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The thing vindicates itself; for, who ever saw the experiment fairly tried, where all who could, in a congregation of average size and culture, did unite in a hearty hymn of praise to God, without being constrained to acknowledge that that, despite the absence of the artistic, and despite here and there a discord, is, after all, the true way to praise God.

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Duty implies FEASIBILITY. Still, however, many will ask, Can the thing be done? Can the desirable reform be effected?

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Marriages. On the 12th inst., by the Rev. John Martin, Mr. John H. Bauld, to Miss Elizabeth Young. On the 31st December, 1859, by Rev. J. H. Saunders, Mr. George M. Patten, to Miss Alice, youngest daughter of Deacon N. Corning. By the same, Jan. 2nd, 1860, Mr. Amos Beverage, to Miss Emma Foot, of West Yarmouth. By the same, Dec. 3rd, 1859, George Crosby Esq., to Hannah G. daughter of the late Capt. Jos. B. Porter, of Ohio, Yarmouth.

At the parsonage Wolfville, by the Rev. Stephen W. deBlois, A. M. March 31st, Mr. Franklin McLeod, of Liverpool N. S., to Margaret, daughter of the late Richard Gilnaught of Horton.

Deaths. On Thursday evening, William, son of William J. Stairs, aged 14 years. On the 4th inst., Mrs. Carrol, aged 76 years, a native of Middleton, County Cork, Ireland. On the 8th inst., Mr. William Little, aged 82 years. At the Poor's Asylum, 3rd inst., Elizabeth Glen, aged 24 years.

General Intelligence. Domestic and Foreign. The officers of the garrison, now occupying the Hotel, will remove to their new quarters at the Wellington Barracks, on the 1st May.

The Prince of Wales will occupy Government House during his stay in Halifax. His Excellency will remove his residence to the Dockyard, whilst preparations are being made for the reception of His Royal Highness.

PRESENT TO NEW YORK.—The City of Hamburg has presented a number of swans for the ponds in the New York Central Park.

A Great Industrial Exhibition is to be held at Montreal on the occasion of the Prince of Wales' visit, and the Legislature have voted towards defraying the expenses the sum of \$20,000.

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN HALIFAX.—We learn from the Church Record that "the number of communicants in the city Churches at Easter was, they believe, about 800,—and among these a large number of the newly confirmed."

A BAZAAR, on behalf of the Halifax Library, was held last week. A very handsome ornamental cake was presented by the Countess of Mulgrave. It went off with great eclat. About £180 were realized.

The New Brunswick Legislature was prorogued on Monday, the 9th.

The Rev. W. Hall was advertised to lecture at Charlottetown last week, on "John Bunyan."

Letters Received. James McLearn, 8th. Rev. A. S. Hunt, 9th. Rev. Jos. H. Saunders, 2nd, 10s. Jas. E. Masters, 9th.—Much obliged. T. H. Randall, 6th. Ezra Layton, Esq., 10s. Mentor.—Yes. Rev. R. R. Philp, 9th, 20s. Isaac Harepell, 9th. J. W. Hartt, Esq., 10th. Rev. J. E. Balcom, 12th. Gideon Longille, 20th.—It was entered in two places.—All right. George N. Knowles, 14th. Rev. Henry Eagles, 9th, 1 sub. Rev. Dr. Tupper, 1 sub.—Have the Libraries of the Baptist Publication Society.—No. 1, \$5; No. 2, \$5; No. 3, (comprising Nos. 1 & 2), \$10. Rev. S. W. deBlois, 13th.—It was not in the copy.

Received for Foreign Missions: From Sackville Baptist Sabbath School, per Mr. John Davis, £12 6. Will Rev. Dr. Tupper please debit to us that amount.

By an oversight in preparing for the press the Minutes of the Central Baptist Association, the resolutions in reference to the Introductory sermon and Circular Letter were omitted. Notice is therefore hereby given that Rev. T. W. Crawley was appointed to preach the Sermon; and Rev. I. J. Skinner to be his alternate; and Rev. R. McLearn to prepare the Circular Letter. STEPHEN W. DEBLOIS, Moderator. Wolfville, April 16th, 1860.

ERRATUM.—In Mr. Rand's communication of 4th inst, instead of, in the slander, read,—or to slander—"I have not the most distant idea that he intended to misrepresent, or to slander," is the way it should read.

NOTICES. NOVA SCOTIA BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY. A meeting of the Executive Committee will be held in the Library of Acadia College on Wednesday the 25th inst., at two o'clock P. M. A full attendance is requested, as important business will be brought before the meeting. A. S. HUNT, Secretary. Cornwallis, April 14th, 1860.

Shipping List. Arrived. TUESDAY, 10th.—Schooner Jane, Sydney; brig Spanish Main, Gange, Porto Rico 20 days—T. C. Kinross & Co. WEDNESDAY, 11th.—Schr Douglas, Hall, Annapolis; Fair Play, McKay, do. THURSDAY, 12th.—Brigt Onward, Gamman, Cien