-morrow will be the closing day of October. It has been a lovely month. It has scarcely been darkened with a storm, or chilled by a heavy frost. Golden sunshine has brightened its days, and the milder light of the moon and the stars has beautified its nights. In the gardens, autumn flowers have bloomed in defiance of the advanced season, and the aftermath is still deeply verdant on the marshes and meadows. Though the foliage of the forest is dead, there has been no violent gale to shake the leaves from the trees. Their dying beauty has been as gorgeous as a rainbow, and their variegated tints of brightest hues have thrown loveliness and splendor like a Dolly Varden mantle, on the sides of the mountains. All good-natured, right-minded people must have enjoyed the month exceedingly. Meanwhile, there has been activity in the orchards. Thousands of busy hands have been di-

gently employed in plucking the most abundant crop of apples that was ever gathered in our Province. The affluence of foliage has transcended, if not satisfied, the wishes of the most greedy orchardist; and multitudes, as they have looked on the marvellous yield of pears, pippins, greensteins, greenings, nonpareils and rosy-cheeked baidwins, have cried—"more than enough!" Coopers have been overworked in the hasty manufacture of barrels, innumerable, to accommodate shippers of fruit, some of whom are transporting the produce of our orchards across the wide Atlantic. October has verily been a beautiful and busy month. But what of its successor? Burns mournfully sang—"Oh! November's early blast."

Yes—its storms will soon be upon us. It will probably scatter snow-flakes on the bare ground, intimating that he is the precursor and pioneer of stern, icy Winter. But in November we usually have our brief Indian Summer—a few delightful days of exquisite weather before Autumn merges into the coldest season of the year. Almost everybody has something to say about "the short, dark days of November;" but in some years its gloomy days are few, and it is not chilled by a temperature of uncommonly low degree. May such be the incoming month.

PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY.

For the last three or four years, we have seen notice of an organization, entitled as above in Canada. It is composed of secret societies called "Granges;" and its avowed object is the promotion of Agricultural interests. Several of these societies, have been formed in Colchester, Hants and Kings, and the subjoined communication announces one lately formed in this County. We are unprepared at present to express any opinion on this rural organization.

PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY.

Officers of Nictaux Grange, organized by the Provincial Deputy on the 25th inst: Master—Bro. F. Miles Chipman, Overseer—Bro. Thos. Jones, Lecturer—Bro. A. Burton Parker, Steward—Bro. Fitch Barcax, A. S.—Bro. Guilford Morse, Chaplain—Bro. W. A. Morse, Treasurer—Bro. Norman Nelly, Secretary—Bro. Albert Gates, Gate Keeper—Bro. Shannon Morse, Curse—Sis. Mrs. F. M. Chipman, Pomona—Sis. Mrs. Burton Nelly, Flora—Sis. Mrs. Shannon Morse, L. A. S.—Sis. Mrs. W. A. Morse.

Bro. James B. Neily, Albert Beckwith, Ingram E. Neily, and a number of others took an active part in the proceedings; and this first Grange in Annapolis County started with excellent prospects of success.

ONE PRESENT.

VICTORIA HALL.—We wish to draw the attention of our readers to the Musical and Dramatic Entertainment for Wednesday evening next, the 6th of November. The programme has been laid before us, and we can assure those who intend patronizing the entertainment, that it will be well worthy of their countenance in every respect. We have not space to mention the different features separately, but among the most prominent of the attractions is the excellent and refined comedy-farce, by Jerrold, the celebrated Dramatist, entitled, "Cool as a cucumber." This little play has been rendered popular by the eminent actor, the late Charles Matthews. We also notice several beautiful tableaux, which we are informed will be arranged in the most pleasing manner. Also, several celebrated character and costume songs, and a number of very taking choruses by the choir, &c., &c., which, altogether, tend to make the Programme one of the best ever offered to the inhabitants of our little town. These varied attractions will, no doubt, draw one of the largest audiences ever assembled in Victoria Hall. We wish them every possible success.

TOWN MEETING.—On the 4th inst. the annual meeting for this poor district will be held in the Court House, this town, commencing at 10 o'clock, a.m. This is a meeting which concerns every rate payer in the district, and instead of some dozen or so attending the same, we hope to see a large gathering on the day named. Year after year we are heavily taxed for the maintenance of a large number of poor, comprising persons of all classes and ages. In some other poor districts in the County, the rate payers have purchased suitable farms to keep the poor upon, and thereby saved themselves a vast amount of labor and taxes, and it proposed to do the same in this district, at the next town-meeting. The rate payers should therefore be present.

Mr. John Z. Bent has opened a furniture establishment, opposite the railway station, where he intends keeping on hand a large variety of Parlor, Bedroom, Dining-room, Kitchen and Office furniture. He has likewise provided himself with a fine hearse, and intends carrying on the undertaking business in all its branches. Our Baptist friends have had their Mission house thoroughly overhauled and painted for the reception of their present pastor, the Rev. Mr. Warren. The old front had a bay-window put in and looks exceedingly well. The work was executed by Mr. Robert Ewing, of Centreville, and the job reflects credit upon him.

Our entertaining livery stable keeper, Mr. J. Worden Beckwith, has just returned from the United States with a handsome fit-out of carriages, suitable for the business in which he is engaged. He has also brought home a hack, such as those in use in Boston and other large cities. Mr. B. is now prepared to accommodate any person wishing a first-class fit-out.

LAWRENCE TOWN.—Our course of Lectures was opened on Friday eve, Oct. 11th, by Rev. Robert Stewart, subject:—"Time and its uses." The lecturer was very methodical, and the subject was treated in a practical manner, and was very suggestive to all present, especially to those who are just commencing a year's study. Dr. Binney lectures next Friday eve, Nov. 1st, subject:—"Our greater blessing." The Bridgetown Dramatic Club favored us with an entertainment on Friday evening last. The audience was not large, but the performance merited frequent applause from those present—indeed they deserve credit. The High School has opened with indications of even better success than last year. The Commercial Department will prove a very important auxiliary in the education of the youth. Professor McDonald and Miss Brown are working very satisfactorily in their departments. We believe that only four B. Honores were received in this County, at the last examination, and three of those were students from the High School.

For the past six or eight weeks, the wharves have been lined with vessels, small and large, taking in apples and produce for market. Since the advent of the railway, this port has suffered greatly in this respect—very few vessels calling here to load. This season the old state of things has returned, owing, no doubt, to the vast amount of apples in the county, and the prices obtained for them being so low, causing shippers to find the cheapest mode of transit for them.

ACCIDENTS.—Several serious accidents occurred in this town and vicinity since our last issue. Mr. Geo. B. McMill, of Wilmet, who was in the call of the leg, getting out of a wagon, after returning from chasing up a party who stole his horse. John Morgan, Esq., of Lawrence town, who was hurt very badly, while at work in mills belonging to R. Randolph, Esq. Mr. Samuel K. Mack cut his hand in the variety mill, in Mr. J. B. Reed's furniture factory. A son of Mr. Samuel Ruggles, of Albany, aged ten years, broke his left arm by falling when at play. Dr. Morse, of Lawrence town, attended him.

New Advertisements.

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Town Meeting.

The annual town-meeting for the EASTERN POOR DISTRICT of Granville, will be held at the Court House, Bridgetown, MONDAY, the 4th of November, next, at ten o'clock, a.m. The rate-payers of the district are requested to attend, as the property of purchasing a FARM FOR MAINTAINING THE POOR is contemplated. JOHN P. MURDOCH, Clerk. Bridgetown, Oct. 30th, 1878.

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NEW FURNITURE DEPOT!

Having imported a large stock of Elegant New Furniture, from the United States, I solicit the public in general to call and inspect the same. It consists of Parlor, Setting-Room and Bedroom Sets, in all the latest styles. Ware rooms, Opposite the Bridgetown Railway Station. I AM also prepared to attend to all wishing my services as an UNDERTAKER, having imported a NEW HEARSE for the purpose. CASKETS AND COFFINS constantly on hand. John Z. Bent, Bridgetown, Oct. 23rd, 1878. n271f

New Advertisements.

Mens' Womens' and Childrens' Boots and Shoes, and Rubbers, Middleton Corner! In great variety. At Low Prices. B. STARRATT. Paradise, Oct. 29th, 1878.

NOTICE.

ALL persons having any legal demands against the estate of ZACHARIAH DANIELS, Esq., late of Lawrence town, in the County of Annapolis, deceased, are requested to render the same, duly attested, within six months from this date; and all persons interested in said estate are requested to make immediate payment to WELLINGTON DANIELS, Executor. Lawrence town, Oct. 23rd, 1878. n271f

FALL OF 1878.

I HAVE just received from England, per latest steamer, a large quantity of FALL IMPORTATION, The Largest, Cheapest, most stylish, and the Greatest Variety I have ever offered. Amongst which I wish particularly to call attention to SIX DOZEN LADIES' ELEGANT AND Fashionable Sacques, from one of the best houses in London. In addition to my usual business I have engaged the services of Mr. J. H. Fisher, an experienced cutter from the States, and am prepared to make up GENTLEMEN'S SUITS, OVERCOATS, and every article in the Tailoring department in the latest style and on the shortest notice. JOHN LOCKETT, Bridgetown, Oct. 23rd, 1878. 21129

CASH. ON HAND.

I want 5000 bushels of GOOD WARRANTED POTATOES, EARLY ROSE, PEACOCK, &c. delivered at Bridgetown, at such times as may suit, inside of two weeks from this date, either in bulk or barrels, for which I will pay THE HIGHEST PRICE GOING. Cash on delivery. Come and see me at once. B. H. BATH, Bridgetown, Oct. 23rd, 1878. 21129

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New Fall Goods. Consisting of:— Overcoats, Ulsters, Flannels and Basket Suits, Pants & Coats, Cloths, &c. ALSO:— DRESS GOODS and TRIMMINGS TO MATCH. LADIES' HATS, FEATHERS and FLOWERS. Fur Goods, Buffalo Robes in Jet, Black and Brown, Ladies' and Gents' Fur Caps, Mitts and Boys' Fur and Cloth Caps, Kid and Fur Lined Mitts, Fur Trimmings, Ladies' Fur Muffs, Felt Hats, &c. Also—China, Earthenware, Lamps, Glassware, Boots and Shoes, Felt and Rubber Overalls, Greenets, &c., all of which will be sold at LOWEST CASH PRICES. Wanted! 500 Bbls. GOOD POTATOES. W. H. MILLER, n261f Middleton, Oct. 15th, 1878.

MONEY TO LEND,

at 6 per cent. THE ANnapolis BUILDING SOCIETY AND SAVINGS FUND. HAVE Money to lend on approved Security, and on Real Estate. Funds are loaned at Public Auction at the Office of the Society on the Wednesday after the first Monday of every month. All applications for Funds should be filed at the Office of the Society at least one week before the Auction. Address—Baltimore City, Annapolis. THOMAS S. WHITMAN, President. Oct. 12th, 1878.

WHOLESALE Hardware!

Clarke, Kerr, & Thorne. In addition to our large stock of Hardware, Cutlery, Etc. we have received, during the last month: 86 Packages, Am. Hardware, 15 Casks and Cases Eng. do, 40 Barrels Pitch, Tar & Rosin, 250 Rolls Dry & Tanned paper, 4 Cases Planes, 10 cases slates, 9 Cases Saws and Saw Frames, 48 Bundles Shovels, 7 Casks and 116 packs. Paint, 5 Casks Chain Traces, 28 Cases assorted Goods. NOW LANDING, Per S. S. Hibernian:— 43 Packages Eng. Hardware, 234 Pieces Bake Ovens, 128 Pieces Castings, 20 Barrels Paint Oil. ALWAYS IN STOCK: ROPE, GLASS, POWDER, SHOT, ZINC, &c. ALSO: LETTER AND NOTE PAPER, ENVELOPES, WOODEN AND CLAY PIPES, PURSES, NEEDLES, SPECTACLES, VIOLIN STRINGS, PLAYING CARDS, PENS, THIMBLES, FENCIBLES, HAIR PINS, and a variety of LIGHT GOODS, suitable for the Wholesale Trade. For Sale at very Lowest Prices. Remember the Place. No. 42 and 44 Prince William Street, Old Stand of Messrs. T. & F. Burpee & Co. St. John, N. B., October 9th, 1878. 9134

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