

we could not help noticing in the latter paragraph the circumstance of some "households" having been admitted into the visible church by the ordinance of baptism." We are not informed whether there were infants amongst the forty persons baptized, neither are we told if the "young" were persons such as those who composed the New Testament "households." In Acts vi. 32., we find "They (Paul and Silas) spake unto him (the jailor) the word of the Lord and to all that were in his house."

In verse 34 we read, "he (the jailor) set meat before them and rejoiced believing in God with all his house."

If the "household" baptisms at Bridgewater were really in this respect "as in the days of the Apostles," that is to say, consisting of those who could "hear the word of the Lord," "believe in God," and "rejoice," we think every consistent Christian Baptist would also be glad. Mr. S. might then be less troubled about "secessions to the Baptist body."

We cannot say much either for the candour or kindness of Mr. Steele's communication as regards his neighbours, but we must let the spirit in which it seems to have been written, speak for itself.

WE have once or twice of late made some

remarks on the great projected Inter-Colonial Railway between Halifax and Quebec, and expressed our conviction that the time was at hand when this important enterprise would be commenced. We are glad to learn by the last London papers that a large and influential Committee have lately waited on the Secretary of State for the Colonies, with the view of obtaining a guarantee from the Home Government for a sufficient annual amount, to enable a Company which has just been formed, with the help of the Colonies, to commence and carry through the work. We observe on the Committee the names of the Hon. S. Cunard, Sir Allan McNab, Judge Haliburton, Lord Bury, and others, who are interested in the ultimate success of the undertaking, and who will doubtless lend all the influence they can give to an enterprise in which the mutual advantage of so many of the British Provinces, is so deeply involved. It cannot, we think, be long before this most desirable communication will connect these lower Provinces with the great Railway arteries which are now beginning to be extended over all parts of Canada and the United States.

**HISTORICAL RECORDS OF NOVA SCOTIA.**—The report of the Record Commission has been laid on our table. We learn from it that T. B. Aikins, Esq., the Commissioner, and his industrious assistant have succeeded in bringing to light a large number of valuable public documents. Nineteen large volumes of despatches, public accounts, treaties, and other matters of the deepest interest, have been bound up and will be preserved from destruction. Material for twenty or thirty volumes more has also been collected.

The report refers to some books and papers which have not yet come to hand. Mr. A. mentions several, amongst which are the following:—"The original book of Registry of the settlers who came out with Governor Cornwallis in 1749, containing a register of the name, number of the family, and other particulars of each settler, has disappeared; every means in my power has been used to obtain tidings of this most remarkable relic of the first settlement of our city, but without success. At some remote period it appears to have been placed, by mistake, into the custody of the registrar of the court of Vice Admiralty, where it was to be seen a few years ago; since the death of the late registrar of that court it cannot be found. An old French registry book, one of those sent down from Annapolis at the time of the removal of the seat of government to Halifax, is also missing. The record of the proceedings of the Church of England in this country, from 1762, or thereabouts, to the period of the administration of Lord William Campbell, previous to the erection of the bishopric, was contained in an unbound book, which about thirty years ago, probably at the time of the removal of the papers from the boxes as arranged by Mr. Gautier, was handed over to the late Bishop of Nova Scotia. It was carefully preserved by his lordship, and while in his hands I was permitted to examine it; since his death it has disappeared, and though inquiry has been frequently made in various quarters, no tidings of it can be found."

It is to be hoped the search for them will not be lost sight of, but that they may eventually make their appearance either under the present Commission or wherever they may have fallen into private hands.

**ELECTRO-BIOLOGY.**—Dr. Stone has been lecturing on this subject in the Temperance Hall during the past week. The wonderful power which the lecturer exerts over those put by him into the magnetized state is certainly most marvelous. Some of the phenomena seemed to set aside the voluntary use of the senses in those on whom he operated, and make them conscious only of what the lecturer chose to say to them. For instance, when he told them it was very cold they shewed signs of real suffering from cold—blowing their fingers, stamping their feet, &c.; he described a beautiful orchard with oranges

and other fruit on the trees—the boy ran and climbed up the pillar supporting the gallery, and began, as he supposed, gathering oranges and putting them in his pocket. He told the lad he was a negro-dancer and he wished him to favour the friends present with a specimen of his dancing, he immediately called himself Mr. Damon and went through a most difficult and rapid dance; he was told a river ran along by the platform, he immediately began the motions of angling, and on being told a little boy had fallen into the water he threw himself on the floor and with a rapid motion of swimming used great exertions to save him. Many other illustrations of the same power were given on other evenings, upon respectable men well known in the City. Some were drawn from the farther part of the room quite contrary to their wish.

Dr. S. appears quite at home with his subject. With a deliberate enunciation he combines a ready command of language.

The nature of this science is not yet fully understood. It is doubtless in a state of development, and in all probability is intended eventually to confer some vast good on mankind. Galvanism, a department of science having some relation to this, was for a long time made use of rather as a matter of amusement than as containing such a principle as is now applied in the Electric Telegraph. But few supposed even a few years ago that such wonderful results would be seen from the galvanic fluid as we have reason to hope for now every hour, making it supply the means of speaking through the depths of the broad Atlantic ocean.

The N. B. Christian Visitor informs us of the death of Mrs. Robinson, wife of the Rev. S. Robinson, of St. John, N. B., who departed this life on the 2nd Inst., after a long and severe illness. Testimony is borne to her high Christian character and devotedness to the cause of Christ. On behalf of ourselves and a large number of our readers, we tender to the bereaved husband and family our warmest sympathy.

#### Latest by Telegraph from Newfoundland.

The Steamer *Fulton* passed Cape Race on Saturday afternoon from Havre and Southampton. Dates from Liverpool to 30th June.

Later dates from India. British forces successful. Calpee has been captured.

The R. M. Steamer *Canada* from Liverpool for Halifax, passed Cape Race on Monday 12th inst., at 9 45 A. M. The Steam-tug "Blue Jacket," has arrived at St. John's in 29 days from Liverpool, G. B. Reports saw on 24th ult., at 11 30 A. M three of Cable Fleet near point of juncture; 25th, strong westerly breeze and heavy swell with cloudy weather; then moderate weather until 3rd inst., when a gale from S. W. by W. was experienced.

#### General Intelligence.

##### Foreign and Domestic.

Appointments and other items of news crowded out.

**THE CITY COUNCIL** have, we understand, made arrangements with the Bank of Nova Scotia to draw to the extent of £5,700, at 6 per cent, to enable them to carry on the works at the City Prison and Hospital—to be repaid by the sale of Debentures, now offered.

H. M. STEAM SLOOP STX, 6 guns, 280 horse power, Commander Vesey, arrived in our harbour on Thursday evening, direct from Havana. This is the steamer which the Yankees have been charging with boarding their ships, in the Gulf of Mexico, in defiance of the Law of Nations.

We understand that the Sergeant formerly in charge of the signal fixtures at the Citadel, has received orders to have everything ready for replacing them at the shortest notice.—Sun.

**DALHOUSIE COLLEGE.**—The Examination of the pupils in this Institution was held on Friday last. A good number of ladies and gentlemen were present and took a deep interest in the proceedings. The proficiency of the classes in the usual branches of a High School course was exhibited and afforded much satisfaction to all.

Halifax is well supplied with the means of education. This Institution with its able Principal and three other Teachers is capable of supplying a superior education to a large number of the youth of the City. If something of a more public character could be given to the Common schools of the City, so as to introduce from them those who had been well grounded in English, and thus give a larger number an opportunity of securing the advantages of classical instruction and a knowledge of the French Language, such an arrangement would doubtless have a beneficial influence on the City Schools.

**RAILWAY PROGRESS.**—On Monday last the trains east and west commenced running two trips a day—the Windsor line having one up and one down, leaving both Windsor and Halifax at 7 in the morning, and at 4 in the afternoon—passing each other at Mount Uniacke.

The Truro line leaving Halifax at 4 past 7 and 4 past 1 o'clock, and Truro Road at 4 past 10 and 4 past 4 in the afternoon. One train only being on this line while two are on the former. This will doubtless afford much accommodation to parties from the country and city. We would suggest the propriety of putting out, (for the information of the public,) a "Table of Tolls," as well as a "Time Table," at the Rail-way Office in Halifax, so that parties may not have to travel to Richmond to learn all the particulars.

#### Letters Received.

Rev. D. McKeen, 9th. G. Bigelow, two letters. —\$10 for library. Alex. Fraser, June 24th, with letter for Eastern Association.—Came too late to forward.—Have handed the money, £2 8s. 4d., to J. Whitman, Treasurer of Home Missionary Society. H. E. Payson, Esq., with Bill of Exchange.—Letter sent by next mail. Rev. Dr. Tupper, 1st and 9th, 1 sub., 20s. Z. G. Gabel, Esq., 5th, 20s. X. Z. Chipman, 1st. Rev. W. A. Coleman.

For the Christian Messenger.

#### College Agency.

DEAR BRETHREN,

As I was engaged in an agency between the 11th of May and the time of the Associations, to provide funds for Acadia College, I presume that some statement will be expected as to my success. I was employed in the agency about five weeks, visited most of the churches between Canaan and Bridgetown, and obtained pledges in all from churches and individuals £174 15s. 5d. From the uncertainty of continuing the College next year, and from the present scarcity of money, but little was actually collected. The cash received was as follows:

C. R. BILL ESQ.	£1 0 0	PARKER DODGE	1 0 0
PLEASANT VALLEY.		WILMOT.	
W. Skinner, sen.	10 0	Caleb A. Banks	1 3
Sidney Shaw	10 0	Mrs. S. Farnsworth	3 13
NICTAUX.		Abner Foster	1 0 0
Robert Charlton	1 0 0	Wm. Finney, senr.	3 14
E. M. Lowden	1 0 0	Averd Longley	10 0
Abner Parker	1 0 0	W. H. Troup	10 0
Wm. C. Felsh	10 0	H. H. Morse	10 0
		Total	29 12 11

Others probably have paid, as W. H. Skinner, of Pleasant Valley, 20s. to Rev. Mr. Chase, Treasurer, of which sums due notice will be given. Thanks are due to many kind friends who afforded their assistance, especially in conveying me from place to place without charge to the Society. The expense of my agency is as follows:

Travelling on the railroad and coach, together with stationery and postage, £2 4s. 5d.

Yours truly,  
DAVID FREEMAN.

#### NOTICES.

A Special Meeting of the Board of the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Society will be held in the Vestry of the Granville Street Chapel on Wednesday, the 21st July, at 4 o'clock, p. m.

D. FREEMAN, Secretary.

Rev. D. McKeen has removed from MacLean to Sackville, N. B., and wishes all letters, &c., for him to be directed there.

[THE writer of the following notice omitted his signature. It will not be very intelligible as it is, yet we had no means of supplying the deficiency without danger of mistake.—ED. C. M.]

Dear Brother,—I beg to say, through the Christian Messenger, to my correspondents that I have ceased to labour at Poreaux, they will therefore address me at Victoria Road, Windsor.

**MINISTERIAL TEMPERANCE CONVENTION.**—In accordance with the resolution of the Grand Division of Sons of Temperance the Committee request the Clergy of all Denominations to meet in Temperance Hall, Halifax, on Wednesday, Aug 4th, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

**THE BAPTIST CONVENTION OF NOVA SCOTIA, NEW BRUNSWICK AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND** will meet with the Germain Street Church, St. John, N. B., on Saturday, the 21st of August, ensuing.

#### HORTON ACADEMY.

The classes at Horton Academy will be reopened on Tuesday the 20th of July next. It will be greatly for the advantage of all who are about to enter the Academy to be present at that time.

J. W. HARTT, Principal.

Horton Academy, June 18th, 1858.

#### Married.

On Thursday, the 8th inst., at St. Paul's Church, by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia, Bradney T. Gilpin, Esq., Captain in H. M. 62nd Regiment, to Louisa Wentworth, daughter of the Hon. M. B. Almon.

At Yarmouth, June 20th, by the Rev. Henry Angell, Mr. Jacob W. Porter, to Miss Zilpha Whetmore, both of Yarmouth. Also, June 22nd, by the same, Mr. Whitman R. Crawley, to Jane, eldest daughter of the late Capt. Thomas Crosby, Junr., all of Yarmouth.

At Five Mile River, Hants, on the 29th June, by the Rev. John Currie, Mr. Augustus O'Brien, of Noel, to Miss Selina McDougall.

#### Died.

On Sunday morning last, Mary Ann, infant daughter of Mr. John Scriven, aged 8 months.

On Thursday, the 8th inst., William Mackay, Esq., in the 62th year of his age.

On Wednesday last, Charles Boggs, Esq., in the 84th year of his age.

On Monday, after a short illness, in the 23rd year of his age, Charles, fourth son of Mr. Michael Phelan.

On Monday evening, Mr. Thomas Kelly, aged 27 years.

At Collin Grove, Dartmouth, on Monday evening, the 5th inst., Louisa Mary, daughter of Mr. Hood Clifford.

At Wilmot, on the 18th ult., after an illness of eight months, Wm. F. Woodberry, in the 33rd year of his age.

At Sheet Harbour, on the 29th ult., of Scarlet Fever, Mary, the beloved daughter of Mr. P. Hardinge, in the 9th year of her age.

At Yarmouth, May 27th, of water on the brain Augustus Tupper, son of Richard North, Esq., of Chelsea, Mass., aged 14 years. There was hope in her death.

At Chebogue, on Friday, June 25th, after a lingering illness, borne with Christian fortitude, Cordelia, second daughter of Deacon Ansel Robbins, aged 19 years. She was converted in childhood. She never made a profession of religion, owing to her fears that she was not really a child of God. She regretted it deeply during her sickness. She died in the triumphs of faith.—Com.

In Parrsborough Village, on the 4th ult., Mr. Josiah Davison, in the 89th year of his age. Mr. D. had long been an inhabitant of that place, and was held in high esteem. He had entertained a hope in the Saviour for many years; and was sustained in his sickness and death by the consolations of the gospel of Christ.

At Kingston Village, Aylesford, of scarlet fever, on the 1st inst., Charles H., infant son of William H. and Margaret A. Woodbury, aged 4 years and 3 months.

At Long Point, West Cornwallis, on Saturday, June 26th, of scarlet fever, Sarah Jane, third daughter of Gideon and Fanny Beardsley, aged 5 years and 8 days.

At her brother's residence, Nine Mile River, on the 22nd ult., Miss Maria McPhee, in the 4th year of her age.

At Blue Mountains, Picton, on the 23rd June, William Patrick.

At Kingston, C. W., on the 22nd ult., after a lingering illness, Anne, third daughter of the late Rev. William Twining.

On board the ship Champion, in the Pacific Ocean, on the 17th February, 1857, of Dysentery, Horatio Smith, aged 21 years.

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