





Asia drained by the Amoor, a river of the first magnitude, larger than the Mississippi or the Nile. This territory though little known, has been in dispute between the Muscovite and Celestial Empires ever since the 17th century.

What has not been endured by the world's reformers in defence of a free press? To confer upon the human race the privilege of reading, thinking, and acting for themselves—

It requires no tedious research, or laboured argument, to prove that the emanations of the press in our day are chiefly at variance with the merciful designs of Heaven in granting, and the godlike sacrifices of Reformers in defending, a privilege so invaluable.

During the past year Great Britain has taken possession of the small Island of Ichaboe, off the south east coast of Africa, valuable chiefly for its guano, and has formally annexed it to Cape Colony.

The efforts which have been made for several years to recover the lost records of the interred and accomplished Asiatic explorer, Adolph Schlagweh, have at last been crowned with success.

Provincial Wesleyan.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 12, 1862.

In consequence of the official relation which this paper sustains to the Conference of Eastern British America, we require that Obisnoy, Revival, and other notices addressed to us from any of the Circuits within the bounds of the Conference, shall pass through the hands of the Superintendent Minister.

The Noxious Literature of the Age.

This earth has never been the recipient of a blessing which has not been perverted or abused. The atmosphere of human society is so deteriorated, that everything not absolutely Divine which comes into contact with it seems to become impregnated with the general infection.

Where divergence from long-settled usages is disallowed by the Conference, there will, to a spectator, be much uniformity and little speculation apparent in the proceedings of the Wesleyan Conference of Canada; and yet the constant accession of circuits, missions, agents, congregations, classes, schools, and ecclesiastical buildings is stimulating evidence that uniformity is not monotony and discouragement.

It is of paramount importance to us to have God's call, and truth, and spirit, and His people at prayer; and a joyous thing to have half a thousand husbandmen in the field, which is ever ringing with their shouts of good harvest.

Next to our far-reaching Circuit of organization is the missionary department. It would be disingenuous to say that I do not think in Methodist one could be thoroughly efficient without the other.

The Canadian years for reporting a dozen or two of Methodist Missions (prized as they were) are long past. Our Annual Report for 1861—of 200 dense octavo pages—publishes 151 Domestic, Indian, French and German Missions, and 192 Missions, besides other valuable agencies.

This, to ministers and people, is our exhilarating season of Missionary papers, travelling, and festivity; and I would like a volume of simple incidents occurring in connection with our Branch Anniversaries, written with tact, and in the free spirit of Charles Wesley's journal.

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Letter from Canada.

TORONTO, January 22nd, 1862. To the Editor of the Provincial Wesleyan:—REV. AND DEAR SIR:—The regular arrival of the Provincial Wesleyan, with its well-filled and neatly printed columns, affords me and others much pleasure, as shewing the progress of a highly respected Wesleyan Connection in the British Atlantic Provinces, closely allied in its principles and aspirations with those of the Canada Connection; and when the needed railroad from Nova Scotia to Canada shall have become a reality, the hope is that there will be more frequent intercourse between the John Wesley labourers of the east and the west.

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Death of Rev. Dr. Dwight.

Rev. Harrison Gray Otis Dwight, D. D., for more than thirty years missionary at Constantinople, and its vicinity, was killed suddenly on Saturday last, on the Troy and Rutland railroad.

The mystery attending the despatch published in the morning papers concerning the death of Dr. H. Dwight of Boston, who was killed by the blowing of a car from the track of the Troy and Rutland rail road, has been solved in a manner which will carry sadness to many hearts throughout the whole Christian world.

It seems that Dr. Dwight left New York for Troy, and intended to go thence to Middlebury, Vt., and to Montreal. This morning a letter was received from him at the Mission House in this city, giving an outline of his trip and the places he intended to be at on certain specified days.

Dr. Dwight was a native of Conway, Mass., and was born on the 22d of November, 1808. He graduated at Harvard in 1825, and at Andover Theological Seminary in 1828. On the 21st of January, 1830, he embarked at this port for the island of Malta, and spent nearly two years in visiting the country, endeavoring to find the best spot to commence his labours, and on the 6th June, 1832, he reached Constantinople, where he has since been located as a missionary of the American Board.

It seems a dark and mysterious Providence, that this eminent Christian missionary, who has spent his life in labouring to preach Christ to the heathen; who had often been in imminent peril in the discharge of his duty, and who never counted his life dear in the promotion of the cause of his Master, should have been called from the field of his labours, and after leaving a mission, and before starting for this country, Dr. Dwight made an extensive tour into the wildest portions of Persia, and went to localities very seldom visited by Europeans.

General Intelligence.

Colonial.

Domestic. ANOTHER TRANSPORT.—The steamer St. Andrew, which arrived here from Europe on Saturday, with military stores and several Army agents, etc. en route for Canada, experienced terrible weather on the passage, especially on the 24th and 25th ult., when the vessel was so much damaged by her, and caused considerable delay.

A MYSTERY.—In July last a small bottle was picked up in Clark's Harbour (Cap Sable Island), by one of the inhabitants of that place. It was corked, and contained a card, on which there was written in pencil: "The card was in a good state of preservation, and the writing was that of a good penman. In extracting the card, it got considerably torn, and some of the writing was destroyed or obliterated."

PROVINCIAL MUSEUM.—We are glad to learn that in a fair prospect of the formation of a Provincial Museum. At the last meeting of the Exhibition Commissioners, Dr. Tupper brought to the notice of the Commissioners the general feeling that had been excited by the recent Exhibition in favor of having a permanent museum to illustrate our resources, and suggested that a committee should be appointed to consider the subject. The Commissioners viewed the scheme favourably; and it was also suggested that there should be a lecture in connection with mineral and geological collections, which should be made up of the most valuable specimens of our country, especially as it can be carried out without expense. The following resolution was moved by Dr. Tupper, and seconded by Mr. Bell, and passed unanimously:—That a Committee be appointed to consider the subject of a Provincial Museum, and to confer with the government as to the expediency of the objects of said Museum, and on the practicability of making them available to the public at large, instructive and useful to the province at present unemployed.

Several inconveniences have arisen to many poor persons, in consequence of the difficulty of passing the New Brunswick copper coin, now in circulation in this city. This will be partially remedied hereafter, as Mr. Fisher's bill has been introduced into the Legislature, which will allow the Colonial Express, will buy up at a slight discount. Mr. F. will also purchase other uncurrent coin.



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TOWN WORK.—We learn from the West...

Canada.

SOBRE-NIAGARA.—The annual Soiree of the Wesleyan Methodists took place on the 7th...

PROGRESS OF THE TROOPS FROM HALIFAX TO CANADA.

A correspondent of the Quebec Chronicle has furnished the following letter to that paper:

General Intelligence.

Colonial. The steamer St. Andrew arrived here from England on Sunday...

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