

ERRATUM.—An Obituary Notice appears in our last, headed "Mrs. Elias Payzant." It should have been Mr. Elias Payzant. The age too should have been 88 years, not 28.

Acadia Athenaeum.

The next lecture of the course, before the above named Society, will be delivered in the Vestry of the Baptist Meeting House, Wolfville, on the evening of Friday, 26th inst., by the Rev. J. M. Cramp, D. D.

Sub. ed.—"THE LIFE AND LABORS OF JOHN CALVIN."

L. S. MORSE, Cor. Sec'y.

Colchester Sabbath School Convention. A Quarterly Session of this Convention will be held at the Baptist Meeting-house, Lower Stewiacke, on Friday, the 18th March. To begin at half-past 6, P. M. A full and punctual attendance of delegates and friends is solicited.

T. H. RAND, Secretary.

Two, Feb. 15th, 1864.

Colchester Co. Quarterly Meeting. The Colchester Baptist Quarterly Meeting will be held (D. V.) with the Church at Lower Stewiacke, March 19th. Conference of the Church at half-past 6 o'clock, P. M. Ministerial Conference at 1 o'clock, at the Baptist Chapel.

D. W. C. DIMOCK.

Letters Received.

Chas. H. Borden, 10th. Rev. W. H. Porter, 15th. \$4. Rev. J. C. Morse, 15th. \$6. W. Churchill, Esq., 12th. \$20. 1 sub. J. N. Wheaton. W. L. Crowell, 13th. Rev. W. Burton, 20th. J. H. Crosscup, 16th. \$5.50. A. B. Woodworth, 15th. \$4. W. H. Rogers, 16th. Rev. H. Eagles, 8th. \$8. Rev. Jos. H. Saunders, 16th. Rev. Jas. Parker, 18th. \$4. And. Trandmire, 10th. Rev. Obed Parker, \$4. W. I. Seaman, 18th. Rev. Dr. Tupper, 16th. John Whitman, 16th. \$6.50. Cyrus Black, sq., 18th.

General Intelligence.

Domestic.

HALIFAX CLUB HOUSE.—We are informed that an addition to this establishment is in contemplation—extending it back, and making a handsome front on Granville Street.

CONCERT.—The concert given by Mr. Holt and other gentlemen, military and civilians, on Monday, was largely patronized,—the Hall being crowded in every part. A larger Music Hall more in the centre of the city, is greatly needed in Halifax.

CRNWALLIS BEEF.—Mr. Jacob N. Wheton of Hill's Harbor informs us he has just killed a two year old heifer of which—

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ARTISTIC GROUP.—A well executed piece of statuary can be inspected at the establishment of Messrs. Thos. Wesley & Co, Barrington-Street, which has been sculptured from a fine sample of marble, procured from the U. States by Mr. George Sandford. The design is that of the clever sculptor, and represents two seeping children. The rounded forms, limbs and features, peculiar to early youth, stamp this group as the conception and execution of an artist.—Reporter.

LECTURES.—Rev. W. H. Porter was to lecture on Monday last, at the Pine Grove Lyceum, Wmoot, on "Mind your own business."

Rev. Dr. Robertson was also to lecture at Bridgown, on "Language."

Rev. Mr. Cochran repeated his lecture, on "the reflections of half-a-century," on behalf of the deaf and dumb Asylum, on Thursday last, as it is to re-deliver it again at the Dartmouth Mechanics Institute, on Monday the 29th inst.

Rev. Dr. Cramp was to close the Lecture season before the Young Men's Christian Association last evening. Subject: "The Swiss Reformation Zwingli and Calvin."

WARRLY.—An accident occurred on Friday last, in the tunnel of one of the diggings here. A large rock falling down on a person named Griffin, injured him seriously.

N. S. FUR.—A beautiful Fitch Fur was lately taken at Antigonish.

YARMOUTH.—A Free School for poor children has been in operation for about a year, at Yarmouth. Besides instruction, the pupils are supplied with food. The average attendance is given at 30, and during the year 3,600 meals, have been provided. The cost of the school has been about \$250. May the promoters have the blessing of him that considereth the poor.

The shipping owned in Yarmouth is said to be great in proportion to the population than in any place in the world—averaging thirteen tons to very man, woman and child in the town.

FIRE AT ANTONIGISHE.—The workshop of Geo. Manson coachmaker, at Lockaber, Antigonish, and machine shop adjoining, were both destroyed by fire on the 10th inst., thereby occasioning a loss to the proprietor of some \$1500. The origin of the fire is unknown.—Reporter.

NAKOW ESCAPE.—One of the Royal Engineers stationed on George's Island got adrift in a boat on other day. There was neither oar nor pole in the boat, and as the sea was rough and the wind high, it was carried very quickly down the harbor. There seemed to be no chance to avoid being carried out to sea; when, at last, as the boat was passing opposite a military outpost, the men sprang out, and by great exertion reached the shore.—Ct.

SUPPOSED MURDER AT DARTMOUTH.—There has been considerable excitement in this city, and Dartmouth, by the discovery of the body of a young man, named John Hume, shockingly mutilated in the water near a wharf in Dartmouth. An inquest was called by Dr. Weeks, and efforts have been made to elicit the facts from those who had last seen the deceased. It appears that he had recently returned from a voyage to New York, and that after he had been drinking, crossed over the harbor in the ferry-steamer with two young men named Smith, on Tuesday last; on going to a rum-shop kept by parties of bad reputation, named Fenton, a quarrel ensued and he went out to finish the fight, that he stripped off his clothes for this purpose, and was afterwards seen near the wharf, where his body was found. As he had not been heard of since, search was made, some of his clothes were found near, and blood was discovered on the wharf, and on further research he was dragged up. In consequence of the evidence brought before the jury, the two Smiths and another person named Walsh, have been taken into custody on suspicion of being accessory to Hume's death.

HORSE TAX.—Horses kept by persons residing in the city of Halifax, except licensed cab-men and truck-men, are to be taxed. For the first horse \$3; second \$2; third \$1. Such horses are not to be taken into account by the assessors when making up the estimate of the personal property of the owner.

FREE CITY LIBRARY.—The offer of the Chief Justice to purchase the books of the Mechanics Library has been unanimously accepted by the City Council, and a vote of thanks passed. It is intended at present to place them in the room heretofore occupied by the City Architect. Ald. Mumford has volunteered to put up the necessary shelving.

New Brunswick.

CURIOUS COINCIDENCE.—Mr. Charles Estabrooks was knocked down by a runaway horse in St. John last week and badly hurt. Only a few months since his brother Abram Estabrooks was similarly knocked down and nearly killed.

The New Brunswick Legislature was opened on the 18th inst.

His Excellency's Speech noticed the subject of a Union of the Lower Provinces, as a matter of vast importance demanding attention. The Intercolonial Railroad was spoken of as if not yet abandoned, but made no mention of the line to connect with Maine. He informed the Legislature that the Income had been greater in 1863 than in any former year, and that the expenditure had been within the estimated amount, and congratulates the country on the state of trade and commerce.

THE CHESAPEAKE PRISONERS were again brought before the court on Monday.

The Hon. John H. Gray moved for the immediate discharge of prisoners, on the following grounds:—1. The offence charged is Piracy on the high seas, and therefore does not come within the Extradition Treaty with the United States. 2. The Confederate States being recognized by the Queen's proclamation as belligerents, the offence is not piracy at all; and 3. This court has no jurisdiction in such cases. These points were argued at considerable length. The case was not finished at the date of our report.

LATEST FROM THE STATES.

[From Telegrams to morning and evening papers.]

TUESDAY, Feb. 16.—General Sherman entered Jackson, Miss., on the 5th. Little opposition was offered. Yazoo city is also occupied.

The Richmond Enquirer denounces the Virginia Legislature's attempted interference with General Butler's outlawry in order to effect an exchange of prisoners.

A Chattanooga despatch says that there was a great affray in Johnston's army on the 4th; the Second Kentucky Regiment refused en masse to be conscripted, and were placed under guard of the Alabama; the former fired revolvers into the latter regiment, killing and wounding forty-two; both regiments broke in disorder.

The entire line of the Memphis and Charleston Railroad was evacuated on the 13th; it was held for months merely to give Smith's expedition a good start (!)

THURSDAY, Feb. 18.—Advices from Shanghai reports that the privateer Alabama is in dock at Amoy, China, with the Wyoming standing sentry over her.

Colonel Philips' expedition into Indian territory has penetrated further than ever before reached; and is marching on to Texas with Kansas troops and Royal Indian Brigade (?)

The escaped officers from Libby Prison were 57 days tunnelling out. Several have published a card, terming it a prison of refined cruelty and slow death.

FRIDAY Feb. 19.—Herald's despatch gives rumor that President Lincoln will issue on Feb. 22nd a universal Emancipation Proclamation, including Border States.

Great fire occurred in Gloucester this morning. Seventy buildings burnt; loss, four hundred thousand dollars.

President Lincoln, by proclamation, has opened port of Brownsville, Texas, to lawful commerce.

A Knoxville letter of the 9th says Longstreet has fifty-five thousand men, and sixteen batteries. Washington Chronicle says army officers (from

activity of Confederates) think that they intend opening campaign by raid on gigantic scale through Pennsylvania.

Evening.—Herald's despatch from Western Virginia reports Confederates making preparations along line of Tennessee and Virginia Railroad. Whether to make advance or resist an attack is not known.

Stated in Senate that authorities have positive information that Confederate steamer left Asia for Pacific Coast, and it is feared San Francisco will be menaced before the navy can afford requisite protection.

Expedition to Florida a complete success. Several points besides Jacksonville captured.

Mobile paper report battle at Enterprise, with unknown results.

SATURDAY, Feb 20.—The Florida Expedition captured one hundred officers and 8 pieces of artillery.

Officers returned from Knoxville to Chattanooga report that Longstreet is in retreat to avoid the movements of greatly superior Federal forces.

Overland arrival from Idaho report rich gold mines there—\$15,000,000 gold dust awaiting transportation to New York.—12,000 miners, principally Californians, are there.

Evening.—Sherman's army defeated some 5000 Confederates before reaching Jackson. He passed through in two columns, the enemy retiring precipitately across Pearl River. Pontons and two pieces of Artillery falling into Federal hands.

A party of loyal Texans arrived at Fort Smith, all but eleven being killed or captured.

MONDAY, Feb. 22.—Reliable information from South East Tennessee, says that refugees are leaving Tennessee and Georgia by thousands, many of them in a starving condition.

Confederate script is worth only five per cent. It is reported that Dick Taylor with 3,000 men attacked the Federals stationed opposite Natchez, and was repulsed with considerable loss.

Seventy-five thousand negro troops will be ready for service in the South West by May next.

Colonel Ferguson's Confederate command was surprised in West Virginia. Sixty prisoners were captured, and sixteen hundred Union prisoners liberated.

REPORTED MURDER OF DR. LIVINGSTONE, THE AMERICAN TRAVELLER.—From the interior of Africa we have startling news, the most important item of which, we trust, is untrue. Her Majesty's steamer Ariel, which arrived this week from the Mozambique Coast, announces a letter from the Governor of Senna to the Governor of Quillimane, stating that Dr. Livingstone had been murdered by the natives on Lake Nyassa. A subsequent report prevailed, however, to the effect that he had not been killed, but badly wounded. It is certain that, accompanied with only five Makololo, he had gone up from the Murchison Falls to Lake Nyassa; but, judging from previous misstatements from the same quarter, we are not disposed to give any credit to the tragic news now communicated.—South African Mail.

LATEST FROM EUROPE.

GERMANY AND DENMARK.

The Austro Prussian army has crossed the frontier and invaded Slesvig. Shots have been fired on each side, harmless at first as those once exchanged at Fort Sumter, but the precursors it is to be feared of others more deadly. The father of our Princess of Wales has hastened to the Danish army, the husband of our Princess Royal to the Prussian army—popularity, the motive of both. Though the invaders were partly successful at first, the Danes held their position firmly at the close of the day. The only reason assigned by the monarchs at present for their invasion, is that Denmark is bound to them by agreements made in 1851 to hold Slesvig and Holstein only by a personal union under the same crown, and they seize on Slesvig till she gives effect to that agreement.

The war between Denmark and the German Powers is now an actual fact. At midnight on Sunday the Austrian and Prussian drums beat to arms, and the German troops were immediately marched across the Eider at Friedrichsort, into Slesvig. On Monday morning they encountered some bodies of Danish troops—probably mere outposts—and shots were exchanged.

Kiel, Feb. 2, 9.15 p.m.—A severe engagement took place this afternoon near Missunde, on the Schlei. Troops of all arms were engaged, more especially artillery. The Danes were repulsed at the tête-de-pont.

Copenhagen Feb. 2.—An embargo will be placed on all German shipping in Danish ports.

Field-Marshal von Wrangel, in his despatch demanding the evacuation of Schleswig informed General de Meza that he had received orders to occupy Schleswig and to carry on the administration until further orders. He requested General de Meza to inform him immediately whether he had orders to evacuate Schleswig.

General de Meza, in his reply, stated that the instructions he had received from his Government were entirely opposed to the request of the Prussian commander. He was therefore prepared to meet any act of violence by force of arms.

Hamburg, Feb. 2.—The Prussian army intends to force a passage at Missunde, thus cutting the Danes off from the sea, while the Austrians engage them in the centre. It is thought that if this plan succeeds the Danish army is lost.

The proclamation of Field Marshal von Wrangel, the Austro-Prussian General, to the Slesvigers, says:—"We come to protect your rights. The civil commissioners of Austria and Prussia will assume the administration of the Duchies of Slesvig and Holstein, and you will follow their orders."

The fight lasted from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m., and ended in the Danes holding the position, while their enemies retired with a loss of about 1000. On the 3rd the Prussians brought heavy guns to the front, and the cannonading continued nearly all day—the Prussians attacking four several times, but were repulsed with loss. The attacks by the Austrians at Burserd, Oberseik, Jagel and others places, have met with no better success. The loss of the Germans is said to be considerable.

So far, have the aggressors only met with defeat. The Danes have shown great bravery, and seem in no wise intimidated by the coalition against them. While their armies are holding their own on the land their ships are preparing to strike on the sea. "The Danish navy has commenced laying an embargo on German ships found in the Northern seas, and masters evince no disposition to proceed on their return voyages. The screw frigate Niels Juul has left the Sound to cruise for Prussian and Austrian home-ward bound vessels coming up Channel." Their neighbors of Sweden have taken up their cause enthusiastically. They have protested at the Courts of Vienna and Berlin against the occupation of Schleswig by the two great German Powers. It seems even that the feeling in Germany generally is against the action of Austria and Prussia, as one which is of no advantage to the people, while they have to bear the enormous and bootless expense.

The position of Austria we would think is critical in the extreme. Not only has she inaugurated a war in Denmark, but she is under the necessity of pouring in troops into Venice, fearing an immediate popular outbreak besides having "created a diffidence between her own and the Italian Governments by erecting fortifications upon neutral ground, the latter in direct violation of the treaty of Villa Franca.

FRANCE.

On the address of the Corps Législatif being presented to the Emperor, he in reply, read the deputation a lecture on what liberty had done for France, showing that for sixty years it had been an arm in the hands of parties to overthrow the existing Government, and that the result had been incessant fluctuations—power succumbing to liberty, and liberty in turn being trampled down by anarchy. His Majesty declared that this must no longer exist. The first want of a country was stability, but he reminded the deputation that this would not be hastened by systematic and unjust attacks on the Government. He advised a patient waiting for the ameliorations that time and union would bring about, and gave a warning against sacrificing present good by indulging illusive hopes of a chimerical future.

Prince Alfred while playing at racket was severely injured by the ball striking him in the eye. We are happy to learn however that he would soon be able to leave his apartments.

NOTICE.

THE SUBSCRIBERS have for sale a beautifully situated FARM IN LOWER GRANVILLE, containing about 300 acres, with a good HOUSE, barn, out-houses, and three good wells of water. It affords every facility for navigation, and for beauty of scenery, it cannot be surpassed. Persons wishing to purchase may apply to JACOB BOGART, MATILDA WYLLIE. Lower Granville, Feb. 2nd, 1864. Feb. 10. 3 mths.

Cheap Dresses, etc. ... AT THE ... LONDON HOUSE, 195 HOLLIS STREET. EDWARD BILLING.

HAS reduced in price the several lots of Fancy Dresses, in good useful materials, and offers them at the following rates during this and the coming week:— Dark Fancy Brocaded Figures, 7s. 6d. 12 yards. " Plaid Tweed Dresses, 10s. 12 " " Knickerbockers, Silk 10s. 12 " " Checked Challies, 10s. 12 "

Double Width Tweeds, 9d. per yard. Dark Fancy Prints, yard wide, 8d. per yard. Winter Mantles, 8s. 6d. and upward.

LONDON HOUSE, 195 HOLLIS STREET, Opposite lower side of Province Building, Dec. 30. 1,000 AGENTS Wanted. Dec. 2.

Blanks. Magistrates Blank Summonses, Executions &c., &c., Prothonotary's and Lawyers Blanks for sale at the "Christian Messenger" Office, No. 57 Granville Street, Halifax.