

General Intelligence.

Domestic and Foreign.

The Ladies of the North Baptist Church intend holding a Tea Meeting at their Chapel this evening. Tea to be served at 8 o'clock.

DEAF AND DUMB.—The meeting on Thursday last, held in the Mechanics' Institute Room, for the purpose of exhibiting the progress of the pupils, was crowded to excess before the time of commencement. A great number were unable to gain admittance. Exercises of a most interesting character were exhibited to the company present, (we were about to say the audience.) Besides definitions of words, parts of speech, writing of sentences, &c., the pupils gave very impressive and beautiful delineations, in their sign language, of several Scripture narratives, such as Abraham offering up Isaac, Cain killing his brother Abel, Christ giving sight to the blind &c. The whole of the pupils repeated, in dumb language, the Lord's Prayer.

The Report read by the Rev. Mr. Cochran showed that £200 had been raised by voluntary subscriptions. The managers have purchased the building in which the School is held for £900, and have paid one third by the proceeds of the bazaar. Addresses were given by several gentlemen, and a general desire expressed for a similar meeting in a few weeks in a larger room. A collection of upwards of £7 was taken at the door by two of the pupils.

The pupils of the Royal Acadian and National Schools were disappointed by the snow and rain the first day named for the skating match; but on Friday last they appeared in full force and good order on the North West Arm. His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor and the Countess, and a numerous attendance of other persons were also present. James Wallace, of the Royal Acadian School, won the prize—a very handsome pair of skates, and received them at the hands of the Countess of Mulgrave. The boys were greatly delighted with the occasion.

The Firewards and Firemen had a pleasant time at the Engine House, on Friday evening last, on the occasion of the presentation of handsome Silver Watches and Chains, with suitable inscriptions, to Wm. Kelly and John Leach, for their noble and intrepid conduct, in rescuing a child from the third story of a burning house on the 28th December last.—Sun.

The Athenæum Division entertainment passed off pleasantly on Friday night. Good music, fair speeches, songs and recitations, and capital coffee &c., were enjoyed by a large number of persons.—M.

Dr. Slayter read a short paper on the "Natural Sciences and their effect on Education," at the Mechanics' Institute, on Wednesday evening. The lecturer stated that the subject of "Respiration," which had been announced for him, required several diagrams, which he had not had time to prepare. At the close of remarks by the President, the lecturer gave a few leading ideas on "Respiration." Robert Miller, Esq., will lecture on Wednesday evening next. Subject—"Imagination."—M.

THE COMING ELECTIONS.—Electors in various parts of the Province, favorable to the Government, have got tired waiting for slow Halifax to set them an example, and have already commenced to bring out their candidates for the coming Election and to make other preparations for the contest. We observe that J. Bourinot, Esq., has his card in the C. B. News, soliciting the suffrages of the electors of that township. A meeting for the nomination of candidates was held at Pictou on Tuesday last, the 17th. The following extract from an account of the proceedings telegraphed to the Express and published in that journal last night, shows the result.

James McDonald, Esq., of Pictou, and Adam McKenzie, of Barney's River, were unanimously nominated for the county, and Roderick McKenzie, of Pictou, for the township. The meeting was one of the most numerous and harmonious that ever met in this town. Over 250 delegates were present, from all parts of the county.—Recorder.

RAILWAY MATERIAL.—The Railway Commissioners have 16 locomotives, 5 pumping engines, 2 small fire engines, and 1 sawing machine on hand. They have also 8 first-class cars, 4 second-class do., 4 mail and baggage cars, 10 freight cars, 17 cattle cars, 1 sheep car, 90 platform cars, 3 snow ploughs, 2 break vans, 15 ballast cars, and 21 trolleys.

KING'S COLLEGE.—The Rev. John Manuel Hensley, M. A., Professor of Mathematics, has been appointed to the vacant chair of Pastoral Theology at King's College, Windsor.—Church Record.

Among the promotions in the Chaplain's Department, announced in the London Gazette, of the 18th inst, we observe the following:—Rev. J. T. Twining, D. D., Assistant Chaplain, to be Chaplain in the Forces, (3d. class.)—M.

Sydney coal was selling in this city on Tuesday at \$7 per chaldron, while for some time past \$9 has been demanded. The reduction is owing to the praiseworthy conduct of the Messrs. Cunards in opening a coal depot where the poor can get the article in small quantities at the current rate.—Journal.

The schr. Ellen, Ryan, master, with a party of wreckers, and diving apparatus, sailed from this port yesterday for the Bahama Islands. It is stated that they will be absent some eighteen months. We heartily wish the utmost success to all engaged in this, to Halifax, novel enterprise.—M.

We are pleased to learn that the ladies of the Granville Street congregation are intending to invite their friends to a rural picnic, early in the Spring, as soon as the strawberries make their appearance.—Journal.

The Christian Messenger announces that the Rev. Dr. Cramp is preparing a Reply to Mr. Maturin's Letter. This is right. Dr. Cramp is eminently qualified for the task.—Presbyterian Witness.

Mr. James Woods, one of the teachers in Dalhousie College, lately advertised a reply to Mr. Maturin's pamphlet, but in the Colonist of yesterday we find the following note:—

February 19, 1859.

To the Editor of the British Colonist:

DEAR SIR,—Since the advertisement relative to my pamphlet has appeared in your paper, I have been advised by my friends, as well as by parties connected with the College, that as a teacher in connection with that institution, it would be better that I should not take a prominent position in a religious discussion. Acting upon their advice, I beg to inform you that I shall withdraw the publication, and the more especially as I see that Dr. Cramp is preparing a reply. I therefore leave the matter where I know it will meet with a better treatment than I could hope to give it.

I am, sir, yours obdly,
JAMES WOODS.

New Brunswick.

The opening of the Legislature was delayed two days by the House of Assembly being unable to conclude on their choice of a Speaker. On the 10th, His Excellency came to the Council Chamber for the purpose of opening it as usual, but he had to return without doing so, as the Assembly could not decide on a Speaker. Three names were brought before the House, as Candidates,—the Hon. J. M. Johnson, Mr. Hannington and Mr. Botsford. These were each successively rejected on the first vote, but on a second vote the first-named gentleman was chosen by 25 to 11. Mr. Johnson being a member of the Executive Council, it was necessary for him to resign his seat there before accepting the Speakership. On the 12th, His Excellency attended again and delivered his opening Speech, which consists of paragraphs referring to Commerce, Agriculture, Railways, and the Delegation.

Mr. Tibbets moved and Mr. McMillan seconded the Address in answer to the Speech.

The removal of the Seat of Government from Fredericton to St. John will doubtless be one of the principal subjects of interest during the Session. A Committee of enquiry was appointed last year. It is said that a majority of the members of Legislature are in favour of the change. The dilapidated state of the public buildings and the large expenditure required to put them in repair will be an important consideration in the question.

Canada.

The Legislative Council have resolved, by a vote of 23 to 12, to maintain the Queen's decision in favor of Ottawa as the permanent Seat of Government. The same body subsequently rejected, 24 to 14, the proposal of the ministry that the Seat of Government should be transferred to Quebec until the completion of necessary buildings at Ottawa. The subjoined resolution was afterwards submitted by the Hon. Mr. Arnaud, the mover of the Address in answer to the Speech at the opening of Parliament:—"That the Executive Government of this Province, having thought fit to take the initiative on the question of the Confederation of the Provinces of British North America, as appears by the despatches and other documents submitted this day to the House, this House deem it their duty to express their opinion that it would be premature to commence at once the erection of the public buildings required for the accommodation of the Legislature; and that in consequence of the action so taken by the Government, in relation to said question of the Confederation of the British Provinces, no part of the sum appropriated by the Act 29 Vic., cap. 17, ought to be expended for the present."

The House of Assembly have sustained the Queen's decision in favor of Ottawa as the seat of Government, by a majority of 5.

THE EMPEROR OF HAYTI AT JAMAICA.—Advices from Kingston, Jamaica, to the 20th ult., state that the Emperor Soulouque had arrived at Kingston from Hayti, in a British ship, claiming British protection.

DAVIS' PAIN KILLER.—A preparation intended as a balm for aches and pains was discovered by Perry Davis, of Prov., R. I. Its popularity became universal, and it is as popular to-day, as ever it was. It may be found in the closet or cupboard of all families; ready for use at an instant's warning, and is considered the best article known for "the pains that flesh is heir to."—Boston Bee. Sold by all medicine dealers.

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For the Christian Messenger.

"Home Mission Funds."

I am requested to acknowledge in the Christian Messenger the receipt of a letter on the 17th inst. from Cyrus Black, Esq., containing a Bank Note of £7 10s. value, being a remittance from the Baptist Church at Amherst. Surely this is a timely act; the Treasury hadn't a pound in it! Now, a dozen such letters would enable us to pay up arrears, and meet incoming claims handsomely. Two laborers have just written that they very much need the balance due them. The kind response of the Amherst Church is truly refreshing. We trust other pastors are doing just what Brother Balcom did in this case—earnestly and promptly presenting the appeal to their people.

S. N. BENTLEY.

Halifax, Feb. 21, 1859.

TRURO.—Extracts of letter from Rev. R. D. Porter, to Rev. W. H. Humphrey, dated Truro, Feb. 16, 1859.—"The absence of snow has rendered it impossible for me to pursue my journey until my waggon arrives, for which I have sent."

"I have engaged in public religious service, or services, on every day or evening—since I left home. "Brother D. W. C. Dimock is holding a series of meetings in Truro now, which are encouraging. Two have professed to be converted recently."

LETTERS RECEIVED next week.

Married.

On Monday, the 14th inst., by the Rev. Archdeacon Hannan, Mr. Thomas Donohoe to Bridget, daughter of Mr. John Mahar.

Died.

On Monday, the 14th instant, after a short illness, Martin Frederick, son of Alexander and Henrietta West, aged 3 years.

On the 14th inst., Marion, daughter of Mr. William Hare, aged 10 months.

On the 15th instant, of scarlet fever, John Thomas, youngest son of James and Maria Melroe.

On the 16th inst., Mr. Thos. Caddigan, aged 60 years.

On the 17th inst., of scarlet fever, after a short illness, Anna Sophia, youngest daughter of Gaspar and Mary Ann Young, aged 15 years.

On the 17th inst., of scarlet fever, Fanny Fredericks, daughter of P. H. Lenoir, Esq., aged 2 years and 7 months.

On the 18th inst., Alice Amanda, third daughter of Mr. Joseph McKinlay.

At Hammond's Plains, on the 15th inst., of sore throat, Theodore, only son of David Thompson, Esq., aged 14 years. Greatly beloved and much lamented.

At Truro, on the 12th instant, after a short illness, Alexander L. Archibald, Esq., aged 71 years. The deceased was for 17 years a Representative of Truro, in the Assembly, and died universally lamented.

At the Parsonage at Maitland, on the 16th instant, after a short illness, Frances Elizabeth, the beloved wife of the Rev. John Randall, B. A., and daughter of Capt. Daniell, of Her Majesty's 34th Regiment, aged 36 years.

At Parrsboro', on the 27th ult., in the 76th year of his age, Robert Salter, Esq., a native of Newport, in the full faith of the Saviour.

At Walton, Hants County, Decr. 19th, Mr. George Rennels, in the 65th year of his age.

At St. John, N. B., on the 12th instant, William T., son of the late Benjamin Etter, Esq., of this city, aged 60 years.

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WEDNESDAY, 16th.—Brigt Billow, New York, 5 days—W H Rudolph.

THURSDAY, 17th.—Brigt Vivid, Mann, Porto Rico, 21 days; schr Stella Maris, Farrell, New York, 4 days—J Cochran.

FRIDAY, 18th.—Brigt Fawn, Boyle, Cienfuegos, 27 days—G & A Mitchell & Co; brigt Union, Smith, Philadelphia, 7 days—J H McNab & Co.

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MONDAY, February 14th.—Brigt America, Meagher, Boston; brigt General Williams, Doane, B W Indies.

TUESDAY, 15th.—R M Steamship America, Miller, Boston; brig Eclipse, Mitchell, Brazil; Lutega, Young, Philadelphia; Sylvia, Young, Lunenburg. WEDNESDAY, 16th.—Schr Rival, Dunlop, Liverpool. THURSDAY, 17th.—Brigt General Washington, Longard, Boston; Sarah Ellen, Willet, Newfoundland; schr Julia, Simpson, S. John, N. B.; Emory, King, Fortuna Bay; Mountaineer, Sterling, Boston; brigt Jaffa, Putnam, New York; Stanley, Davidson, F West Indies; Forward, Coalfleet, do.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

IN THE PRESS.

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TO MR. MATURIN'S LETTER ON "THE CLAIMS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH," ADDRESSED "TO THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. PAUL'S, HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA."

By J. M. CRAMP, D. D.

Feb. 23.

Protestant Alliance OF NOVA SCOTIA.

THE SIXTH LECTURE of the Course in connection with the Protestant Alliance will be delivered (D.V.) at Temperance Hall, on FRIDAY Evening, the 25th instant, by M. H. RICHIEY, Esq.

SUBJECT:—"The Spirit of Popery and the Duty of Protestants with regard to Public Education."

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