

THE CONFESSIONAL.

A good deal of discussion has been going on in England for some time past, on the subject of Oral Confession, and the consequences resulting from this ancient and cherished practice of the Church of Rome.

The question of oral confession has just now been made more prominent through the revival of public feeling, in reference to a most tragical event which occurred some three years since near Bristol.

Mr. Kent and his family very soon after left the neighborhood, and the daughter Constance went to a Female Protestant Sisterhood or Nunnery at Brighton.

As a well-known dogma of the Church of Rome, it has often come under the test of public opinion in England, and as often been considered as wholly untenable in any body bearing the name of Protestant Christians.

amount of influence it must give the confessor over the person confessed must of necessity destroy all independence of thought, and in numerous cases render them the mere tools and victims of designing ecclesiastics, such as we fear may too often be found in any religious community.

The New Catechism.

The Annual Report of the American Baptist Publication Society refers to the late proposal respecting a New Catechism:— "Early in the year the Board offered a premium of Three Hundred Dollars for the best Catechism suitable for use in families and Sunday schools.

Another Fifty Dollars.

A friend who has resolved to devote one-tenth of his earnings and profits to religious, moral, and charitable objects, informs us that he finds, since making the resolution to do so, God has prospered him in an enlarged measure, and he has now quite a sum to devote to these purposes.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR BENEVOLENT PURPOSES.

We have just had it pointed out to us that a resolution was passed at the last year's session of the Central Association, which was to be published in the Messenger three weeks previous to the next Association.

NEWS SUMMARY.

Several recent reports in the press have stated that a formal demand had been made by the Cabinet at Washington on the British Government, for making good the losses sustained during the Southern war by citizens of the United States from the capture of American vessels by the Albatra and other Southern cruisers, on the ground of their having been permitted to be fitted out and allowed to sail from English Ports, with the consent or connivance of the British Government.

since, that no such demand, as reported, had been made, but what had passed on the subject of late had been in an entirely amicable spirit.—There seems however not the smallest doubt that should such a claim be persevered in, it will be met by the British Ministry with a decided refusal.

The general state of Europe is quiet, without any present reason to apprehend the disturbance of friendly relations now existing between the different Powers.

The French Emperor was still at Algiers endeavouring to conciliate his African subjects, and reconcile them to a Government against which they have hitherto found it useless to contend.

Notices, &c.

Meetings of the N. S. B. Home Missionary Board.

IN THE VESTRY OF THE G. S. CHURCH.

Wednesday, 31st May, 1865.

Present.—The President in the chair: Revs. Dr. Pryor, A. H. Munro, Brethren Dr. Parker, Geo. Robins, S. Selden, H. N. Faint, and Secretary.

Letters read from Revs. D. G. Shaw, John Miller, J. F. Kempton, Dr. Cramp, Wm. Burton, and Brethren Jas. Morton and Cornelius Kennedy.

Appointments.—Rev. Wm. Burton 12 weeks at Strait Canoe, Mabon and Margaree, principally at the latter place.

Brother Jas. F. Morton 10 weeks in Lunenburg Co., under the direction of Rev. Wm. E. Hall.

There will be a meeting of the Board during the session of the Central Association at Canard, Cornwallis.

The Annual meeting of the Society will be held with the Eastern Association at Amherst.

R. N. BECKWITH, Sec'y. H. M. Board.

Delegates to the Central or Eastern Association will be allowed to pass over the Railroad, to and from, for a single fare. On going, the fare must be paid as usual, and at the Association a Certificate must be obtained from the Secretary, which on being presented to the Ticket Master at the Railway Station, he will give a free pass.

Colchester County S. School Convention.

The next Quarterly meeting of this Convention will be held (D. V.) at Portauque, on Friday 23rd June, at 2 o'clock, P. M. It is earnestly desired that all the Sabbath Schools in the County may be represented.

T. B. LAYTON, Secretary.

Baptist Anniversaries.

The CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION will meet with the 1st Cornwallis (Canard) Church, on Saturday the 17th day of June, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

The EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION will meet with the Amherst Church, on Saturday July 1st, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

LETTERS RECEIVED will be acknowledged next week.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

THE AMERICAN MESSENGER, CHILD'S PAPER, & YOUNG REAPER.

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This gentlemen will deposit them in the Post Office, so that subscribers will receive them without any expense for transportation or postage.

N. P. KEMP, 40 CORNHILL, BOSTON, MASS. 3 mths. May 17.

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OLD EYES MADE NEW.

A PAMPHLET directing how to speedily restore sight and give up Spectacles, without aid of Doctor or medicine. Sent by mail free on receipt of 10 cents. Address, J. B. FOOTE, M. D., 1130 Broadway, New York.

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V. AUX BROTHERS, Have received best Rolled White Window Hollands, from 30 to 48 inches wide.

ONE CASE Grass Cloths, Brown Hollands, Drab, Slate and White Linens, Hosiery and Gloves. GLASGOW HOUSE, 125 Granville Street. May 31.

NOTICE.

PERSONS wishing to spend the summer or a season in the pleasant village of TRURO, can be accommodated with COMFORTABLE BOARD in a central and pleasantly situated new residence. A small family may be boarded. Apply to T. W. DEWOLFE, G. P. Office, Halifax, or to Mrs. DEWOLFE, at her residence in Truro. Truro, June 1st, 1865.

Liverpool House.

PER STEAMSHIP "CHINA."

PRINTED DRESS MUSLINS, Girls's and Women's CORSETS, Machine stitched HANDKERCHIEFS, White Souffe and Blonde Falls, Blue and Brown Silk Gossamer, Gents' Black and Colored Ties, Do. Shirt Collars, Do. White Shirts, Boys' do. Men's and Boys' BRACES, Black and Colored Sun Shades, Lined Parasols, Horrook's WHITE SHIRTINGS. WETMORE & McCULLOCH. 4 ins. May 31.

TO MERCHANTS, SHIPMASTERS AND SAILMAKERS.

THE SUBSCRIBER would most respectfully inform the public, that he has invented and patented an improved WROUGHT IRON THIMBLE, suitable for Iron Clews, and all kinds of hooks that are used on board of vessels of all sizes. The advantage of this thimble over the old plan, is that no serving or leather is required to keep the rope from chafing. The thimble is made in such a manner that the rope cannot touch the lower parts of the eyes in which it is spliced. The Subscriber would caution parties against making, or in any way infringing on the said Patent Thimble without his permission as such infringement would be prosecuted according to law. N. B.—For any further information, please apply to ALEXANDER ROBINSON, BLACKSMITH, Upper Water Street, Halifax, N. S. April 5. 3 mths.

NEW SPRING & SUMMER GOODS.

THE Subscribers have now opened a large and varied assortment of NEW SEASONABLE GOODS, to which they invite the attention of Customers.

-COMPRISING..... Fancy Dress Materials. White Linens. Black and Col'd Lustres. Br'd Hollands. Black and Col'd Coburgs. Grass Cloths. Barathas, Delaines. Diaper. Black Drus Silks. Osanburg. Black Mantle Velvet. Towellings. Fancy Skirtings. Table Cloths. Printed Cottons. Colored Table Cloths. White Cottons. White Window Hollands. Striped Shirts. Furniture Cottons. Grey Cottons. Curtain Damasks. Bed Tickings. Window Muslins. Denims, Flannels, Tartan Muslins. Serges, Kerseys, Book and Jaconet do. Paisley Fill'd Shawls. Bonnets Hats. Tissue Shawls. Feathers, Flowers. Black Bordered do. Vests, Hair Nets. Black Cashmere do. Sw'd Muslin Trim'ings. Ladies' Mantles. Stamped do. Children's do. Ladies' Linen Collars. Parasols. Black Crape do.

GLOVES, HOSE, & HOSIERY.

Black Cloths, Fancy Costings, Tweed Trowserings, Doekins, Waterproof Cloakings, &c., with a great variety of small wares. Wholesale and Retail.

Also—A large lot of Blockade White Cottons—very Cheap. WETMORE & McCULLOCH. 1 mth. May 10.

Everett Bros., HATS & CAPS.

Have now on hand a large assortment of Trunks, Valises and Umbrellas, which they have marked very low, both at WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.

Our stock in store and to arrive in a few days, comprises the following:

- Silk Hats. Cloth Caps. Soft Fur Hats. Tweed Caps. Soft Wool Hats. Glazed Caps. Hard Wool Hats. Straw Caps. Leghorn Hats. Common Trunks. Panama Hats. Sheepskin Trunks. Straw Hats. Cowhide Trunks. Tuscan Hats. Soie Leather Trunks. Cloth Hats. Patent Leather Trunks. Tweed Hats. Ladies Trunks. Glazed Hats. Alpaca Umbrellas. Drab Shell Hats. Cotton Umbrellas. Black Shell Hats. Silk Umbrellas. Common Valises. Sheepskin Valises. Carpet Bags. Leather Bags. Leather Hat Cases. Mourning Bands. Hat Brushes. Hat Guards.

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