

certainly more effectually advertizing Universalism and flattering to its advocates, for them to find that their teachings excite so much attention. That efforts are made to induce men to do without religion, is not to be wondered at; but our Saviour's commission, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature: he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, but he that believeth not shall be damned;" besides a multitude of other passages of the Word of God, indicate that a terrible doom will fall on unbelievers, the assertions of Universalists to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Those who have learned to love the gospel and rejoice in its glorious announcements will not be surprised that attempts are made to destroy the truths taught in such plain statements of Scripture.

Temperance.

It will be seen by the advertisements in another column that a Provincial Temperance Convention is to be held at Halifax on the 23rd inst. We are not informed what object in particular is proposed by this meeting, and presume, therefore, as it is called by the Grand Division of the Sons, that the general interests of the Temperance cause will be presented, and steps taken suitable for the present time.

We learn from the Abstinence that forms of Petitions to the Legislature were adopted at the late Session at Truro. "These Petitions are for the enactment of a Prohibitory Law for the whole Province, which is to be submitted to the people at next election for approval or rejection, through the ballot box; and the closing of all places where liquors are sold during elections for Representatives to Legislature, and for two days previously."

If the latter question is agreed to, we think the ballot box would have something like fair-play, and the "large class" who now have the elective franchise would be "quite capable of understanding and appreciating a great moral principle such as that involved in Prohibition."

The true state of the question in Maine is well exhibited in a letter from the Hon. Neal Dow, dated Portland, December 27th, 1858, published in the Montreal Witness. He says:—

"I am induced to write you now, by a statement which I have seen in some English Anti-Maine Law papers from the Rev. Theo. L. Cuyler, of New York, in the following terms, viz:—

"The main law in Maine has failed to do anything very effectual at home, and thus far has been powerless in its influence abroad. And no wonder. If it cannot shut up dram shops in Portland, can it be expected to affect the dram shops of Boston or New York?"

I have therefore taken measures promptly to collect facts in the case and send them to England, that the antidote may go with the poison.

Those incorrect and unfriendly statements will very soon be received in Canada from England very much to your annoyance unless you are put in possession of the truth, and it is with the view of furnishing you with the facts that I now address you.

At the time of the enactment of the New Maine Law, there were more than five hundred open rum shops in Portland, many of them wholesale shops. The Law went into operation on the 15th of July last, and within one month of that time, there was not a single wholesale liquor shop remaining; all were closed, so far as that traffic was concerned. More than half the retail rumshops immediately ceased from that traffic without prosecution, by the mere moral effect of the law, and there is not now any open grog shop in the city. If liquors are sold at all, it is done slyly and with caution.

Drunkness has decreased more than one half, and there are now no brawls in the streets by day or night, and during the days of license these were frequent. The police have now almost nothing to do, the city is so quiet.

Pauperism has decreased more than one third—and partial out of door relief has diminished even in a greater proportion. The returns of pauperism for November last, as compared with November, 1857, show a diminution of 37 per cent.

Last week, on inquiry of the agent of a line of steamers running from this city to New York, I learned, that since the law the quantity of liquors brought here by those vessels is not one eighth so large as it was before the law, and the quantity now brought is almost entirely for town agents for lawful sale for medical and mechanical purposes.

Another effect of the law has been to satisfy great numbers of our citizens, many of them highly influential, that entire prohibition is the only remedy for intemperance, pauperism and crime. Until the present year these persons have doubted the wisdom or expediency of a measure so extreme, as they were pleased to call the Maine Law.

The Shareholders of the Athenæum Reading Room have sent a vote of thanks to the publishers of newspapers in the city for the gift of their papers to the Room. We are glad to aid, to the extent of our ability, an institution calculated to do so much good as this, and hope that the addition of members to the Divisions in the City will soon diminish the burden which has been hitherto borne principally by a very limited number of the best friends of the cause of Temperance.

Mr. MATURIN'S PAMPHLET.—Many of our readers will have learned before this that a new publication has made its appearance in Halifax during the past week. It is entitled "The Claims of the Catholic Church, a letter to the parishioners of Saint Paul's, Halifax, Nova Scotia, by Edmund Maturin, M. A., (formerly curate of the parish.)" As we have not been favoured with a copy for review, as usual with new works, we have invested 1s. 3d. in the purchase of this long expected document, notwithstanding a correspondent of the Church Record in a somewhat ex-cathedra style advises his Protestant brethren to abstain from purchasing it. We have no fears that any sensible well-taught Protestant will be captivated by any such kind of information or argument as that likely to come from this quarter, we do not therefore endorse the desire of this "Lover of Truth."

Whilst we have no very profound respect for the opinions of this recent convert to, what he now seems to think, the true Church, we find much in his letter which will be difficult for his former friends to refute without damaging the claims which some of that body set up for themselves. The pamphlet indicates no small amount of research, and it must be no novice in the Protestant controversy who would successfully combat and destroy the positions Mr. Maturin takes. We have as yet had time only to give it a very superficial glance, and must therefore defer a Review till a future number.

It is not difficult, however, for the most simple-minded Christian, with the New Testament before him, to perceive the great difference between this system of religion chosen by Mr. M. and whose "Claims" he here presents, and that of Bible Christianity.

We have no doubt some one fully competent to the task will, before long, bring forward a reply, and will shew that the Christian Church has something to rest on besides antiquity.

Since writing the above, we are informed that a reply to Mr. Maturin's pamphlet is in course of preparation, and will shortly appear. We shall be able to announce this more particularly next week.

The Legislature met on Thursday last; an account of which, with the opening speech of His Excellency the Lieut. Governor, will be found on another page. The House have been in debate ever since on an amendment proposed by Mr. Young to the Address in reply to the Speech; and containing, in fact, a vote of want of confidence in the present Administration.

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, after very brief discussion on Friday, passed the Address introduced by the Hon. Mr. Croighton, in answer to His Excellency's opening SPEECH.

The Council proceeded in a body to Government House to present the same to Earl Mulgrave, to which His Excellency made a brief reply.

On their return, the Council adjourned till Tuesday, the 8th.

The American Congress is also now in Session. A Bill for commencing a Great Pacific Railway is now in discussion before them. They are also discussing the question of the purchase of the Island of Cuba.

The proposition to place thirty millions of dollars at the disposal of the President, to facilitate negotiations with Spain for this purpose has been reported upon favorably by the Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Mr. Seward, representing the minority of the Committee, followed with a bill requiring the President, at the commencement of the next session of Congress, to present a statement of the relation then existing between that country and Spain, and also, requiring a statement of the condition of the Treasury, and the effective force of the Army and Navy, to enable Congress to judge as to the necessity of adopting extraordinary measures to maintain the rights and interests of the United States in regard to Spain. The Spanish Cortes are exhibiting a spirit anything but favorable to negotiation.

Mr. Douglas was present at the Cuba caucus of Democratic Senators, and expressed his willingness to support Mr. Slidell's bill. He had long desired the acquisition of Cuba. In his judgement there was but one mode, and that was, on the happening of another case similar to that of the Black Warrior, to seize the island by way of reclamation and negotiate afterward. A bold and unscrupulous "bid," if his words are not misrepresented.

The U. S. marine losses for 1858 were little less than ten millions of dollars.

Two men confined in jail at Omaha, Nebraska, for horse stealing, were taken and hung by a mob of fifteen or twenty.

For General Intelligence, &c., see 7th page.

Letters Received.
Robt. Chambers, Esq., 1st, £2. Joseph Dimock, 28th and 31st, £2.—Directions attended to.
Rev I. M. Harris. Geo. Creed, 31st, 1 sub. Rev. James Reid, 31st, 2 subs. 20s.—yes: all correct.
Rev. J. C. Morse, 29th, 20s. M. B. Smith, 29th, 1s. 3d. Thos. H. Patton, 1st, 20s. W. F. Cullen, Esq., 22nd, £7 2s. 6d.—Yes: quite satisfactory.
Rev. S. McLeod, 25th, 10s. Rev. Perez F. Murray, 22nd, 20s. W. S. Raymond, 29th, 20s. Weston Hall, Esq., 31st, £3. W. H. Chipman, per T. D. Ruggles, Esq., 29th, 1 sub. £6.
John McLearn, 22nd, 5s.—Have placed the 7s. 6d. to your credit.
W. Johnson, Esq., 4th, 1 sub., £2.
Rev. D. Freeman, 4th, 10s. W. A. Tupper, Esq., 2nd. Thos. Willett, 29th, 1 sub., 20s. W. Churchill, Esq., 22th, 1 sub., £3. C. B. Widden, 2nd, 20s. Peter Corkum, Esq., 1st—E. G. F. will send it. Rev. Chas. Randall, 2nd, 1 sub., 20s.

NOTICE.
There will be a meeting of the Executive Committee of the N. S. Baptist Education Society on Wednesday, the 23rd inst, at 2 o'clock, at the College Library, Wolfville.
February 4th, 1859. A. S. HUNT, Secretary.

The Board of Governors of Acadia College will hold a meeting in the College Library on Wednesday, the 23rd day of February, at 10 o'clock, A. M. S. W. DEBLOIS, Secretary.

P. K.
METHUEN, Mass., Aug. 26, 1837.
Messrs. P. Davis & Son—Dear Sirs: I have had occasion to use your PAIN KILLER very frequently during my residence in Burmah, and have found it a very useful medicine. I did not think I could visit the Jungles without it. In cases of colic, diarrhæa and cholera, the Pain Killer gives speedy relief, and for many other ailments I have found it beneficial. It is becoming popular in Burmah, among the natives as well as Europeans. I always carry it with me for my own benefit and the good of the people where I go. Sincerely yours, M. H. BIXBY.
The Rev. H. L. Van Meter, writing from Bassein, Burmah, says:—"The Karens praise it very highly indeed. I cannot conceive how a single medicine could better meet their peculiar ailments and habits than does your Pain Killer. We are now using it freely in our family and find its excellent qualities confirmed with each renewed trial. Please send me 400 bottles by first opportunity."
Sold at Wholesale by GEORGE E. MORTON & Co., AVENUE, BROWN & Co., and by Druggists generally.

Married.
At Canard, Cornwallis, on the 2nd instant, by the Rev. A. S. Hunt, A. M., Herbert Henry North to Harriet Amelia, eldest daughter of the late Daniel Griffin, both of Cornwallis.
December 23rd, by the Rev. P. E. Murray, Mr. M. H. Farnsworth to Miss Theresa Chute, both of Granville.
December 26th, by the same, Mr. Lindley Young to Miss Sarah Derling, both of Granville.
Dec'r. 29th, by the same, Mr. Obadiah Messenger to Miss Emeine Dunn, both of Port Williams.
January 18th, by the same, Mr. William Long, of Nictaux, to Mrs. Sarah Jane Milberry, of Wilmot.
At Louisburg Light House, on the 18th ult., by the Rev. W. Y. Porter, Travelling Missionary, Robert Martin Esq., Post Master at Sydney, C. B., to Catherine Bridget, second daughter of Lawrence Kavanagh, Esq., of St. Peter's, C. B.
Dec. 25th, by the Rev. J. Hart, Mr. Reuben Venow to Miss Catherine Mader, both of Mahone-Bay.
Dec. 29th, by the same, Mr. Benjamin Bookman to Miss Elizabeth Inglis, both of Lunenburg.
January 1st, by the same, Mr. Lemuel Risser to Miss Abigail Kynoch, both of Lunenburg.
January 6th, by the same, Mr. Benjamin Bailey to Miss Sophia Randall, both of Laha've.
At Belknap, Texas, January 9th, at the residence of Judge A. Meik. Dechman, W. L. Withers, Esq., to Miss Ellen Dechman, both of this place.

Died.
On Friday, the 28th ult., after a lingering illness, Sarah Martha, eldest daughter of Mr. Edward Grand, aged 7 years and 1 month.
On the 4th inst., of scarlet fever, William Wellesley, son of John T. Wyld, aged 4 years and 4 months.
On the 4th instant, after a short illness, Mr. John Abrant a native of Germany, in the 34th year of his age.
At the Poor's Asylum, on the 3rd instant, Susan McCully, aged 33 years, a native of Cape Breton.
At Dartmouth, on the 1st inst., after a short illness, Ellen Kehoe, in the 54th year of her age, a native of the County Waterford, Ireland.
At Dartmouth, on the 5th inst., Miss Elizabeth Myers, aged 22 years.
At Musquodoboit Harbour, on the 20th ult., Ann, widow of the late John Anderson, of Moraysire, Scotland, in the 91st year of her age.
At Lower Musquodoboit, on the 20th ult., Mary, wife of John Matthias, aged 69 years.
At the residence of Mr Benjamin Brown, his son-in-law, near Windsor, December 3rd, Mr. Israel Church, in the 88th year of his age.
At Truro, on the 29th ult., after a short illness, Mr. Peter Suther Smith, Merchant, in the 38th year of his age.
At Rawdon, on the 5th instant, William Richard, son of Robert Carter, aged 8 years.
At Aylesford, on the 7th ult., Arthur Seymour, son of Mr. Francis McMahon in the 8th year of his age.
Jan'y. 28th, Mr. Peter Hall, of St Croix, Granville, leaving a wife and three children to mourn their loss.
At Gasperaux, January 26th, Nathan, eldest son of Mr. Lawrence Coldwell aged 11 years. His end was peace. Sermon from 2 Sam. xii. 23.
At Brooklyn, Horton, January 27th, Martha, the beloved wife of Capt. Robert Hines, aged 47 years. Funeral sermon by Rev E. O. Read, from "Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his."
At Gasperaux, January 28th, Birtha Olivia, only daughter of Capt. Augustus Eagles, aged 3 years and 1 month.
At New Minas, Feb. 6th, Joseph, son of Elijah Bishop, aged 24 years. Although the prospect of death caused him to tremble in the time of health, yet when the terrible messenger unexpectedly drew near, all fear was taken away, because Christ was "formed in him the hope of glory." A large concourse of relatives and friends followed his remains to the grave, yet sorrowing not as those without hope.
At Galt, Canada West, January 7th, aged 37 years, Jumina, wife of Edward L. Cutton, Esq., formerly of Onslow, N. S.

A £5 VOLUME FOR ONE GUINEA.—The Annual Gift Book for 1859; a Drawing-room and Portrait Gallery of eminent personages, comprising forty beautiful Portraits, including—
His Royal Highness, the Prince Consort, K. G.
The Princess Frederick William of Prussia.
His Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge, K. G.
The Hero of Lucknow—Major-Genl. Sir John Inglis.
The Hero of Kars—Genl. W. F. Williams.
The Hero of Delhi—Major-Genl. Sir A. Wilson.
The Hero of the Redan—Genl. C. A. Windham.
Sir Colin Campbell and Dr. Livingstone.
Prince of Prussia and Bishop of Oxford.
Rev. Dr. Cumming and Vicount Combermere.
Weekly numbers and fortnightly parts of the Illustrated News of the World may in future be obtained of the Halifax Agents—G. E. MORTON & Co.

Also, received as above, Almanacs for 1859: Cassell's Illustrated Family Almanack, Rimmell's Almanack of the Language of Flowers, Illustrated London News Almanack, Punch's Almanack and Pocket Book. "The Reason Why,"—a volume of Information, The Sociable—a book of games and amusements, Inquire Within—a book of useful knowledge, The Great Republic Monthly Magazine.

Shipping List.

Arrived.
TUESDAY, February 1st.—Schr's Napoleon, Leslie, Spry Harbor; James Walsh, Boston 3 ds.—J A Moren. WEDNESDAY, 2nd.—Brgt Sarah Ellen, Willet, St. John's, Nfld. 6 days. J & M Tobin; Mary Ann, Balcarn, Sydney; schr's Margaret, Green, Newfoundland; Emery, King do—S F Barss. FRIDAY, 4th.—Schr Charles, hence for Boston, returned from sea. SATURDAY, 5th.—Steamship Delta, St. Thomas and Bermuda—6 passengers; brig Boston, O'Brien, Boston, 5 days—19 passengers—Young & Hart. SUNDAY, 6th.—Steamship Gulliford, St John's, Nfld., 67 hours—24 passengers. MONDAY, 7th.—Brgt Mary Budd, New York, 12 ds —Young & Hart; schr Peerless, Bruce, Inagua, 17 ds —H Lylo.
Cleared.
SATURDAY, January 29th.—French schr Oronoque, Gautier, St Pierre Miq; barque Halifax McCulloch, Boston. MONDAY, 31st.—Barque Joseph Dexter, Shaw, Kingston Ja. TUESDAY February 1st.—Schr Ranger, Doane, Br. West Indies. WEDNESDAY, 2nd.—Schr James, McCuish, New'd. THURSDAY, 3rd.—Schr John Tilton, Bryan, B. West Indies; brig Express, Stanley, do; Time, McDougall, New York. FRIDAY, 4th.—Schr Mulgrave, Smith, New'd.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

LOOK HERE!
A TEMPERANCE CONVENTION, COMPOSED OF DELEGATES from all Temperance Organizations in the Province, will be held in the City of Halifax, on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd day of February, instant, in the TEMPERANCE HALL, at Two O'Clock, P. M. All Divisions of Sons of Temperance, Clubs of Watchmen, County Leagues and Associations, Temperance and Total Abstinence Societies, are respectfully requested to send Delegates. All Members of the Grand Division of Nova Scotia will be entitled to Seats in the Convention. Credentials of Delegates to be forwarded to the Grand Scribe. PATRICK MONAGHAN, Grand Scribe. Halifax, N. S., Feb'y. 1, 1859. 2 ins.

THE COLCHESTER AND CUMBERLAND TEMPERANCE CONVENTIONS, deeming the formation of a PROVINCIAL TEMPERANCE CONVENTION of great importance at the present juncture, and anxious that such a Convention should be instituted on an efficient and practicable basis, hereby address

A CALL
To the several County Conventions in the Province, to organize a

Provincial Temperance Convention, At Halifax, on WEDNESDAY, February 23rd, inst. We earnestly request that County Conventions will elect Delegates to meet those who have been appointed by our Conventions, for the above purpose, in the Temperance Hall, Halifax, at 2 o'clock, P. M., on the above-mentioned day.

DAVID McCURDY, President Colchester Convention. ALEXANDER RUSSELL, Secretary Colchester Convention. J. E. BALCOM, President Cumberland Convention. R. ALDER TEMPLE, Secretary Cumberland Convention. Feb. 9. 2 ins.

ATTENTION!
THOSE WISHING TO PURCHASE DRY GOODS, Groceries, Boots and Shoes, SCHOOL BOOKS AND STATIONERY, will find it to their advantage to call at **T. R. PATTILLO'S,** Wolfville, where a good variety of each of the above is offered at the VERY LOWEST MARKET PRICES FOR CASH. Wolfville, Feb 7th, 1859. 6m.

Protestant Alliance OF NOVA SCOTIA.
THE FIFTH LECTURE of the Course in connection with the Protestant Alliance will be delivered (D.V.) at Temperance Hall, on FRIDAY Evening, the 11th instant, by the Rev. WILLIAM SUMMERSVILLE. SUBJECT:—The Rule of Faith. Tickets of admission 3d. each, will be sold at the Hall on the evening of the Lecture. Doors open at 7; Chair to be taken at 7½ o'clock. JOHN HUNTER, GEO. H. ANDERSON, } Joint Secretaries. Feb. 9.