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OTAWA LITERARY & SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.

The fifth meeting of the Ottawa Literary & Scientific Society will be held in the Lecture Room this evening, THURSDAY, February 15th, 1872, at 8 p.m.

Subject for debate:—Is the study of classical literature a necessary part of the education of a professional man?

Admission free. The public invited. A. J. CHRISTIE, Secretary.

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Latest Cable Telegrams

GREAT BRITAIN. LONDON, 13th.—The Franco-German postal convention has been signed by the respective governments.

FRANCE. PARIS, Feb. 13.—The elections in the Department of Eure, to fill vacant seats in the National Assembly, were attended with great disorder and numerous conflicts between opposites.

PORTUGAL. LISBON, Feb. 13.—An earthquake occurred here last night. The shock, however, was slight, and no serious damage was done.

ITALY. ROME, Feb. 13.—The Government has decided to grant a concession for the building of a telegraphic cable between Spain and the Canaries, to be extended to some Spanish possession in America.

UNITED STATES. NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—A special London despatch to the Herald says that no English Government containing a negotiation in regard to the Treaty of Washington.

THE WASHINGTON TREATY. The Fisheries were given up; the severities of the Fenian claims withdrawn; all, and everything that the most ambitious or avaricious of nations could ask, or desire was granted.

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BY TELEGRAPH.

Via Dominion Line. TORONTO. PARLIAMENTARY. Toronto, Feb. 14, 1872. The Speaker took the chair 3.15.

After routine business Hon. Mr. Stott stated in reply to Mr. Code that it was not the intention of the Government during the present Session to introduce a measure to allow locators and settlers to free grant lands to assign or transfer their claims to said lands prior to the time stated in the Act for getting their patents cut. After recess they would give the subject their attention.

In reply to Mr. Read Hon. Mr. Scott said the Government would endeavor to supply the local wants of the country by reserving a portion of the pine lands in the free grant districts.

Hon. Mr. Blake said in reply to Mr. Clarke (Wellington) that it was not the intention of the Government to propose during the present Session such an amendment to the existing law as will place horticultural societies in incorporated villages upon the same footing with regard to townships and cities, as similar societies in towns and cities.

Mr. Arlidge moved for information respecting free grant districts when certain lumber berths were sold, to whom the amount was paid as a bonus, the dues received, &c. He said he was not satisfied with the reply given to his inquiry as to whether they intended refunding any of the lumber dues to settlers. He did not think the Government was liberal in their proposals, and when in opposition. He thought the difficulty which settlers found in obtaining patents was detrimental to the settlement of the country.

Mr. Arlidge said it was not fair to bring immigrants to this country with a promise of land, and then to refuse to give it. [Writing to the telegraph line giving way was unable to close the report.]

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PAPER HANGINGS.

A large assortment of newest patterns just arrived by fast steamers, including a variety of DECORATIVE PAPERS, OAK & MARBLE.

The subscriber respectfully invites an inspection of these as low as any house in the city.

H. MATTHEWMAN, Opposite the Post Office, Ottawa, Ottawa, March 25, 1871.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

Ottawa Literary & Scientific Society.—A. J. Christie, Sale of Blankets, Flannels and Wincies.—T. Hunton, Son & Co.

The Ottawa Times.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1872. It has always appeared to us that the complaints in which the Americans have so long indulged, about the destruction of their commerce, are, to a very large extent, childish and absurd.

The transfer of the greater portion of the carrying trade to Great Britain is a consequence of iron ships having taken the place of wood on American clippers, and this change would have occurred even if there had been no American civil war, and the Atlantic had never been closed.

Certainly there seems a considerable amount of practical common sense in Senator Sumner's suggestion for a settlement of the present international difficulty. In reality his scheme amounts to this, viz: That Great Britain while affirming that she did not understand that commercial claims were to be submitted without withdrawing her claims should be allowed.

A new saloon having been opened in Toronto the Globe proceeds to "puff it." It says:—"The principle on which it is conducted is that no napes are given away. When a person wishes to taste wine or brandy a sample is drawn for him, while he is looking on, from the cask in which it was imported, and he pays for it."

We do not pretend to be as well versed as our Grit contemporary as to the manner in which the business of a saloon ought to be conducted. We must confess, however, that we do not see anything extraordinarily original in the "principle" alluded to above.

PENITENTIARY MANAGEMENT AND CRIMINAL REFORM.

We've by one of our late exchanges that a large and influential meeting in connection with the subject of prison reform was held in New York on the previous day. It was largely attended and was addressed by the Hon. Horatio Seymour, President of the National Prison Association; Ex-Governor Wayland, Rev. Dr. Wines, Professor Lieber, and others; and letters were read from President Grant, Governor Hoffman, Archbishop McCloskey, Senator Chandler, and others who were not able to be present.

This meeting was a sequel to one held in Cincinnati in the autumn of 1870, and was convened for the purpose of affording to Dr. Wines, Secretary of the Association and late United States Commissioner on Criminal Reform to Europe, an opportunity of laying before those interested in the matter, the results of his late mission. The Congress held in Cincinnati was attended by representatives from the most important sections of the union, many of them men of the greatest political eminence, and highest social position.

At the Cincinnati convention it was proposed to attempt the convening of an International Congress, and a joint resolution having passed the United States Congress favoring that proposition, and authorizing President Grant to appoint a commissioner to effect the necessary arrangements with foreign Governments, Dr. Wines was so appointed, and armed with letters from the Secretary of State, and aided by the co-operation of the foreign Ministers resident in Washington, (who addressed dispatches on this subject to their respective governments) he spent the greater part of the last year in Europe. In pursuance of the objects of his mission he visited Great Britain and most of the countries of Europe, being received in all with the most marked consideration. In Italy, King Victor Emmanuel named by special decree a committee of twenty persons to act for Italy in the arrangements for the congress. The Government of the North German Union also manifested the most earnest sympathy in the Commissioner's undertaking. Count Eulenberg, Minister of the Interior, writing in a letter to Dr. Wines, in answer to one from the latter addressed to Prince Bismarck, said: "I am to answer from him (Bismarck) that participation in this work, with whose preparation you have been charged, shall prolong not only to Prussia, but to Germany." In France, too, in spite of the very unfortunate state of that country at the time of his visit, Dr. Wines met the most hearty encouragement, the Academy of Moral and Political Sciences of the Institute of France binding itself to forward the International Congress by every means in its power. In England, an extraordinary interest was felt in the movement, that a National Committee of Arrangement for the Congress proposed to be held in London in the month of July next, was formed, numbering, amongst others, the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lord Bishop of London, Archbishop Manning, Dean Stanley, the Lord Chancellor for England and Ireland, the Dukes of Argyll and Northumberland, together with several other noblemen.—Sir Walter Crofton, Miss Carpenter, Miss Nightingale and many others more especially identified with the subject of criminal reform. The Empire of Brazil, and even the Spanish speaking Republics of South America, have announced their intention of sending delegates to the Congress, so that Dr. Wines says he has every reason to believe that there will be few, if any of the civilized nations of the world, which will not be represented there. Were it not that these instances show how widespread and vital is the interest felt in the consideration of this problem, it would seem hardly credible that the efforts of an individual (for it appears that to Dr. Wines is due the credit of originating this truly noble project) should be sufficient to bring about

one or two sharp pulls to attract the attention of the occupant of the cage. "Thank God he is alive at least," murmured Brigitta, as the line with the nie attached to it was swiftly drawn up from above.

And now, indeed, there followed a time when the suspense endured by those who waited below amounted to something like short agony. It was vain for them to strain their eyes with lights and gas, they could make out nothing of what was going on above. It was vain to listen for the sound of the file; it was a weary night, and so slight a light would be heard at that distance. Then there was the ever-present fear lest some one should, even at that unlikely hour, appear on the piazza. The watch, again on their rounds, passed by once and twice with lights and gas glittering, but this time they did not come so close to the column as they did before.

Presently afterwards a drunken fellow came by and incoherently talked to Lippo in a way that was almost unbearable. So long, and was so glib, that Lippo could only get up to leave the place by going with him, returning as he had almost as soon as he had been the talkative not safely out of the square.

Meanwhile the night, or rather the morning, was wearing on. It was the time of day when the darkness is long in giving place to daylight and there was as yet no striking even of approaching dawn. Only the dim light of the hours from the neighbouring streets, and the faint light from the moon, approached down, and made them tremble. They almost counted the minutes, now so precious had they become. If once the people tried to wake up, and the people to stir about the cage, they would be heard at that distance. Then there was the ever-present fear lest some one should, even at that unlikely hour, appear on the piazza. The watch, again on their rounds, passed by once and twice with lights and gas glittering, but this time they did not come so close to the column as they did before.

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