

The Annual meeting of the Halifax City Mission was held in St. Andrews Church on Thursday evening last. J. W. Ritchie, Esq., in the chair. Rev. Mr. Boyd opened the meeting by prayer, after which Mr. Morton gave some account of his labors, and described some of the scenes he had been called to witness in his visits to the sick and dying of those who had lived through their short life of sin and shame.

The first resolution—of thankfulness for past success—was moved by Judge Marshall and seconded by Mr. Hutton, Sen.

The second—on the necessity for strong faith in the efficiency of God's word and promises—was moved by Rev. J. Lathern and seconded by S. Selden.

The third resolution—recommending the committee to employ more laborers—was moved by the Rev. G. N. Grant and seconded by T. A. Brown. The meeting seemed to feel the necessity of more being done before any great change can be looked for. The condition of certain parts of Halifax by the use of intoxicating drinks, is most deplorable, and needs far greater vigilance in our city officials as well as kind consideration from the christian community.

We are informed by the Visitor that the youthful widow of the late Rev. E. B. De-Mill, daughter of the Hon. Mr. Seely of St. John, departed this life on Thursday the 4th Inst.

New Publications.

PAPERS FOR THOUGHTFUL GIRLS: By Mrs. Tytler. HEAVEN OUR HOME: By the author of "Meet for Heaven."

Mr. Z. S. Hall, of 155 Hollis Street, has handed us these two excellent books for review and notice.

The former is filled with a number of carefully written essays on subjects of interest to all young ladies. Each essay is illustrated by a sketch beginning with the girlhood of the heroine and conveying lessons of wisdom in the attractive style of a story. The following are the subjects of these papers:—1, Youth; 2, Intellect; 3, Beauty; 4, Favor; 5, Ambition; 6, Pleasure; 7, Friendship; 8, Love; 9, Godliness; 10, Kindliness; 11, Fashion; 12, The Life of Pride and Levity; 13, The Life of Sense and Heaviness; 14, The Life of Sarcasm and Bitterness; 15, Consolations.

The second of these works is one that has had an astonishing circulation in Great Britain—attaining its sixtieth thousand in a few months. It is intended to give greater prominence to the positive information we have in God's word about Heaven. The information we have in the Scriptures concerning the state of future happiness is of a negative character, and we think of heaven as deriving its greatest attraction from the circumstance of its having none of the things which deprive us of satisfaction with this life. No sickness, no sorrow, no sighing, no tears, no sin, and no death; the absence of these without knowing that there is good ground for believing in Heaven as a place prepared with all that is calculated to satisfy the holy desires for home and rest which are implanted in the renewed nature, would be but a dreary indefinite idea.

Heaven is called a city, a family, a country, and whilst we have more concerning heaven of what it is not, than of a positive character, yet we have sufficient of the latter to make the christian feel that Heaven is a desirable Home. The fool who chided his master for making no preparation for his journey from which he would never return, well remarked that his master was a greater fool than himself, for if going only on a short journey he would try to learn something about where he was going before starting. The little inclination to think and know about that place, and its society and employments, is a sad indication of unpreparedness for admittance there. This book is well calculated to familiarize the christian with thoughts of heaven, and aid him in preparation for its blessedness.

THE N. S. BIBLE SOCIETY'S 35TH REPORT indicates the extensive operations which are being carried on by this Society. It comprises sixty-seven Branch Societies in different parts of the Province, amongst which Mr. Alexander Russel, the devoted colporteur and Agent, has been busily engaged in visiting and in carrying the Word of Life to the people. The receipts of the past year amount to £950 10s. 1½d. During the year 4,357 Bibles and Testaments have been sold by the various agencies and Societies, or distributed gratis amongst the poor and destitute.

THE HALIFAX CITY MISSION REPORT gives a slight glance at the "sins and sor-

rows" of our city, and of the efforts being made by the City Missionary, Mr. Morton, to reach the destitute and vicious with the healing balm of the Gospel. We see no necessity for or propriety in publishing the name of the denominations, which persons of the classes described "say they follow."

This institution should command a much larger amount of funds and employ more laborers.

THE PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE sixth Report is before us. It gives a detailed account of the condition of this establishment. It appears that there were remaining

Table with 3 columns: males, females, total. Rows include: In the Institution from 1862, Admitted during the year, Discharged recovered, Died during the year, The average number resident for the year, Per centage who recovered on those admitted, Per centage of deaths on the number resident.

There is great need of additional accommodation.

The total expenditure for the year, including clothing, fuel, medicines, &c., (with-out reference to repairs) has been \$20,125.86, averaging \$152.46 per patient.

Notices, &c.

French Mission.

Rev. A. H. Munro has handed us \$12.50,—the amount of collection at the North Baptist Church, for the French Mission. The Treasurer will please debit us, or draw on us for that amount, as he thinks best.

Received for Home & Foreign Missions. From J. L. Tremain, Esq.: For Home Mission, (paid Treasurer,) \$6 00 For Foreign Mission, (the Secretary will please debit this amount,) 2 00

Scadia 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. Subject—"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.

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 2 o'clock, P. M. Ministerial Conference at 1 o'clock, at the Baptist Chapel.

D. W. C. DIMOCK.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—The communication from Melburne, signed "One of the Committee," should have been accompanied with the name of the writer. Harmonious action, under such circumstances, is very desirable, and will yield far more satisfaction than anything done to widen the breach. Good faith must be kept between brethren. Each should be willing to yield a little in his opinion for the general good.

Letters Received.

Mrs. Webber, 6th. Rev. Thos. Powers.—Send it on. Rev. B. Scott, 9th. J. L. Tremain, Esq., 6th. M. Kinsman, 8th, \$8.—All right; much obliged. Rev. J. Bancroft, 3rd, \$4.23. T. H. Rand, 10th. Rev. J. C. Morse, 6th, \$1. A. McDonald, 8th, 1 sub. Elias Grimes, Esq., 5th. Rev. J. F. Tooker, 4th.—Not paid. B. B. Moses, Esq., 1st.—Yes, the \$8 all correct. W. J. Peppett, 8th, \$4. Rev. Dr. Tupper 2nd, 1 sub., \$4, & 10th, \$8. Rev. W. Hall, 9th, \$7.15. Jas. B. McNutt, 8th.—Has paid to Dec. 31, 1864. J. T. Eaton, 5th. T. Graham, 12th. L. S. Morse, 15th. Rev. G. Armstrong, 12th. Alfred Whitman. W. H. Harris, 13th, \$4.

General Intelligence.

Domestic.

EDITORS DIFFER.—Two of our morning papers gave us on Friday last the following sporting intelligence:

The Stag was disposed to make the best of it, and pronounced his opinion: (It must have been a matter of opinion.) The Journal unwilling to allure his friends so far from home and risk their displeasure said:

The skating on the Dartmouth lakes is wretched—ditto on the North West Arm. The skating at the rink has been excellent.

ACCIDENT.—A young man named Doyle, a butcher, had one of his hands taken off by a planing machine at the "Chabucto Steam Mill," Upper Water Street, on Thursday afternoon. While standing near the machinery, he incautiously placed his hand on one of the rollers, when by a sudden movement it was almost completely severed below the wrist. Medical aid was immediately obtained, and amputation found necessary.—Recorder.

LECTURE.—A most excellent lecture was given on Monday evening before the Dartmouth Mechanics' Institute by J. W. Johnston, Jun., Esq. His subject was the "Skeleton in the Cupboard," and was a finely conceived and admirably expressed chapter in social philosophy. Lucretius long ago spoke of the amari aliquid which welled so distastefully from the very middle of the fountain of delights, and many a philanthropist and cynic since his time has touched upon the secret undercurrents that disturb the even flow of life. It is no little praise to say of Mr. Johnston that he touched the ancient theme in so powerful and original a way, showing with graphic earnestness and acute and vigorous desertation the long array of skeletons that stand stark and grim in the secret chambers of humanity. A vote of thanks was passed to the lecturer, who was also much applauded by the audience. We hope the lecture will be delivered once more, on this side of the water. Citizen.

GAS METRE INSPECTION.—At a meeting of the city Council last week the question of a City Gas Inspector was brought to the notice of the Board, the appointment of such an official was favourably received.

MARGARET'S BAY AGAIN.—On Wednesday morning, the telegraph line near Jack's Hill, Margaret's Bay, was maliciously cut by some evil disposed person or persons. About fifty yards of the wire are missing.

The respectable men of the Bay should strive to bring these villains to light.

There is a talk of establishing two new Banks in Halifax, one the "Merchant's" and the other the "People's".

WHAT THE RUMSELLERS WILL DO.—Complaisant was made to His Worship the Mayor, by Dr. Cogswell and several others, on Wednesday last, of a rum-seller on Sunday selling a bottle of rum, to one of the boys belonging to the Industrial School. As the complainants did not wish to prosecute, only a reprimand was given. Surely this was mistaken leniency.

The Chesapeake is ordered to be restored to her original owners, more as a matter of International comity than of strict right.

LATEST FROM THE STATES.

[From Telegrams to morning and evening papers.]

TUESDAY, Feb. 9.—Special Washington report concerning the recent demonstration on Saturday morning. The Third corps advanced to the Rapidan and crossed the River, capturing many prisoners. During the afternoon the Second corps crossed and the advance was continued. The enemy fought desperately for two hours but were unable to check the forward movement. The loss of the enemy is said to have been very large. Other movements will follow.

The Richmond Examiner of the 8th inst., reports that city threatened; the Confederate pickets had been driven in twelve miles from the city. The Federal advance is undoubtedly a reconnaissance. The Confederates retired from the vicinity of Newbern.

The Postmaster of Malden, near Boston, has been detected as the murderer of the Malden Bank cashier.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 10.—The movement up the Peninsula against Richmond, was a rapid one, having for its object a dash into Richmond, to liberate Federal prisoners, but was frustrated by information given by a deserter. A great panic was caused in Richmond, which continued two or three days.

It is reported that Gen. Lee expects 35,000 recruits by the first of March, swelling his force to 80,000.

All quiet along the Army of the Potomac since the return of the reconnaissance. The number of prisoners taken in it does not exceed fifty.

The town of Warsaw, North Carolina, was destroyed by fire on the 31st ult.

Two citizens of Norfolk have been arrested charged with giving information to the Confederates, causing the disasters at Smithfield.

THURSDAY, Feb. 11.—It is reported that several thousand Federal prisoners now in Richmond are to be removed to Georgia.

The Mexicans are reported to have captured San Luis de Potosi by assault after a days struggle.

FRIDAY, Feb. 12.—In the Confederate House of Representatives a North Carolinian said that the Confederate Army numbers 200,000 men whom the country was unable to feed. A Virginian declared that his State could not stand another Draft. The Conscription Bill was amended exempting Farmers and planters on condition upon their giving an additional tenth of their produce for the use of the army. A Bill also passed to impress free negroes and slaves to work on fortifications.

A despatch from Cincinnati says that persons arriving at Nashville from Knoxville report that communication with Cumberland Gap has been cut off and nearly all East Tennessee in the hands of the Confederates.

Advices from Newbern report that the Confederates are again threatening the communication at various points, and that they had made another demonstration at Newport.

Evening.—The New York Tribune says London correspondent states that six Confederate war Steamers are now in Chinese seas, fitted out in England under Sherman Osborne, an English Naval Captain, and officers and men recruited from British Navy. They were under contract to Chinese Government, but on reaching China a disagreement arose and vessels, officers and all, were turned over to Southern Confederacy, funds

for same having been provided in part by sale of Confederate rams on the Clyde. It is thought probable this fleet may attack San-Francisco.

Raleigh Progress and Salem. N. C. Press denounce Jeff. Davis's despotism in roundest terms, and assert that North Carolina will never willingly submit to it.

SATURDAY, Feb. 13.—Guerilla bands are reported to be out in large numbers looking for conscripts.

The British war steamer "Petrel" arrived off Charleston Bar on the 5th inst. with despatches for the Confederate Secretary of War, requesting permission to communicate with the British Consul at Savannah. The application was refused.

MONDAY, Feb. 15.—A Blockade Runner was sunk off Charleston, with a cargo of Iron plates and other materials for the construction of Iron-Clads, and carried four guns. The Confederates could remove nothing on account of the heavy firing from Federal guns.

Refugees from Savannah report that Gen. Beauregard has his Head Quarters there, anticipating an attack on the place; 8,000 troops are quartered round the city, and 150 Torpedoes ready to float down the river; Georgia Regiment had mutinied on account of short rations.

Reports from Knoxville represents the garrison there as suffering from small-pox, also a scarcity of rations.

Evening.—Transports and gunboats, with Porter's and Sherman's expedition, were attacked on Yazoo River, by three thousand Texans. Enemy was driven off.

A party of guerillas or thieves captured a train from Baltimore, near Harper's Ferry, robbing passengers of about three thousand dollars, besides jewelry.

LATEST FROM EUROPE.

The China arrived at New York on Friday last.

The Danish question remains unchanged but there was less apprehension of war, although Prussian troops begin to advance.

France and Russia will act in unison with England on the Danish trouble, but will leave active interference to England.

Reported that 20,000 to 30,000 British troops are to be placed on a war footing.

DENMARK.

THE DANISH RIGSDAG.—Copenhagen, Jan. 19.—The draft of the address was read yesterday in the the Rigsdag (the special assembly for the kingdom). It says:—"The House has seen with sincere satisfaction the determination on the part of the King to maintain the liberty and independence of Denmark in face of the demands of foreign Powers for the withdrawal of the November Constitution. The task your Majesty has inherited from your predecessor—viz., to secure for the Danish kingdom an independent position in the whole monarchy—will be fraught with difficulties, and may cost bloody sacrifices. But they will be willingly borne by the people to preserve the inseparable union between Schleswig and the kingdom.

In replying to an address presented to him by a deputation from the town of Ralster, his Majesty said:—"In the event of war for the protection of the independence of Denmark, if all forsake me, I hope for the support of the Danish people."

MISCELLANEOUS.

COLENSO'S WORKS IN INDIA.—A friend in India says that in Calcutta the Colenso controversy is raging. The natives give away the book to any they suspect of a tendency to Christianity. The friends of a young man, who had been gradually led on by the Holy Spirit, and was on the point of openly declaring himself, sent him the other day a copy of Colenso's books, telling him it was most fortunate for him that he had not committed himself by baptism, as he would have found himself in a fearful position, for Christianity had just been upset by a Bishop. Do not such things remind us of our Lord's words in Luke xvii. 2? See these "little ones," just struggling out of the darkness of heathenism, driven back by the teaching of a Christian bishop! Hearing as I do from missionaries in India, I often feel very sad when they speak of their hearts being grieved and their hands hanging down, through having it cast in their teeth that "One of your own Bishops has proved the Bible false."—Recorder.

THE AUTHOR OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM.—During the present week there has been found, in the Public Record Office, a very curious holograph on paper of the period, which is probably unique, and which contains a song or melody by the celebrated Doctor John Bull, the reputed composer of the National Anthem. And, by the way, it may not be generally known, that the origin of the words of "God save the King" is to be traced to the watchword and counter sign given out in the Lord Admiral's orders on the 10th of August, 1545, "the watch word in the night shall be thus, 'God save King Henry; thother shall answer, 'And long to reign over us.'"

Doctor John Bull was organist to the Queen's Chapel in the reign of Elizabeth, and on the establishment of the Gresham College was elected professor of music. The paper in the national repository, just discovered, is signed "John Bull." It assuredly preserves to us one of the most interesting examples of English musical notation, and will probably be as highly esteemed by all lovers of music, as well as archaeologists and antiquarians.—Standard.