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Wednesday, January 8, 1840.

On this page will be found, further extracts from papers by the Robert Bruce, Tilley, via St. John, and several other items of intelligence all of which, we think may be interesting to our readers.

THE NOVASCOTIAN.—We have received the first number of the new series of the Nova Scotian—it is above all praise. Without giving the N S. an invidious distinction, it is but justice to its merits to say, that in point of size quality of paper, and typographical execution it ranks higher than any other contemporary journal in British North America. The Editor is a man of sterling talent, and what *is better*, of unflinching independence of principle, as the Column of his paper will amply testify.

SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SAINT ANDREWS CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL

In making the sixth annual report of the St Andrews Church Sunday School it is not unto ourselves, but to God, the praise is due for its continued prosperity. It is Him we have to thank, for inclining the hearts of its friends towards it, and to him alone, we have to look and pray, that he may further the usefulness of those who are actively employed in its service, so that the seed planted in one, and watered by another may by his grace, be raised into a goodly tree, producing in the days and conversations of our youth, fruit unto holiness and righteousness, leading to everlasting life.

To the teachers we are much indebted for their kind and valuable services, and to our friends for their assistance. To the continued and punctual attendance of all concerned in the teaching and management of a Sabbath School, we anxiously look forward, as being, under God, the principal means not only of promoting the success of the institution but even of preserving its existence.

The average numbers of children in attendance during the past year is I am happy to say, fully equalled that preceding, being of boys 27, and of girls 23; and I am confident, that the periodical visits of Teachers, to parents and friends would materially tend to increase the school, not only by the good feeling excited by such visits, but an opportunity being thus gained of adding to exhortation, such information as may open the understanding of many, to the great value of sabbath school instruction, those parents will naturally be excited to secure the benefit for their children, by their punctual and regular attendance on it.

From the society for promoting christian knowledge, your committee has to acknowledge the receipt of a valuable present of books for the lending library, and from the church society of New Brunswick a further addition, with a number of testaments. But, as without an annual repair, a lending library must soon from its nature, fall into decay, we look with confidence to the kindness of a charitable and enlightened public, to enable us to renew, and add to our shelves, that, while, in the Sunday School, a habit is imparted of using them aright and a principle formed which constrains the reader so to use them, that they may yield unmingled good, the children, and their parents, may be furnished with such books, as may not only inform the understanding, but benefit the heart, and more, and more increase the appetite for spiritual sustenance.

The Sabbath School instruction is founded on the love and fear of god—and the child is here taught to endeavour to act in every thing according to the will of his heavenly Father, thro' faith in Christ Jesus, and to pray for the effectual help of the Holy Ghost. To implant and nourish this principle, and to bring up her children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, forms the very ends and objects of the sabbath school. The power of reading gained in the weekly school is here turned to account, by leading youth to the study of the scriptures, and by teaching them to look and pray to God for grace, to enable them so to *read, mark, learn and inwardly digest* what they read, that they may, by the power of the holy spirit, become wise unto salvation. The inestimable value of heavenly learning is here impressed with every attention upon the young mind, and the child is taught to use all his talents, to the glory of God and the good of his fellow creatures, so that while the learning gained at the weekly school is confined, in a great measure, to the promoting of present comfort, plenty, and happiness, that which is here imparted, will last when all other learning is of no avail—that when the eye, which is now able to read, shall become dim, and the hand which now writes shall be cold, the immortal soul may rejoice in its spiritual attainments, and wisdom begun in the fear of the Lord, may be perfected in endless bliss, in the presence of God, and of his christ!

Children listen to the advice of one who is your sincere friend—let heavenly wisdom be your first care—remember, that no learning can extend that which the *wise* teaches—and that you may love the gospel of your Saviour and Redeemer, and not to pour out your young hearts in prayer to God—look upon your instructors, those who labour to impart to you spiritual and heavenly knowledge, as your first friends—believe, and obey them, while they labour for your good; in your conversation with each other be kind, in your callings diligent, and in your demeanor humble, and then look for happiness thro' the mercy of God, and the atonement of Christ your Redeemer.

As, in a report of this nature, a word to the young, is not by any means, misplaced, so may a few words of exhortation to Parents be very reasonable.

Remember the words of Solomon, "the fear of the Lord, is the beginning of wisdom." Call to mind the benefit you have derived, from the portion of christian knowledge which among God's grace, you have gained—look back to those hours of serious meditation, in trouble sorrow, need, sickness, or in the peril of death when this world, with its fleeting vanities have faded from your sight, and you have been enabled to view more clearly the realities of that eternal one—which will succeed it, where have you look, your only comfort was it not in the hope of pardon for Christ's sake, and in the prospect of enjoying for ever, thro' the redeemer the light of God's countenance? where you have deeply lamented the frequent neglect of such glorious objects, and have resolved, under grace, to begin anew, a life, which you ought to have lived continually, namely one of faith, hope, and love—have you not desired, fervently desired, that these feelings had been indulged more frequently, and from more fixed principles, that it is the object of religious instruction to make such feelings habitual—to impress upon the young, that they are the servants of Christ, that he has bought them with a price, even with his most precious blood, that they might grow up to him a peculiar people zealous of good work—delighting at all times to do his pleasure—and parents, while you deeply feel these things, remember to give your earthly children, the opportunity of acquiring such truly valuable, and blessed instruction, and remember that your sabbath hours at home, cannot be better employed than in setting before them the love of their heavenly father to sinners, that they may be led to walk with the Lord in newness of life, zealous in the performance of every good work and in their duty to God, their neighbor and themselves. Finally let all who have secure, engage in this work and labour of love, and be ready to teach the many children who depend on those for instruction in God's holy word and will. "That the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom," you must teach by example, by the weight of example—you must teach by your conduct, as well as by your lips, and, my dear brethren, let all parents know that you are christians indeed, and thus whether they will hearken, and persevere, or be inattentive and fall away, you may at least secure the fruit of wisdom in yourselves

JEROME ALLEY, D. D Rector,
Superintendent.

Jan, 1, 1840.

St. Stephen, January 2 1840.

The local Committee of the New Brunswick Church Society for the Parish of St Stephen, held its annual meeting as the Parish Church of St Stephen, on Thursday the 26 h December ult.

The Rev Dr. THOMSON, the Rector, in the Chair:—

The meeting having been opened with prayer as prescribed, and an appropriate address having been made by the Reverend Chairman, on the cheering prospect afforded of the prosperous state of the Church, by the efforts so strongly and successfully made for the protection and the extension of her pure and evangelical principles. The Rev Chairman having pronounced a well merited eulogium upon the unceasing exertions of the excellent Bishop in this diocese, read a circular letter of his lordship's, in which he recommended concerted exertions by the clergy and people, on behalf of the society. After which, the following resolutions were moved and seconded,

On motion of George J. Thomson Esq. seconded by Robert Watson, Esq

Resolved—That a letter from the Lord Bishop having been read, this meeting most cordially unite with his lordship in prayer to the Great Head of the Church, to the prosperous state of the affairs of the venerable Society for the propagation of the Gospel and promotion of Christian Knowledge, to which prosperity the well directed and persevering exertions of his lordship have materially contributed, for which his lordship is justly entitled to the best thanks not only of this society, but of the Diocese, and indeed of the Colonial Church at large.

On motion of David A Rose Esq seconded by Samuel Abbot Esq.

Resolved—That having so long received the gratuitous support of the Church among us, it is the undoubted duty of churchmen in the Provinces to contribute their aid, to the continuance and advancement of that venerable establishment,

On motion of T B Abbot Esq. seconded by Mr. George Hatz

Resolved—That the surplus arising from the Church society of this Province, an important auxiliary in promoting the diffusion of church principles, and carrying the ministrations of the church to the members of her communion scattered through the more remote districts of this Province.

On motion of R Watson Esq seconded by G J. Thomson Esq.

Resolved—That a Petition to both Houses of Parliament, conform able to the wishes of his lordship, of which a draft is now submitted be recommended for the signatures of this congregation.

On motion of Mr. James McBride seconded by T B Abbot Esq

Resolved—That the collectors of the preceding year remain in office for the ensuing year.

On motion T. B. Abbot Esq seconded by David A Rose Esq

Resolved—that Delegates to the general meeting of the society in Fredericton be appointed—T. B. Abbot and R Watson Esqrs were elected unanimously.

On motion of Samuel Abbot Esq seconded by David A Rose Esq.

Resolved—That a committee be appointed to make a suitable selection of books for which an appropriation has been made by the society.—Committee, Rev J S. Thomson and D. A Rose Esq.

On motion of T B Abbot Esq. seconded by Geo J. Thomson Esq.

Resolved—That the proceedings of this meeting be published in the St Andrews STANDARD.

G J. THOMSON,
Act'g Secretary.

Legislature of Nova Scotia

By the last mail, we received the speech of Sir Colin Campbell at the opening of the Session on the 31st ult. The recent arrangement for carrying the mails across the Atlantic by steam and the expectation that the mail routes thro' the Provinces to Quebec would be improved are noticed by his Excellency, who also states the measures he has adopted for accomplishing the latter object in Nova Scotia, by drawing money from the Treasury on his own responsibility until the service could be provided for by the Legislature.—His Excellency in allusion to the despatches received from England, relative to the mission of the Delegates, quotes the following expression of the Colonial Secretary:—"in discussing the subjects adverted to, it has been my anxious endeavor to arrive at the conclusion most calculated to meet the wishes and promote the interests of all classes of her Majesty's subjects in Nova Scotia. The attachment which they have invariably displayed to the Mother Country, the liberality and gallantry with which on a recent occasion, at a crisis of peculiar difficulty, they came forward to tender to her Majesty their personal and pecuniary assistance, in the maintenance of her authority on the North American Continent, entitle them to every consideration which it is in the power of the Crown to bestow."

Fire.—An extensive Brewery, Distillery, Oat and Flour Mill, propelled by steam engines, adjoining, and attached to, the dwelling house of Mr. G. Ramsay, and two small buildings owned by T. H. Peters, Esq were destroyed by fire at an early hour in the morning of the 25th ultimo

English Fresh Beef.—A Rarity.—We were presented on New-Year Day, by Captain Tilley, of the ship *Robert Bruce*, of this port with a fine piece of English Beef, in perfect order, brought by that vessel from Liverpool in the short passage of seventeen days.—*I would take a steamer to beat this. Courier.*

Large Dividend.—The New-Brunswick Marine Assurance Company declared a semi-annual dividend on the 2d instant of forty per cent, which, we believe is an almost unprecedented return for capital so invested. This Institution has not yet been in operation three years, and has paid losses to the amount of upwards of £36,000. The present dividend, therefore, is highly creditable to its managers, and is an evidence of the extent of our Shipping, which alone is almost the only vessels insured to the office while the company is restricted from taking a risk in any one instance exceeding £3000.—*Ib.*

A young lady in Danger has recovered $168,75 of a faithless swain for a breach of marriage contract. That sum will cover up a pretty large hole in woman's heart.

The Presbyterian College—General Meeting of the friends of this Institution took place in St Andrews Church, on Wednesday evening last, which was numerously and respectfully attended. The greatest good feeling prevailed on this occasion, and every one present seemed anxiously interested in the promotion of the great undertaking for the establishment of which the meeting was assembled, and gave most substantial proof of their earnestness by subscribing upwards of £1,100 before leaving the Church. This day as we are going to press, the amount subscribed is nearly £1,600.—*Kingston Chronicle*

EUROPEAN SUMMARY.

The *Moniteur* announces an almost universal diminution in the price of wheat throughout France. In many of the markets the fall had amounted to two and even three francs per hectolitre. The only two places in which a rise had occurred were Evreux, in the department of the Eure, and Saint Pourcain, in that of the Allier.

Renewal of the War between Abdelkader and the French.—The Paris journals of Monday communicate the renewal of the African war. Every one who knew anything of the history of the North of Africa, and duly considered the position of the French forces, as well as the irreconcilable conflicting interests of French and Arabs, must be prepared for this. No foreign power will ever be able to hold any portion of that part of Africa in permanent dependence. It was as much as Rome could do when Rome was mistress of the world, and even Rome paid in blood the worth of the acquisition ten times over. The dependence of the African regencies upon the Porte has never been more than nominal; and that it existed at all depended upon the community of religious belief. The trackless deserts of the Interior will ever afford to the natives a refuge and a basis of operations that will prevent their subjugation; but while they remain unsubdued the invaders cannot rest in safety.—*Standard.*

On Sunday, Major Armstrong, of the 45th Regiment, now stationed in this city, (Winchester,) signified to the minister of the Independent chapel that he was desirous of addressing the Sunday School children in the afternoon.—He did so, and the minister, Mr Thorn, requested him to preach in the evening. The Major complied, and, accordingly, the somewhat unusual spectacle was exhibited of a minister in the pulpit in a regimental coat and epaulettes.—*Hampshire Advertiser.*

We observe from the *Ayr Advertiser*, that the subscription to present a peice of plate to the Earl of Eglintoun, in commemoration of the tournament, now exceeds 1600 guineas

Died at Brighton on the 30th Nov. after a long illness, Eleanor Louisa, daughter of the Right Hon Lord Brougham. She was buried in Lincoln's Inn; being the only instance on record of the interment of a female in the burying ground of Lincoln's Inn.

Marriage of the Queen.—The "Special Message" to the privy Council proved to be as expected, an announcement of Her Majesty's approaching marriage. It was published on Nov. 23 as follows:—

"I have caused you to be summoned at the present time, in order that I may acquaint you with my resolution in a matter which deeply concerns the welfare of my people and happiness of my future life.

"It is my intention to ally myself in marriage with the Prince Albert, of Saxe Coburg and Gotha.

"Deeply impressed with the solemnity of the engagement which I am about to contract, I have not come to this decision without mature consideration, nor without feeling a strong assurance, that with the Blessing of Almighty God, it will at once secure my domestic felicity and serve the interests of my country.

"I have thought fit to make this resolution known to you at the earliest period, in order that you may be fully apprised of a matter so highly important to me and my kingdom, and which I persuade myself will be most acceptable to all my loving subjects."

The reigning Duke and Dutchess of Saxe Coburg are expected to arrive on a visit to Her Majesty in the month of March.

Montreal, Dec. 20.

In reply to an observation of Mr. Gowan as to the *delicate* position in which the Officers of the Government, who had declared against the Union last year, were now placed, his Excellency the Governor General said, that "no officer of the Government, holding a seat in the Legislature, and voting against any measure of his Administration, should continue in office, *one hour*, after such information reached his ears."—*Montreal Courier.*

Prophecy of the Consequences of the union, by the Quebec Gazette.—Thus the Re-union measure has received the sanction of the Special Council of Lower Canada, and of the two Branches of the Legislature of Upper Canada, by the help of Lord John Russell's Despatch of the 16th Oct. It has yet to pass the ordeal of the House of Commons and the House of Lords. If it is finally carried, "the Repeal of the Union?" will not be so troublesome as the same cry in Ireland, *for it will not last so long.*

The wing of the 11th Regiment which left Quebec lately for lake Timiscouata, is now divided between river du Loup and the newly erected Barracks on that Lake where commodious buildings have been erected and a strong work thrown up for their defences.—The Company under Capt. Winnington left River du Loup for the above mentioned post on Sunday the 19 h. The following is the distribution of Officers with their detachment:—

At River du Loup.—Major Derenzey, Lieut. Tobin, Lieut. Storey.

At Lake Timiscouata.—Major Chambre, Captain Winnington, Lieut. Gould, Lieut: G. Tobin Lieut Bloss, and Assistant Surgeon Brodie. Lieut. Simmonds, Royal Engineers, is also at this post.—*Quebec Mercury.*

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