

The Churches on Christmas Day.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH. Rev. Mr. Jones preached an excellent sermon in St. Paul's yesterday, and there were a large number of communicants.

ST. PETER'S. The services in St. Peter's Church on Christmas Day were as follows: Holy Communion at 12 o'clock a. m., at which there were 4 communicants; Holy Communion at 8 o'clock, at which there were 87 communicants, and Miss Cantata with sermon at 11 o'clock a. m.

METHODIST CHURCHES. Services were held in the Methodist (Brick) and Upper Prince Street Churches yesterday forenoon. In the former church the sermon was preached by Rev. John Rea, and in the latter by Rev. W. Harrison.

ST. DUNSTON'S CATHEDRAL. There were four Masses and Vespers and Benediction in St. Dunstan's Cathedral yesterday, all of which were largely attended. The first and second Masses (at 7.30 and 8 o'clock) were celebrated by Rev. Charles Macdonald, and the third Mass (at 9 o'clock) by Rev. J. C. McLean.

THE CONVENTS AND HOSPITAL. Masses were also celebrated at the two convents and the Charlottetown Hospital. At the Convent de Notre Dame His Lordship Bishop McIntyre celebrated at 7 o'clock.

Canadian News.

Windsor has exported 124,000 tons of plaster during the year.

The Postmaster-General is endeavoring to make a money order arrangement with the Leeward Islands.

The new Albion gold mines at Montague, N. S., are said to have been sold to New York parties for \$80,000.

The government have decided to erect a steel bridge at Grand Narrows, on the Cape Breton railway, to replace the ferry which was at one time thought to be sufficiently practicable.

Sixty-one thousand head of cattle and 45,000 sheep have been exported from St. Lawrence ports during the past season.

The export of cattle has slightly decreased as compared with last year, but the export of sheep has increased 30 per cent.

Great interest is excited at Ottawa regarding the Supreme Court judgment in the Manitoba Railway case.

The court upholds the constitutionality of the Manitoba Act, but holds that no crossing of the Canadian Pacific can be effected until the railway committee has first approved of the mode and place of crossing.

The decision of the court is in exact accord with the minutes of council made some months ago by the Federal Government regarding the constitutionality of the act in question.

An official statement of the exports of all kinds through Montreal for the season closed, as compiled by the Corn Exchange Association, has been issued.

According to the report the movement in wheat alone falls from 7,732,848 bushels in 1887 to 2,033,425 bushels in 1888.

Maize, however, increased from 1,181,483 bushels to 2,721,282 bushels, but all other grains show a large falling off.

The total export movement of all kinds of grain, which amounted to 11,372,779 bushels in 1887, fell off to 5,658,227 bushels this year, a decrease of over 50 per cent.

Mr. Van Horne is of the opinion that the Fredericton, Halifax and Moncton people are premature in sending delegations to hasten the construction of the remaining portion of the Short Line Railway.

We supposed that no complaint had been made of delay on the part of the company, which, in view of the difficulties, has made extraordinary progress.

The protests seem to have been caused by a report that the company were asking to be relieved of the rest of their bargain, and a fear that the government might consent to the withdrawal.

If there is nothing in the report Mr. Van Horne is right in his criticism. The C. P. R. people cannot justly be charged with loitering over their work.

The Montreal Gazette remarks that the arrangement between the Moisons Bank and the Halifax Banking company for the mutual redemption of their note issues, is a step in a wise direction.

The wonder is that something in the same line was not done long ago by interested institutions. There has been a growing travel between the Maritime and the Upper Provinces for years.

It will be largely added to by the opening, in a few months, of the short line across Maine, which reduces by one-half, the time between this city and the trade centres of the Lower Provinces; and, as travel increases, the quantity of bank notes interchanged will grow, and the benefit of the new understanding be appreciated.

The discount formerly maintained against lower province rates has been an anomaly and an injustice to the holders, the continuance of which was a reflection on the business capacity of the Dominion's financiers.

Gleanings From My Common-place Books.

LORD MACAULAY AND THE EDINBURGH CONSTITUENCY.

I have read with pleasure the leading article and letter relative to Lord Macaulay and his political connexion with the City of Edinburgh, published in THE EXAMINER of the 17th of December, instant, over the signature of G. F. Owen, but I think there are a few erroneous statements therein.

According to my Common Place Book, Macaulay addressed the electors of Edinburgh in the Music Hall on the 30th of May, 1839, with the view of succeeding Mr. Abercrombie (who had been called to the House of Lords) in the representation of the city.

He was elected by acclamation on the 4th of June, after a feeble attempt at opposition not by the Tories, but by the Radicals who were disposed to bring forward Mr. Sharnan Crawford. Macaulay continued to represent Edinburgh until the general election in July 1847, when the modern Athens rejected a representative who had proved himself the faithful guardian of her interests, a man of downright honesty, a valuable minister of the Crown, distinguished as an eloquent and sound constitutional senator, a historian, critic, and poet, whose writings were admired wherever the English language was read; in short, one of whom Edinburgh, Parliament, and the Kingdom might be proud.

His defeat on this occasion took not only his friends but the nation by surprise. His rejection was not caused by his views on the Corn Laws, but was owing chiefly to his having supported in the House of Commons, by speech and vote, Sir Robert Peel's Bill increasing the pecuniary grant to the Roman Catholic College of Maynooth.

Mr. Charles Cowan, his Free Church opponent, was elected in his stead, and not Mr. Peter Blackburn, the Tory candidate, for he polled only 980 votes against Mr. Macaulay's 1477 votes. Macaulay might have easily found some other constituency; but his wounded pride hastened a result he had for some time been forming, to retire to a life of private literary labor. He therefore remained out of Parliament. In 1852 the movement of Edinburgh toward him was entirely spontaneous. Edinburgh was anxious to atone for the error of which she had been guilty. Macaulay would go no further than to say that if Edinburgh spontaneously elected him he should deem it a very high honor, and "should not find myself justified in refusing to accept a public trust offered to me in a manner so honorable and so peculiar."

FIRST MEETING OF ERASMUS AND SIR THOMAS MORE.

Shortly after his arrival in England, happening to dine with the Lord Mayor, Erasmus noticed on the other side of the table a young man of nineteen, slender, fresh-colored, with blue eyes, coarse hands, and the right shoulder somewhat higher than the other. His features indicated affability and gaiety, and pleasant jests were continually dropping from his lips.

If he could not find a joke in English, he would in French, and even in Latin and Greek. A literary contest soon ensued between Erasmus and the English youth. The former, astonished at meeting with any one that could hold his own against him, exclaimed: "Aut tu es Morus aut nullus!" "You are either More or nothing," and his companion, who had not learnt the stranger's name, quickly replied: "Aut tu es Erasmus aut diabolus!" "You are either Erasmus or the devil!" More flung himself into the arms of Erasmus; and hence sprung one of the most interesting friendships in the whole range of literary history.

"I. H. S."

In a circle above the principal door of Santa Croce, the "Westminster Abbey" of Florence, are the letters "I. H. S.," remarkable as having been placed there by St. Bernadine, of Siena, after the plague in 1347. Having remonstrated with a maker of playing-cards, which were then illuminated, upon the sinfulness of his calling, the man pleaded poverty and the needs of his family. "O," replied the Saint, "I will help you;" and writing the letters I. H. S., he advised the card-maker to gild and paint these upon his cards and sell them; and they succeeded greatly. The letters are usually thought to signify *Iesus Hominum Salvator*; they are, however, of Greek origin.

THE HOLY ROSE OF JERICHO.

This curious plant grows among the sands of Egypt, Palestine and Syria, and is found in Barbary. It is cruciform, and when its flowers and leaves have withered and fallen off, the branches as they dry, curl inward, and form a round mass, thence called a rose. The roots die, the winds tear the plant up and blow it about the sands till it lodges in a moist spot, or is wetted with the rain, then the curled-up globe expands and suffers the seeds to escape from the seed-vessel in which they were enclosed, and becoming imbedded in the sands they germinate anew; hence its name *Anastatica*. It is venerated in Palestine from the tradition that it blossomed at the moment when our Lord was born, and was endowed with qualities propitious to nativity. Wherefore the eastern women, when occasion requires, are anxious to have one of those dried plants expanding in a vase of water beside them, firmly believing that it has a salutary influence. It is an article of commerce, and bears a high price in the East. There is a madrigal by an old Italian poet, *Bene detto dall'Uva* very applicable to this "Rose," to whose existence and expansion moisture is so necessary.

Dec. 24, 1888. T. H. H.

Kindergarten.—Christmas Carols, etc., in the schoolroom of the Brick Church, this evening. See advertisement.

The Sultan of Turkey, who is a most fickle man regarding his fads, has become interested in typewriting and is procuring the best machinery.

Lines

ON THE DEATH OF JACOB DOCKENDORFF, ESQ., AGED 87 YEARS.

We mourn when those we love depart, And on the kindred clay The tears of sorrow ease the smart As they are borne away: And were there only tears to soothe, Oft hard would be our fate, But blest the comfort that can soothe The paths through man's estate.

'Tis hard to see the young and fair Torn from the parent's breast, Or the support of age's care Called to their last, long rest; 'Tis then we feel the need of more Than tears to fill the place, Of those we mourn; nor can the sore Be healed by time or space.

We thank the Giver of our all That he we mourn to-day Has left to care his throne to fall On those who yet must stay; He died, not as the youthful die, In strength of mind and frame; He left no needy ones to cry, But died,—just as he came.

No weeping wife or mother stood Beside the loved one's bier; No father or sad brotherhood Remain to mourn him here; Not that his grave is far away; From kin and native land; No, he has seen them all to clay Returned by death's cold hand.

Far, far beyond the little day Assigned to mortal man He lived, and all through life's hard way The path he nobly ran; His life was one that leaves behind Fond memories, not disdain; 'Tis an example all will find Free from remorse and stain.

If kindness and integrity Secure eternal bliss; And cheerful liberality A state more blest than this; Then happy is the one whose life Of toil and pain is o'er, And blessed all who leave this strife With hopes as bright before.

J. B. DOCKENDORFF, Southport, P. E. I.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Insurance—An Enquiry.

SIR,—Will you oblige, by informing me, through the columns of THE EXAMINER, the conditions on which the insurance companies, represented in the city, engaged to lower the rates of insurance on city risks. Perhaps you will also state whether or not the conditions have been complied with, what change we may expect in water rates, and when the new departure will date.

Yours obediently, Dec. 26, 1888. MERCHANT.

The Temperance Question.

SIR,—A man of temperate views myself, I have for the last forty years always refrained from interfering with the temperance question in the field of politics. For this reason I hope now that you, Mr. Editor, will allow space to one who can govern his pen, to express his deep pity for the individual who could work his feelings up to such a pitch of fanaticism as to write such an abusive letter as that signed "Voter" in THE EXAMINER of the 21st inst.

Who is the man who has discovered such a beam in his brother's eye? Has he no beam in his own? Now, Mr. Editor, I do not want a representative for our ward such as he condemns; I want a different man, but for all that I would give a hearing to any man, in a spirit of tolerance, and lose nothing by it.

Why should human beings dare to associate fellow-beings with Satan, who does not pretend to be the particular friend of drunkards, but who, as we are told by the highest authority, also looks after liars, thieves, adulterers, hypocrites, slanderers and evil-doers. If Mr. Voter's past career has been clear of all these qualifications, I beg his pardon; but I doubt.

Is temperance the first cardinal virtue? I trow not; as we are told, for instance, that "cleanliness is next to Godliness," not cleanliness of body, but cleanliness of life, purity of morals, honesty, truthfulness, and other kindred virtues, some of which are as conspicuous by their absence in the lives of some temperance men of our day as they were forty years ago.

How clearly one of our clergy told his audience this fact some time ago, and how little thanks he was given for it, I remember at the time. What cause was there why they could not appreciate the truth when fearlessly and honestly told? Ah, me! what significance this incident had in my eyes.

To close—Why cannot people writing for the papers keep such unseemly abuse out of their letters? Why disgust the greater part of their readers? Why, indeed?

Yours sincerely, ANGLIC.

Dec. 24, 1888.

Personal.

Mayor Hazen, of Fredericton, has consented to be a candidate for re-election. He is not likely to be opposed.

Mrs. Langtry's ranch in California is 3,500 acres in extent, and she has commissioned her manager to buy the best horses he can find in the East.

It is reported and believed that Mr. W. H. Smith has made his last appearance in the House of Commons as a Government Leader, and that the Leadership will fall to Mr. Goschen.

There is a dreadful report at the clubs that the Prince of Wales has given up canes, and that they will not be fashionable this winter. The owners of large collections of canes are accordingly miserable.

Emperor William continues to work hard. He receives Generals von Waldersee and von Wittich daily. It is reported that the latter is engaged in explaining in minute detail the possibility of Germany sustaining a war against France and Russia simultaneously.

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