

The Royal Proclamation seems to have been received throughout almost every part of the country by universal acclamation.

Affairs in China are also assuming a more favourable aspect as regards its foreign relations, and trade and commerce are returning to their wonted channels.

The Emperor of Japan, with whom the European Powers have so lately concluded treaties of peace and commerce, died at Yeddo, the Capital, in Sept. last.

A more than usual activity in business for the season, appears to prevail in England. Leading political men are addressing the public in various parts of the kingdom, looking forward to the new elections expected to take place not long hence.

Notices of Books.

THE EVENING OF LIFE: or, light and comfort amidst the shadows of declining years: by the Rev. J. Chapin, D. D.

A volume of choice extracts in prose and poetry, suitable for the aged, and printed in large type for their special use.

THE POOR GIRL AND THE TRUE WOMAN: a book for girls: by William M. Thayer.

This is a work on the various excellencies of woman's character, illustrated by reference to Mary Lyon, the originator of the Mount Holyoke Seminary. Incidents in the lives of other celebrated women are also quoted, and judicious counsel given to meet the peculiar wants of girls and young women.

Two or three numbers of the WELCOME GUEST, an illustrated penny weekly magazine, published in London, have been handed us by Geo. E. Morton & Co., from whom they may be obtained.

RIMMEL'S PERFUMED ALMANAC for 1859 is a highly scented, beautiful little gem—an ornament for either the toilet table or the drawing room.

THE GREAT REPUBLIC: a new monthly Magazine, contains a large quantity of light reading, and a good number of engravings, fashions, &c.

General Intelligence.

Foreign and Domestic.

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE, APPOINTMENTS.

To be Justices of the Peace for the County of Yarmouth, with power to manage and conduct the business of the Township of Yarmouth in the same manner as if the Act for the Municipal Government of Counties had not been passed: Elisha W. B. Moody, Reuben Clements, Thomas Killam, Caleb Cook, John Murry, Leonard Weston, Benjamin Rogers, Thomas D. Chipman, Jesse Shaw, William H. Townshend, Robert Guest, Nathan Hilton, William Rogers, William H. Moody, Amasa Durkee, William Burrill, John W. Lovett, Robert Brown, John Crawley, Ansel Robins, Nelson Corning, Nathan Crosby, Josiah Raymond, Benj. P. Crosby, George W. Crosby, Wm. A. Jenkins, Harvey Cann, Benjamin Moses, Joseph Durkee, Nathaniel Churchill Senr., and John Baynard (son of Job.)

Custos Rotulorum—Elisha W. B. Moody, Esquire.

The Board of Health—Dr. J. B. Bond, Dr. B. V. Harley, Dr. F. A. Webster, E. W. B. Moody, and William H. Townshend.

Health Officer—G. J. Farish, Esquire, M. D. Coroner—James C. Farish, M. D.

Commissioners of Sewers—Benjamin Killam, Stephen Churchill, and Samuel Holmes.

The Board of Commissioners of Schools for the Township of Yarmouth—Joseph B. Bond, Robert Hunter, Charles E. Brown, Frederick Hilton, Joseph Rogers, and Nathan Hilton.

Commissioner of School in the District of Barrington—The Rev. Joseph W. Tays.

To be Masters in the Supreme Court—Charles Twining, and Hugh Hartshorne, Esquires.

To be the Collector of Colonial Duties and Principal Office of Customs and Navigation Laws at Digby—Botsford Viets.

To be a member of the Board of Commissioners of Schools for the South District of the County of Pictou—The Revd. James Mair, in place of James Crerar, who has removed from the District.

To be a member of the Board of School Commissioners for the Western District of Hants County—The Revd. Thomas Maynard, in place of the Revd. William C. King, deceased.

and St. Mary's River, Guysborough—Thomas P. Flavin.

To be additional Justices of the Peace in the County of Annapolis:

John Long, East Dalhousie; John Stoddard, do. Asaph Whitman, Albany; Ezekiel Foster, do. William Morehouse, Annapolis.

To be an additional Justice of the Peace in the County of Cumberland—Edwin Johnston, (East Branch River Philip.)

To be Commissioners in relation to Ministers' Lands in the Township of Annapolis—Warren Longley, John Banks, Lawrence Pbinny.

To be one of the Commissioners for licensing Pilots at Pughwash—Alexander A. Black, in place of Thomas Page, who has removed from the District.

The Royal Gazette of Wednesday last has the names of the eighteen Sheriffs for the several counties of the Province for the ensuing year. An alteration has been made in one instance only, that of Cumberland County.—James R. Kerr, Esq., is appointed in the place of Roderick McLean, Esq.

The St. Andrew's congregation of this city presented their pastor, the Rev. George Boyd, with a purse containing thirty-two pounds two shillings and six-pence, as a New Year's gift.

Two schooners were drawn up the Marine Railway at Dartmouth last week. One of them was filled with water. This work so long required in our harbour, appears to be a complete success.

The Hon. Wm. Young will deliver the opening lecture of the present session at the Mechanics' Institution this evening.

W. A. Henry, Esq., M. P. P., one of the late Delegation to England, arrived thence in the America on Sunday last. The Chronicle adds—"The bags of sovereigns will follow."(!)

The Hon. William Rudolf died at his residence, Lunenburg, on the 1st of January, after a few days' illness.

Fearful Conflagration and Loss of Life.

In our Second Edition last week we gave a full account of the disastrous fire which occurred in Halifax on Tuesday the 28th ult.

The alarm was given about 9 o'clock in the evening. The fire appears to have originated in the rear of the premises occupied by Mr. Jonas Hagar, hatter; but it appeared to make greater progress at first in the building in the occupation of Mr. W. S. Symonds & Co. stove and furnace dealers. The fire, however, in less than half an hour had enveloped the whole of the houses adjoining, and all the efforts were required to extinguish the fire on the opposite sides of the street—those of Mr. Wm. Ackhurst, Commission Merchant, and Albro & Co's. Hardware store. These were in imminent danger, and caught several times, and it was only by the most daring efforts of some of the courageous firemen that they were eventually saved.

The rapidity of the fire prevented the parties burnt out from saving scarcely anything.

A ladder was placed to the upper story of Mr. Gabriel's store, and Capt. Taylor endeavoured to drag out a person, whom he supposed to be Mr. Joseph Grant, but either from resistance on his part or his lameness, was unable to effect his rescue. The remains of his body were found next morning completely charred. Mr. Hagar was also by some means unable to escape, and his corpse also was discovered amongst the embers. Mrs. Grant, having thrown her child out of the window, jumped into the street,—both are badly injured—the former by both legs being broken, and is not expected to recover. Other persons also jumped from the second story and sustained injury.

The goods and furniture from several of the properties near were removed. The brick Store of Mr. Coombs proved a barrier to the fire extending up Duke Street. The brick end to O'Donnells clothing store checked it for a short time, and McLeod's brick building effectually stopped its progress on Hollis Street.

Four houses were entirely consumed, occupied respectively by W. S. Symonds, John Gabriel, Jonas Hagar, A. D. Morse, and Thomas O'Donnell.

The efficiency of the Fire Companies was thoroughly tested. Many of the members displayed great heroism, and suffered much injury to their clothes and persons, by their manly and praiseworthy exertions.

The Military rendered most important service, and soon brought a plentiful supply of water from the harbour, which, in addition to that from the hydrants, prevented the fire from passing into the adjoining blocks, of which, at one time, there seemed great probability.

His Excellency the Earl of Mulgrave was early on the spot, and afforded valuable service by his advice. His Worship the Mayor was also actively employed with other official gentlemen in connection with the fire engines.

This calamity has occurred sufficiently near to the first of January to bring to the minds of many citizens the similar alarming visitation two years since, and awaken similar sympathy; but although the loss of property is not so extensive, yet the fatality attending this, renders it even more distressing than the former.

Testimonials from Foreign Countries.

A pleasing travelling companion, and one that no person should be without, is Perry Davis' Pain Killer. A sudden attack of diarrhoea, dysentery, or cholera morbus can be effectually and instantaneously relieved by it, it is equally effectual in curing scalds, burns, &c.

CAPE TOWN, Africa, Jan. 28, 1856. Messrs. P. Davis & Son—Dear Sirs: The Pain Killer, we are happy to say, is getting in good repute here, and its good qualities are being appreciated. Lately, we have a great demand for the article, and confidently anticipate a large trade in the Pain Killer.

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Letters Received.

C. Jost, Esq., 20th, 1 sub. Rev. J. V. Tabor, 1 sub. Z. P. Armstrong, 27th.—No: but can get it. Rev. N. Vidito, 24th. Rev. Robt. Walker, 27th. W. Churchill, Esq., 24th, 1 sub. B. B. Moses, 24th, 25s. X. Z. Chipman, 23rd, 35s. per Capt. Arnold.—Sent letter by same. Asaph Whitman, 1 sub., 20s. Ward Eaton, Esq., 28th, £2. Rev. Chas. Randall, 28th, 2 subs., £3. Dea. W. H. Chipman, 29th, 2 subs.—Money comes quite safely by the Post Offices.—We have written. Gideon Longille, 24th.—Just as it should be. Rev. Jas. Stevens, 21st, 25s. Chas. Tedford, 23rd, 20s. Thos. Fulton, 1 sub. Rev. W. Chipman, 27th. John McLearn, 25th. Rev. A. W. Bars, 16th. Rev. Obed Parker, 29th, £2. G. C.'s Agent, 27th. Asaph Marshall, 30th, 1 sub., 20s.—The bbl of No. 1 apples from Major Morse and same from Martin Morse came in excellent order.—It is about the best of the literary Magazines. Simon Eitch, Esq., 31st, 20s.—All right.—Much obliged. Joseph Thomas, 27th, 20s.—Directions attended to. Matthew Trenholm, 30th, 22s. Gd. W. F. Cutten, Esq., 30th, 2 subs., 20s. John Whitman, 27th, 32s. Gd. Jas. B. McNutt, 31st, 1 sub., 20s. Ezra Layton, 29th, 1 sub. James E. Potter, 28th, 1 sub., 20s. Rev. T. H. Porter, Jan. 1, 1 sub.

NOTICE.

"A Strict Baptist" writes in answer to a "Country Tyro," that he does not see anything difficult in his latin sentence. He would enquire of "a reputed Scholar" if it is not according to rule, for impersonal verbs to govern the dative? May not "Country Tyro" read, No man is allowed to sin, and "a reputed Scholar" translate, Nemo pecco licet?

Received from a member of Granville Street Church for

Home missions, £1 0 0 Foreign missions, 1 0 0 Rev. Mr. Crawley's house in Burmah, 0 10 0

Rev. Dr. Tupper will please debit us the two latter sums.

Received from Mrs. Joseph Roddam, Sydney, Cape Breton, 5s. for the Seminary for Females under the Rev. R. R. Crawley in Burmah. The Secretary of Foreign Mission Board will please debit us that sum.

The Rev. James Stevens desires to intimate to his friends that all communications for him should be addressed to South Rawdon.

A meeting of the French Mission Board will be held in the Meeting-house at Hebron, on the third Tuesday in January, at 10 o'clock, A.M. A full attendance is requested.

HENRY ANGELL, Secretary.

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, to-day, Wednesday, at 4 o'clock, P. M.

S. N. BENTLEY, Secretary.

Halifax, January 5th, 1859.

Married.

In this city, on Saturday, the 1st instant, by the Rev. Roland Morton, Mr. Benjamin A. Craig, of Marblehead, Mass., to Miss Hannah E. Pride, of St. Mary's, County of Guysborough.

On Tuesday, the 28th ult., by the Rev. C. Churchill, A. M., Mr. William Pace to Miss Catherine Redmond, both of Margaret's Bay.

On the 30th ult., by the Rev. Mr. McGregor, Mr. Hugh Muir Chesney, of Ruscoe, Canada West, to Mary, eldest daughter of Wm. Pearson, Esq., Castle Douglas Kirkcubrightshire, Scotland.

At Wolfville, on the 28th ult., by the Rev. John Chase, Rev. A. W. Sawyer, A. M., to Eunice Maria, eldest daughter of the officiating clergyman.

At the residence of the bride's father, on the 28th ult., by the Rev. B. Scott, Mr. George McLeod, of Lower Stewiacke, to Miss Elizabeth McCurdy, of Onslow.

At Truro, on the 21st ult., by the Rev. J. McMurray, Mr. James W. Johnston to Annie, daughter of Mr. Samuel S. Nelson.

On the 14th ult., by the Rev. William Chipman, Mr. James Foster, of Aylesford, to Miss Mary, daughter of Mr. Jacob Webster, of Cornwallis.

At Brookfield, Queen's Co., on the 12th ult., by the Rev. A. Jordan, Mr. Stephen McLeod to Miss Ceretha Daly, of Brookfield.

On Salmon River road, on the 4th ult., by the Rev. Jas. V. Tabor, Mr. John Milliner, of Liverpool, to Elizabeth McKinnon, of Salmon River, Yarmouth.

At Chebogue Head, on the 16th ult., by the same, Mr. John McKinnon to Miss Lucy Scott Trefry, all of Chebogue Point, Yarmouth.

At East Port Medway, on the 8th ult., by the Rev. Edward Sullivan, Mr. Thomas Cooney to Dorcas, daughter of Capt. Nathaniel Cahoon.

At the Parson's residence, Port Medway, on the 22nd ult., by the same, Mr. Henry McLearn, of St. John, N. B., to Miss Rebecca Reeves.

At the residence of the bride's father, on the 23rd ult., by the same, Mr. Solomon Dooliver to Miss Ceretha, fourth daughter of Capt. Anthony Vaughan, all of Port Medway.

At Digby, on the 16th ult., by the Rev. C. Randall, Mr. John Hutchingson to Miss Elizabeth, second daughter of Mr. James Lamberton, all of Digby.

At Hillsburg, Nov. 29th, by the Rev. Obed Parker, Mr. James Sabean, of Weymouth, to Miss Louis, eldest daughter of Mr. Allen Rice, of Hillsburg.

At the Parsonage, Nictaux, October 31st, by the Rev. W. G. Parker, Mr. John E. Roach, of Clarence, Annapolis County, to Miss Hannah, fourth daughter of the late Zoeth Freeman, Esq., of Harmony, Queen's Co.

At the residence of the bride's father, Novr. 21st, by the same, Mr. Samuel H. Dodge to Miss Mary, eldest daughter of Mr. Isaac North, both of Wilmot.

At the residence of the bride's father, Decr. 1st, by the same, Mr. Isaac N. Morse to Miss Rebecca, youngest daughter of John Shafner, Esq., all of Nictaux.

At the Wesleyan Church, Great St., James Street, Montreal, on the 9th ult., by the Rev. J. Gemley, Mr. Henry Fry, of Quebec, to Mary Jane, youngest daughter of Benj. Dawson, Esq., of Montreal.

Died.

On Monday, the 27th ult., Catherine, daughter of Patrick and Mary Jane Whall, aged 2 years and five months.

On the 28th ult., Johanna, daughter of Mr. Daniel O'Brien, aged 6 years and six months.

On the 28th ult., Anna Maud, daughter of Amos and Maria Lovett, aged 6 years.

On the 28th ult., Mrs. Sarah, widow of the late Thomas Bolton, in the 77th year of her age.

On the 28th ult., Mr. Jonas Hagar, aged 67 years.

On the 28th ult., Mr. Joseph Grant, aged 56 years.

On the 30th ult., Mr. Enoch Wiswell, aged 91 years.

On the 30th ult., Mr. Patrick G. Laraway, in the 32nd-year of his age.

On the 30th ult., Charles Thomas, second son of Thomas and Lavinia Reyno aged 4 years and 4 months.

On the 2nd instant, Mary, relict of the late Daniel Livingston, aged 85 years.

At Dartmouth, on the 26th ult., of scarlet fever, Thomas Emmet son of D. Farrel, aged 6 years.

At Dartmouth, on the 28th ult., Jane, infant daughter of Richard and Margaret Walker, aged nine months.

At Dartmouth, on the 29th ult., of scarlet fever, Walter Louis Etienne, youngest son of Dr. J. R. DeWolf, aged 3 years.

At the Two Islands, Parrsboro', on the 1st ult., Mary, the beloved wife of Alexander Wason, and eldest daughter of Joseph and Susan Berry, in the 20th year of her age.

In the Camp Settlement, Hammond's Plains, on the 26th ult., George Little, Senr., aged 79 years. I had the pleasure of baptizing the deceased a little over two years ago: he having been impressed with the importance of submitting to that sacred ordinance from reading the New Testament—the text-book on all gospel ordinances. Since he united with the Church he has adorned his high and holy profession, lived happy, and died in the Lord. I improved the occasion on the 28th, in the language of David—"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints."—Communicated by Rev. T. H. Porter.

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Shipping List.

Arrived.

TUESDAY, December 23th.—Schrs Lima, O'Brien, New York, 5 ds.—J. M. Tobin; Ocean Star, Jenkins, Boston, 3 days—B Wier & Co; Lunenburg Packet, Westhaver, Lunenburg, 7 hours—J M Watson; Napoleon III., Marraud, New York, 9 days—bound to Arichat.

WEDNESDAY, 29th.—Schrs Lilla, Sullivan, St. Thomas, 15 days—J A Moren; Sylphide, McNab, Fortune Bay—T S Tobin; Mars, Higgins, Bay of Islands, 5 ds W Pitts; brig's Neander, Campbell, New York, 5 days W L Evans; Mito, Campbell, do.

THURSDAY, 30th.—Schrs Sylvia, Young, Lunenburg, 6 hours.

FRIDAY, 31st.—R M Steamer Arabia, Stone, Boston, 38 hours—35 passengers; 23 for Halifax; brig Thomas, McDougall, Havana, 24 days—J Whitman & Son; U. S. M. Steamer Fulton, Wotton, Havre, 16 days—36 passengers—bound to New York—experienced a succession of violent westerly gales for 12 days—put in for coals.

SUNDAY, January 2nd, 1859.—R M Steamer America, Miller, Liverpool, G. B., 14 days—S Cunard & Co; brig Maude, Marshall, Porto Rico 18 days—T C Kinnear & Co.

MONDAY, 3rd.—Schrs Amazon, McPhee—Eason, Boak & Co; Morning Light, Norfolk, 9 days—J & M Tobin.

Cleared.

MONDAY, Dec'r. 27th.—Schrs Victoria, Thompson, Margaree.

TUESDAY, 28th.—Schrs Mary, Landry, Arichat; Indus, Barrington; brig Boston, O'Brien, Boston; barque Voyager, Banks, Mauritius; brig Onward, Lassen, B. W. Indies.

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THURSDAY, 30th.—R M S Merlin, Gulliford, Sydney and Newfoundland, schrs Oronoque, Gautier, St Pierre, Harbor Bouchet; Hero of Kars, Fraser, Sheet Harbor; Palestine, Strachan, Gut of Canso; Adah, Lametuz, F W Indies; Dolphin, McNeil, Port Hood and Mabou, C B; Olive, Bernier, New York; Margaret, Bennet, Nfld.

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