





Obituary Notices.

Died, October 27th, in the 66th year of his age, Mr. WILLIAM SMITH, of Selmah, in the Midland Circuit.

Brother Smith's health had been gradually failing for about a year, but no serious apprehensions were entertained, till about two months before his end, & even then, though it was apparent that his active years were nearly ended, there was little apparently to discourage the hope that he might yet enjoy a long bright evening of life with his beloved and surviving partner—his loving and affectionate children, and christian friends and neighbours.

For more than twenty years Brother Smith had been a constant member of the Wesleyan Church, and was ardently attached to the church of his choice and a liberal supporter of its institutions, and when health would permit, he was a regular attendant on the public worship of Almighty God.

His remains were conveyed to the Wesleyan Chapel, where this solemn occasion was improved from 1 Cor. xv. 56, 57—and then deposited in the "narrow house," amid the tears of an afflicted family, and a large assembly of his friends, and neighbours, "in sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life."

May we all meet him in glorious bliss! Matland, Nov. 1861. R. E. C.

Provincial Wesleyan.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1861.

In consequence of the official relation, which this paper sustains to the Wesleyan Missionary Society, we are enabled to give our readers a full and complete account of the proceedings of the General Conference of the Wesleyan Missionary Society, which was held at the Wesleyan Missionary College, at Andover, Mass., on the 1st of October, 1861.

The Annual Missionary Report.

Our Missionary Report for the past year has been published, and is probably now in the hands of the respective subscribers. It contains many things in a small space, and is worthy of a thoughtful and thorough perusal.

One of the most instructive and delightful recreations for the long winter's evenings now approaching, would be the survey of those Missionary stations which are now described, and an examination of their influence upon the surrounding population. The lessons of Geography would thus acquire a new and greatly increased value, and the principles of the Divine Government, which regulate the affairs of our entire race, would be seen in beautiful combination and development, operating for the promotion of man's greatest good, and for the glory of God.

Let us take the Report, and with a common Atlas and Geography, set out upon our imaginary voyage round the world. Our starting place of course is the Metropolis of England; and, before crossing to the European Continent, we simply look in upon our brethren in the Irish Mission, who, amidst privation of an ordinary kind, and undisturbed by the subtle and malignant opposition of Celtic Romanism, are pursuing a course of victorious aggression upon the kingdom of Satan.

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The boasted liberalism of Austria has turned out to be moonshine, and a recent edict of the Emperor, dissolving the Croatian Diet, and abrogating the Hungarian constitution, rings the knell of all hope for Hungary, save in the valour of her own sons. A military dictatorship has been appointed by the misguided Emperor, and this is equivalent to the establishment of martial law throughout the Croatian provinces. Such a policy will but hasten the downfall of an Empire the record of whose deeds is written in blood, and the continued existence of which is a blot upon civilization and a bar to national enlightenment and progress.

Venice is likely to become a hot-bed of intrigue, as well as an object of the ambition of young Italy. Not calculating on its possible cessation to Victor Emmanuel before many months, several ex-royal personages, or pseudo-royal aspirants have taken up their abode there. These illustrious circles include the Count de Chambord, the Ex-duke of Modena, the Ex-duke of Tuscany, the Dowager Queen of Naples, and Francis the Second with his august (?) Queen are expected to join the precious coterie in the spring.

Among the political wonders of the day the speech of the Queen of Spain, on opening the Cortes, must take high rank. Spain, for centuries a prey of national retrogression and decay, is positively looking up! Among the symptoms of her budding prosperity and enlightenment may be mentioned the fact that Queen Isabella has publicly promised her subjects an extension of the suffrage, greater freedom of the press, and a more extended right of self-government in matters of local interest.

The young King of Portugal has just passed away from the stage of life and rule. With him a buried mass promise and hope for Portugal. But recently enthroned, he had already given evidence of sagacity and refined and liberal judgment. He was a great favourite with his people, and had during the few years of his rule done much for their elevation and improvement. He visited England, and endeared himself much to the English people by the grace of his manners, and his unaffected endeavours to acquaint himself with the details of our constitutional government, and our national prosperity. On a recent visit to one of his provinces he caught typhus fever, and died after a few days' illness. His beautiful young Queen died but a short time since. His younger brother has fallen victim to the fever, and his elder brother, who was in England at the time of the King's death, succumbed to the disease.

CENSUS OF NOVA SCOTIA.—Stock, Cultivated Lands, Agricultural Produce, in 1850 and 1860.

General Intelligence.

Domestic. Colonial.

A report reached here by the Steamer Homalaya on Tuesday evening last, that the news of the capture of Messrs. Sillid and Mason from on board the Steamer Fort had reached here, and that a steamer had been sent off at once with despatches to the United States. The report is said to be incorrect. It appears that the brigantine of Messrs. Sillid and Mason was not expected in England, and an American ship-of-war the James B. Ager, was lying off the coast of England waiting to intercept them, and the fact having come to the notice of the authorities at home, a frigate was sent off to watch the movements of the American vessel, and it is necessary to see that the vessel in which the Southern Commissioners are aboard of, was not interfered with. So far as we can learn, this is the origin of the report.—Ed.

The Supreme Court was engaged from Monday morning till Thursday afternoon in the trial of Burdell. Last night on charge of Wilful Murder. No facts of any consequence relative to the murder were produced. The Prisoners were ably defended by Hon. J. W. Murray and J. W. Ritchie Esq. The public attention was carried on by the Attorney and Solicitor General. The Chief Justice presided. The Jury brought in a verdict of Man-slaughter against both the Prisoners.

One strong point of the defence was the fact that the City Council matters were so miserably bungled, that the Police were not in the possession of the Light House on Tuesday last. The Light House. The law provides that warrants should have the City Seal attached. It turned out that no such seal was used on the warrant which was issued. These bungling city authorities should be taught a sharp lesson for endangering justice in this sort of way.

Sentence will be pronounced shortly. Unwarranted and unjust punishment brought in as equally guilty with Burdell. The whole of this trial was conducted with distinguished ability; and the Jury in returning the verdict, has done the Chief Justice for the clearance of his charge.

Health, the Yarmouth frigate, is to be confined for life—not hanged.—Pres. Witness. NEW LIGHT HOUSE ON CAPE SABLE ISLAND.—The new Light House on Cape Sable is a matter of commanding importance to all interested in Commerce and Navigation. This evening it will be lighted, for the first time, and two questions flash upon the minds of our citizens. First, Has







