

FIRE AT MONTREAL.—We deeply regret to learn that our esteemed friend, the late Superintendent of Education, has sustained a severe loss by fire. Professor Dawson had just commenced a Lecture on Natural History, on Saturday, the 2nd inst., at four o'clock, p. m., when a fire broke out, which quickly destroyed the building, and with it a large portion of the Professor's valuable collections in Geology and Natural History. The College Library was saved. The building, which was a very fine one, was occupied both by McGill College and by the Montreal High School.

CANADA.—Our Canada papers contain little news of importance. At a meeting of the citizens of Montreal, a few days since, it was resolved to present Mr. Logan, the Provincial geologist, with a massive piece of plate, and to make some similar presentation of a substantial and serviceable character to Mr. Perry, as testimonials of the high appreciation of the services performed by those gentlemen, on behalf of Canada, at the Paris Exhibition. A meeting was to be held at Quebec to consider the propriety of presenting some testimonial to the Hon. E. P. Tache for his honourable exertions in the same cause.

J. O'Farrell, Esq., M. P. P. for the county of Lotbiniere, has been indicted for forgery.

United States.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.

It is thought that the Pacific took a more northerly course than the Persia, and got disabled in the same pack in which the Persia broke her wheels. The Alabama which sailed on Sunday, will cruise for a week or ten days, steering for the Grand Banks as near as possible in the Pacific's usual course, and halting all vessels likely to have seen her. The Alabama took 400 barrels of provisions, a supply of water for the relief of vessels in distress, of which it is thought there are a great many now unable to get into port, and a large quantity of clothing.

The Arctic, which has proceeded from New York in search of the Pacific, is one of the vessels formerly employed in the search for Dr. Kane, and is especially adapted for a winter cruise among the ice. She was prepared for sea with the utmost despatch, every thing requisite having been accomplished on Monday last between 6 A. M. and 6 P. M., when she sailed.

New York 13th inst.—The market for flour has been moderately active, at \$7.50 and \$7.57 1-2. Measures are about to be adopted to relieve the New York inspection of flour from the contempt it now so justly receives.

The tariff is about to be brought forward for discussion at Washington. Mr. Banks is well known to be in favor of a great reduction of duties on nearly all imported articles, and particularly upon iron and coal.

The despatches ex Persia are said to be very friendly to the United States. One from Washington says: "There is no definite answer respecting the recall of Mr. Cramp and the Consul. There is no possibility of a collision on the Central American question."

The President issued a proclamation, 11th inst., setting forth that indications exist that public tranquility and the supremacy of the law in Kansas, are endangered by the reprehensible acts of persons within and without the Territory. All persons are, consequently, commanded to disperse peaceably, and failing to do so they must take the consequences.

PRODUCT OF GLOUCESTER FISHERIES, 1855.—One third of the entire catch of Massachusetts mackerel in 1855 was inspected in Gloucester, viz. 73,000 bbls. 43,000 bbls. were inspected at that port in 1854. In addition to this large quantity of mackerel the products of the Gloucester fisheries were 100,000 quintals codfish, and 400 tons halibut, 650 bbls fish oil. Upwards of one million dollars were invested in this business, and three thousand men employed from that port alone, not including any of the adjacent harbors on Cape Ann. The fleet from Gloucester will soon begin to sail on their early voyages to George's Banks for the catch of codfish and halibut.

At latest advices from the United States nearly all the harbors in the Union were, more or less blocked up with ice.—New York, Philadelphia, and other ports were perfectly unapproachable from this cause, and several vessels have been cut through and cast away. A good many lives have also been lost in the sunken vessels. Parties have this winter performed the rare feat of crossing on the ice from Jersey City to New York.

A skating match took place at Philadelphia a week or two since, when fourteen miles were accomplished in an hour and ten minutes.

ST. JOHN'S, P. R. JAN. 23.—Cholera is fast disappearing from infected districts. Fish almost unobtainable.—Exchange Reading Despatch.

The Revenue of Great Britain for 1855 shows an increase of £8,134,396 over that of 1854.

WHAT'S IN A NAME.—George Washington was sold the other day in Virginia for \$1000! For what intent could the name of Washington have been given to a slave? Did his mother fancy it as a prophecy of freedom?—or did his master give it as a burlesque? How did that name sound, ringing under the hammer of the auctioneer.—George Washington 800—here in Virginia—900—George Washington only 900—850—going, going, \$1,000 for George Washington—NONE.

Letters Received.

B. Vaughan, 8th. Wm Healy, 9th. Rev. B. Scott, Dr. J. Woodbury, 11th. Asaph Marshall, 6th. (rem.—sorry to hear the parcels did not arrive; they were posted as usual) Rev. W. Chipman, 12th. (rem.—Have written in reply.) W. Rickelson, W. Wright, Jas. B. McNutt, 7th. (rem. came to hand all right on the 16th ult.) Rev. D. W. C. Dimock, 7th. Rev. G. Armstrong, 9th. Rev. J. Spencer, (1 sub., rem.) Rev. J. Stevens, 14th. (1 sub., rem.) Rev. W. Hobbs, 15th.

The 'Friend of Temperance' who has so kindly ordered the Christian Messenger for me for the present year, will please accept my warmest thanks. I hope he may live to see the period come when men shall no longer be licensed to sell that which is injurious to their fellows,—when a Prohibitory Law shall have been enacted in every land. JAMES SPENCER.

Prayer for Colleges.

DEAR BROTHER,

I beg to remind the brethren, through your columns, that the annual day of Prayer for Colleges, as observed in the United States, and of late years in these Provinces, is now at hand. Thursday, the 28th inst., will be set apart for the purpose of imploring the Divine blessing on our institutions of learning.

We trust that the churches generally will employ the day, or a portion of it, in supplication to God for all the Colleges on this Continent, and especially for our own institutions in these Provinces.

The number of Students in the College and Theological Institute is thirty-four. The number of Pupils in the Academy is upwards of eighty.

May the quickening and reviving influences of the Holy Spirit be graciously bestowed in answer to prayer!

Yours truly, J. M. CRAMP.

Wolfville, Feb. 16, 1856.

THIRD LITERARY AND MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT!

THE COMMITTEE of the Athenaeum have much pleasure in announcing that a third Entertainment will be given at Temperance Hall, on Tuesday evening 26th instant.

On this occasion an Essay may be expected from HUGO REID, Esq., Principal of Dalhousie College.

SUBJECT.—"An Historical Parallel between the Houses of Stuart and Bourbon."

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Sold in Halifax, by JOHN NAYLOR, and WM. LANGLEY.

Married.

On the 7th inst., by the Rev. D. Freeman, Mr. Joseph McGill, to Miss Elizabeth Verge, both of Halifax.

At Vernon Cottage, on the 13th inst., by the Rev. D. W. C. Dimock, Mr. Daniel Upham, of Onslow, to Miss Mary Philips, of same place.

At Lower Granville, by the Rev. James Spencer, on the 2nd ult., Mr. Wm. Holiday, to Miss Mary Amelia McKenzie. Mr. Ebenezer Clarke, to Miss Sarah Jane Tush, all of Granville.

At the Baptist Chapel, Liverpool, by the Rev. W. Hobbs, Capt. Horace Baker, of Yarmouth, to Miss Frances Briggs, of Port Medway. Also, by the same, Mr. Richard Starrett, to Miss Mary Kenney. At Milton, Mr. Benjamin Cole, to Miss Hannah Kenney. Also, Mr. Busby White, to Miss Margaret Freeman.

By the Rev. Wm. Chipman, January 25, 1855, Benjamin Vaughan, to Rebecca, daughter of Deacon William Skinner. Jan. 30th, by the same, Alexander McCarty, to Margaret, daughter of Mr. James Steadman. Feb. 17th, by the same, Albert Best, to Louisa, daughter of Mr. Trutten Best. May 14th, by the same, Robert Bishop, to Martha, daughter of Mr. Thomas Rhodes. Mar. 29th, by the same, Wm. M. Anthony, to Harriet E., daughter of Mr. Wm. Bridge. June 13th, by the same, John W. Johnson, to Mary Ann, daughter of Mr. John Best. August 8th, by the same, James Rhodes, to Lavinia, widow of the late Joshua Spicer. August 16th, by the same, Charles W. Milberry, to Sarah M. Sears. August 20th, by the same, John Truesdell, to Margaret, daughter of Mr. William Clem. October 18th, by the same, George W. Foster, to Rebecca Fuller, grand daughter of Mr. Joseph Ward. Dec. 5th, by the same, Charles E. Sandford, to Alice, daughter of Wm. H. Skinner. Dec. 24th, by the same, George Sandford, to Phebe Eliza, daughter of Thomas Graves. Dec. 31st, by the same, George Collins, to Mary Ann, daughter of Mr. Jonathan Spicer. January 23rd, 1856, by the same, Daniel Lemon, to Content B., daughter of Mr. Henry Patton, all of Cornwallis. June 15th, by the same, Wm. H. Webster, of Cornwallis, to Charlotte Jane, daughter of Deacon George West, of Aylesford.

Died.

On Saturday morning last, Mr. John Hall, in the 34th year of his age.

On the 15th inst., Mr. William O'Brien, aged 46 years.

On the 15th inst., John, only son of Mr. John McDonald, aged 16 months.

On the 12th inst., George, eldest son of Mr. George Buiset, aged 6 years and 2 months.

On the 10th inst., after a short and painful illness, Margaret Ann, wife of Mr. Job Smith, in the 33th year of her age.

On the 10th inst., aged 73 years, Sarah, wife of Mr. Thomas Wilson.

At Bridgetown, on the 11th inst., Benjamin Lee Cochran, Esq., M. D., aged 29 years, son of the late John Cochran, Esq., of Newport.

On the 9th inst., at Kempf, Queen's County, Mrs. Rosana Freeman, leaving an affectionate husband and four children to mourn their loss. She had long adorned her profession as a consistent member of the church of Christ.

At Lunenburg, on the 7th inst., after a short illness, Miss Mary, daughter of the late Gaspar Glaswon, aged 28 years.

At Douglas, on the 4th inst., Mrs. Priscilla Wier, eldest daughter of Mr. James Mosher, in the 43rd year of her age.

At Point Pleasant, Sherbrook, St. Mary's, on the 27th Dec. last, Donald Sinclair, Esq., aged 25 years, a native of Thurso, Scotland.

At Mill Brook, Pictou County, on the 29th ult., after a severe illness, Annie, eldest daughter of M. G. Ross, Esq., in the 15th year of her age.

At Onslow, 6th inst., Major James Dickson, Esq., in the 75th year of his age. With hope of pardon through Christ.

At Horton, Jan. 11th, Mrs. Sarah Dodge, relict of the late Gardner Dodge, aged 91 years. On the 6th Feb., Mr. James Forsyth, aged 76 years.

At Upper Londonderry, on the 28th Nov., Mr. David Carter, of erysipelas, aged 32 years, leaving a widow and two children.

At Folley Mountain, Upper Londonderry, on the 22d Dec., Anne Topton, of inflammation of lungs, aged 32 years, leaving a wife and four children.

At Annapolis, near Bridgetown, on the 5th ult., of consumption, Euphonia, only daughter of William Marshall, aged 22 years, deeply and deservedly regretted by all who had the pleasure of her acquaintance. Her end was peace.

"Asleep in Jesus! blessed sleep, From which none ever wakes to weep— A calm and undisturbed repose, Unbroken by the last of tears."

At Margaree, Cape Breton, on the 17th ult., Mr. John Ethridge, Senr., aged 60 years. He has left a widow and a numerous family, who with a large circle of acquaintances, deeply mourn his departure, and will retain in affectionate remembrance his domestic virtues and the exemplary piety which adorned his character.

At Margaree, C. B., on the 18th ult., Catharine, wife of Mr. Robert Crantoun, aged 57 years, beloved and respected by all who may with truth be said, that she was diligent in business fervent in spirit, serving the Lord. Her loss will be deeply felt and the remembrance of her long, cherished by the community of which she was for many years a most useful member. The poor, the widow, and the orphan, always found in her a kind helper, and most benevolent friend. We sincerely sympathize with her family and friends under their sore bereavement; but we trust that their loss is her gain. While they drink the cup of sorrow, and grieve under so afflicting a dispensation she rejoices in the presence of the Saviour whom she loved, the God whom she served and adored, where there is fulness of joy and pleasure ever more.

Shipping List.

Arrived.

THURSDAY, Feb. 14th.—Brig Fawn, Pugh, Cienfuegos, 14 days.

FRIDAY, 15th.—R. H. S. Arabia, Stone, Boston, 39 hours—96 passengers, 14 for Halifax.

SATURDAY, 16th.—Brig America, O'Brien, Boston, 2 1/2 days; schr. Triumph, Power, Fortuna Bay, 10 days; Dart, Conrod, Cienfuegos, 18 days; London, Diddle, New York, 4 days.

SUNDAY, 17th.—R. M. S. Canada, Lang, Liverpool, 14 days; French packet schr. Oronoque, Gautier, St. Pierre, Mig. N. F., 10 days; schr. C. W. Wright, Nid.

MONDAY, 18th.—U. S. Steamship Arctic, Lieutenant Hartstein, from a cruise in search of the missing steamer Pacific; reports has not been to the Eastward—has heard nothing of the missing steamship. Arctic anchored in the stream.

TUESDAY, Feb. 19th.—Barque Halifax, Laybold, Boston, 36 hours—18 passengers.

Cleared.

THURSDAY, February 14th.—R. M. Steamer Carlew, Hunter, Bermuda and St. Thomas; brig Velocity, Mann, R. W. Indies; brig Boston Lady, Smith, do; packet brig Boston, Roche, Boston; schr. Arabia, Stem, Liverpool, N. S.

FRIDAY, 15th.—R. M. S. Arabia, Stone, Liverpool; brig Rob Roy, Kendle, B. W. Indies; schr. Emblem, Bang, Boston.

SATURDAY, 16th.—Brigs Florence, Jones, R. W. Indies; Nancy, Grant, F. W. Indies; brig Ornate, Fentou, do; Jessie, Sullivan, do; Lucy Ann, New York.

Disasters.

The brig Velocity, Hewson, master, from Antigua for Exuma, (for salt), was totally wrecked on Minor Reef, off Exuma Key, on the 22nd of Dec. The Captain was a month at the Reef, and arrived at Norfolk on the 2nd inst. The crew proceeded to Nassau. The vessel was condemned and sold. Velocity was owned by Messrs. C. West & Son, of this city. She was built at West of England port, nearly forty years ago, and was for many years a crack vessel in the Revenue service of this Province.—Thus ended old "Chebucto"! Captain Hewson will return to Halifax in the brig Hamming Bird, which would sail from Norfolk, about 14th inst.

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Feb. 20.

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By order of the Committee. WM. STAIRS, Chairman.

Feb. 15.