

all others that no argument may be drawn from their early matrimonial connexion, which would apply to other persons. So much depends on the circumstances of the individuals, that it is difficult to make any general rule as to age to apply to all cases. There are reasons, however, which render it desirable that the union for life between two persons, suitable for each other, should not be intentionally delayed many years beyond their arriving at mature age. We would not encourage boy-and-girl marriages, or engagements, but would raise the standard respecting what should be known by those who aspire to the dignity of being husband or wife. We would have it inculcated from early youth that a young man should be a true man, and exhibit manly qualities, before he has any right to assume the protection and charge of another man's daughter; and that a young woman should, in like manner, have passed beyond the limits of girlhood before she presumes to suppose she can compete with any young man's mother, in taking care of him and his house, or will promote his happiness or her own by exhibiting her incompetency to one who fancies she is perfect.

A great barrier often raised against making a settlement, is the desire, on the part of young people, to start at first in a position equal to that of their parents. They are not satisfied to begin life about where their fathers and mothers did, and by their own industry to rise, but wishing to have an establishment at once, before they are able to sustain it, they become dependent on their friends; and, after a series of mistakes, limp along and lose their self-reliance. This is the case too much amongst all classes. It keeps multitudes from taking the step which might bring them so much happiness, and prevents many even in Upper-tendom from entering the Benedictine order. If, instead of this, a sentiment were prevailing that honest industry, combined with strict economy and frugality, were the great prerequisites to the matrimonial state, we should have more happy families enjoying their independence, and less sorrow, and misery, and often premature death, arising from early marriages.

We are glad to hear from brethren, east and west, that they are expecting soon to send us on the names of a number of New Subscribers. One worthy brother informs us that in travelling recently a good distance from home, for a few minutes he went into a house about six miles away from any place of worship, and although it was in a community who differ from us in some of our principles and practices, he says "to my surprise and great pleasure I saw a copy of your excellent paper," and adds "I would be glad to see the Messenger circulated extensively in all our back settlements, I believe it is doing much good."

News Summary.

Scarcely a whole week elapses without our receiving intelligence of some conflict of more or less importance from the extensive seat of warfare, stretching from the Capes of Virginia, through that state, Kentucky, Tennessee, Missouri and Arkansas. Our latest telegraphic news brings an account of a sharply contested fight in Kentucky, between Gen. Price, commanding a Confederate, and Gen. Buell a Federal army, in which there were 800 killed and wounded of the Northern forces, and a probably greater number of the Confederates, with a large proportion of officers of the higher ranks on both sides. This result would appear to have been what is called a drawn battle—no decided advantage being gained on either side. It must, however, be recollected that our accounts are wholly through Northern channels, which are generally exceedingly untrustworthy, and often turn out eventually the direct opposite of what is first reported. All this expenditure of blood, however, seems to have no effect in its influence upon the continuance of the war, or to bring it any nearer to its close. In the mean time the current paper money of the country has lost more than one-third of its value, while gold is at a premium of 24 per cent. How long such a state of things can last, we have no good grounds upon which to form even a probable conjecture. We believe, indeed, from various private accounts, that a large body of the people in the Northern States are becoming dissatisfied and apprehensive as to their present position, as well as the future prospects of the war, and would gladly bring it to a conclusion, even at no small sacrifice. There is however, as is the case in every great war, a very numerous body of the community who are gathering large pecuniary profits from the maintenance of the gigantic efforts that have been put forth to bring the war to a successful conclusion, and who are therefore deeply in-

terested in its continuance. Thus the baser love of lucre supplies the means of prolonging the contest, and ministers to the passions that embitter the strife.

What is to be done with Garibaldi, is a question of much interest in Europe at the present time. It is suggested by some that the most satisfactory course for the Sardinian Government would be to grant an amnesty on condition of his giving his word of honor that he would not again take up arms, except by order or permission of the King. This would probably be acceded to by Garibaldi and acceptable to his sympathizers. But if he is brought to trial, and any attempt made to inflict punishment, there will doubtless be further trouble.

Notices, &c.

A Series of Meetings at Port-au-Piquet.

Dear Brother.—Will you please to give notice in the Christian Messenger, that there will be if Divine Providence permit, a series of religious meetings, held in the Baptist Church in Port-au-Piquet, to commence on Saturday, November 1st, at two o'clock. We cordially invite and request all the ministering Brethren of the neighbouring churches to give us their assistance, and all others, who desire the prosperity of Zion.

Your sincere friend,
JAMES REID.

Bass River, Oct. 7th, 1862.

Acadia College.

The Quarterly Examination of the Classes will take place on Thursday and Friday, the 23rd and 24th inst., commencing each day at nine o'clock, A. M.

J. M. CRAMP, President.

A Meeting of the Governors will be held on Thursday evening, the 23rd inst., at seven o'clock.

S. W. DEBLOIS, Secretary.

Nova Scotia Baptist Education Society.

A Meeting of the Executive Committee will be held in the Library of Acadia College, on Thursday evening, the 23rd inst., at seven o'clock.

A. S. HUNT, Secretary.

Letters Received.

H. E. Payson, Esq., 4th.—Sent next mail.—
Rev. W. H. Porter. Rev. W. Hall, 1st., 10s. W. S. Raymond, Esq., 6th. f sub. 20s. R. G. Freeman, 7th, \$5. J. H. Harding, Esq., 6th. W. F. Cutten, Esq., 8th. Rev. W. G. Parker. E. M. Morse, 9th. Rev. D. M. Welton. Rev. W. Chipman, 7th. Rev. J. Davis, 7th. Rev. Jas. Reid, 7th. Rev. T. A. Higgins, 7th.—J. W. Barss, 8th.

THE MINUTES OF THE BAPTIST CONVENTION were all sent out last week. We ascertained from the Postmaster-General that, as Religious periodicals, they would go free of postage. We forwarded the parcels for the New Brunswick Churches to the N. B. Secretary, Rev. E. C. Cady, with a request that he would direct them to the proper person and mail them. He will confer a favor on us and on the Churches by so doing.

General Intelligence.

DOMESTIC.

THE BIG NUGGET AT THE OVENS DIGGINGS.—The Bridgetown Register contains a communication stating that a Mr. Sandburn, of Fredericton, N. B., whilst prospecting at the Ovens at Lunenburg discovered a nugget of Gold worth one thousand pounds. He knows where there is another one near, but as he is closely watched fears if he went for it other persons would discover the magnificent deposit.—The wildest excitement is said to prevail at the Ovens on account of this discovery. Men, women and children are scouring the woods in all directions in hopes of finding the vein.

GRANVILLE.—We learn from the Bridgetown Weekly Register that a pleasant educational festival was held on the 30th ult., on the grounds of Mr. John Hall. A procession, music, and a sumptuous repast were parts of the programme. After these had been attended to, Rev. Isaiah Wallace delivered an address suitable to the occasion. The Trustees of the school presented an Address to the Teacher, Mr. McLeod, to which he gave an appropriate Reply. The festival closed about 5 o'clock, affording much satisfaction to all.

OUR APPLES.—The Editor of the Register discourses eloquently on this subject. The poetry of the apple tree—its blossoms and fruit—is a theme on which he dwells with much delight, but considers the man who would look upon the smiling orchards as simply supplying the means of enriching himself or gratifying his taste "to whom a cabbage head is just as lovely an object as a rosebush, or an apple tree"—loses the enjoyment of the real beauty of the Annapolis orchards. He condescends, however, towards the close of his raptures to look at the subject in a practical point of view, and remarks:—

"As already intimated, there is a profusion of apples in this County just now. This announcement, however, need not lead the citizens of Halifax and St. John to flatter themselves that because we are blessed with a superabundant crop they will reduce the price of our fruit to a mere song. We are not confined to those cities for a market. A company in this county have already bought up two thousand barrels of Apples for the English market—a market, too, which is not likely to be amply supplied—much less overstocked. At the International Exhibition, where all the choicest apples of the world were displayed, those from Nova Scotia were adjudged to be the finest specimens. This species of our fruit,

then, is already prized in the mother country; and we anticipate that our apples, in all time to come, will be a desirable commodity in trans-Atlantic markets.

A gentleman in this town, only a few days ago received a letter from an intelligent merchant, intimating that good apples from Nova Scotia, either in Liverpool or London, would realize satisfactory prices. This branch of trade is likely to be permanent. It will also be a stimulus to the culture of orchards. In this department of rural economy, what may we not yet see accomplished? The amount of apples, which this county alone is capable of producing is enormous."

MACKEREL.—Our harbor has been visited during the past week by considerable quantities of mackerel, a large haul was made on the Dartmouth side on Wednesday last, and again on Thursday night about 60 barrels were taken near Point Pleasant. The North-west Arm, McNabs Island, Margarets Bay, and Chester Basin too, have been visited and large quantities have been secured.

The bodies of the two young men drowned at Digby (Robinson and Austin) some time ago, have been recovered, one at Clements and the other at Lower Granville.

APPOINTMENTS.—Walter Young and Richard Laffin have been appointed Justices of the Peace in the county of Cape Breton; John W. Scott for Guysborough and Wm. McKay and Wm. Ross for the County of Colchester.—Gazette.

The Marine Slip at Dartmouth has not only proved a great convenience to our mercantile marine, but also to the navy. Within the last week or ten days, the gunboats Nimble and Land-rail have been taken up and overhauled.

The annual Ploughing Match of the Dartmouth Agricultural Society took place on Wednesday last, 8th inst., at the Farm of Mr. Peter McNab, Eastern Passage, when, after a keen contest the following prizes were awarded, viz:—John Morash, Cole Harbour, 1st, 40s.; Alex. Giles, do. 2nd, 27s. 6.; Chas. Bissett, do. 3rd, 17s. 6d.

The herring fishery on the Labrador coast has proved a failure this season.

AMHERST.—The Soiree which came off in the New Baptist Chapel at Amherst last week was quite a success. The tea tables were bountifully supplied, and the only regret felt was that there were not more persons present to enjoy the tempting viands. After tea the Rev. G. F. Miles called the meeting to order and the Rev. Dr. Pickard, Rev. J. Allison and the Rev. Dr. Clark, delivered very interesting and appropriate Addresses, after which the company retired to the Vestry, where the Refreshment Tables were tastefully and beautifully arranged, when the luxuries there presented, were agreeably discussed until a late hour. The nett proceeds amounted to about two hundred dollars.—Borderer.

PICTOU.—The Pictou Standard says:—"A quantity of ripe strawberries, the second crop of the season, grown in the open air, were placed upon our table last week. They were obtained at the Four Mile Brook, and were said to be quite numerous."

BRIDGETOWN.—The Cattle Show and Ploughing Match of the Bridgetown Agricultural Society, came off at Bridgetown on the 25th ult. and is said to have been a creditable affair.

Prizes were given for several descriptions of horses, sheep, pigs, oxen, and cows.

In the Ploughing Match the prizes were taken as follows:

1st. Benjamin S. Fellows; 2nd. William H. Chipman; 3rd. Charles Whitman; 4th. Edmund Clarke; 5th. Thomas W. Chesley.

It is reported that the Earl of Mulgrave, has received the appointment of Governor of Victoria, Australia. The salary, we believe, is £7,000 sterling a year. It is said that General Eyre will be his successor in this Province.

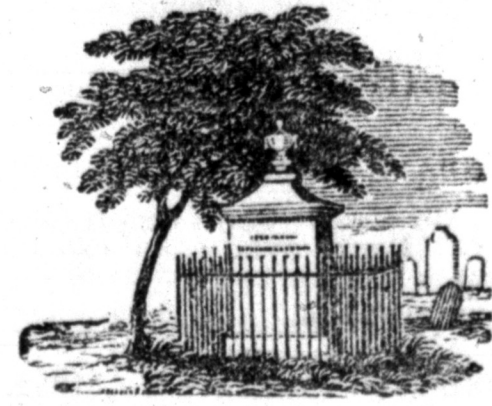
New Brunswick.

FIRE IN BRUSSELS STREET, ST. JOHN.—On Wednesday morning about 2½ o'clock a fire broke out in Brussels St., first discovered in a barn near the Baptist Church. The fire had so extended itself before the engines were on the ground that it required great efforts to subdue it. Three or four dwelling houses and several out-buildings were consumed. The Church caught fire, and the roof and Sabbath School room were seriously injured. Two barns in the rear, full of hay and straw, added fuel to the flame and placed the Church in very great jeopardy. Nothing but the most determined energy on the part of the firemen, saved it from total destruction.—Colonial Empire.

Important from Bermuda.

News was received by the Merlin on Saturday last that the notorious Wilkes (now Admiral Wilkes) who cost Britain so much money, and the United States so much disgrace, in the Trent affair, has again been at some high-handed acts at Bermuda. He fired across the bows of the Merlin whilst entering the harbor of St. George. He entered the harbor with three ships of the Federal navy, and after remaining two days (twenty-four hours being the time allowed) refused to leave, after being ordered to do so, and remained four days, making a frivolous excuse for staying. It is said that after he got to sea he sent a very offensive letter to the Governor, knowing that the port was comparatively defenceless. It is expected that trouble will arise from this hostile demonstration in neutral waters.

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