

The Daily Examiner DECEMBER 23, 1884.

A Warning.

We have no doubt that when contemplating the terrible scenes of the fires which destroyed the Halifax Asylum for the Poor and (only a few days ago) the Orphan Asylum in Brooklyn, New York, many among us thought, with a feeling of satisfaction that such fatalities are unlikely to occur here. But when they hear that the hose at our Hospital for the Insane is rotten and unfit for use, and that the institution is left without appliances for use in any serious case of fire, they will not feel so easy about it. The fact is—as we are informed on good authority—that on the outbreak of a fire, the unfortunate human beings who are in the public care would be completely at the mercy of the flames. The attention of the Government is directed to this important matter. If the fact is as represented, the case requires immediate action. We beg to suggest that not only shall new hose and other appliances be obtained at once, but that telephonic communication be established between the Asylum and the headquarters of the Fire Department in this city, so that aid can be instantly dispatched in case of need. Some time ago we suggested the procuring of a boat to prevent, as far as possible, the loss of a lunatic or an attendant or two, should one of the former take to the water in an attempt to escape. The suggestion has not yet been adopted. But the loss of one lunatic or one attendant by drowning, is a very trivial affair when compared with the destruction of the Asylum Building and the burning to death of its inmates. In such an eventuality the Provincial authorities will have a very heavy burden of guilt to bear, if they neglect to procure all the appliances required.

A First Class Hotel.

A LETTER of the Hon. Daniel Davies published in the Patriot of the 19th inst., contains several good ideas which we hope to see crystallized into substantial facts. Mr. Davies says that a first-class hotel is a "prime necessity," which in his opinion would not at all injure the business of the hotels now in existence. With a first-class hotel he says the influx of travellers would be very great, as only a portion could afford to pay the charges of such an hotel, the rest would go to the fairly comfortable hotels we already have. But those who have travelled, will bear him out in the saying that hundreds of wealthy excursionists making the round of the Maritime Provinces won't call at the Island for want of first-class hotel accommodation. Mr. Davies thinks—and, being a man of large experience, his opinion ought to be worth something—that "a fair rate of interest may reasonably be expected from the speculation." Once built, he believes there will be plenty of applications from persons willing to furnish it and to run it. A first-class hotel should certainly pay as well here as in Ottawa, where the rush of hotel business continues only about three months—and those the winter months in which expenses are necessarily much heavier than they are in summer. True, we haven't the attractions of Parliament, but we have, in summer, attractions much more potent for a much larger number of persons: to wit, those of a fine, cool, refreshing climate, fresh, park-like scenery and pleasing quiet for men and women seeking refuge from the heat and din of the great cities in which they live.

Collegiate Federation.

The Halifax Herald's reporter has been interviewing a number of gentlemen in Halifax as to their opinion concerning the Rev. Geo. W. Hodgson's scheme for a union of the Collegiate institutions of the Maritime Provinces. All agree that union on the basis proposed, would be a good thing; but many believe that it cannot be accomplished because of difficulties of detail. Mr. Fraser, Principal of the Asylum for the Blind, says the first thing to be done is to agree to have a conference; and if an agreement on the principle of the thing can be arrived at, the details as to the location, name and mode of government could be discussed. One would think that it ought not to be impossible to accomplish an undertaking which is right in principle and, from many points of view, advisable.

The Montreal Herald (Liberal) admits that Canada owes Sir John Macdonald more than it will ever be able to pay him.

The Scottish chamber of agriculture has issued an address to the landlords and people, demanding an immediate reduction of rents, on the ground that the depression in the agricultural industry appears to be permanent. It is proposed that a royal commission be appointed to take measures to alleviate the present urgent distress.

The Manchester Guardian in its commercial article says the market is extremely dull. Great difficulty to sell goods is experienced. There has been a further extension of the short time movement, and in many quarters business is quietly stopping. Prices are generally steady. Yarns are quiet and slightly in favor of buyers.

There is a crash among London corn operators. Several have failed. More are expected to go under. There is very little hope of improvement this winter, owing to the low prices prevailing.

"The Race of Somerled."

LAST evening the Rev. Daniel McDonald, D. D., lectured on the above subject, in the Market Hall, under the auspices of the Caledonia Club of P. E. Island. The members of the Club, headed by the pipes, attended in a body, and the audience was large. His Lordship Bishop McDonald was present. Archibald McNeill, Esq., President of the Club, occupied the chair, and on the platform, which was decked with the Club's banners, etc., sat the officers of the society. The lecturer, on being introduced, drew a striking parallel between the Islands of olden Greece and the Hibernian Archipelago, on the extreme west of Britain, giving his hearers a glimpse of their former glory, and showing how alike their history had been altered by time. Then making the town of Ohan, in Argyshire, his starting point, he drew the attention of the audience to the many romantic and beautiful scenes to be witnessed during an excursion from the above town around the Island of Mull. Various points were vividly portrayed by the lecturer, and his visit to the tomb of Angus Og, on the Island of Iona, was pathetically referred to. Angus Og, or Young Angus, was Sir Walter Scott's "Lord of the Isles," but was called by the bard the more euphonious name of Ronald:

"The heir of mighty Somerled, Ronald, from many a hero sprung, The fair, the valiant, and the young Lord of the Isles, whose lofty name, A thousand barons have given to fame. The lecturer from this point proceeded to trace the race of Somerled, the progenitor of the Macdonalds. After the expulsion of Gilbride from the Highlands by the Danes, Somerled at first came into notice. He appeared to live in retirement, but when a favorable opportunity presented itself, he, at the head of the people of Morvern, attacked the Norwegians and, after a long struggle, expelled them, and made himself master of Morvern, Lochaber and Argyre. Subsequently he obtained from David I. of Scotland a grant of the Islands of Man, Arran and Bute, but, being unable to hold them against the Norwegians, he secured an alliance with the Norwegian King of the Isles, married his daughter, and the issue of the marriage was three sons, Ronald, Dugald and Angus. A few years later Malcolm IV. occupied the throne of Scotland, and Somerled, who had acquired great power, posed as an independent chief. The King, thinking this incompatible with the interests of central government, called upon the chief to resign. This he refused, and boldly declared war against Malcolm. Emboldened by previous successes, Somerled determined to meet the King with an army from Argyre, Ireland, and the Isles. Having collected his forces, he sailed up the Clyde with a fleet of 160 galleys, and landed his followers at Renfrew. He met the Royal Army, under the High Steward of Scotland, by whom he was defeated, and Somerled himself slain. His body was conveyed to Iona, where it mingled with the dust of kindred chieftains. He was succeeded by his son Ronald, who assumed the title of Lord of the Isles, and received it from his followers. From this Ronald sprang two great families; that of Isla, descended from his son Donald, and therefore patronymically styled McDonald, and that of Bute, descended from his son, Ruari, therefore patronymically styled McRuari. The lecturer then proceeded to give a lengthy list of the descendants of Somerled, showing the high position they held in the service of their country, etc.

During the lecture Dr. McDonald paid a high tribute to the Queen's book, "Life in the Highlands," and said he only hoped she might live to write many more sweet little books. In concluding the rev. lecturer paid a splendid tribute to the loyalty of Highlanders to the House of Hanover. He deplored the depopulation of Scotland, caused by the blind and unpatriotic policy of too many of the landlords, and said that the day will come—but perhaps too late—when deer and sheep, however profitable, would be poor substitutes for vigorous arms and generous hearts that have assisted in fighting the battles of Old England and upholding and vindicating the prestige of the greatest empire that has ever figured in the pages of history. A vote of thanks was proposed by D. C. Martin, Esq., M. P. P., seconded by J. A. Macdonell, supported by Judge Reddin, and carried unanimously.

Y. M. C. Association.

The Annual General Meeting of the Charlottetown Y. M. C. Association was held last evening in the Parlor of Association Building, the President, L. L. Beer, Esq., in the chair. After the usual devotional exercises, the Reports for the past year were presented. The President's Report gave a very full summary of the year's work. As the report will no doubt be published we need not now refer to it at length. The finance report showed the amounts received and expended during the year. The support received from the general public is not as large as it should be. Considering the advantages offered the number of ticket holders should be largely increased. The election of officers for the present year resulted as follows:— President—Mr. Justice Hensley. Vice-Presidents—T. C. James, George Bremner, F. S. Moore, J. D. Seaman, F. W. Hales, Joseph Knight. Treasurer—H. J. Cundall. Honorary Secretary—J. J. Chappell. Executive—Charles Palmer, L. L. Beer, W. H. Findley, S. S. Peterson, David Laird, Nathan Davies, Asa Shepherd, Dr. Leaming, Richard C. G. H. Archd. Kennedy, John Ball, G. H. Taylor.

A meeting of the Executive will be held on Saturday, the 27th inst., at the hour of four o'clock in the afternoon. Our Advertisers. G. A. Sharp announces that the Orchestral Club will give a grand concert in the Market Hall on New Year's night. James Coleman advertises half fares on the Railway at New Years. E. Needham sells household furniture to-morrow, at 1 o'clock.

MUST CLEAR THEM OUT.—A great reduction in Ladies Kid Slippers during Xmas and New Year's times at Dorsey Golf & Co. dec22

The Skyeman's Address to Freedom vs. Lord Tennyson's.

BY MRS. A. D. MACLEOD.

Oh, Freedom! which in years gone by Sat gloriously upon our hills; Lit up the hearts, and homes of Skye, And sang in all our mountain rills. Oh, Thou!—for whom our father's fought— Their blood upon thy altar stands! The sacrifice! was it for nought? Is it for nought we clasp our hands?

Their wills were iron, not their lungs; They shrank not from the fiercest fight; Their deeds, more than ten thousand tongues, Pleaded loudly for their offspring's right.

Oh! what to us that golden age When Athens reigned, and pagan Rome? We need not grope through History's page, To greet the scourge we find at home.

Oh! what to us the lordling's taunt— The world may know we only feel Oppressions train of woe and want— We strive not 'gainst the public weal.

No lawless crowd, with brainless rage; From lack of noble purpose, loud:— Our goal—a ransom'd heritage:— Our idol—not the ignoble proud.

We crave not Fortune's wizard wand, With golden gleams our path to pave; But Justice, Freedom, Fatherland, A hopeful life, and peaceful grave.

Obedient ever to the laws Which jar not with that Higher Will:— Thou—Leader in our righteous cause, With beacon rays our spirit fill.

Thou may'st not see—for Falsehood veils, And Truth retires where tyrants reign— Those scenes 'fore which all nature pales;— Nor list the cry of hunger pain.

Yet Thee we hear in every breeze That round the lonely hamlet raves; Thy mountains echo to thy seas, "Oh, sons of freedom, be not slaves!"

And by Despair's dim, hollow eye; Starvation's wan and wasted cheek; We swear to do, or nobly die:— "God of our fathers, aid the weak!"

Through centuries of direst gloom, The Afric prayed thy dawn to see: The knell which told Oppression's doom, Proclaimed his year of jubilee.

Too long, in Sorrow's dusky shroud, Thy glorious men is hid from view:— Now Courage wakes, and calls aloud "Come forth! thou birthright of the true!"

And Thou shalt come—Triumphal song Shall ring from centre to the sea; And son from sire the notes prolong:— For Skye, and Scotland shall be Free!

"I knew of a house in which there were two children dying. One died and was wrapped in the only blanket the family possessed, whilst the other was covered in his illness, with a few rags of wearing clothes, till the removal of the dead body enabled the poverty-stricken parents to get the blanket for the other child, who died a few days after. In another house four children were huddled in one bed with their sick and dying mother, who died the night after my visit. One woman who came into my house, had not tasted food for twenty-four hours. I know those whose bed-clothing consists of a few coarse bags, and whose underclothing is made out of the same. Upon the factor being told that over half our crop was blown into the sea, he said that 'he did not send the wind, and we must get him the rent.' We sat up nights keeping the deer from our corn patch, and when we complained, were told in derision to go 'and milk the deer.' The landlord's place is raided in, but the rest of the buying ground is left open to his rabbits, who burrow in the graves, and scatter the bones of our ancestors." Even worse than the above can be cited as the effects of the vicious system of landlordism, which, in Skye, has allowed eleven persons to dominate over well nigh eighteen thousand, and to starve the larger number of those up on the soil which is well able to sustain the whole. The records of eviction upon the Duke of Argyll's property contain one case in which the abominable cruelty exercised is almost without parallel, and yet this christian nobleman can reproach in Parliament those disturbers of the peace who are "agitating" for the peoples' rights. It may be argued that the poor exist everywhere. To this I answer that those poor whose case I have represented, have not lapsed into poverty through special visitation of sickness, through wastefulness, or as a natural consequence of crime; but only through the injustice of others. As the daughter of one who devoted much of his time and also of his means to the bettering of their condition, and as an eyewitness of their patient endurance under extreme privation, it is impossible that I can plead over-ferently on behalf of our noble Scottish Highlanders. Before quitting the subject, I would desire to thank the Editor whose perception enables him to see that a discerning public can appreciate news beyond those merely local, for the space kindly tendered me, and I also beg to thank those who, in sending the writer words of sympathy, amply demonstrate that the fetters of Toryism, so far as the Island is concerned, have yielded before the growing power of ennobling sentiment.

In closing, I would earnestly desire that the breathing of a Heavenly influence may preside over all our Christmas associations: that the rich may sit down to the bounteous feast, with hands clean of the life-blood of the poor; and that the poor may surround their sparer table with the gratifying reflection that they live in a land where no moneyed man's hireling can wrest the trout fished in the river, or the rabbit caught in the woods, out of their hands.

Now to the reverend head, white with the snows of many a winter, the feet weary of earth's pilgrimage and very near to the river's brink, and the eyes which scan the nearing heaven for the beacon from Immanuel's Land; as to the young heart hale with the visions of Hope: to the hale, and the happy; to the sick and the sorrowing; to the lonesome, and to the glad, we would send forth that wish, the outcroppings of which have, for the last eighteen hundred years, benefitted the world, and taught the creed that no condition in life debars the entrance into Heaven. A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

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CONCERT!

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New Year's Night, MARKET HALL.

Programme will appear in this paper in due time. G. A. SHARP, Secretary. Ch'town, Dec. 23, 1884.

P. E. ISLAND RAILWAY.

NEW YEARS' EXCURSION. EXCURSION Return Tickets, at one first-class fare will be issued to and from all stations on this Railway, on 31st December, inst., and on New Year's Day, good to return up to, and including, Jan. 5, 1885.

JAMES COLEMAN, Superintendent. Railway Office, Ch'town, Dec. 23, 1884. pat eod wkly papers li

Household Furniture.

I WILL Sell by Auction, to-morrow (WEDNESDAY) 9th inst., at 1 o'clock p. m., in front of my Auction Room, Market House, a lot of Household Furniture, consisting of Walnut Bedroom Suit (marble top, first class), Walnut Tables, Chairs, Lounges, Child's Wagon and Sleigh, Stoves, &c.

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CHRISTMAS CONCERT.

THE Prince Street Brick Church Sunday School will give their ANNUAL CONCERT on the evening after Christmas, in the basement of the Church, to commence at 8 o'clock.

An excellent programme has been arranged. Admittance, adults, 15 Cents; children, 10 Cents. S. N. EARLE. Ch'town, Dec. 23, 1884.

P. E. ISLAND RAILWAY.

NOTICE. COMMENCING on MONDAY, 22nd DECEMBER, inst., a Special Passenger Train will, until further notice, leave Georgetown for Charlottetown, every evening (Sundays excepted) on arrival of Northern Light from Pictou's returning, will leave here for Georgetown at 9.15 p. m., except on Saturday evening when Train will not return. Train will leave here for Georgetown at 3 o'clock on Monday mornings.

JAMES COLEMAN, Superintendent. Railway Office, Ch'town, Dec. 23, 1884. daily papers only

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WANTS, LOST, FOUND, &c.

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