

METROPOLITAN CORRESPONDENCE.

LETTER XIII. NEW YORK, August 15, 1853.

The heat and its effects—A trip to Boston—The best route...

My DEAR POST: Had not the fearful heat of the past week somewhat abated, I certainly should not have had the courage to send you a letter.

I have been, since I wrote to you last, to the City of the Pilgrims, and as many of your readers who expect to visit the North this Summer, will properly not consider their tour complete, if Boston is not embraced in it, I beg to recommend to them the Fall River route as preferable to any other now open to the public.

The boats of the line are magnificently furnished, and the supper table is spread with everything to tempt and satisfy the appetite, from meats, fruits, or as the Latin has it, "Ab ovo ad mactum."

Retiring to a spacious state room, at a reasonable hour, (unless the moonlight tempts you to linger upon the deck while the boat ploughs almost noiselessly the waters of the Sound) you are not thereafter disturbed until daylight finds you at the flourishing and populous manufacturing town of Fall River, in Massachusetts.

While I was in New England I visited Middleboro, a pretty village in what is called the "Old Colony"—that is the region where the pilgrims landed from the adventurous "Mayflower." It is only fifteen miles from the Plymouth Rock—

I was—I must confess—made to feel the truth of the oft-repeated saying, that education in New England is more advanced than in any other portion of the United States; and I acknowledge the justice of the compliment which was paid by a visitor from New York at the dinner, which closed the festival.

My brief absence from the metropolis, has still sufficed, for much development at the Crystal Palace, whither I very naturally hastened upon my return. I found the aisles and courts crowded with visitors, although it was early in the morning.

The regular order of business, however, cut off the debate, and Prof. S. S. Haldeman, of Columbia, Pa., proceeded to read an essay on "The importance of Natural Science as a branch of study."

duets, Food, and Manufacturing materials. They are more numerous from the United States than from any other country, and are grouped together in the division appropriated to our own country.

Among the chemicals are several remarkable objects—here, rocks of sulphur, and there a mass, or huge cylinder of alum—the latter four feet in diameter, and perhaps five in height.

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

Rev. D. Ryers, President of the University of Indiana, in the absence of Prof. Henry was called to the chair.

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FOURTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Association convened at 9 o'clock.

A letter from Hon. H. Barnard, of Conn., was read, stating that sickness in his family had prevented him from attending the meeting, and presenting a report on Normal Schools.

President, Prof. A. Dallas Bache, Washington City; Vice Secretary, Robert L. Cooke, Bloomfield, N. J.; Cor. Secretary, P. P. Morris, Philadelphia; Treasurer, John Whitehead, Newark, N. J.

The Association then adjourned, to meet in the City of Washington, on the 2d Tuesday of August, 1854.

It was the design of the Association to meet next year as far South as would be prudent at that season of the year, in order to induce the friends of education at the South to unite and cooperate with them, in their efforts to elevate the standard of education, and extend its influence over every portion of our land.

Three Copies, \$5—per price, \$5, Eight Copies, 12— " 12, Ten Copies, 20— " 20, Twenty Copies, 40— " 40.

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of the magnitude of the task they have commenced, and their proceedings show that they consider it a work of time, only to unfold its important results as year after year may add its grain of accession to the structure.

We hope that time will be allowed for the careful completion of the contemplated work on the History of Education, so that some competent hand may be tempted to its execution, as well by the magnitude of the enterprise as by the glories of the golden reward. It will require no common degree of energy and patience to produce a History worthy of the subject.

The next meeting of this important body will be held, it seems, in the city of Washington. The South will then have no excuse for absents itself from its deliberations. It is a matter of deep regret with us that this has so long been the case.

We have been exerting ourselves in these columns during the past year to awake public attention to this truly important matter. How far our humble effort may have succeeded, remains to be seen. We hope that its influence has not been altogether lost. But we desire now to invoke the influence of others whose voices may be more potent and effectual in creating a general interest in the cause, and who may by the weight of their names alone cause our State to arouse herself in its behalf.

If other papers in the State would devote an occasional paragraph to this subject, there would be less apathy in regard to it. They can, when they choose, create a tempest at any time in regard to some little party squabble; why do they not, in a higher, and end-eavor to effect some great object more worthy of the agitation they produce!

THEY have a species of machinery in constant operation at the North, the extraordinary merits of which are receiving daily confirmation from the press. It seems to be a patented apparatus for mashing up human beings into mince-meat, and literally "grinding the faces" of women and children under its ponderous power.

SEE in another column the Proceedings of the Convention of Teachers of the Blind in New York. We regret that the N. C. Institution was not represented, owing we are informed, to the fact that the meeting was held so near the commencement of the session.

IN CONNECTION with the subject, we may here state that the Principal of the Institution here preparing a Dictionary for the Blind, a goodly number of which will soon be published, and sent to the various Institutions in the United States for examination and suggestions, the object being to render it acceptable if possible to all. We earnestly hope that he may be sustained in the enterprise by the friendly co-operation of teachers of the Blind throughout the country.

THE new Temperance Hall near the market was dedicated on Monday night according to notice. Speeches were made by S. W. Whiting, Esq., and the Rev. Mr. Pell, in favor of a prohibitory law. A large audience were in attendance, and the address of the Hall rendered the occasion one of animation and interest.

THE Russian Czar professes a decided wish to secure the peace of Europe. Which piece, the peace or war will really understand, means a piece of European Turkey.