

Carlyle's Advice to a Young Man.

A CHARACTERISTIC LETTER WRITTEN THIRTY-THREE YEARS AGO.

From N. Y. Tribune.

More than thirty years ago a young law student in Paris, France, opened correspondence with Thomas Carlyle which continued for many years. In 1847, when the young man, afterwards a United States district judge, was studying in the law office of Hon. Isham G. Harris, now United States Senator for Tennessee, he received a very characteristic and earnest letter from Mr. Carlyle, which will be read with special interest at this time:

CHELSEA, London, 17th May, 1847.—There is unfortunately no recipe or word that can avail you. The course of reading or endeavour that would be wisest of all for C—D— in Kentucky will already not be quite the wisest for him in Tennessee; what would have exactly suited him, at his age, in 1837, will no longer altogether suit him now, when the world has got ten years forward on its course! Specific directions are and remain impossible in such a case. You will have (as heretofore) to choose by what light, of manifoldness, and faithfulness is in your own mind the better and the good from out of the boundless imbroglia of the trivial, the bad and base (which men of less light are eagerly following on all hands of you); and with your whole soul to appropriate these, and elaborate them as you have faculty and opportunity—You then and now. It appears you have had a very fair success hitherto; and have lifted your head and shoulders somewhat out of the slough, and can look about you a little; hope confidently that the goals henceforth will repay you with like bounty the like fidelity of effort. I have observed this truth, even in our confused world; that whatever of real human worth a man does put into his grand enterprise just about the same quantity of real human victory (irresistible often to block-heads, but very real for all that) does lie in the end get out of it—this is an unspoken comfort to a brave young man! But 'real' human worth and human victory are, as I say, very often not so recognizable; who knows, for example, whether your President Polk and our King, Hudson (if you have heard of such a man, who has made two millions by railways here), have gained any 'victory' at all—how gained anything but a more conspicuous exhibition of their own ugliness? which surely is defeat and not victory? You must, very particularly, pray the heavens for one thing. Not to infect you with vulgar ambition (literary or other), which is fatal to all nobleness in man! Seekest thou great things, seek them not! Seek other things (if you know them); you will better and better get to know them if you seek honestly. That also is a fact.

As to reading—read 'History and Prophecy' (if you understand these words); whatever of truly interesting, has been, is, or is about to be, in this world where you have come to live—all that authentically bears on these questions, snatch it wherever you can find it, read that with greedy heart, and on the whole read nothing else. The hugest follies of this world are flying about at present in the shape of Books and Book—celebrities.—Adieu. T. CARLYLE.

Clippings from Late Papers.

Peace is said to have been concluded between Chili and Peru.

Peru is said to have solicited the good offices of England, France, and Italy to secure terms of peace with Chili.

The prospectus of the new Canadian-Brazilian Steamship Co., with a capital of \$250,000, has been issued in London, England.

It is notorious that had Mr. Mackenzie remained in office the fiscal rate would have been increased to meet the growing liabilities of the Dominion.

All hopes have been given up for the safety of the missing ocean steamer "Bristol City," which sailed from New York for Bristol on the 28th of December, and has not since been heard from. She carried no passengers, and had a crew of twenty-eight.

Donaldson, the submarine diver, who jumped from High Bridge into the Harlem River last summer, has signed an agreement and put up a forfeit to jump from the Suspension Bridge at Niagara Falls into the water beneath on May 24. It is on a wager with J. Tiley, of Niagara. Donaldson putting up \$250 to Tiley's \$500.

One of the great mineral wonders of Mexico is the iron mountain in the vicinity of Durango, which is nearly two miles in length, one mile wide and about 700 feet high. Above the surface, unexcavated and in sight, it shows about 200,000 tons of pure ore, ready to be shoveled or rolled, without any cost of mining, into the furnaces to be erected at its base. Much of this ore ranges from 70 to 90 per cent, and some is carried directly to the forge. It works very kindly, and easily assumes the form of steel.

Industrial Notes.

The Canada Screw Company of Dundas, the works of which have been closed for several years is making active preparations to recommence.

The prospectus of the Merchants' Manufacturing Co. of Montreal has been issued. It is proposed to erect a mill of 25,000 spindles early in the spring to manufacture bleached cotton fabrics.

The new glove and mitten factory at Montreal, is to be conducted by a joint stock company, with a capital of \$25,000. Several enterprising French-Canadians have the scheme in hand, and expect to commence operations by the first of May.

We learn that the New Brunswick Cotton Mill of Messrs W. Parks & Son at St. John, has provided itself with additional steam power to overtake its growing business. The Thomson & Williams Company of Stratford has built for that mill a Brown variable cut-off engine of a 125 horse power, which has been put in position.

A public exhibition was recently given by the Harmonic Manse of Reading, Pa., at the annual masked ball and carnival. Before the dancing began, a representation of the tortures of hell was given on the stage. Springing from a grotto, a number of devils in black and red sat in grotesque attitudes and thrust them into a pit on the stage, from which flames, smoke and the groans of the damned ascended. To the discredit of the assemblage, this feature of the carnival provoked long laughter and applause.

Correspondence.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the statements or opinions of our correspondents.

Railway Freights.

To the Editor of the Examiner. Sir,—In my last letter the rates on hay ex. Railway was discussed. In this your readers will have something on fish. The P. E. I. Railway during the past season or two carried mackerel at rates varying from 75 to 85 cents per barrel from all points on the railway to Boston. A friend of mine paid 54 cents per barrel for freight on mackerel from Tignish to Charlottetown. Now, nearly everywhere else the rate for way-side traffic bears some proportion to the freight rates. Our Railway seems to be the exception. As a result the bulk of our catch of mackerel goes to market by another and cheaper route. The Island ships large quantities of cod and other fish, but a comparatively small portion of it is shipped over the Government Railway, for the reason that the tariff is too high. I have paid as much as 9 cents per box on smoked herring from St. John to Charlottetown, and I have had these carried as low as 3 cents. There is something wrong in a tariff that allows so much of a difference. Often vessels are frozen out of this port. A sound policy would dictate that every facility should be afforded shippers both in rates and despatch; instead of which the most that can be enforced is collected, and a tariff that allows so much of a difference parties, nothing like that, you know, for the unfortunate shipper, but he must wait and take his chance of weather and he is very thankful if he can get three or four cents a day forward.

Yours respectfully, HENRY COOMBS.

Meeting at Cape Traverse.

To the Editor of the Examiner. Agreeable to public notice a large and influential meeting of the inhabitants of Cape Traverse and adjacent settlements was held in Cape Traverse School-house, on Saturday, the 26th inst., for the purpose of discussing the winter means of communication between this Island and the mainland. Finlay MacFayden, Esq., being appointed to the chair, and the undersigned Secretary.

Messrs. A. Strong, Benj. Webster, J. H. Howat, D. S. Wright, J. W. Hughes, Esquires, and others, addressed the meeting. The speakers seemed to be fully alive to the cause; when the following resolutions were severally introduced and spoken to by the movers and seconders, all of which passed amidst a good, lively and unanimous feeling of the people.

The first resolution was introduced by J. W. Hughes, Esq., and put before the meeting in the following words.

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