The Anuual Meeting of the friends and supporters of the City Mission will be held at the Young Mens' Christian Association Rooms, this evening, at 8 o'clock.

General Intelligence.

Domestic and Foreign.

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Halifax, December 10th, 1859.

APPOINTMENTS.

To be Prothonotary and Clerk of the Crown, for the County of Cumberland—Amos S. Blinkhorn, in the place of Silas H. Morse resigned.

To be one of the Commissioners of Schools, for the District of Chester, of the County of Lunenburg—Rev. Walter Gray, in place of Rev Mr. Ruddle, removed from County.

For District of Lunenburg—Rev. W. H. Snyder.

To be Justices of the Peace—For the County of Annapolis—Hon. Alfred Whitman.

For the County of Pictou—James Holmes, Springville; Thomas Horn, Middle River.

For County of Cumberland—Donald McKenzie, (Allan's son) North Shore, in place Rufus F. Freeman, removed from the County; Gilbert Purdy, 2d, Malagash, in place of William Treen do; Tillot Harrison, Maccan, in place of William Elderkin, resigned; Thomas McKay, of two Islands, in place of John Hanning, resigned.

For Kings County--Charles C. Hamilton, in place of Geo. Allison resigned. For Hants Co.—B. W. Mumford.

To be members of the Board of Health for Kings County—Dr. Ingram Freeman and Dr. Henry Shaw.

To be Commissioners for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors, and for taking Recognizances of Bail, in the County of Cumberland—C. E Ratchford; J W Delaney.

To be an Officer for the Protection of the Revenue, in Kings County—Thomas Lovett, in place of William H. Lovett, superseded. To be one of the Coroners of Kings County—Charles C. Hamilton. M. D.

To be the Registrar of Deeds at Baddeck, for the County of Victoria—William Jones, in place of William Elmsley, resigned.—To be Clerk of the Crown and Prothonotary at Baddeck, for the county of Victoria—William Jones, in the place of William Elmsley, resigned.

MILITIA GENERAL ORDER Halifax, Dec. 14, 1859.—His Excellency the Lieut. Governor, Commander-in-chief has been pleased to make the following promotions in the Militia of Nova Scotia.

1st Batt. Colchester Regt. Militia—Major Jas. D. Blair, to be Lieut-Colonel, vice Archibald, deceased.

2nd Queen's Halifax Regiment Militia—1st Lieutenant S. L. Shannon, to be Captain, vice J. S. Clarke, resigned. 1st Lieutenant William Cunard, to be Captain, vice Henry Boggs left the Proviuce.

THE STORM.—It is many years since we have had so much damage and loss of life in Halifax Harbour by a single storm as on the night of Wednesday last. The wind blew a hurricane with occasional hail, snow, and rain from the South-east.

The Schooner *Rival*, from Port Hood, struck on Thrump Cap, on the eastern side of McNab's Island, and was totally wrecked. John Meagher, master; James O'Neil, and Donald McDonald, were all drowned. Patrick Delanty a passenger and John M. Donald a seaman succeeded in reaching the shore, but suffered greatly.

The Schr. *Ocean Belle* from P. E. I. was wrecked at Herring Cove.

A vessel belonging to Mr. Stratford of Margaret's Bay was severely injured laying at the wharf, by another vessel dragging her anchor.

The Captain of the *Ocean Belle* reports another wreck at Herring Cove. All hands are supposed to have been lost.

Two vessels were sunk at the wharves.

Another vessel of about 55 or 40 tons was cast away on Devil's Island—all hands supposed to be lost.

It is said that about *thirty* lives were lost during the night in that harbour.

One of the centre turrets of St. Matthew's new Church was blown down and damaged the roof considerably.

We fear that other serious disasters will be reported from other parts of the coast.

The Acadian (Digby) is urging on the people of that important town, the necessity of having a wharf for landing passengers and freight from the steamers at all times of the tide. It is supposed it might be constructed for £500 sterling.

A woman named Coyle or Kyle was burned to death in Acadia Street. Portland, on Wednesday. It is supposed that her clothes took fire while she was cooking. When her husband went to dinner he found her lying on the floor insensible and burned dreadfully. Medical aid was called in, but she died soon after.—*St. John Freeman.*

A British officer from Teheran. Persia, to the 'London Times,' remarks:—"A Cathartic Pill manufactured by 'an American Chemist' (DR. J. C. AYER, of Lowell, Mass) has cured the Shah of a Liver Complaint that threatened his life. This simple fact, as might be expected renders the American immensely popular here, while we English are overlooked. Doct. AYER is indolized by the Court and its retainers here, which will doubtless be reported to him on a gold snuff box, or diamond hilted sword, while not the name even of Davy, Christison or Brodie—the great lights by which he shines, is known." *New York Sunday Paper.*

A rough shanty is erected in Pleasant Street opposite Government House for the purpose of preparing the stones for the WELSFORD AND PARKER MONUMENT.

The appointment of the HONORABLE WILLIAM A. BLACK, to the Executive Council of the Province, seems to have given universal satisfaction.

PRESENTATION.—His Worship the Mayor and the City Council a few days since waited on Vice Admiral Sir Houston Stewart, and presented him with the head of a fine moose stuffed and dressed having very handsome antlers.

A suitable inscription on a silver plate was attached to the head.

TWO RIFLE CORPS have been reported as formed in the city, the "Chebucto Grays" with Capt. Chearnley at their head, and the "Mayflower Rifle company."

P. S. Hamilton Esqr., also has advertized for another company of Volunteer Artillery, by the authority of His Excellency, the Commander-in-chief.

The Report of the Committee of City Council on the FIRE DEPARTMENT is laid on our table. It is an able document and shows that great care and attention has been givin to this important subject by the committee who had it in charge.

CAPE BRETON. A fine spring of Mineral Water at Sydney Mines has been recently brought into notice by R. Brown, Esq, who sent some to Professor How, for the purpose of having it analyzed. It appears that it has been used for medicinal purposes, and found highly beneficial. The following is an extract of Prof. How's letter of 2d Dec. to Mr. R. Brown:—

"The water is a curious one, and I only regret that the quantity you sent was not larger, as I could have made a thorough scientific analysis on about six times as much As it is, the following numbers are to be taken as expressing very nearly, but not with rigid accuracy, the composition of the water, some ingredients of which minute quantities only are present, not being estimated, and others which may exist, not having been sought for.

The specific gravity is 1007.397 at 54° Fahr.

Ingredients in one imperial gallon:

	Grains.
Carbonate of Lime and Magnesia,	0.60
Chloride of Sodium,	343.11
Chloride of Potassium,	4 55
Chloride of Calcium,	309.66
Chloride of Magnesium,	4 47
	662.39

A very remarkable feature is the total absence of Sulphuric Acid. I could find no Iodine; but there may be traces to be found in larger quantities of water. You see that it is a highly Saline water. I have before me the analysis of fifteen waters from Cheltenham, and there are only six which contain more solid matter, the rest contain either about the same or considerably less."

Commercial.

HALIFAX MARKETS.

CORRECTED FOR THE C. MESSENGER DEC. 21.

Flour, American spfine, per bbl.,	33s. 9d.
Canada " "	31s. 3d.
Rye "	21s. 3d. a 25s.
Cornmeal, "	22s. 6d.
Indian Corn, per bushel,	5s.
Bread, Navy, per cwt.,	26s. 3d.
Pilot, per bbl.,	18s. 9d.
Butter, Canada, per lb.,	11d.
N. S., "	10d.
Coffee, Laguyra, "	9d. a 10d.
Jamaica, "	8½d. a 10d.
Tea, Congo, "	2s. 3d.
Sugar, Bright P. R., per cwt.,	47s. 6d.
Cuba, "	45s.
Molasses, Muscovado, per gal.,	1s. 6d.
Clayed, "	1s. 3d.
Beef, Prime, per bbl.,	55s. a 60s.
Pork, " "	80s.
Mess, "	90s.
Codfish, large, per qtl.,	20s.
small, "	15s.
Salmon, No. 1, per bbl.,	80s.
No. 2, "	70s.
No. 3, "	60s.
Mackerel, No. 1, "	60s.
No. 2, "	40s.
No. 3, "	30s.
Herring, No. 1, "	12s. 6d.
Alewives, "	17s.
Haddock, "	12s.
Leather, sole, per lb.,	1s. 4d. a 1s. 6d.
Bar Iron, com., per cwt.,	13s. 6d.
Hoop " "	20s.
Sheet " "	22s. 6d.
Nails, cut, "	22s. 6d.
wrought, per lb.,	3½d. a 6d.
Lumber,—½ inch Pine, per 1000,	100s. a 140s.
1 " (mer.) "	60s. a 80s.
Shipping Pine, "	60s.
Spruce, "	40s.
Hemlock, "	35s.
Coal, Sydney, per chaldron,	30s.
Fire Wood, per cord,	18s.

PRICES AT THE FARMER'S MARKET, DEC. 21.

Fresh Beef, per cwt.,	20s. a 30s.
Oatmeal, "	13s. a 13s. 6d.
Oats, per bushel,	2s.
Apples, per barrel,	12s. 6d. a 16s.
Potatoes, per bushel,	2s. 6d.
Veal, per lb.,	3d. a 4d.
Lamb, "	3d. a 4d.
Mutton, "	3d. a 4d.
Pork, Fresh, per lb.,	4d.
Bacon, "	7d.
Butter, "	11d. a 1s.
Cheese, "	6d. a 7d.
Calf-skins, "	7½d.
Yarn, "	2s. 6d.
Eggs, per dozen,	1s. 3d.
Poultry,—Chickens, per pair,	2s. a 2s. 6d.
Geese, "	2s. 6d. a 3s.
Ducks, "	3s.
Homespun Cloth, (wool,) per yard,	2s. 6d.
Do., (cotton and wool,) "	1s. 7d. a 1s. 9d.

WILLIAM NEWCOMB,
Clerk of Market.

Letters Received.

Rev. R. R Philp, 7th, 10s. Rev. W. H. Caldwell, 8th. Rev. W. Burton, 9th. E. Freeman, 6th. Caleb Longille, 8th, 20s., 1 sub. Rev. A. W. Barss, 8th. Rev. D. W. C. Dimock, 12th. Rev. A. Stronach, 12th, 2 subs. Joseph F. Freeman, 10th, 20s. W. H. Chipman, 19th, 4 subs. James Griffin, Esq., 16th. Rev. James Stevens. Rev. Aaron Cogswell, 14th. Asaph Marshall, 17th, 20s.—Paid 2s. freight. Rev. David Lawson, 14th, 16s. 3d. D. C. Landers, Esq., 12th. Nathan Taylor, 15th, 20s. B. H. Eaton, 15th.—It was a typographical error. W. H. DeWolf, 15th, 10 subs. George Munro, 13th. Xerxes Z. Chipman, Esq., 15th, £2 2s. 6d. Mrs. Patience Shaw, 13th. Charles D. Carter, 14th. Rev. A. H. Munro, 15th, 1 sub.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—In reply to the enquiry of a member of the North Church, we may say that we should willingly have published the address to the Rev. Dr. Hobbs, if it had been requested. We have seen it only in the columns of the *Evening Express*, copied from the St. John's N. B. *Christian Visitor*. It is now so long since Mr. H. left our shores, that we think it somewhat out of date.

We cannot understand why our N. B. contemporary, *The Christian Visitor*, fails to reach us more frequently than any of our exchanges.

CONTRIBUTION TO THE N. S. HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—The Rev. R. McLearn, Chairman of the Home Missionary Board, hereby thankfully acknowledges the receipt of *Thirty Pounds* from the Domestic Missionary Board of the Western Baptist Association, by the hands of the Secretary, Rev. George Armstrong.

NOTICES.

THE Monthly Meeting of the Board of the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Society will be held at the Office of W. L. Evans, Esq., opposite the Commercial Wharf, this day, Wednesday, at 4 o'clock, P. M.

R. MCLEARN, *Chairman.*

Halifax, Dec. 21st, 1859.

☞ It is a significant fact that physicians not only prescribe G. W. Stone's Liquid Cathartic but take it themselves, and have already declared it to be the most safe, reliable and efficious remedy in those cases for which it is recommended that has ever been discovered. See advertisement in another column.—[Boston Bee.

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Sold by G. E. MORTON & Co., Halifax, N S.

The following highly complimentary notice of the well-known firm of J. C. Ayer & Co. is from the pen of a distinguished American Journalist:—

HOW STARTLING ARE THE RAVAGES OF DISEASE!—How small a proportion of mankind live in perpetual health and die of old age! Disease, the insidious destroyer of our race, ever steals upon the anchorage of life, to cut it from its moorings. Ceaselessly it gnaws at the vitals of existence, like a worm in the bud, which, undisturbed, must bring it to decay. With these melancholy facts in view, can we overestimate the importance of such labors as look to the discomfiture of our common enemy? Knowing that we cannot, we feel warranted in extolling to our readers the enterprise of our distinguished fellow citizens, Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co.

Few, if any, individual interests in the State are larger than this, and surely none compares with it in the vast extent of its operations and the immense importance of them to the well-being of multitudes of men. Their life-long labor has been to devise means of cure for the prevailing disorders of the American people, and their endeavors are known to have the co-operation of the best medical intelligence and skill this age affords. That they have done much for the cure of disease, no fair-minded man will deny; and that the laudable aim of their ambition is to accomplish still more in this work of philanthropy, is justly an object of pride to us, their fellow-townsmen, as well as of congratulation with the suffering sick all around us, and all over the world.

The preparations of J. C. Ayer & Co. (see adv. col's.) are sold by all Druggists and Merchants. The trade supplied by MORTON & COGSWELL, Agents, Halifax.

Sept. 21.——6 m.

Married.

On the 15th, Inst., by the Rev. R. C. Preston Mr. William Carvery to Miss Susana Buskin, both of Halifax.

On he 18th, inst., by the same, Mr. Leonard Gross, to Miss Mary Ann Wilson, both of Halifax.

By the Rev. A. W. Barss, on the 17th Dec., Howard Locke, Esq., to Miss Sarah D. Bill, first daughter of Gorden Bill, Esq., of Locke's Island.

At Evergreen Cottage, Nov. 15th, by the Rev. A. Stronach, Mr. Alpheus Goucher, to Miss Rachael S. Marshall.

By the same, Nov. 30th, at the residence of Capt. Jacob Hall, of Margaretville, Mr. Elkanah Bowlby, to Miss Sarah Ann Hall.

By the same, at Evergreen Cottage, Dec. 1st., Mr. Simon Crocker, to Miss Mary L. Banks, all of Wilmot.

At the residence of the bride's father, Antigonish, on the 24th Nov., by the Rev. Dr. Cameron, Mr. William Grant, Merchant, Antigonish, to Margaret, eldest daughter of the Hon. John McKinnon, M. P. P.

At Milton, Queen's County, on the 24th ult. by the Rev. Joseph Forsythe, Mr. Sames Collie, Merchant to Matilda, eldest daughter of Silvanus Morton, Esq.

Died.

At Ore, near Hastings, England, on the 19th of November, Mr. RICHARD SELDEN, Sen., in the 75th year of his age. "His end was peace."

On Sunday last, at Sackville, Captain Edward Daniels, in the 80th year of his age, formerly of H. M. 34th Regt.

On Sunday afternoon, William Preeper, aged 58 years.

On Friday morning last, Mary, daughter of Lewis and Catherine Hutt, aged 1 year and 2 months.

At the Ragged Islands on the 16th of November, Daniel Loyd, aged 58 years.

At Lake George, Yarmouth, on 2nd ult., Mr. Eliakim Killam, Senr., in the 82nd year of his age.

At Windsor, on the 10th December, James Martin aged 62 years.

At Milton, Queen's Co., Nov., 25th, Mr. Jacob C. Kempton, in the 88th year of his age, leaving a large number of Children and Grand children. He had been for many years a professor of religion. During his last illness he was sustained by the promises of God and enjoyed great peace of mind up to the moment of his departure.

☞ NEW BOOKS FOR THE HOLIDAYS.
Merry Evenings for Merry people; 1s 3d
A Book for Boys or Walks, Talks, Travels and Exploits—by the Rev. J. C. Atkinson, 5s sterling. With all the volumes comprised in the Cottago Library, and the Halifax Cheap Publications, as per catalogue, to be had at the News Agency of G. E. MORTON & CO.

Dr. Jacob Bigelow, in his recent work on Rational Medicine, truly says that "Ophium, variously disguised with aromatics to conceal its presence, gives temporary but fallacious respite to fatal diseases; under the deceptive names of Pulmonics and Pectorals." In FOUSEL'S PABULUM VITÆ, we have a preparation FREE from this drug, as well as from all other deleterious ingredients. Patients can use it with perfect reliance upon its safety in the treatment of consumption, bronchitis coughs, &c.

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If Ladies and Gentlemen would have a really fine Toilet article, they should purchase a bottle of the PERSIAN BALM OF FLOWERS, as for cleansing the Teeth Shaving, Bathing, removing Freckles, and all disagreeable appearances from the skin, it has no equal. Try it.

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Shipping List.

Arrived.

TUESDAY, December 13th—Schrs Orbit, Smith, Newfoundland 8 days, G. Fraser & Co; Amelia, P. E. Island; Caroline, Sydney; brig Fawn, Jost, St. John, P. R. 13 days—G. & A. Mitchell & Co.

WEDNESDAY, 14th—R. M. steamer Ospray, Gulliford, St. John's Nfld. via Sydney 4 days; Clara, Sullivan, Montreal 20 days; Medway Belle, Newfoundland 12 days; Annie Miller, Clark, New York; Gazelle, Cornier, Marie Joseph—materials from the wreck of steamer Indian; J. B. Huey, Huey, Lahave; Fleetwing, Douglas, Gloucester 3 days—bound to Newfoundland; Atalanta, Lennox, Argyle 3 days—H. Lyle & Co.

THURSDAY, 15th—Schrs Mary Ann, Grant, P. E. Island; Amelia, O'Brien, Guysbora 5 days; Sarah, Cobins, Newfoundland 7 days—bound to United States.

FRIDAY, 10th—R. M. Steamers Europa, Leitch, Boston 40 hours—70 passengers, 11 for Halifax: left Boston at 12 o'clock on Wednesday, at 2 o'clock commenced blowing stormy from north east, with snow, The gale gradually increased until 2 next morning, when it was a perfect hurricane, which lasted for about six hours—ship lying to; America, Miller, Liverpool via Queenstown 12 days—49 passengers 6 for Halifax; schr Rival, Dunlop, Liverpool, Emily, McKinnon. Bay of Islands—J A Moren.

SATURDAY, 17th—Schrs Lunenburg Packet, Westhaver, Lunenburg—J. M. Watson & Co; Greyhound, Gammage, Baltimore 15 days—S. A. White & Co.

MONDAY, 19th—Brig R. Brown, Sydney, 4 days; Brigts Bonita, Cahoon, Sydney, 5 days; Volant, Sydney, 3 days; Government schr Daring, Daly, Sable Island—reports no wrecks; Schrs Coquette, Canso, to T. S. Tobin; Jasper, Kenny, Newfoundland; Union, Nickerson, Newfoundland, 9 days; Eliza Catherine, Martell, Sydney, 4 days; Josephine, Farrell, Lingan, 3 days; Saxe Gotha, Morrison, P. E. Island, 7 days Mic-Mac Indian, Drake, P E Island, 7 days; Victoria, Steel, P. E. Island, 7 days; J. J. Marshall, Bruce, Canso, to P Power and Co.

Cleared.

MONDAY, December 12th—bark J. E. Lockhart, Savannah; brigt Spanish Main, Gange, F. W. Indies; schrs Isabella, Hadley, Guysboro; Lunenburg Packet, Westhaver, Lunenburg.

TUESDAY, 13th—bark Cecila, Kavanagh, St. John, N. B; brigt Express, Doane, Jamaica; Margaret Mortimer, Harvey, Cork; Swordfish, Briand, Port Medway; Time, McDougall, Maitland; schrs Tickler McLeod, Sydney; John Thomas, Lee, do; Rapid, Lorway, do; Pioneer, McDonald P E Island; Charles, Geddis, Sheet Harbor; Mary, Landry, Harbor Bouchet; Gad, Potter, Port Hood; Ocean Qneen, Goodwin, Argyle; Active, Goodwin, do; Maria, Boudroit, Arichat; Lady, Levache, do.

WEDNESDAY, 14th—Mary, Collette, P. E. Island; Neptune, Payson, Wesport; Dolphin, McNeil, Mabou and Port Hood, C B; William, Lakin, Boston; brigt Emily Jane, Essex, F. W. Indies

THURSDAY, 15th—schs Lady Sale, Young, Antigonish; Commerce, Kirby, Cape Canso; Perseverance, McDaniel, Sydney; Sarah, Robins, Shelburne; brigt Velocipede, McDonald, B. W. Indies; R. M. steamer Europa, Leitch, Liverpool; Merlin, Sampson, Sydney and Newfoundland; Delta, Hunter, Bermuda and St Thomas.

FRIDAY, 16th—America; Miller, Boston; brigts Sea Lark, Hopkins, Newfoundland; General Williams, Doane, B. W. Indies; schrs Lord Mulgrave, Newall, Porto Rico; Bee, McPherson, P E Island

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

A CHRISTMAS FANCY SALE
—AT—
MASONIC HALL
To-morrow, (Thursday)
WILL be held by the LADIES of the GRANVILLE STREET CONGREGATION.
Doors open at 12 o'clock.

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Cloth Boards. Price 1s. 3d.
THE GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY OF NOVA SCOTIA.
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