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are nearly octaedrons transparent and of a vermilion color. Occasionally are found in this region objects, which have the appearance, which I candidly think are teeth of the extinct Mastodons. A few specimens of these rare and interesting curiosities are now in my possession: which will be cheerfully exhibited to any individual desirous of investigating the mysteries of nature.

CORRESPONDENCE OF THE ABBEVILLE BANNER.
CHESTERVILLE, OCT. 20, 1847.

Mr. Editor:—A word or two more if you please about "old Chester." In regard to education, the people of this district will not be a loser by comparison with most of the upper districts of our State. There are several high schools where all the rudiments of an ordinary, practical education may be acquired. Schools are to be found in most of the settlements and villages of the ordinary class, I suppose, however, you would turn up your nose at me if I were to say, we have as many smart men, and well educated ladies here, all things considered, as you have in "old Abbeville" whose vanity is so great that she claims to be "the Athens of South Carolina." If it would not be regarded as a piece of down right impudence, I might intimate to you, that "your trumpeter is dead," &c, on the subject of Temperance, our people are wide awake in many sections. Large meetings are being held, and many are uniting with the cold water army. The first Juvenile Temperance Society formed in our State, was organized last summer by our friend Major J. B. McCULLY, who by the way, is a host in himself, and I hesitate not to say, you have no man, in your district who can excel him in attachment to, and efforts for, the good cause of temperance, we are going ahead, and intend to keep in the front ranks of the army. I saw not long ago a communication in the South Carolina Temperance Advocate eulogizing most extravagantly "old Abbeville" and her "Literary Institutions," but, not one word was said about the Temperance cause, which used to flourish in "your diggins" so abundantly. This same "man of the quill," alluded to "old Chester" in rather a jocular strain, and spoke of her "Barbaques," "Pick Nicks," &c. Now, I beg leave to say, that, you must not infer from this remark, that, on all these occasions drinking whiskey and getting gloriously drunk were the order of the day; by, no means. Many of those occasions were marked by the absence of "fire water" and drinking men, and "lots" of the fair ladies of the country were out to grace by their presence and smiles the proceedings. The people of this district are quite sociable and friendly, and sometimes "a barbaque" or "pick nick," "is gotten up" with no specific object in view; and, I am disposed to regard this as an indication of the presence, and enjoyment of those high, refined social feelings, of which, man, under the plastic influence of civilization, education and religion is so highly capable. The people are not all on an equality, for we have our "Aristocracy too," made up in part of wealth, education, and a few little veins of blood which, tradition says runs back to an "illustrious revolutionary ancestry." Now my opinion about aristocracy is this; it does not consist in negroes, houses or lands; it does not consist in honorable relationships or military titles, nor yet simply in education; it is embraced in these very emphatic words of Pope:

"Honor and shame from no condition rise
Act well your part, there all the honor lies."

The italicising is my own. Here is the secret of true aristocratic excellence. He who acts well his part, in every respect, in the great drama of life, is the noblest of aristocrats, will you not most heartily subscribe to this doctrine. Religion has not flourished much within the last few years, though there are churches a plenty, and preachers of the right stamp to occupy. The leading denominations are Presbyterian, Ccedar, Methodist, and Baptist. There is one Minister of the P. E. Church and a few communicants also, but the forms and services of this church, do not seem to take well with the people in "the upper country."

The ministers and people of the different persuasions are pretty much like the Jews and Samaritans were in "older times," they have no dealings with each other. "Each one acts as though the old adage "Every man for himself, and God for us all" formed part and parcel for his religious faith. This want of union and fraternal feeling amongst the followers of Christ has given rise to much infidelity and universalism. Christians might be perfectly agreed in feeling, and in effort, for the conversion of sinners, "from the error of their ways" without the slightest compromise of any principle of belief or church usage. Of late in several churches in the district gracious visitations of mercy and grace have been witnessed, and many sinners have been converted and added to the fold of Christ. May the Lord of the harvest increase the members.
MORE ANON.

LATEST FROM MEXICO.

From the N. O. Pic. Extra, 5, inst.

Arrival of the Steamship New Orleans.

The steamship New Orleans, Captain Auld, arrived this morning, having left Vera Cruz on the 1st inst.

The British courier arrived at Vera Cruz on the 31st of October, having left Mexico on the 29th, to which date we have letters and papers.

Gen. Lane entered Puebla on the 13th ult., with 3,000 men and six pieces of artillery—so says a despatch of Santa Anna. The latter could effect nothing against him on the Pinal.

Gen. Smith has been appointed Governor of the city of Mexico. Gen. Quitman is about to return to the United States. Gen. Shields, Capt. Phil. Kearney, Capt. Davis, Lieut. Kiger and other officers will accompany him.

The health of the army is far from being good. The climate of the valley of Mexico is not, as it appears, congenial to the constitutions of the South. It is just as enervating and fatal to the Southern, as that of Vera Cruz to the Northern constitutions. The effective force of the entire army is reduced ten or fifteen per cent.

The city of Mexico was filled with rumors of peace. It was said that a quorum had met at Queretaro, and that the majority decided in favor of an amicable adjustment of difficulties.

The train which is to come down will be under the command of Col. Harney. A great number of wounded officers are to accompany.

Maj. Gaines, Capt. Cassius M. Clay, Capt. Heady, Maj. Rowland, Capt. Danley and Midshipman Rodgers come home, and we are happy to add our associate Mr. Kendall.

Mr. Bankhead's British Minister, arrived at Vera Cruz on the 30th ult, and was received with military honors.

A letter from an English house dated Puebla, October 20th, has been received at Vera Cruz, from which our correspondent makes the following extract:

PUEBLA, Oct. 20.
* * * * * However, we may soon have our communication open for 1500 Americans left yesterday with eight pieces of artillery, and entered Atlixco, as we understand, with very slight resistance. Particulars have not yet transpired.

This will make our State Government remove to a distance, and carry along with it the guerillas which have been doing so much injury. They all (guerillas) came from a distance—the population in our immediate neighborhood never having shown any great disposition to take up arms in the present war.

The principal part of the force recently under Santa Anna is understood to have marched for Puebla. Being entirely unprovided for, they subsisted by rapine and plunder.

Lieut. C. B. Daniels, of the 21 Artillery, has died of his wounds.

It is said, and we believe truly, that Capt. Walker, of the Rifles, was killed in the affair at Huamantla. Capt. W. left the castle of Perote in command of three companies in advance of Gen. Lane's train.—Nine miles south of Puebla he met 900 Mexicans, said to be under the immediate command of Santa Anna. In charging, Capt. W. received a lance wound entirely through the body, and also lost a leg by a cannon shot. His personal antagonist in the charge, and who lanced him, was a celebrated guerilla chief; it is said that he had sworn vengeance against Capt. W. But he, too, fell in the conflict, and by Walker's hands, receiving two balls from his revolver.

Capt. Lyall, and eighteen men of his company of mounted Georgians, and from six to ten of the Rifles, are also known to have

been killed in the charge of Capt. Walker. A man named Raborg, of Baltimore, interpreter for Capt. Walker, lost a leg from a discharge of artillery. Col Wynkoop writes that the Mexicans were slaughtered after this like sheep.

A duel was fought near Vera Cruz, between Capt. Warrington and White, with muskets, sixty paces. At the first fire Capt. Warrington received a ball through the fleshy part of both legs below the knee.

A duel was fought about the 24th ult. between Capt. Porter of the rifles, and Archer of the voltiguers. At the second fire Capt Archer was shot in the abdomen—a severe but not a dangerous wound.

Gen. Mora y Vilamil has been appointed Mexican Secretary of War.

Lieut. Shackelford, of the 2d Artillery has died of his wounds.

As far back as the 14th ult. Gens. Pillow and Shields were able to be about.

The "Leonidas" letter made a great stir in the army. One of the above duels grew out of it.

The American Star says that the Americans have entered Orizaba. Their force was about 400—we suppose principally mounted men. No opposition was made to them. Many merchants went in with them.

Gen. Patterson's command has not left Vera Cruz. It will be composed of at least 5000 men. The Texan Rangers go up with him.

Assistant Surgeon Tredwell died at Vera Cruz on the 24th ult., of vomito.

Gen. Marshall is ill at Vera Cruz and will not be able to go up with Gen. Patterson. He will wait till Gen. Butler's division arrives.

Lieut. Steen, of the South Carolina Regiment, and Capt. Huddleson, of the 14th Infantry, are dead; the former of his wounds and the latter of a bowel complaint.

There were several shocks of earthquake at the city of Mexico on the morning of the 2d of October, and again at midnight on the 5th. They do not appear to have been very severe, as no damage was done in the city with the exception of cracking a few walls.

A new paper has been established in the capital entitled La Razon. It is published entirely in Spanish, is a democratic paper and advocates the re-establishment of the constitution of '24.

Lieutenant Joseph D. Bacon, of the 6th Infantry, died on the 12th ultimo of wounds received at the battle of Churubusco.

The newspaper El Mexicana of the 14th ultimo says it has received letters from Queretaro, in which it is stated that General Almonte has been received there with marked courtesy by the persons who appeared to be most in power, and it was feared that they were concocting a pronunciamiento against the lawful Government.

The North American, a new paper established in the capital, and published in both Spanish and English, says, on the 15th ult: It appears that a large number of Deputies of the Congress, forming a junta, have got up a protest against Pena y Pena holding the Presidential power.

Captain Pierson of the New York Regiment of Volunteers, died on the 10th ultimo of wounds received in storming Chapultepec.

Senor Rosa, the Mexican Secretary of State, has, under the instructions of Pena y Pena, addressed Santa Anna a note from Toluca, ordering him to give up the command of the army to General Rincon, until his conduct in the late battles shall have been investigated by a military council or court martial.

A letter dated the 12th ultimo, received at the capital from Queretaro, says Pena y Pena had just arrived, in company with a few deputies, making the total number in the capital about fifty. It was thought, says the Star, endeavors would be made at once to organize a Government, which would settle the question of peace or war. If a quorum of Congress could be assembled, the first question which would be brought up would be the presidency. Almonte was spoken of as the candidate of the Puros and some of the Moderos, and Olaguibel, Governor of the State of Mexico, as the candidate of the opposing parties.—Nearly all the officers of the dispersed army were at Queretaro, and it is said found it hard to obtain subsistence.

The Star is assured by a Mexican that the cathedral of Guadaluajara had been sacked by the parties opposing the church. The Star thinks there is something important and "deep rooted" in this.

Earthquakes, says the North American of the 29th ult., are at the present time of very frequent occurrence in this beautiful country. A few weeks ago the village of Ocoila was totally destroyed. The Canton de la Barca has also suffered a severe shake throwing down houses and the tower of the principal church. We have had four of

these unpleasant visitors in this city since our occupation of it.

The Mexican Eagle, is the name of a new Mexican journal, just commenced at the capital. The editor does not believe in opposing obstacles to any negotiations that may lead to an amicable adjustment of the differences, and says that Providence has decreed the destiny of the nation. The following is the substance of a motto at the head of the Eagle: "An honorable peace ennobles nations, and the magnanimity of the north will not let them offer us terms other than honorable."

Gens. Rincon and Bravo have been exchanged for Capts. Heady and C. M. Clay, and other Encarnacion prisoners.

There has been a revolution in Guadaluajara. Mr. Kendall thinks Gomez Farias is at the bottom of it.

THE GIRL WITH THE RED SHAWL ON.—An exchange paper tells the following singular story, which we are satisfied is no less strange than true—as we know Mr. Weeks personally; and know also that his "word is as good as his bond."—N. Y. Globe.

A young lady from New York went into the field near Jamaica with a red shawl on, which so excited some turkeys that they made an attack on the fair owner. A small dog that was with her seized the leader of the bipeds by the wing, and his teeth became entangled in the feathers. An eagle of tremendous size, who had been noticed about the neighborhood for some days, observing what was going on, descended from his "home in the skies," and with one fell swoop carried off turkey and dog. His flight being somewhat impeded by his load, an unfeeling sportsman took advantage thereof, and, at a shot, brought down eagle, turkey, and dog! In the maw of the eagle was found a trout weighing two pounds! If any think this a Munchausen story let them inquire of Caleb Weeks, Esq., at his hotel, Jamaica. He can show the birds, beast, and fish as proof of the truth.

FIGHTING PARSON.—We have seen it stated that one of the companies from Mississippi, at the battle of Buena Vista, was commanded by a Methodist minister. Just before the battle commenced, and whilst the troops were forming, it is said he delivered the following pithy prayer, at the head of his company:

"Be with us this day in the conflict, Oh Lord! We are few, and the enemy are many. Be with us as thou wert with Joshua when he went down from Gilgal to Beth-horon and Ajalon, to smite the Amorites. We do not ask thee for the sun and moon to stand still, but grant us plenty of powder, plenty of daylight, and no cowards. Take old Rough and Ready under thy special charge. Amen! M-a-r-c-h."

His company performed prodigies on the field that day.

FATE OF THE APOSTLES.

St. MATTHEW.—This apostle and evangelist is supposed to have suffered martyrdom, or was slain with a sword at a city of Ethiopia.

St. MARK.—This evangelist was dragged through the streets of Alexandria, in Egypt, until he expired.

St. LUKE.—This evangelist was hanged upon an olive-tree in Greece.

St. JOHN.—This apostle and evangelist was put into a caldron of boiling oil at Rome, and escaped death. He afterwards died a natural death at Ephesus, in Asia.

St. PETER.—This apostle was crucified with his head downward at his own request, thinking himself unworthy to die in the same position and manner as his blessed Master.

St. JAMES THE GREAT.—This apostle was beheaded at Jerusalem.

St. JAMES THE LESS.—This apostle was thrown from a pinnacle or wing of the Temple, and beaten to death with a fuller's club.

St. PHILIP.—This apostle was hanged up to a pillar at Hierapolis, a city of Phrygia.

St. BARTHOLOMEW.—This apostle was flayed alive by the command of a barbarous king.

St. ANDREW.—This apostle was bound to a cross, from whence he preached to the people till he expired.

St. THOMAS.—This apostle was run through with a dirk, at Cormandel, in the East Indies.

St. JUDE.—This apostle was shot to death with arrows.

St. SIMON.—Zealot.—This apostle was crucified in Persia.

St. MATTHIAS.—This apostle was stoned and then beheaded.

St. BARNABAS.—This apostle of the Gentiles was stoned to death by the Jews at Sylvania.

St. PAUL.—This apostle was beheaded at Rome by