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After the retirement of the Commons to the House of Assembly the Hon. Mr. Ritchie presented a Bill pro furma relating to High-

Hon. Mr. Holmes moved, and Hon. Mr. Cutler seconded the Address in answer the Speech of His Excellency.

A committee was appointed to make arrangements for reporting the debates. On Friday the Council met at half-past two.

The Address was read, and discussed, clause

Some remarks were made on the clause relating to the Confederation of the British Prov-

Hon. Mr. Whitman had some doubts whether the clause did not to some extent commit the

Hon. Mr. Dickey thought the question one in which there was a balance of advantages and disadvantages, and it should be presented to the people of Nova Scotia, both pro. and con. in all its aspects. He should approach the consideration of the subject in that spirit, and he had no doubt that members of this Chamber on all sides would treat it with a gravity, a fairness, and dispassionate consideration worthy of the second Branch of the Legislature in dealing with so momentous an issue.

It was the more important that he (Mr. D.) should lay down this broad platform, because it was his misfortune on several important details of the Scheme to differ with the members of the Conference, Looking to the interests involved, -to the means suggested by Mr. Cardwell for modifying those details, he trusted they would he enalled to arrive at a satisfactory conclu-

Hon, Mr. McCully was scrry to hear the statement in the speech from his Excellency, relating to the condition of the Hosp tal for the Insane. He knew that the building was pretty extensive, and he had hoped that it was sufficiently large to accommodate all the applicants for its benefits.

Hon Mr. Ritchie said it was only necessary to walk through the building to see that an enlargement was indispensable.

The Address then passed, and the House adiourned.

The Council met for a short time on Saturday. agreed to wait on His Excellency with the Ad dress at a quarter before one on Monday, and adjourned.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

THURSDAY, Feb. 9, 1865.

On the House resuming the Speaker read the opening Speech.

Hon. Provincial Secretary laid on the table the election writs from Annapolis and Pictou. Mr. Ray and Hon. James McDonald were then presented and sworn in, in the presence of Honbls. M. B. Almon, J. H. Anderson and A. Keith, the Commissioners appointed for that

Dr. Hamilton laid on the table, pro forma, a Bi I for the better protection of the estate and rights of married women.

Mr. Kaulback moved the Address in answer to the Speech of His Excellency. In soing so be referred to the large increase in the Revenue, and the remarkable increase in Exports and Imports. The honorable gentleman remarked that this unusual degree of presperity is the more fortunate because it occurs at a time, as His Excellency has been pleased to remark, when we are invited to consider the greatest question ever submitted to this Legislature, the Union of British North America.

This question has engaged the attention of the leading public men for more than balt a century, not only in those Colonies, but in England; and the subject years ago, and on several occasions was brought to the consideration of the Legislature by our leading public men of all parties. We are now invited by His Excellency to the serious consideration of this question embodied in seventy-two resolutions; the framers of which have received the highest praise in England from the Colonial Minister of the Crown, for the ability displayed, and for the warm sentiments of lovalty and strachment telt for the mother country. We must all, I think highly appro e of the manner in which His Excellency has brought this great matter before us. We have the treess scope given us for the consideration of this question, and it is to be earnestly hoped that His Excellency will realize, the assurance which he expresses. He feels "That we will not treat in a narrow spirif a question so broad that in reality it covers the ground of all parties and all inverests so completely, as to preclude it from being made the measure of one Government or of one party."

It will be gratifying to the country to hear that His Excellency apprecia'es the prompt manner in which nearly fitty thousand of our people turned out for inspection and drill. We must all believe it is necessary we should aid in making them more efficient. It is to be regretted that the neighbouring States have taken steps to abrogate the Reciprocity Treaty, which has conferred so many privileges, and been profitable alike to all. It is to be hoped that some means may be devised to prevent the annulling of the Treaty. Yet, should the Treaty terminate, it will behave the Government and ourselves to guard and protect well those most impertant branches of the products and resources of our country, which were so summarily disposed of by that Treaty regulation, our Fishprosperity of our Province.

Every member, no doubt, has been impress-ed with the conviction gained from the short operation of the School bill, that some modification is required to render it more available

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and better adapted to the wants and wishes of

He (Mr. K.) thought he could do nothing better in moving the Answer to the Address, than to give them a comparative statement of the increase of the Revenue during the last year. The Government have met all the demands upon the Treasury for the year just ended, and leave a balance in the Treasury to go for the benefit of the country of \$225,150. The following is a statement of the Increase of Revenue of 1864 over 1863:

Comparative Statement. Railway ; Increase of passengers 13, 301 Exports 526.828 Excise Customs, and Light Duty 145,778 Gold 6, 020 cz=---- 100 000

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Balance in Treasury at end of Financial year \$226,150. Having read this address, the honorable gentlemen said Mr. Speaker, I feel assured that it will meet the support of every member in this House, I cannot see that it will, in the slightest manner, compromise my views or action on any question. We are committed to nothing but the provision for the extension of the Hos pital, the Militia, service and to the Internation al Exhibition in Dublin.

On the great question of the Union, it is the intention of the Government to leave the subject as open as possible, and to the free action of any member of Government and members generally.

FRIDAY, Feb. 10.

The Address was taken up clause by clause. On the Union clause being read,

Mr Locke remarked that of course every member would be free to deal with the subject of Contederation on the papers connected therewith being submitted to the H use.

Mr. Archibald said that the House here only Wife of Mr. William Downe, of Stronach promised to give their deliberate consideration Mountain, Wilmot, was called home on Lord's over the Speech, he found that the only measure beteaved husband and two surviving children. romised was one connected with Education. The family of which sister Downe was a mem were not willing to go as far as he wished, the y survivors. should place at the head of the Council of Pub- Sister Downe was baptized by the venerable of avoiding even the semblance of suspicious religion. that party influences prevailed in educational. Thirteen days before sister Downe's decease, deepest satisfaction.

commission entrusied to them by the Legislas bidding. fure. He wished to puach himself from having. At the time of her burial a discourse was de-

Government. The answer to the Address then passed nem.

The Prov Secretary stated that His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor would be ready to receive the answer on Monday at hall past one. It was therefore, agreed that the

On motion of the Hon Prov. Sec., the fellowing Committee was appointed to select Standing Committees of the House: - Hon. Provincial Secretary, Mr. Blanchard, Hon, Attorney Gen Mr. Tobin.

The House adjourned to one o'clock on Mon-

Monday, Feb. 13.

The house resumed at 2 o'cleck.

Hon Prov. Secretary, by command, laid on allowed the lamp of youthful vigor to burn to the table copies of correspondence relative to the close of his life. He was truly a young

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For the Christian Messenger.

AT SALEM COTTAGE

Dear Brother,-

Allow me space in the C. M., that I may acknowledge a visit recently received from my beloved church and congregation.

On the evening of the 11th of January last, the evening being fine, the usual gathering took place. The house was filled to its utmost capacity, almost every family in the church and congregation being represented. An abundant were resolved to make it a success.

After preliminaries, brother D. R. Eaton was appointed Master of Ceremonies, and, in behalt of the meeting, presented the Donation, accompanying it with an address, appropriate and pleasing in its conception, and happy in its utterance. The Rev. Messrs. Hennigar, Murray and Freeman were present, and delivered addresses of much interest and worth. Bro. C. R. Bill, E.q., also addressed the meeting. All present evidently enjoyed themselves, and retired happy in having spent an evening where each vied with the other that all might be happy.

For this Donation, amounting to \$260, I beg, on behalf of Mrs. Hunt and myself, to express our sincere and gratified acknowledgements. During a long residence, I have known only kindness from this beloved people. May they receive in a large measure the reward which God has promised to the cheerful giver. A. S. HUNT.

For the Christian Messenger.

OBITUARY NOTICES.

MRS. SARAH DOWNE,

He would take this opportunity of catting atten- ber- five brothers and tour sisters-have been arise from some features of the bill, to which of Baptist Churches. Four have undoubtedly he objected at the time. He had particularly died in the Lord;" and the five survivors are urged the appointment of a Council of Public manifestly persevering in the way to Zion. Of Instruction, which was not composed of the those deceased Rev. Ebenezer Stronach was a also said that at all events, if the Government Rev. Abraham Stronach, who is one of the

he Instruction the Lieutenant Governor, as his T. II. Chipman, about 40 years ago. Grace enpresence would give to the country the guaran abled her to pursue the path of the just. Durtee that mere party considerations would not my the latter part of ker life, through physical always prevail. He now begged the Govern infirmity, she could rarely attend public wor ment to consider carefully, in any amendment ship; but she delighted in the society of the to the bill they night introduce, the propriety pious, and evinced an interest in the cause of vital

masters. He congratulated the country on the when the writer last visited her, reference was encouraging statements made in the Speech- made to the respective ages of the three present. that our revenue was very large, and all branch- Mr. I) was born in June, 1794, she in July, and es of industry prosperous to an unparalleled the writer in August, all of the same year. extent. Every gentleman, whatever his polite. Though not then speculiarly ill, she expressed a cal prejudices, would learn this fact with the consciousness that her dissolution was near, and a confident reliance on her Saviour. About two Mr. Stewart Campbell said he wished it to be days prior to her departure she was seized with unders god that he did not endorse the action violent distress in the stemach, said that she was of the Government in sending a delegation to going to die, and soon became speechless; but Quebec, Authority, had been granted from exidently retained her reason to the last; and some quarter to the delegates to go beyond the indicated a readiness to go at the Master's

it supposed that he endorsed this Act of the livered by the Pastor to a large number of rec la ives, connexions, and friends, from Rev. xiv. 13. " Any I heard a voice," &c .- Communicated by Rev. C. Tupper. eleman and sada became house, telemon asse

DEACON JACOB CORNWELL,

Who died on the 17th of April 1864, was born whole House should present the answer at that in the State of Connecticut, April 25th, 1778 fle was from his earliest youth, the subject of deep religious impressions. He came to this province with his parents when a boy. At the age of twenty seven he married Sarah Tijus of precious memory. Shortly after this be made a eral, Mr. Locke, Mr. Killam, Mr. Archibald, and public profession of taith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and abited with the second Baptist Church, of Digby Co.

The strict integrity and natural amiability of opportunity of suggesting any alterations neces- with great acceptability.

His abstenuousness, and cheerful disposition, as many of them now living, can testify. Bro. Also, copy of a despatch calling attention to the mode of appointment of Legislative Councillors;

Also, copy of a despatch transmitting warrants for the appointment of Hon Meeers. Patterson, and J. W. Ritchie, to the Legislative crease of faith in God and his precious promises.

Council. "He could read his title clear to manufous in the

so clear, that christian visitors found it both instructive and comforting, to listen to his conversation especially would be speak of the doctrine of election, and the everlasting security and final perseverance of the saints with rapturous delight. Brother C's. dying charge to the writer was as follows, " My dear brother, preach the doctrine of unconditional election to your congregations fearlessly, never mind what the enemies of truth say about you for doing so, for God will take care of both you and it.

Brother Cornwell has left sons and daughters, grand children and great grand children, a nun erous circle, as well as a host of friends beside to mourn their loss. But their loss is his eternal tea, most admirably arranged and served, intis gain. He has gone to his home in the sky. mated at once that the ladies were engaged and Peace to the ashes of dear old father Cornwell. JOHN C. MORSE.

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ban realise by a report M. with antiquency of the The Sorrowful New Year.

awheren yet we a red years, and rived there Among the extraordinary number of Marine disasters that have occurred along these shores, this place has had a share.

Capt. James O'Harra, aged 52 years, and two sons James and Barnet, respectfully 23 and 26 years; also Joseph Jamison, aged 20 years, left here on the 9th ult., for Sydney, C. B., on their last trip for the season, but it proved their last. On the twelfib they were wrecked at Saint Esprit, C. B., losing the vessel but saving their lives. On the 25th, they left Grand River. in a boat to come home, about 30 miles. They were seen well on their way some time in the day, but the next day the boat and trunks, &c. were picked up near where they were wrecked, revealing the sad fate of these men.

On New Year's Eve, when the time seemed long that they glid not come, and the anxious eye oft peered er the water, and the sound of to the various matters referred to. In looking day, Jan. 22nd, 1865, aged 70 years, leaving a the footstep on the doorway, began to be marked, the news of the wrecked boat reached this place; thus New Year can but renew the sadtion to the fact, that he had last session for told remarkably favored of the Lord. All of them ness of these families bereaved by this provisome of the difficulties that would probably professed faith in Christ, and became members dence. Mr. O'Harra, Lad for many been a consistent member of the Baptist Church in this place; the young men bad not made a profession of religion. Mr. Barnet O'Harra had members of the Executive Council. He had taithful and useful Munister of Christ; as is also been married on P. E. Island, a few weeks previous, so that now with the aged maternal grandmother, there are three widows in the one house; the aged feeling the streke the more from frailty, the mother from being the chief object of the afflict on, and the young wife from the surprising sadness of the stroke,

As a ruler how severe is God :- " Be still and know that I am God;" as a Father how good :- I will be the Father of the father esa and the widow's God; -- as a Saviour how tender :- " He shall wipe tears frem all taces." Not to mourn the loss of friends would be to deny ourselves; to refuse to be conducted would be to deny Ged ;- but let men prove themselves the children of their Father in Heaven.

The O'Harra family were not strangers to affliction; previously a son had been drowned, a vessel wreeked, and a house burned; five children survive.

Within five years 15 persons from this place have been fost at rea. en consumer, improvedent sitem to

Cape Canso, Jan. 31st, 1865.

Religious Intelligence.

REVIVAL IN ANNAPOLIS COUNTY - The following extract of a letter frem one of our Local Agents will be read with pleasure;

"Just returned from Annapolis The Revival is progressing wonderfully at Pine Grove, Canaan Road, and Melvern Square, At one meeting at Canaan ninety five persons spoke, The Pine Grove Revival is compared to the brother C., being sanctified by the grace and Fulton Street Prayer Meeting. The Baptists Spirit of God, admirably qualified him for use- and Methodists are mainly engaged in the tulness in his cause. The Church, i. e. his breth- meetings, and are remarkable for the absence The House met at 1 o'clock, and shortly ren, believing that he possessed the qualifications of sectarianism, all appear as one. The great atterwards proceeded to Government House to narrated in 1st Timothy 3rd chapter, in an em- desire is to see souls converted; and this is being inent degr. e, unanimously chose and set apart granted. The Holy Spirit is evidently in their bro. Cornwell to the office of deacon of the midst. Fifteen arose to request special prayer The Hon. Prov. Secretary, from the Revising second Baptist Church, of Dighy Co, now first Committee, reported a list of Standing Committee, the list was faid upon the table until the place on the 23rd of December, 1809. He personners are concerned for the savezion of their next day, in order that members might have an formed the duties of his office for fifty-five years souls. It is shought the Revival will become general throughout the Annapolis Valley. Surely " It is time to seek the Lord."

The Good Shepherd is once more visiting his the appointment of His Excellency Sir Richard looking old man. The ministers of the Lord | lications of his church,-on the Day of Hu-Graves MacDonnell as Lieut. Governor of Nova | were always welcome to his hospitable dwelling, miliation and Prayer. O may this spirit of Also, copies of correspondence relating to the retirement of the late Hon. W. A. Black from the Legislative Council.

Also, copy of a despatch calling attention to the word of God. His constant study as many of them now living, can testify. Bro. C. took great pleasure in reading the Christian triends, do not forget the Bridge water Church in your prayers. May the Holy Spirit, in answer thereto, once again visit this wilderness, that it may blossom as the rose. Inc.

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WOLFVILLE.- Meetings of great interest are being held daily by the church at Wolfville. Then the house adjourned until 3 o'clock, sky." His hold on eternal truth was so firm. On Lord's Day, the 5th, three persons were reterday.