

SEXTON'S REPORT.

S. L. City Sexton's Report for the month ending June 30, 1886.

Table with 2 columns: Category (Adults, Children, Males, Females) and Count.

DIED OF THE FOLLOWING CAUSES AS REPORTED.

Table with 2 columns: Cause of Death (Whooping Cough, Consumption, etc.) and Number of Deaths.

Total Intermets..... 19

Jos. E. Taylor, Sexton.

ELIOT'S INDIAN BIBLE.

The Providence Journal says: The sale of a copy of this very rare and curious book at auction, in New York, for \$1,130, deserves more than the brief notice which has appeared of it in our columns.

He was many years engaged in the translation. It is at all times a task to render the Bible into a foreign language, even if the language is a written one; but in such language as that of the Indians, which was never before written, the labor was gigantic.

This Bible has also a typographical curiosity. In the year 1688, New England was still a wilderness teeming with a great Indian population, and the struggle for existence was by no means an easy one.

The printing of this Bible was begun in 1680 (not finished in September 1683, thus occupying three years. The edition was one thousand copies, of which not more than fifteen are known to be preserved in the United States.

But this is not all that is remarkable about this Bible. A second edition was called for, and the whole work was reprinted at Cambridge by Samuel Greene, the printer of the first edition, in 1688. The art of printing was still in its infancy.

The work which was commenced the following year, proceeded but slowly, as there was but one man, the Indian printer, who was able to compose the sheets and correct the proof.

The following is the full English title: "The Holy Bible: containing the Old Testament and the New. Translated into the Indian language and ordered to be printed by the Commissioners of the United Colonies in New England.

It is well known that there is no Indian living who can read this Bible or even speak the language in which it is written.

We cannot close our notice of these remarkable books without adding the following letter, a manuscript copy of which is appended to the *Manicoussis Pomantse* or "Practice of Piety," from John Eliot to the Hon. Robert Boyle:

Right Honorable, unwearied and nursing father Robert Boyle: I have nothing new to write but lamentations, and I am loath to grieve your loving and noble soul.

Our Indian work yet liveth, praised be God; the Bible is come forth, many hundreds bound up and dispersed among the Indians, whose thoughtfulness I imitate and testify to your honor.

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