

LORD BURY, who is at present taking so deep an interest in the Intercolonial Railway between this and Canada, introduced into the English House of Commons, of which he is a member, at its last session, a Bill to legalize Marriage with a deceased Wife's Sister. We have before referred to this question, which has been warmly canvassed and discussed in England, ever since the year 1855, when an Act was passed, chiefly, we believe, through the strong influence of Episcopal interference, prohibitory of the practice. Until then it had pretty largely prevailed since the times of the English Reformation, but under conflicting opinions as to the meaning and effect of certain civil and ecclesiastical laws and enactments. An attempt was made in 1842 and several times since repeated, by bringing Bills into the two Houses of Parliament, to repeal statutory prohibitions, on which, to say the least of it, the Scriptures afford no direction, but which, on that account, have been constantly more or less disregarded, and that by some of the most virtuous and intelligent members of society. The measure, after several years of discussion, and after several failures in the House of Commons, has, since 1850, twice passed that body, but was thrown out in the Lords—in whose House also it was once introduced as an original bill, but shared the same fate as the Bills sent up from the Commons. The advance of public opinion, however, on this, as on many other matters, has yearly introduced a more enlightened and we think a more truly scriptural view of the subject, and we have little doubt that no long time will elapse before the obnoxious statute will be removed from the Book of English Law.

A small Pamphlet lately sent us from England, containing an elaborate opinion of Lord Denman, late Chief Justice of the Court of Queen's Bench, has impressed our minds more than ever, with the fallacy of the arguments commonly used in support of the legal prohibition. It is a powerful and lucid statement of the whole question, and one which we think ought to leave upon the mind of every disinterested and dispassionate reader, a full conviction of the correctness of his Lordship's views. There are appended to the publication a number of extracts containing the deliberate and decided opinions of several of the most learned and eminent prelates and ministers of the Church of England, as well as of Presbyterian, Congregational, Methodist, and other clergymen, strongly expressive of their views against the prohibition on the Scriptural ground. Among them we may mention Dr. Lee, the celebrated Professor of Eastern Languages at Cambridge University; Dr. Adler, the Chief Rabbi of the Jews in England; the excellent Mr. Bickersteth, now a Bishop; and the late Mrs. Chalmers and Bunting. By the Levitical law a brother, in certain cases, was commanded to marry his deceased brother's wife. In the case under consideration, the only passage of Scripture bearing on the subject is Leviticus xviii. 18, "Neither shalt thou take a wife to her sister to vex her, beside the other in her life time." This was intended for the ancient dispensation, when polygamy was lawful and usual. We think common sense will infer a permission rather than a prohibition in those days, as far as the Word of God refers to the subject. Owing, we believe, to casual circumstances, Lord Bury's Bill was not persevered in during the last Sessions of Parliament. It will doubtless be renewed, and we question not will shortly become the law of the land.

The Rev. S. Boothby, Agent of the American and Foreign Bible Society, preached at the North Baptist Church in the morning, and at Granville Street in the evening, on the 5th inst. He has since been making collections in the city on behalf of the Society, and proceeded via Truro, Amherst, &c. to New Brunswick on Friday last.

Notices of Books.

Our acknowledgements are due to the Honorable the Speaker of the House of Assembly for bound copies of the JOURNALS OF THE HOUSE for the years 1857 and 1858. This is a movement in the right direction. There is some probability of respectable books like these being preserved, whereas the same work in paper covers are often considered only so much waste paper.

JESSIE, or trying to be somebody: by WALTER AIMWELL. Gould and Lincoln, Boston.

The Aimwell Stories have established a reputation for themselves so that each new volume is sought after by the young people, and read with avidity. This makes the sixth of the series. 1st. Oscar; 2nd. Clifton; 3rd. Ella; 4th. Whistler; 5th. Marcus; 6th. Jessie. The 7th, Jerry, or the Sailor-boy, is, we perceive, in preparation. These all have some connection in the prominent characters spoken of in the story. The amusement combined with the narrative will render it a favorite not less in demand than its predecessors.

The publishers of BELCHER'S ALMANACK will please accept our thanks for a bound copy interleaved of that annual. It contains a beautiful frontispiece of Lake Scenery.

The Rev. C. Churchill has also favoured us with a nicely bound copy of the PROVINCIAL WESLEYAN ALMANAC interleaved. It has a really handsome engraving of that gentlemen.

SERMON upon the life and death of Samuel C. West, Esq., by Rev. N. Gunnison.

THE ANNIVERSARY, or SUNDAY SCHOOL MUSIC BOOK. Horace Waters, New York.

This is a small book, containing a capital collection of nearly 100 pieces of music well adapted for use in Sabbath Schools.

Report of Railway meeting and other General Intelligence on sixth page.

Letters Received.

Rev. Jas. A. Stubbert, 3rd. Geo. W. Freeman. Rev. A. W. Bars, 1st, 20s.—to June 30th, 1859. —G. E. S's acct. was for 5 months. Rev. I. J. Skinner, 9th. R. G. Freeman, 6th. W. N. Harris, 9th, 2 subs., 20s.—Much obliged for the suggestion respecting directions. Rev. A. H. Munro, 8th, 3s. 1d. Rev. Dr. Tupper, 10th, 1 sub., £3. Timothy Eaton, 8th. Capt. Joseph Rogers, Nov. 6, 1 sub., 20s., and 4th inst., 20s. R. T. Upham, 5th. Rev. D. M. Welton, 9th, 10s. Dea. W. H. Chipman, 6th, 32s. 6d., per W. Y. Foster, Esq. Samuel Wheelock, 3rd, £2.—All right. Harris M. Foster, 4th.

Our Subscribers in Milton, Queen's Co., will much oblige us by paying any amounts due to, Mr. Reuben G. Freeman who has kindly consented to act as Agent on our behalf. Mr. Robert W. Freeman who has hitherto so long favoured us in this respect will however oblige us by receiving on our behalf the amount of accounts sent through him to some of our friends a short time since.

A country "Tyro" asks the meaning of "Nemo pecco licet," in the letter signed "A Strict Baptist." He says he has asked a reputed scholar in his neighbourhood, but he cannot explain the words to him. As there is something about the sentence that he does not understand, perhaps "A Strict Baptist" will oblige him by some light on the subject.

We have received from Rev. Jas. Reid the following sums on behalf of the French Mission:—

Table with 2 columns: From the Portauipique Church, £1 15 0; Great Village Church, 0 11 4; Total £2 6 4.

W. Churchill, Esq., will please debit us the above amount.

NOTICES.

ACADIA COLLEGE. The Quarterly Examination of the Classes will take place on Monday and Tuesday, the 20th and 21st instants, commencing each day at nine o'clock, A. M.

Visiting Committee, to attend the Examination:—Rev. George Armstrong, A. M.; Rev. A. S. Hunt, A. M.; Rev. S. N. Bentley; Rev. S. W. DeBlois, A. M.; and J. W. Johnston, Junr., Esq.

There will be an Exhibition in the College Hall on Tuesday evening, the 21st instant, when Orations will be delivered by members of the Junior Class. The public are invited to attend. To commence at seven o'clock.

J. M. CRAMP, Chairman of Faculty. Acadia College, Dec. 4, 1858.

HORTON ACADEMY. The usual Half-yearly Examination of the Classes at this Institution will take place on Saturday, the 18th instant, commencing at 10 o'clock, A. M. The parents of the pupils and the friends of Education generally are respectfully invited to be present.

A College Exhibition being announced to take place on the evening of the 21st instant, the Academy Exhibition advertised for the 20th is postponed till further notice.

J. W. HART. N.B.—The next Term will commence on Monday, the 3rd January, 1859.

ANTIDOTE FOR POISON.

THE PAIN KILLER.—Rev. T. Allen, writing from Tavoy, Burmah, Jan. 5th, 1857, says: within the past four years I have used and disposed of above five hundred bottles, but am now out. Please send me a fresh supply (through the Mission Rooms) as soon as you can, say two hundred bottles. I dare not be without it myself, and there are endless calls for it, both by Burmans and Karens. I always take it with me into the jungles, and have frequent occasions to use it, both on myself and others. One night, while sleeping in an open Zayat, I was awake by a most excruciating pain in my foot. On my examination, I found I had been bitten by a Centipede. I immediately applied the Pain Killer, and found instant relief. In less than one hour I was again asleep.

Rev. Mr. Hibbard, writing from Burmah to his father, says:—I have used Perry Davis' Pain Killer for coughs, colds, summer complaints, burns, and for the sting of scorpions, with uniform success. We always keep it where we can put our hand on it in the dark, if need be.

Sold at Wholesale by GEORGE E. MORTON & Co., AVERY, BROWN & Co., and by Druggists generally.

Married.

At Old Cambridge, Boston, on the 26th ult., by the Rev. J. Pryor, D.D., James DeMill, Esq., of St. John, N. B., to Elizabeth A. A. Pryor, daughter of the officiating clergyman.

At Victoria Road, Wilmet, on the 6th inst., by the Rev. C. Tupper, D.D., Mr. George Banks, of Aylesford, to Miss Nancy, daughter of Mr. Jacob Marshall, of Upper Wilmet.

On the 1st ult., by the Rev. A. W. Bars, Mr. Hugh Fraser to Miss Experience, second daughter of Jacob Fancy, Esq. On the 1st inst., Mr. Rufus Hendry to Miss Mary Eliza third daughter of David Freeman, Esq., all of Pleasant River.

At St. Paul's Church, St. Margaret's Bay, on the 18th ult., by the Rev. John Ambrose, M.A., Mr. Stephen Dauphinee to Miss Sarah Jane Mason, both of St. Margaret's Bay.

At St. John's Chapel, Peggy's Cove, on the 20th ult., by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia, Mr. James P. Keizer, of Peggy's Cove, to Miss Mary Ann Curll, of Lunenburg.

At Sheet Harbor, on the 26th ult., by the Rev. Jas. Bredding, Solomon Penny, late of Newfoundland, to Mrs. Elizabeth Ann McPhee, of Sheet Harbor.

At Cambridgeport, Boston, on the 25th ult., by the Rev. Mr. Page, Mr. John L. Jones to Elizabeth M., eldest daughter of Mr. Peter Thorogood, of this city.

At Boston, on the 23rd ult., Mr. George W. Delano, of Boston, to Mrs. Maria E. DeWolfe, of Liverpool, N.S.

In Windsor, Sept. 23rd, by the Rev. D. M. Welton, M. A., Mr. Benjamin Jackson, of Horton, to Miss Rachel Carter, of Windsor. Nov. 10th, Mr. Jacob Floyd to Miss Rachel Bowen, both of Windsor. Dec. 1st, Mr. Benjamin Duncan, of Douglas, to Mrs. Sylvia Sampson, of Windsor. Dec. 6th, Mr. Anthony Honeycut to Miss Mary Wright, both of Windsor.

Died.

On Thursday, the 2nd instant, after a short illness, Mr. Thomas Bourke, in the 36th year of his age.

On the 3rd inst., Susan, third daughter of Thomas and Amelia McCarty, aged 7 years.

On the 5th instant, after a lingering illness, Mr. Edward Heffernan, in the 40th year of his age.

On the 7th instant, Mary Ann, the beloved wife of Owen Donahoe.

On the 8th instant, Elizabeth Jones, infant daughter of Captain Gulliford.

On the 8th instant, Mary Jane, eldest daughter of William and Elizabeth Soafie, aged 3 years.

On the 10th inst., Anna Maria, daughter of the late Mr. Ephraim Whiston.

On the 10th instant, of scarlet fever, Mary Ann, daughter of the late Mr. Philip Noonan, aged 13 years.

On the 10th instant, Augusta M., youngest child of John T. and Mary Longard, aged 3 years and 3 months.

On the 11th inst., after a short illness, Mrs. Sarah Jane, wife of Cornelius Phalen, in the 34th year of her age.

On the 11th instant, universally beloved and deeply regretted, Mrs. Barbara Wright, in the 88th year of her age, widow of the late Benjamin Wright, formerly of H. M. Dockyard.

On the 11th instant, Francis W. C. Kelly, youngest child of the late Mr. Owen Kelly, in the 7th year of his age.

On the 13th instant, Mrs. Elizabeth Monaghan, a native of New Town Forbes, County Longford, Ireland, aged 84 years.

On the 13th instant, after a short but severe illness, Catherine Cumming wife of Mr. James Lessel, a native of Aberdeen, universally esteemed.

Drowned, from the Liverpool Packet, on the night of Thursday last, David J., son of David Dunlap, Esq., of Liverpool, N. S., aged 23 years, leaving a large circle of friends to mourn his untimely end.

At the Poor's Asylum, on the 30th ult., Wm. Shilley, aged 30 years.

At Sheet Harbor, on the 6th inst., Mr. Wm. Parker, in the 25th year of his age.

At Canning, Cornwallis, on the 4th inst., of scarlet fever, Starr Oscar, beloved son of William H. and Mary E. Harris, aged 3 years.

At Windsor, on the 3rd instant, Catherine Sarah, daughter of the late John Andrew Brown, aged 1 year and eleven months.

At Douglas, on the 20th ult., of consumption, in the 46th year of her age, Elizabeth, wife of Mr. Isaac Withrow, and eldest daughter of Benjamin Smith, Esq.

At Lower Ward, St. Margaret's Bay, on the 20th ult., Johanna, the beloved wife of Mr. Edward Moore, in the 43rd year of her age, leaving a disconsolate husband and eleven children to lament their loss.

At Milton, Queen's County, May 7th, of scarlet fever, Alfred, aged 8 years and 7 months; Nov. 13th, of throat disease, Whitman, aged 3 years and 8 months; Dec. 3rd, of throat disease, Emina, aged 5 years and 8 months, sons and daughter of Mr. George W. Freeman.

TO THE MEDICAL FACULTY.—W. G. Taylor's Flax Lint is indispensable to the Faculty and essential in every family. To the invalid it will prove a comfort, and to the healthy a luxury. This new and beautiful article is lighter and cheaper than the ordinary Lint, free from all impurity, soft and delicate, and does not adhere to nor fret wounds to which it is applied; and from the recent improvements, it is altogether superior to that made heretofore, and gives a larger surface of Lint in each pound—facts certified by the Army and Navy Medical Boards, the London and Foreign Hospitals, and by the Medical Profession in general. It is manufactured in any lengths, whereby it may be made available for Surgical purposes, and the public generally; and being of a perfectly even surface, light, cool, and durable, allays irritation where the skin is excitable. It is so reasonable in price as to admit of its being an appendage to the Dressing Case, as a Razor Cleanser and Renovator, and other family uses. Lastly, by placing this Lint in front of the Hat, under the Leather Lining, it will absorb the perspiration, and being porous, may be used without the slightest injurious effect, and thus give several months longer wear.

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Shipping List.

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TUESDAY, December 7th.—Brigs Enchantress, Watt, Cabs, 23 days—J Whitman & Son; Starr, Crowell, Ponce, P.R., 18 days—G H Starr & Co; schrs G. O. Bigelow, Whittier, Bermuda—J T Wainwright & Co; Milo, Evans, New York, 8 days—Young & Hart; Julia, Simpson, St. John, N.B.

WEDNESDAY, 8th.—Brig Ornate, Fenton, St. John's, P.R., 21 days—W P West; Annette, Rudolf, Kingston, Ja., 19 days—C Twining.

THURSDAY, 9th.—Brig Victoria, Ellenger, New York, 8 days—W Pryor & Sons; schr Mountaineer, Kent, P E Island—T & E Kenny; R M Steamer Delta, Hunter, St Thomas, 10 days, Bermuda, 5 days—10 passengers; schrs Benjamin Wier, Dooliver, Port Medway—wrecked seamen; Lunenburg Packet, Westhaver, Lunenburg—J M Watson; Rival, Dunlop, Liverpool, N.S.

FRIDAY, 10th.—Packet Brig America, Meagher, Boston, 50 hours—B Wier & Co.

SATURDAY, 11th.—Schrs Emery, King, Boston, 3 das —F Bars; Alma, Baltimore, 16 days—B Wier & Co; Agility, Romkey, Turks Island, 13 days—Hugh Lyle; brigs Advalorem, Harding, Inagua, 19 days—do; Mery, Doane, St. John's, P.R., 15 days—T Bolton.

SUNDAY, 12th.—Barque Halifax, McColloch, Boston and Portland, 3 days—Young & Hart; schrs Earl of Mulgrave, Muir, Shelburne; Sea Bird, Sydney and Canso; Eastern Light, McCulloch, N. York—W L Evans.

MONDAY, 13th.—Schr Sir Colin Campbell, Canso.

Clear.

SATURDAY, December 4th.—Schrs Rambler, Filman, P E Island; Enterprise, McPhee, do; Glide, Reynolds, do; Oriender, Brown, do; Mary Louise, Rodgers,

Arichat; Eliza, Young, do; Catherine Elizabeth, Leblanc, do; John Tilton, Locke, St. John's, Nfld; Echo, O'Donnel, New York; Beverley, Blanche, Newfld.; John, Ozong, Bay St George; Vista, Nickerson, Labrador; Packet, Atwater, Antigonish; Mary Virgin, King, Arichat.

MONDAY, 6th.—Schrs Lady Havelock, Antigonish; Charles Albert, Lahey, Arichat; Elizabeth, Boudrot, do; Esquimaux, Rood, New York; Susan E., Mahon, do; Elizabeth, McDonald, P E Island; Elizabeth, Romkey, do.

TUESDAY 7th.—Schrs Sylphide, McNab, Fortune Bay; Itaska, Lawrence, Margaree; Mary Hart, Delory, do; Despatch, Blanchard, do; Integrity, McDonald, Sydney; Woodbine, Roberts, P E Island; brig Boston, O'Brien, Boston.

WEDNESDAY, 8th.—Schrs Ann, Bruce, P E Island; Atlantic Lennox, Argyle; Peerless, Burke, B W Indies.

THURSDAY, 9th.—Brigs Stanley, Davidson, F West Indies; Cordella, Mara, do; schrs Inkerman Purney, do; Kate, Messervey, Newfoundland; Margaret, Green, do; James G., Grant, Strait of Canso; Charles, Levee, P E Island; French brig Elclair, Besnier, St Pierre.

FRIDAY, 10th.—Schr Ocean Star, Jenkins, Boston; Palace, P E Island; Jane, Gallant, do; Oriental, Levie, do; Sago, McKeen, do; Rival, Mullicke, Campo Bello; Good Intent, Burke, C Breton; Jane, Grouchy, Arichat; Mount Vernon Boudrot, do; Dove, Landry, Discourse; Emily, McDonald, P E Island.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE!!

THE Ladies of the "North Baptist Sewing Circle" hereby announce a Sale of Clothing and Fancy Articles to take place this day, WEDNESDAY at 11 o'clock, at the Baptist Meeting-house, Cornwallis Street. M. J. EVANS, President. Halifax, Dec. 15th, 1858.

NOVA SCOTIA RAILWAY OFFICE,

HALIFAX, 10th Dec'r., 1858. ON and after WEDNESDAY, the 15th instant, the line of Railway between HALIFAX and TRURO will be open for traffic. The Trains leaving Richmond Station as follows:— First Train at 7.30 a.m. Second Train at 2.30 p.m. And leaving Truro at the same hours. JAMES McNAB, Chairman.

CARD!

THE Directors of the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb beg leave to offer their warmest thanks to those Ladies who composed the Committee for managing the recent Bazaar, and to those who assisted them at the Tables; as well as to all who contributed money or materials. They are likewise much indebted to those Editors who repeatedly noticed and recommended the undertaking to public patronage. They desire also to express their respectful acknowledgements to the Vice Admiral, and to Col. Harris of H. M. 63rd Regt., for the attendance of their respective Bands, and to the Community in general, the Institution is much indebted for their liberal encouragement, by which the handsome sum of £409 has been realized, in aid of the funds. JAMES C. COCHRAN, Sec'y. Dec. 15.

PROTESTANT ALLIANCE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

THE FIRST LECTURE of the Course, in connection with the Protestant Alliance, will be delivered (DV) at TEMPERANCE HALL, on FRIDAY Evening next, the 17th instant.

By Rev. Professor King, To which all Protestants are invited.

SUBJECT:—The Papacy—a Conspiracy against Civil and Religious Liberty.

Tickets of Admission—3d., and Season Tickets 2s., each, will be sold at the Hall on the evening of the Lecture.

Doors open at 7—Chair to be taken at 7 1/2 o'clock. JOHN HUNTER, GEORGE R. ANDERSON, Joint Secretaries. Dec. 15.

Provincial Hospital for the Insane. NOTICE.

THIS Institution will be ready for the reception of Patients on the first day of January next.

In order that those resident in the more distant counties may participate in its advantages, it is necessary that parties should make early application, as under present circumstances only a limited number can be accommodated.

The Provincial Act, defining the steps necessary to obtain admission, as well as the Bye Laws of the Institution, have been forwarded to the Members of the Legislature, the Sheriff, the Custos, the Clerk of the Peace for each County, and all the registered members of the medical profession throughout the Province.

All applications to be addressed to the Secretary, and must be post-paid. JAMES H. LIDDELL, Secretary & Treasurer. Dec. 15. till 1st Jan.

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