

Whatever may be said or thought, by our Evangelical brethren of the English Episcopal Clergy, of the sharp reprehensions contained in Mr. Spurgeon's late sermons...

"We believe that the commissioners appointed by Her Majesty to consider the forms for subscription and declaration of clergymen of the United Church of England and Ireland have unanimously agreed to recommend...

Southern Slavery not founded on Scripture Warrant: A Lecture, by Rev. W. Somerville, A. M., Reformed Presbyterian Minister, Cornwallis, N.S.

PARLIAMENTARY.

At length the Royal Gazette has announced that the Provincial Legislature will meet for the despatch of business on Tuesday, the 9th day of February.

CONFEDERATION with the other British American Provinces will doubtless be fully ventilated, and probably some progress made in that direction.

EDUCATION will demand prompt action. The year's experience with the School Act of last session will furnish valuable information as to what should be done to render our educational system practicably beneficial.

It is to be hoped that the constituents will see that their representatives are properly furnished with all needful information, so that the legislation may be such as will subserve the great purposes of all good government—the welfare of the governed.

In connection with Education we may mention that the question of whether Dalhousie College shall still enjoy the favor not accorded to other and more useful institutions, will probably be again brought before Parliament.

It may be well for the people to advise their Representatives on this subject, and give them to understand that the vote of last session is by no means to be taken as a final disposal of the matter.

THE RAILWAY TO ANNAPOLIS will have to be more distinctly stated than in the form of newspaper paragraphs. The bridge over the Avon seems to be the only difficulty in the way of carrying this through.

The Financial Secretary, Hon. James McDonald, was returned for Pictou, without opposition, on Thursday last.

The Nomination of Candidates for the representation of Annapolis County took place at Annapolis town on Thursday last.

EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of the Nova Scotia Educational Association held in Truro on the 28th and 29th ult., was attended by a large number of Teachers from various parts of the province.

T. H. Rand, Esq., read a paper on "The practical duties of the Teacher." This was highly spoken of and a wish was expressed that it should be printed and extensively circulated.

On a discussion which arose subsequently, and after several gentlemen had expressed their views, the following motion, proposed by Mr. George, and seconded by Mr. Calkin, passed unanimously:—

"Whereas the principle of compulsory assessment for the support of Education commends itself to reason, and has been almost universally approved of by the enlightened friends of Education;

And, whereas members of this Association have reported the good results of the system, as they have come under their own observation,—

Therefore, resolved, that this Association express their most emphatic approval of the system of Free Schools, which involves the principle of compulsory assessment, as alone adequate to meet the educational wants of the Province, and earnestly deprecate a return to the old law, in so far as the support of Education is concerned."

A vote of thanks was passed to the Superintendent for his excellent paper.

Mr. J. S. Hutton, by request, read a paper on "School Discipline." He reviewed three principles of proceeding, which he characterized as the Rule of Terror, the Rule of Sentimentalism, and the Rule of Reason.

Mr. Mulholland explained and illustrated the "Mulhouser System of Writing."

The Rev. Mr. Joplin then made some remarks on the importance of good reading; and read Longfellow's well known poem "Excelsior" with fine effect.

After a vote of thanks to the Council of Public Instruction for the use of the Normal School, the Association adjourned to meet in Halifax in 1865.

Notices, &c.

Some two or three of our Subscribers complain of irregularity in receiving their papers. We shall be glad to make any change which may be requisite, in the address placed on them; it that be correct, whatever irregularity occurs, must be charged on the Postal service, either from carelessness or mistake in putting the papers in the wrong mail bag.

We are given to understand by many of our friends in the country—especially the postmasters—that there is less difficulty with the Messenger in this respect than with many of the other papers. We have even been told by some that no paper comes so regularly and so well put up. We endeavour to do the best we can, and shall be glad at all times to know how we can make improvements, so that the Messenger may reach its destination as early as possible.

Acadia Athenaeum.

The next lecture before the above society, will be delivered by the Rev. G. M. Grant, in the Vestry of the Baptist Meeting House, Wolfville, on the evening of Wednesday, the 18th inst.

SUBJECT:—"Holiday Travels." Tickets at G. V. Rand's. THOMAS S. McLEAN, Cor. Sec. Wolfville, Jan. 9th.

Letters Received.

J. T. Foster, Esq. Jas. B. McNutt, Esq., 31st, \$7. G. Whitley, 21st, \$2, 1 sub. C. Longille, 29th, 1 sub. D. Webster, 1st. Chas. Bill, Esq., 2nd, \$6.50. Rev. W. E. Hall, 31st. T. M. King, 2nd, \$15, and 4th. M. J. Bowden, 27th, \$2. L. Harpell, 27th. C. H. Blair, 2nd, \$1.80. J. Wheelock, 26th, \$1. Rev. Dr. Tupper, 22nd, \$19.30. H. E. Payson, Esq., 31st, \$12.—Whichever is most convenient. J. M. Parker, Esq., 3rd, \$6.50, 1 sub. Rev. J. C. Morse, 2nd, \$5, and 31st, \$7. Rev. A. D. Thomson, 29th.—We prefer original. Rev. Jas. Spencer, 31st, \$4. W. Churchill, Esq., 31st, 1 sub. Nelson Miller, 3rd, \$6, 1 sub. Calvin Chute, 6th. Asaph Marshall, Esq., 4th, \$14. Rev. Chas. Randall, 4th, \$12.12. W. R. Doty, 3rd, \$12. Jas. E. Potter, Esq., 3rd. David Page, 2nd, 1 sub. S. Whitman, Esq., 3 subs., omitted. J. M. Parker, Esq., 26th. John Bew, 2nd, \$2. C. H. Harrington, Esq., 5th, 1 sub. J. S. McLean, 9th. W. F. Cutten, Esq., 6th, \$12. Rev. G. Armstrong, 7th. A. Whitman, Esq., 5th, \$16. Mrs. J. F. DeWolfe, 5th, \$1.—All right.

The kind and complimentary expressions of our Correspondents at the opening of the New Year, demand from us some acknowledgement. It would be impossible for us to give a separate one to each. They will however each please accept this, as if written to himself, and believe that we fully reciprocate their good wishes.

"Infinite day excludes the night, And pleasures banish pain."

General Intelligence.

Domestic.

SUDDEN DEATH.—On the day before Christmas, as Mr. Enoch Grant, of Weymouth, was returning from the village, whither he had gone to purchase some articles for family use, when about a mile and-a-half from his home, at about 9 o'clock in the day, he fell dead in the road, probably from disease of the heart, as it did not appear that he had moved after he fell.

SALVAGE CASE.—The Schooner "Harkaway" with a cargo of cattle for Bermuda sprung a leak off Prospect on Thursday last. The master and crew abandoned her and went ashore, it is said to seek assistance. Some fishermen boarded her and brought her back to the city. They claim the salvage. The case is referred to three merchants for a decision.

JUDGE OF ADMIRALTY.—The Chief Justice by the death of Judge Stewart becomes ex officio Judge of the Admiralty Court. He was sworn in and assumed the duties on Thursday last.

DISASTERS AT SEA.—The new brig, Iris, Doane, of Barrington, bound for Bermuda with coals, was run down at sea by a vessel bound to Antwerp. The crew were saved.

The brig Mira, Capt. McMillan, of Antigua, was lost last Thursday on Cape Sable.

The brig, Neander, Capt. Hines, from St. Thomas, during a heavy south-east snow storm, on Wednesday the 4th inst., was driven on the rocks, above Sandy Cove, Liverpool, and after thumping heavily all night became a total wreck. The "Neander" was owned by James DeWolf, Esq., of Liverpool, and but partially insured. She was in ballast.

CIVIC.—A committee of the City Council has been appointed to investigate the origin of all fires that may hereafter occur in this city. A committee has also been appointed to examine and report upon all applications for licenses to retail spirituous liquors.

The Galatea with about 1200 souls on board mostly of the 22nd Regiment left for Bermuda on Thursday last. About 400 of them are men who came thence during the ravages of the yellow fever last summer.

The remains of Judge Stewart were taken to Amherst and interred there on Thursday last. The Bench and Bar Society of Halifax attended the funeral towards the Depot on Wednesday afternoon. At Amherst the Court then in session adjourned, and with the Magistrates in a body, attended the funeral.

CORNWALLIS BEEF AND PORK.—Mr. Melatiah Kinsman, of Cornwallis, killed a beifer on the 19th of Dec. last, which weighed 624 lbs., and gave 70 lbs. of rough tallow. She was but two years old last Spring.

Mr. John North killed a pig, nine months old, which weighed 384 lbs. Who can beat that?

SMALL POX.—In consequence of two or three cases appearing in the city, orders have been given by the Board of Health for a general vaccination.

The following medical gentlemen have been appointed to carry out the order forthwith:

- Ward 1. Drs. Pryor and Cowie. 2. Drs. Gosip and Garvie. 3. Drs. Hattie and Twining. 4. Dr. Davies. 5. Drs. Moran, Rigby and McFartridge. 6. Drs. Wickwire and Forman.

APPOINTMENTS.—To be a Notary and Tabellion Public—John Y. Payzant, Attorney at Law.

Kings Co.—To be a Seizing officer at Chipman Brook Wharf and vicinity.—Simon N. Porter. Halifax Co.—To be a Justice of the Peace, Charles Twining.

Antigonish Co.—To be Custos—John McDonald.

Cumberland Co.—To be a Justice of the Peace—George McLellan.

Pictou Co.—To constitute a Board of Health for the town of New Glasgow—George Murry, M. D., William Fraser, M. D., Basil Bell, James W. Jackson, Donald McDonald.

COUNTY SHERIFFS.—The list of Sheriffs for 1865 appears in Wednesday's Gazette. The only alteration is that in Queen's County, Joshua N. Freeman, Esq., takes the place of John Scott, Esq.

FIRES.—On the 5th inst., a new building at Shelburne, owned by Mr. Condon, was destroyed by fire. Loss, from \$1200 to \$1400, besides carpenters' tools amounting to \$250. No insurance.

We regret to learn that the new school-house at Milton, Yarmouth, was totally destroyed by fire on Wednesday night last. It was under contract to be built for \$6,000. The loss will not be less than \$5,000. It was partially insured.

On Monday last an old man named John Townsend, was found drowned near the Richmond Railway Depot. He had been missing for several days.

Several bridges in Cape Breton county have been carried away by the late freshet.

INSTRUCTION IN WRITING.—Mr. Staples gives instruction in writing every day and evening, at his rooms, 57 Granville Street. Gentlemen are taught a bold rapid hand for business purposes; and the Ladies a fine, pretty style of writing. Visiting, Wedding and Address Cards furnished and written to order. All orders by Mail promptly attended to.

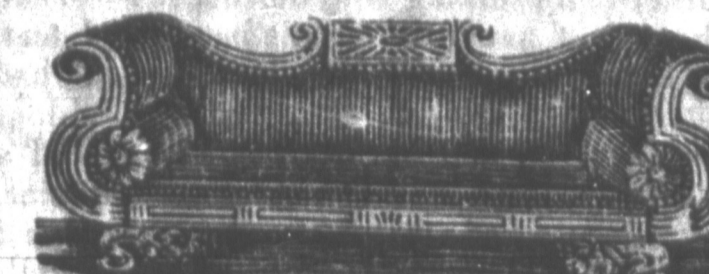
The ship Anna Schmidt, which was destroyed by the Alabama off the coast of South America, had on board a quantity of Ayer's Cherry Peppor for California. Dr. Ayer & Co. now appeal for address direct to the British Government, as the responsible party in this wicked business, and base their claim for payment and protection on the ground of humanity, as their commodities are wholly for the sick. Their point is well taken, and will doubtless be pressed with the pluck and persistency which characterize the operations of these celebrated chemists.—Baltimore Clipper.

Brenton H. Eaton,

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