

acknowledge himself to be a sceptic. This increasing thin-skinnedness about the name is very significant, especially when one finds it not only in Lancashire, but even in Glasgow.

The Society of Sceptics, in Glasgow—have sent to ask me if I will meet Joseph Barker, to debate the question, "Whether the Bible be of Divine authority?" I simply answered, before a large audience in the Free Church, Gorbals, that it was ridiculous to suppose I would debate about "Divine authority" with a man who denies that there is a God, or any "authority" that is divine; and that if Joseph Barker supposed he would get me to assist him in calling together a crowd, that he might degrade the character of Christ, or scoff at Scripture, he would find I should not play his game.

BRIBERY AT ELECTIONS.—On Thursday, the 9th Feb., Sir F. Kelly moved for leave to bring in a Bill into the House of Commons for the prevention of Bribery.

"His object was, he said, to render bribery, now regarded often with indifference or lenity, a disgraceful crime; and the bill, in addition to the ordinary penalties of perjury for making a false declaration would incapacitate a candidate who should be convicted of giving a bribe from ever after sitting in the house or holding any office under the Crown."

If all we hear be true concerning the bribery practised in our province, it is high time some such bill were brought into our House of Assembly. According to some accounts such a law as the above would largely diminish the Representatives of the people at present on the red benches.

A Constitutional Debate is expected in the Legislative Council. The Hon. Mather B. Almon has given notice that on the 2nd of April he will move that the House resolve itself into a Committee on the general state of the province for the purpose of taking into consideration certain matters affecting the Constitution of this country.

A Union Prayer Meeting, closing the seventh course of Lectures before the Young Men's Christian Association, will be held in Temperance Hall on Tuesday evening, the 27th inst., at 7 1/2 o'clock.

Several evangelical clergymen of the city are expected to take part in the proceedings. A collection will be taken at the door to defray expenses.

A meeting in connection with the Acadian Working Abstinence Society will be held in the Poplar Grove Church on Thursday evening next, 22nd inst. Chair will be taken at half-past seven o'clock.

News Summary.

ONE of the most able and eloquent speeches that has been heard in the British House of Commons for many years, was made by Mr. W. Gladstone, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, on the 10th ult., on opening the Budget, or scheme of Financial measures for the present year, and introducing the terms of the recent Commercial Treaty between England and France. This Treaty, which changes the whole system of commercial intercourse between the two countries, is no doubt destined, if suffered to operate without interruption or restriction, to work a great and radical change in their relative position, and to open a course of trade, which cannot but exert a most beneficial influence, not only as regards the material, but on the social interests of both nations. France is by nature one of the richest countries on earth, in many things that constitute the great requirements of commerce. Her people are also active, industrious and highly ingenious, but the system of monopolies and prohibition that has characterized the whole of her commercial code, as well as those of most of the other countries of Europe, has hitherto operated as a check to her enterprise, and as a dead weight upon her trade and commerce. The present treaty is looked upon by the wise and peace-loving in both nations, as one of the surest means of introducing a different and greatly improved state of feeling among the respective populations, and instead of the bitter enmity that for ages past has occasioned the sacrifice of millions of human lives, and the expenditure of tens of millions of treasure, to substitute a generous rivalry

in the arts of peace and commerce. Such a result between two such powers would seem to be one of the most significant foreshadowings of millennial blessings to the world at large.

The capture of Tetuan by the Spaniards, and the future success that appears almost certain to follow, will, in all probability lead to the settlement of a colonial Spanish province in Northern Africa, in imitation of the neighbouring French colony of Algiers. However far behind most of Europe, the Spaniards are in the arts of civilization and good government, such a result is no doubt highly desirable, where it is to supplant such a nation of ignorant and barbarous fanatics as the Moors, its present rulers. Spain cannot forever lag behind in the march of improvement, and her influence on Northern Africa must hereafter be largely increased.

General Intelligence.

Domestic and Foreign.

By the Post master General's Report recently presented to the Legislature, we learn that the number of letters which passed through the Halifax Post Office last year was 427,876;—through the other Post Offices in the Province 870,900, making a total of 1,298,776.

The newspapers received at and forwarded through the Halifax office during the past year numbered 1,829,308.

The nett amount of the Postal Revenue during the past postal year was £8,828 0s 11d.,—the total expenditure £16,571 10s. 7d. The postage collected from the ordinary source exceeds that of 1858 by £295 0 3d., and the expenditure that of 1858 by £175 6s. 7d.

A FORWARD SPRING.—MAYFLOWERS were brought into the city last week. The delightful weather would almost lead us to forget our rigorous Nova Scotia winters, and fancy we are in a more genial climate. When the ice arrives on our coasts from its northern home however we may expect to feel the cold easterly winds for a month or two yet.

Our New Brunswick neighbours have had equally fine weather for several weeks past. Mayflowers are said to have been in St. John since the 4th inst., four or five weeks earlier than usual.

A man named McLean, belonging to somewhere about Sheet Harbor, was found drowned at Hogan's wharf on Monday morning last. An inquest was subsequently held, and verdict of accidental death was returned.—Journal

The Bridgetown Weekly Register is very wisely recommending more fraternal combination amongst farmers. It urges them to this on various accounts but particularly to prevent injurious legislation with regard to their interests.

"It is true," the Editor remarks, respecting farmers that "they would gain nothing but a loss by meddling with the party squabbles miscalled politics, and we would warn them to avoid such politics, as they would poison. The political interests of their calling must assume higher ground. We do not think they would act wisely in seeking mere class legislation, but rather that they should study every move on the chess-board of politics in its relations to the prosperity of the great charge committed to their industry and intelligence; for the time may come when it will be too late to warn against impending evils, or to remonstrate against unjust or ignorant legislation.

Until farmers are united as a class, and are made to feel their importance as such; until they cease to persist in looking for nothing so greedily as for the pretty success of their party, we have but little hope of improvement in this particular."

New Brunswick.

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.—A resolution was passed on Monday for the appointment of a Law Clerk to prepare bills, &c. It is supposed that Mr. End will be appointed. A number of bills have been agreed to, viz.:—For the appointment of the Carleton Water Commissioners; for extending the time allowed under the Patent Law, three years after expiration of three now allowed; an Insolvency Act; a bill to permit the registration of Homeopaths, and thus recognize this class of medical practitioners; for the measurement of wood and bark; this provides for a straight bar across the top of stakes.

The Queen has given her assent to the act establishing a New Brunswick University, passed at the last session of the Legislature.

Several Mining Companies in the counties of Westmoreland, Albert, Gloucester, and Charlotte, have been incorporated during the present session of the Legislature.

It is proposed to expend £2000 in importing stock of the best breeds from England and the United States.

RAILWAYS IN NEW BRUNSWICK.—The following Resolution was introduced in the New Brunswick assembly by Mr. Gilmour and adopted by a vote of 19 to 13.

"Resolved, As the opinion of this House, that in the present state and future prospects of the public finances, it is not expedient that the Government should proceed with the survey nor with the construction of the extensions of the Railway from Fredericton to Woodstock, and from the Bend or Sheeiac to Miramichi."

Letters Received

Abel Strong, 14th, 32a Gd. F. Hubley, 13th, 20a. W. G. Gates, 7th, 20s. B. B. Moses, 9th, 22. S. Wheelock, 8th, 20s. Rev. H. Angell, 5th. Joseph Dimock, 7th, 20s. Gideon Beardsley, 27th. Gideon Cogswell, Esq., 5th.—No charge.—will appear next week. Edwin Christopher, 7th,—sent. John McKenna, 8th. Asaph Marshall, 8th, 20s. Geo. V. Rand, 13th. C. D. Randall, Esq., 12th. Thos DeWolf, Esq., 8th. 22s. Gd. Rev. E. M. Saunders. Stutley Horton, 9th. W. Churchill, Esq., 10th. £2. Spinney Whitman, 12th, 1 sub. Maynard P. Freeman, 15th. Rev. J. Chase, 16th, 1s 3d. placed to credit. Wm. Bentley, 4th. Rev. N. Vidito, 13th. Rev. Chas. Randall, 4th, £2, 2 subs. Rev. Jas. Parker, 14th. Rev. J. C. Hurd, 15th. S. L. Chipman, Esq., 12th, £2. Gideon Longille, 12th, 20s. Ward Eaton, Esq., 16th, 20s. Rev. D. W. C. Dimock, 19th.—Parcel forwarded.—Paid up to Dec. 31, '60. Rev. Jas. Reid, 9 h.

We have an interesting account of the Rev C. H. Spurgeon's visit to Paris, but regret that it is crowded out.

The Rev. Mr. Hurd's letter respecting Mr. Steele's slander, came too late for our present issue.

We regret that we have also been obliged to defer several articles, "Union Square," "Harbourville," "Rev. Dr. Crawley," and two or three obituaries. They will appear in our next.

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 Zeyate, I was awoke 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.

Agents in Halifax.—Geo. E. Morton & Co., Avery, Brown & Co., and Morton & Cogswell. March 21. 2. wi.

Marriages.

On Thursday, 15th inst., by the Rev. George Boyd, Mr. John Richardson, Junr., to Jane, fifth daughter of the late David Crowl.

On the 7th inst, Cornwallis, by the Rev. John Storrs, Robert William, eldest son of Richard Starr, Esq., to Sarah Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. C. H. Belcher.

At St. John's Church, York Mills, on the 16th ult., by the Rev. Richard Mitchell, Mr. George Oldright, second son of Major Oldright, late 81st Regt., to Mary second daughter of Mr. Robert Cooper, of the township of York.

On January 25th, by the Rev. Henry Eagles, Capt. Israel Flick, of Holland Harbour, to Miss Mary Rude, of Indian Harbour.

Also by the same, Mr. James Drake, to Miss Letitia Rude, both of Indian Harbour.

Also by the same, at Isaac's Harbour, Jan. 30th, Mr. William Henry Hodgson, to Miss Catharine Burke.

Also by the same, Captain Simon Giffen, to Miss Martha McMillan, both of Isaac's Harbour. March 1st, by the Rev. D. W. C. Dimock, at Truro, Mr. James Rude, to Miss Lucilla Waugh.

Deaths.

On Wednesday morning last, Charles Norman, son of James W. Fenerty, aged 14 months.

On Thursday morning last, of putrid sore throat, Sarah Jane, fourth daughter of Samuel George.

On the 10th inst., Louisa Catherine, eldest daughter of Horatia and Margaret Power, aged 17 years.

Suddenly, on Saturday 10th, Mr. James Hunt, in the 49th year of his age.

On the 9th inst., Hanna Maria, only daughter of the late William Smith, aged 1 year and 9 months.

On the 16th inst. Elizabeth Jane, daughter of Jane and Andrew Muir, in the 21st year of her age.

At Chester, Feb. 25th 1860, Mr. Antony Vaughan in the 78th year of his age. Deceased was for many years a Member of the Baptist Church, at Chester, he led a consistent life, and died in hope of a glorious immortality.

At Cornwallis, Feb. 12th, Mrs. Joseph Rockwell, aged 37 years.

At Cornwallis, Feb. 14th, Mrs. Daniel Mills, aged 51 years.

On the North Mountain, Cornwallis, Feb. 29th, Mr. Nathan Iisley, aged 69 years.

At Greenfield, March 3rd 1860, Augustus A. Delbert, infant son of Edward, and Catharine Robart, aged 13 months and 2 days.

March 14th, Wilbert Edson Durning, aged 2 years, son of Mr. Andrew Durning, Lower Economy.

At Bytown, C. W., on the 19th Feb. Mr. Harry B. Twining, youngest son of the late Rev. Wm. Twining, of Halifax, N. S.

At the Poor's Asylum, March 17th, Louisa Cranshaw aged 21 years.

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Shipping List.

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TUESDAY, 13th.—Schr's Latour, Lassen, Jamaica 25 days; Margaret, Strum, Mayaguez 15 days.

WEDNESDAY, 14th.—Schr's Telegraph, McNab, Fortune Bay, Nfld. 6 days; Harriet, Farrell, Newfoundland 6 days; Medway Belle, Port Medway; Thomas Bagely, do.

THURSDAY, 15th.—Schr Kate, Messervey, Newfoundland 3 days; Alexander, Shelnot, Ship Harbour; Government schr Dar ng, Daly, Sable Island.

FRIDAY, 16th.—Schr's Louisa Agnes, Mahone Bay—J A Moren; Lone Star, Long, Newfoundland 5 days—John Lithgow; Dolphin, Delory, Arianhat 2 days; Lunenburg Packet, Westhaver Lunenburg—J M Watson & Co.

SATURDAY, 17th.—Brig Reindeer, Hays, Cienfuegos 20 days; bark Glenalvon, McKay, Cardiff, 35 days—coal to Naval Yard.

SUNDAY, 18th.—Brigs Stanely, Davidson, Portland 24 days, to T C Kinnear and Co; Clyde, Barker, New York, 8 days, to J Cochran and Son and others.

MONDAY, 19th.—Schr Oregon, Rogers, Lahave—Lumber for West Indies.

Cleared.

MONDAY, 12th.—schr Wentworth, Davidson, do; Oasis, Murphy, F. W. Indies.

TUESDAY, 13th.—Paradise, Sullivan, Porto Rico; Wm. Stair, Parker, do; R M Steamer America, Miller, Boston.

WEDNESDAY, 14th.—schr Mary, O'Brien, United States; George, bureau, do; Hero, Landry, Boston; packet brig America, Ryan, Boston.

THURSDAY, 15th.—schr Caroline, Petite, do; brig's Velocity, Kelly, British W. Indies; Ada, Greene, Richmond, Fir.

FRIDAY, 16th.—Corpelia, Hickey, Magdalen Isld; Rival (pkt), Dunlop, Liverpool; Velocipede, McDonald, Br. West Indies.

SATURDAY, 17th.—Helen Mar, Card, St John N. B; John Wallace, Cameron, Sheet Harbour; Lunenburg (pkt), Westhaver, Lunenburg; Napier, Oxner, Br. West Indies.

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