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## The Miscellany.

### TIME IS FLYING.

Time is flying, time is flying—  
Life like billows washing on,  
Still no heart braves for sighing,  
No regret for all that's gone.  
When day is past, labor done,  
Who mourneth for the setting sun.

Time is flying, time is flying.  
Riches gained for by-gone years  
Wisdom garnered, sought denying  
That may rescue from tears.  
Who weepeth for the blossom dies?  
The golden fruit all feast our eyes.

Time is flying, time is flying.  
Grief forgotten in the past,  
Moan we not in sorrow lying;  
From its gloom we're speeding fast.  
The cloud above mercy wept,  
And blessings spring in dust that slept.

Time is flying, time is flying,  
Trustful hearts, look on and live,  
There in fond hope relying,  
Wait the bliss that heaven may give,  
For coming years their faith will keep,  
As summer's end the harvest reap.

Time is flying, time is flying;  
And like the shadows earth will flee.  
Gladly meet the hour of dying,  
Glory shine beyond for thee.  
'Tis weakness mourns that man must die,  
The heir of immortality.

### BY-AND-BYE.

There's a little mischief-making  
Elfin, which ever nigh,  
Thwarting every undertaking,  
And his name is "By-and-Bye."  
What we ought to do this minute  
"Will be better done," he'll cry,  
"If to-morrow we begin it"—  
"Put it off," says By-and-Bye.

Those who heed his treacherous wooing  
Will his hithless guidance rue—  
What we always put off doing,  
Clearly, we shall never do;  
We shall reach what we endeavor  
If on "Now" we more rely;  
But unto the realms of "Never,"  
Leads the pilot "By-and-Bye."

[For the "Montreal Witness,"

### ON INDECISION.

Those who have become thoughtful respecting their endless welfare, often differ in the precise state of their souls very widely from each other. Some, whilst sincerely wishing to enter into the bonds of the covenant, are halting between two feelings—between hope and fear. They are truly willing to be the Lord's, but they have not yet entered by faith into a state of justification, and of joy in God through Jesus Christ. In their case unbelief is one of the principal obstacles by which their souls continue to be kept away from a realization of the Divine favor.

Others are halting between two opinions. Instead of having become willing to yield themselves without reserve and without delay to the Lord, their minds are wavering between the allurements of the world and the tender mercies of their Maker—between the power of sin and the compassion of the Saviour—between the depraved desires of the flesh and the still small voice of the Spirit. Such a state of soul is not only sinful, unhappy and precarious, but peculiarly so.

1st. *It is peculiarly sinful.*—Its sinfulness may be illustrated by the case of Pharaoh and that of Agrippa. When Pharaoh refused, in the first instance, to let the people go, he sinned; but, when after repeated displays of the power of God, and repeated convictions favorable to compliance with the Divine will, Pharaoh still hesitated, his sin became thereby peculiarly aggravated.

Agrippa, long before he heard Paul preach, might have found opportunities of hearing the Gospel, and of judging fairly as to its truth and importance; but after listening to Paul and feeling constrained to yield his mind to the force of evidence, then to falter and to waver and to refrain from a decision to which his convictions were prompting him, that was a state of sinfulness of yet deeper dye.

2nd. *Indecision is a state of soul peculiarly unhappy.*—Neither false peace, nor true peace; neither false peace, like a stagnant muddy pool—nor true peace, like a flowing stream reflecting the heavens; but a state of soul like "a troubled sea," for, as James has expressed it, "he that wavereth is like the waves of the sea, driven with the wind and tossed."

3. *It is a state of soul peculiarly precarious.*—It is so especially in two respects: First, it tends to create in the undecided mind a prejudice

against religion. Indecision of soul is a very unhappy state; and having a reference to religion, and being intimately associated with thoughts about religion, undecided persons often allow themselves to imagine that religion involves much unhappy feeling for this life, whereas it is indecision that does so. Once decided, and the unhappy feelings connected with indecision go with it, and joy and peace come in the train of faith in Christ and devotedness to God.

Farther, indecision is peculiarly precarious because it is not likely to be long borne with by Divine forbearance. In support of this statement, passages of great weight and solemnity might be quoted from the sacred record; but we only add that these remarks are offered with the hope and prayer that some mind not yet decided for God may take them into association with reflections upon the year now drawing so near to its close.

Reader, if you are spared to enter on another year, whether you do so with dark forebodings or bright anticipations, of this you may feel certain, it will in many respects be different from any past year of your pilgrimage.

O, how blessed if, whilst a voice from without says, "ye have not passed this way heretofore," a voice from within reply—the voice of a believing, decided soul—Lord "thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory."

[For the "Montreal Witness,"

### THE BIBLE SOCIETY.

The claims of the Bible, the Book of Books, are unquestionably entitled to full and prompt attention. They are in truth superior, infinitely superior, to all merely human requisitions.—Though the holy volume was written by the hand of man, it emanated from the heart of God; the holy amanuensis gave not utterance to earthly thought, but "spoke as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." The truths thus taught would never have been known had there been no inspired revelation. By this agency the strait gate of moral purity is opened, and reconciled humanity conducted along the narrow way of holiness to a happy eternity. Happy indeed are those who find there the path of immortality.

Now, the light thus imparted was not designed to be hidden in the hearts of its recipients, but to be universally diffused. It was intended to be "the light of the world." He who gave the blessed boon said, *Let your light shine.* Hence the reflection of the truth is incumbent on all who enjoy its radiance.

Such is the grand design of the Bible Society. By earnest, united, persevering exertion this noble institution has translated the Holy Scriptures into one hundred and fifty languages. The issues reported for 1855 were two and a half millions; the total amount issued, fifty millions of copies. Great, however, as these results are considered, in reference to the means supplied, they are small in relation to what remains to be effected. More than six hundred millions of the earth's inhabitants are still involved in moral darkness. But ought Christians to be discouraged by the vastness of the work? Surely, they believe that "the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD!" Then let them not forget that by the terms of the gospel charter they are constituted the *distributors* as well as the *depositories* of saving truth. He who decreed the end, also ordained the means. To Zion it is said, "Arise, shine."

In this era of enterprise when, in the promotion of science and art, "many run to and fro, and knowledge is increased," ought religious people to fall behind the spirit of the age? Long ago the command was given to "teach all nations," but we are far short of its accomplishment. When panoramas, circuses, worldly shows of any kind, command the weekly attendance of throngs, and numerous fees for admission, shall the *yearly* appeals of the Bible Society be met by a scanty audience, and its agents denied even a mite?

Among all the agencies of benevolence, there are none that accomplish a greater amount of good with so small an amount of means. For tenpence the Bible can be furnished to a heathen; for the small sum of \$1 per year, any person may be a member of a Branch Society, and also supply six destitute individuals with the Word of God. In some parts of Canada, according to the published reports, Branch Societies are actively engaged in circulating the Sacred Volume. In other localities there is much interest in the matter, and all that is wanted is organization and energetic leaders; but it is a melancholy fact that there are many places totally inactive. Nothing in holy revelation is more strongly

condemned than ostentatious display; the idea of subscribing to a benevolent undertaking with a view to notice in an annual report, is highly censurable. But is there not an opposite evil? Is it right to hide the smallness of our contributions in a general collection? Cannot both extremes be avoided? What if annual reports be used by the benevolent as a means of provoking one another, by a sort of holy jealousy, to love and good works. Nothing is more common than to judge of the character and prosperity of a place by the contrast presented in such reports; and hence the pleasure of doing good is enhanced by the reflex benefits resulting to the donors themselves.

But there are higher and holier motives.—What ought not we be willing to do for Him who, "though he was rich, for our sakes became poor, that we, through his poverty, might be made rich." When the work required is measured by the amount of means placed at the disposal of God's people, it may not be denied that the sum of benevolence is vastly below that of our responsibilities. Let us, therefore, endeavor to realize the share required of us considered as a Province, a County, or a Township. Let each individually inquire—Have I done all I can by my prayers, my contributions, my influence over others, to supply the Bible bread of life to those in peril of being destroyed for lack of knowledge.

SACERDOS.

### THE EVENING OF A COMMUNION SABBATH.

This solemn day is gone. Its sacred pleasures, its holy privileges are past, and the shades of evening are gathering round. It has been a delightful day. I was this day in the house of God. I had my seat with the friends of Jesus at his table. I handled the emblems of his broken body and shed blood. What a blessing to the child of God is a communion Sabbath! While pressing his way heavenward, through difficulties, trials, and temptations, how sweet it is to sit down and refresh one's self by the way! Surely, if there is anything refreshing to the Christian, it is a communion season. Then and there he finds joy and peace that the world knows nothing of; his mind wanders back to that sad night in which this ordinance was instituted; he sees Christ, with his twelve disciples, assembled in an upper room; he hears him say, "Do this in remembrance of me," (and what heart that loves Jesus could refuse to obey;) he sees him pass from that place to the garden of Gethsemane; he sees there his agony and bloody sweat; then he sees him forsaken by all his friends, and surrounded and maltreated by his foes; he sees him on that mount, suspended between heaven and earth; he hears him cry—"It is finished," and the language of his heart is,

"'Twas you, my sins, my cruel sins,  
His chief tormentors were."

He sees him laid in the tomb—but the Christian, in that interesting service, does not look upon Christ's suffering and death; he sees him rise from the tomb on the third day, meet with his disciples, bless them, and ascend up into heaven; and he remembers that he is there now, interceding for all those who put their trust in him; and surely Christ loves to look down from heaven upon his humble followers assembled at his table to commemorate his death and suffering. Did he not look down this day? Ask that humble child of God who felt his gracious presence, see what the answer will be. "Yes," he will say, "Jesus was at his own table to-day." The communion Sabbath has always been a solemn day to me, but I have thought this day peculiarly so.

A communion on earth is pleasant to the Christian; but how much more pleasant would it be to sit down at the marriage supper of the Lamb on high! Those persons assembled at the table of the Lord this day, will, in all probability, never all sit down at the same table on earth again; but there is a place far beyond the scenes of earth, a blessed and heavenly country, where Christians shall meet never to part again, and there is

"No sickness there—  
No weary wasting of the frame away;  
No fearful shrieking from the midnight air;  
No dread of summer's bright and fervid ray  
N. F. Observer. No hidden grief is there."

—Bishop Beverage beautifully observes that though all the sins of believers are written in the book of God's remembrance in the blackest characters, yet they are all crossed out with the red lines of the Saviour's blood, and therefore have no force against them.

### CHRISTIAN TREASURY.

"My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"  
Psalm xxxiii. 1.

SPIRITUAL DARKNESS.—Of all the sorrows which a child of God must encounter on his journey through this world to another perhaps the heaviest is the hiding of his heavenly Father's countenance. The believer feels like other men, the common woes of mortal life, nay, he sometimes appears of all men the most miserable.—but he has a promise and a pledge adapted to every such case: there is always something in the covenant suited to his wants: and when all else seems to fail, he can at least fall back on the comprehensive assurance, "My grace is sufficient." But when that grace appears to be withdrawn, or even turned into sore displeasure; when the soul can no longer enjoy communion with its God, but, on the contrary, feels as if its prayer were shut out from before him, it is then that the stroke appears to be overwhelming—then that the believer would cry from all the depths of his soul, "O wretched man that I am!"

But what may we regard as the causes of this sore distress?

First; it may originate in the holy sovereignty of God. He may be pleased thus to try the souls of his children, just as other troubles, in different forms, come upon other men. "The good pleasure of his goodness" may thus be Jehovah's rule—and the lesson which he would teach may be this—"Be still, and know that I am God."

Or, secondly; the spiritual darkness which broods over a soul may be occasioned by sin committed, and the Spirit of holiness grieved.—In every case, but especially in the case of a child of God, sin is offensive to the Holy One.—He will correct us for it: He will testify his displeasure: He will make it manifest that it is an evil and a bitter thing to sin against the Holy One.

Or, thirdly; the darkness of soul to which we now refer may originate in the want of a simple faith. Instead of beholding the Lamb of God, or looking to him that we may be saved we may be turning our scrutiny inward in the hope of finding something there, on which our hopes and our happiness may repose. But it never was designed that we should find our hopes upon anything within. Other foundation no man can lay than that which God has laid, which is Jesus Christ. There all is radiant—but elsewhere, a spiritual gloom descends on us again.

And where shall we find a remedy for this evil? The expression of David, or of David's Lord, may enable us to reply. Amid all his darkness, David still clung to God as *his God*.—like the patriarch before him, the king of Israel would not let God go. His faith might be obscured, and his soul in perplexity; but still he had an anchor cast within the veil. He clung to God as *his God*, whatever might befall—and so should we. Even amid trials and sorrows, such as David had to endure, we should exercise an appropriating faith,—and so be delivered from every ill.

Or, farther; if it be sin committed that has grieved the Holy One, then that should be sought out, and carried to the fountain opened for sin. No peace need be expected by the soul till that be done. In His own children at least the Holy One will testify his displeasure against the abominable thing which he hates; and whether it be the want of faith, or some positive transgression, the Judge of all the earth calls on us to cease to do evil and learn to do well.

But in contrast with these tried ones, how blessed are they whom the Lord keeps in perfect peace! By enabling them to "stay upon God," they are carried calmly through life, His kingdom within them, and Himself for their portion for ever. The secret of all that, is simple faith in the Saviour. In Him such souls meet and commune with the Father of our spirits. In Him they find the grace which is all-sufficient, and the joy which no man takes from them. The Sun of Righteousness habitually shines upon them, and they walk like the children of light to their heavenly home, rejoicing in Christ Jesus, and having no confidence in self. And, while such favoured ones remember that they have nothing which they have not received, how careful should they be to live to the glory of Him who has done such great things for them! Surely, "the living sacrifice" should be often presented, and the "reasonable service" paid! Where such grace is working, glory should accrue to its author—and happy that soul which the Holy Spirit is thus leading in the narrow way! It is there that man walks with God and rejoices in his favor as life.—*Tweedie's Balm from Gilead.*

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, & DEATHS.

BIRTHS. Montreal—29th inst., Mrs. A. B. Stewart, of a son. 29th inst., Mrs. Charles Alexander, of a daughter. Leeds—20th ult., Mrs. Michaelson, of a son. Niagara—20th inst., the wife of the Rev. J. B. Mowat, A. M., of a son.

MARRIED. Churchillville—25th inst., by the Rev. Thomas Johnson, James L. Johnson, Esq., of Norval, to Miss Jane Moore.

Elora—17th inst., by the Rev. R. C. Sylvester, Mr. A. Flewelling, of Nichol, to Miss Fanny Niblett, of Pilkington.

Inverness—24th inst., by the Rev. Jos. McConechy, Malcom McKenzie, Leeds, to Janet, second daughter of Lachlan McKenzie, Inverness. 24th inst., by the same, Joseph McKelvie, to Helen, second daughter of Mr. Robt. Crookshanks.

Richmond Hill—15th inst., by the Rev. James Boyd, Richard Skelton, to Jane, second daughter of Mr. Jacob Hope. 25th inst., by the Rev. J. Borland, Mr. Wm. Roger, to Eliza, eldest daughter of Mr. James Coleman.

DEATHS. Cote St. Charles, Vaudreuil—24th inst., Ebenezer Clark, second son of Mr. E. P. Grout, aged 2 years and four months.

Decewville—5th inst., Catharine, widow of the late Captain John DeCew, aged 75 years. Niagara—29th inst., Janet McGill, daughter of the late Rev. Dr. McGill of Montreal, and wife of the Rev. John B. Mowat, A. M., of Niagara.

CANADA NEWS.

A GREAT SCOUNDREL.—About a month ago, Sergeant O'Neil, Color Sergeant of Captain Terry's Company, (9th Reg.,) in Fort Henry, absconded and deserted, having £70 of his Captain's money in his possession to pay the men, and also, about £45 belonging to the Canteen Keeper. Nothing was heard of him until Monday last, when he was quietly taken by the Regimental Police in plain clothes in the village of Gananoque, and he now lies in the Tete du Pont Guard Room, waiting a Court Martial. This Mr. O'Neil seems to have been a great fool as well as a rogue; for it appears that instead of escaping to the United States and remaining there, he has been nearly all the time of his absence in or about Kingston, going to Balls and other public places. Two of his brother sergeants have been reduced to the ranks for seeing him at one of these places, and not reporting him—more rogue of him afterwards to tell. For the mixed crimes of Desertion and Felony, in all probability he will be severely punished. The guns on Fort Henry often fire at night. This would indicate much desertion on the part of the regiment in garrison. Such, however, is not the fact to any great extent. The firing of the guns at night tell of men absent without leave, who generally turn up during the night or early next morning. The cheapness of spirits is the cause of this insubordination.—Kingston Whig.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION.—The season of the year has again arrived for the performance of one of the most important duties which fall to the lot of citizens. We refer to the election of Township Councillors. Upon the proper and judicious selection of these officers, much of the well-being of our country depends. Some of our cotemporaries advocate the introduction of political and party feeling in these contests; but we are decidedly opposed to this course. If the electors will take our advice, they will lay aside every feeling of religious or political strife, and soberly set themselves to consider which of the several candidates offering themselves in the respective Municipalities will best discharge the important duties of the offices to which they aspire. A man will not make a better Councillor, because he may happen to belong to this church or to that church—because he may ally himself to this party or to that party. We want honest intelligent, thinking men, to transact the business of the Municipalities; and the introduction of party feeling, and political animosity, will, instead of assisting them in the faithful discharge of these duties, have a tendency to mar the well working of the institutions, and frustrate the objects for which they were designed. It is lamentable to see the selections which are sometimes made. Men are frequently thrust into office, who are every way disqualified to fill it, either with credit to themselves or advantage to the electors. Our Municipal Councils are becoming, every year, more and more important, and great care and prudence should be exercised in the selection of our Councillors.—Carleton Place Herald.

—The Rev. L. Kribs, Congregational Minister at Owen Sound, has been presented with an address and a purse of £15 17s 6d, as a mark of esteem on the part of his hearers.

CASHIERED!—The last official Gazette contains the following notice:—"His Excellency the Governor General is pleased to dispense with the services of Lieutenant George Innis, 1st Battalion Gaspe, in consequence of his neglecting to furnish an explanation required by the Commander-in-Chief, of his alleged riotous conduct at Douglstown.

ARNPRIOR.—Few places in Canada or elsewhere can boast more rapid growth or better future prospects than Arnprior. It is situated on the Ottawa River, at the mouth of the Madawaska River, some forty miles above the City of Ottawa, in the midst of a very superior agricultural country, which is unsurpassed in Canada. There is a magnificent water power, most conveniently situated in the Village, and it possesses every facility to secure its advancement. Three or four years ago, it contained only two or three houses, at present it numbers nearly one thousand inhabitants, and it has mills, stores, and hotels of the first class. At present we notice especially the large new six story stone flouring mill belonging to Mr. Nathaniel Burwash, which commenced work a few days ago. As yet only three runs of stones are in working order in Mr. Burwash's mill. One run the other day ground one hundred bushels wheat in ten hours, making first class work as to quality. The works are driven by the kind of wheel known amongst machinists as the "Central Discharge Wheel," made by N. S. Blasdell & Co., Victoria Foundry, in this city. Mr. Burwash's mill was designed by Mr. Bullis, millwright, of this place.—Citizen.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

LECTURE.—On Saturday, 3rd Jany., MR. WALSH, Principal, Lower Canada College, will deliver a Lecture upon 'The Fire Worshippers of the East,' in the Odd Fellows' Hall, at 6 o'clock. Admission by tickets (free) to be had on application to the Superintendent, Mercantile Library Association. Montreal, 26th Dec., 1856.

BIBLE SOCIETY.

The Anniversary Meetings of the Branch Bible Societies, in connection with the Montreal Auxiliary, will (D.V.) be held as follows:—The Ministers of the Gospel in various localities, and the Rev. J. Green, Travelling Agent of the M. A. B. S., will give Addresses on the Bible Mission in various parts of the world. The public are respectfully invited to attend.

Table with columns: PLACE, DATE, HOUR, PLACE, DATE, HOUR. Lists various locations and times for Bible Society meetings.

A Collection will be taken up at the close of each Service (where it has not already been done) in aid of the Society.

FRENCH EDUCATION in connection with MCGILL COLLEGE and HIGH SCHOOL. Mr. L. G. FRONTEAU, Graduate of the University of Paris, and Professor of French Language and Literature in McGill College, Montreal, has made arrangements for receiving after the Christmas Holidays, an additional number of Pupils in connection with that Institution. Parents desirous of securing for their Sons the advantages of private instruction in French, and practice in speaking that language, in connection with the superior means of Commercial, Collegiate and Professional education now offered by the McGill College and its High School, would do well to avail themselves of the opportunity thus offered. Prof. F. will give careful attention to the progress of his Pupils as well as to their conduct and comfort. And in addition to the usual daily religious exercises in his own family, will endeavour to secure for them such other religious advantages and connections as may be desired by their parents.—For information as to terms, &c., &c., address Prof. FRONTEAU, McGill College, Montreal.

MISS LYMAN will have a vacancy for one Boarder January 3rd. Cote-House, 23rd Dec., 1856.

LIFE OF CAPTAIN VICARS, suitable for a CHRISTMAS and NEW-YEARS GIFT to Sabbath School Scholars.—The Subscriber offers the Life of Capt. Vicars, to Sabbath School Teachers and others for presents at 12s. per doz. The same privilege will be extended to parties in the Country, on the receipt of the above sum, namely 12s. Single Copies 1s. 6d.—Address E. PICKUP, Montreal.

JUST PUBLISHED, in both languages, The Lower Canada LAW-CALENDAR, for 1857, and Tables of Fees, payable in Law Proceedings in the different Courts in the same; by JOHN HONEY, Deputy Prothonotary of the Superior Court in this District, may be had at Mr. Pickup's, St. Francois Xavier Street, next door to the Post Office, and at the other Booksellers and Stationers. For particulars, see prospectus at the above places. The names of Subscribers to Mr. Honey's Professional, Commercial and Literary Directory of Canada, for the year 1857, to be published in January next, in both languages, will be received at the same places. Montreal, 10th December, 1856.

THE Subscriber having resolved upon the disposal of that valuable property designated as Lots 6, 7 and 8, TOWN OF WILLIAM HENRY, fronting on King Street, 176 feet, and on George Street, 132 feet, by Deed of Perpetual Lease, will answer all enquiries addressed, J. ALLEN, St. Robert de Sorcel. Montreal, 23rd Dec., 1856.

FARM FOR SALE.—That excellent property, known as the Watson Farm, being Lots No. 26 and 28, Front Concession of the Township of Plympton, 200 acres, partly cleared. It is beautifully situated on the banks of Lake Huron, within fourteen miles of Port Sarnia, and is offered for Sale with immediate possession. Apply to the proprietors, J. & J. Dougall, Windsor, or at Port Sarnia to Messrs. Archibald Young & Son. November 1.

A GOOD FARM FOR SALE.—Being lots 3 and 4 in 3rd Concession of Russelltown, consisting of 200 acres, of which about 20 are cleared. There is a small orchard, and a good sugar bush. A river with several water privileges runs through the farm. There is also a saw-mill, and with 2 1/2 acres of land, forming part of lot 5. Also the property formerly known as the Wesleyan Missionary property, containing one acre of land, a good dwelling-house, carriage-house, barn, and stables. The whole of which is offered cheap for cash. For particulars apply to F. Broder, Russelltown; J. S. Priest, Hinchinbrook, or to the Subscriber. JAMES S. BRODER, West Winchester, C.W.

FIRE INSURANCE.—British America Assurance Company, G. P. RIBOUT, Esq., Governor. Wm. PROUDFOOT, Esq., Deputy Governor. The Under-signed continues to Insure Buildings and Effects against accidents by Fire, on favorable terms for in above Company, Incorporated 1833. M. H. GAULT, Agent.

LIFE INSURANCE.—The Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York City, (all the accumulations divided among Policyholders,) F. S. WINSTON, Esq., President, MILLARD FILLMORE, Esq., Vice-President.—This Company, Incorporated 1842, have issued 15,000 Policies, have paid away in claims by Death £375,000. The Annual Income always increasing is £250,000; and the Cash Assets on Hand £900,000. Certain Security is offered by this Company to parties desirous of Insuring their Lives, and at the lowest rates of premium. M. H. GAULT, Agent.

WINDSOR NURSERY.—The undersigned intending to discontinue the Nursery Business is desirous of disposing of his extensive stock of Fruit Trees, consisting of Apples, Peaches, &c., together with his Ornamental Trees, Roses, Tulips, and Flowers. Parties requiring considerable parcels will be supplied on very favorable terms. Extra Sized Trees, of which there is a large stock, will be supplied to order. JAMES DOUGALL. Windsor, C.W., Oct., 1856.

JAMES FRASER—Accountant, Notary, Broker, Insurance and General Commercial Agent, Toronto, C.W.

LAND O' CAKES.—Christmas and

New Year's Cakes and Confectionery. CHARLES ALEXANDER would respectfully draw attention to his Stock for the Holidays, viz., Iced and Ornamented, Fruit and other Cakes. Scotch Christmas Buns, and Scotch Short Bread. CONFECTIONERY—Consists of Own Manufacture and a Choice Selection of French, just received. Fancy Boxes—Of Home, French, and German Manufacture, selected by himself, which, from his long experience, he ventures to hope will be found suitable for the season. Family orders punctually and promptly attended to. Grateful to the Public for past encouragement, would assure them that no exertion shall be spared to insure a continuance of the support he has hitherto received. Hot Coffee and Mutton Pies, &c., for Luncheon, from 11 to 3, as usual. CHARLES ALEXANDER, 243, Notre Dame Street.

WEST END GENERAL GROCERY,

No. 287 Notre Dame Street.—The undersigned respectfully request the attention of Families and others to his large and varied stock of choice Groceries, selected expressly for family trade. TEAS—Gunpowder, Hyson, Young Hyson, Twanky, Oolong, Ning Yung, Souchong, Congou, Orange Pekoe, &c. COFFEES—Mocha, Old Government Java, Laguayra, and Rio. SUGARS—Refined Loaf, Broken Loaf, Crushed, Powdered, Granulated, Porto Rico, and Muscovado, Golden Syrup. FRUITS—Layer, Muscatel, and Valencia Raisins, Currants, Figs, Prunes, Dates, Jordan and Soft Shelled Almonds, Nuts of all kinds, Canned Citron, Lemon and Orange Peels. SPICES, PICKLES, SAUCES, and OILS of all kinds. CANDLES—Finest Sperm, Plain and Colored, Belmont Sperm 4's, 6's and 12's, Adamantine and Tallow. —ALSO— Self-Raising Flour, Buckwheat Flour, Graham and Rye Flour, Hominy, Farina, Wheatens Grits, Pearl Barley, Sage, Arrow-Root, Macaroni, Vermicelli, &c. Sugar-Cured Hams, Dairy Butter, Fresh Oysters in time and kegs, Salmon, Lobsters, and Sardines. Goods delivered in any part of the City. GEORGE CHILDS. Dec. 17, 1856.

HOGS IN CARCASS.—The undersigned will receive, sell, and remit for consignments of dressed Hogs, for 2 1/2 per cent commission. Montreal, Nov. 21, 1856. JOHN DOUGALL.

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