

yesterday, when he became outrageously violent. He is calmer to-day. Dr. Craven has again visited him, and reports his health as good.

No papers are allowed to be taken to his cell. While on the Clyde he managed to gain possession of an Inquirer, containing the proclamation of President Johnson setting a price upon his head; after reading which he remarked that the United States Government would never attempt to hang him. Time will tell.

The Boston Post gives the following as the indictment of Jefferson Davis:—

"The specific act on which the indictment against Jeff. Davis is based, is the attack on Fort Stevens, on the 12th of last July, in which General Breckenridge was present; and the indictment charges 'Jefferson Davis, late of the county of Henrico, State of Virginia, yeoman, with treason: 1st, in that on the 1st of June 1864, he raised or gathered troops in Richmond to act against the United States Government; 2d, that he was leader or commander-in-chief of these troops, and, as such, ordered the expedition; 3d, that he provided the men with arms, food and other supplies for that treasonable purpose; 4th, that the attack on Fort Stevens was accordingly made on July 12, 1864; and 5th, that by his agency there a large number of United States troops were traitorously killed and injured.'

THE NEW ENGLAND BRANCH OF THE AMERICAN TRACT SOCIETY have been engaged pretty extensively in the work of colportage in this province during the past year. There have been nine persons belonging to different religious churches engaged for longer or shorter periods during the year, making an aggregate of more than three years of labor in eleven counties. We learn from the superintendent, Mr. A. McBean, that these colporters have effected sales of the Society's publications to the amount of \$3,317.89, and that free grants have been made to the value of \$285.46. They have engaged in 208 public services and prayer meetings. 341 families have been visited, who had no religious books, and they found 189 Protestant families without Bibles. In addition to these there is one colporter employed under the auspices of the Society in New Brunswick and one in Prince Edward Island. Eleven have been engaged to labor for the present year for different periods varying from three to twelve months. These evangelical labors are highly important in many destitute places, and deserve encouragement from those desirous of seeing good done.

To the President of the Nova Scotia Baptist S. S. Convention.

DEAR BROTHER,

In looking over the questions in your letter of the 17th inst., which are expected to be answered in the returns to the Sabbath School Convention, it occurred to me that they were incomplete, and did not elicit all the information which it is desirable should be embodied in the annual statistics. Would it not be well to so alter those Statistics, as recorded in the Minutes, that they shall henceforth embrace the following additional items, viz: The number of Baptisms during the year; The amount of Benevolent Contributions; The number of S. School papers taken, together with answers to the questions—'Do you maintain a Sabbath School concert and a Teacher's meeting?' and 'Do you keep your School open through the winter?'

Yours very truly,
A SABBATH SCHOOL WORKER.

In reply to the above, we may remark that we do not desire to add unnecessarily to the particulars required in the Returns. One of the above, however, was formerly inserted, and we think it should be given in all the Returns: How many Lord's days during the year has your S. School been held? If any think well to give information on the other points they can do so, and the Secretaries will make a note of them.

The St. John, N. B., Churches are proceeding with their Missionary Meetings. At one held in the Germain Street Church last week the collection amounted to nearly one hundred dollars. The Visitor is proposing plans for raising the \$4000 named for the Union Society, comprising Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Ministerial Education, Sabbath Schools, Infirmary Ministers &c.

THE Provincial Wesleyan of last week contained a full account of the closing exercises at Mount Allison Wesleyan College and Academies. The Institutions appear to be in a thriving condition, under efficient professors and teachers. The number of students on the catalogue of the College was 18, and in the Academies 196.

NEWS SUMMARY.

The Telegraph wires have been comparatively idle for some weeks past, in consequence of what may justly be considered the sudden termination of the Southern war. The deep lull that has succeeded the four years of terrific conflict and lavish shedding of blood, seems almost startling, and we can scarcely realize the fact

of human passions excited to their utmost degree of fury, so soon subsiding into calm and silence.

The investigation of facts connected with the fatal catastrophe, which clothed the American nation in mourning, is the all-absorbing topic to which all eyes are now directed. It is by no means plain that much, if any progress has been made in the discovery of accomplices in the horrid act, or indeed whether the assassin Booth had any previous and direct coadjutors in the perpetration of his crime.

As regards the complicity of Jefferson Davis, we have as yet heard of nothing whereon to ground a reasonable suspicion. Davis is a man of unquestioned political ability, although we think the circumstances attending his fall and capture have been little creditable to him. He either ought, while it was well in his power, to have acknowledged himself subdued and withdrawn from the contest and the reach of his enemies, or have awaited with dignity in his capital the approach of his enemies. The mode of his capture will greatly derogate from his previous reputation. As the Confederate forces under Kirby Smith have finally surrendered, the war may, no doubt, be fairly considered at an end.

Much speculation is abroad as to whether the friendly relations between the United States and the French Government will not be imperilled by the Mexican question.

It is pretty certain that if the American Cabinet continue to repudiate the rights of Maximilian to the throne of Mexico, the French Emperor must in some way resent it. It will be a test of the adoption by the U. S. of what is called the Munro doctrine, which may render their present enjoyment of peace but of short duration. For our own part we doubt much whether the doctrine will not yield to present expediency.

Notices, &c.

Received from the Upper Stewiacke Church for Foreign Missions, \$2.
Dr. Tupper please charge us with said sum.

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 Announcements.

THE WESTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION will meet with the Milton Church, Queen's Co., on Saturday the 10th day of June, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

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.

J. W. Bars, Esq. Rev. W. Burton. Rev. T. Higgins. Dr. W. L. Bent, \$4. T. B. Layton. W. H. Whitman. W. Starratt. Rev. J. L. Read. Rev. Dr. Tupper. H. Lantz. Rev. M. P. Freeman. J. O. Pinea, Esq., \$4.

PROSPECTUS.

THE PATRIARCH OF WESTERN NOVA SCOTIA.

MEMORIALS OF THE LIFE AND TIMES OF THE LATE REV. HARRIS HARDING, OF YARMOUTH, NOVA SCOTIA.

Prepared by the Rev. John DAVIS, of Charlotte town, P. E. I., with an Introductory Notice by J. W. NUTTING, Esq., of Halifax. Accompanied by a Portrait of Mr. Harding, with other Pictorial Illustrations.

SUBSCRIPTION—ONE DOLLAR, DUE ON DELIVERY.

Two of the Nova Scotia Baptist Associations have recommended the Publication of the above work. It will therefore be put to Press as soon as subscriptions have been obtained for five hundred copies; of which more than one half have been already secured.

The work will comprise sketches of the religious history of Western Nova Scotia before the days of Mr. Harding. It will supply details of Mr. Harding's personal life, labours, and usefulness. Mr. Nutting's Introductory Notice will relate to the religious condition of Nova Scotia generally, to the revival of religion which commenced towards the close of the last century, and to some of the leading agents in that revival.

A copious Appendix will be subjoined. This will be illustrative of persons and events introduced into the work, and include a selection from Mr. Harding's correspondence; giving letters written by him some seventy years ago.

The pictorial embellishments will add to the interest of the work. The whole will be neatly got up; and will supply, it is hoped, a valuable contribution to the religious history of Nova Scotia, more especially in connection with the Baptist denomination.

The work will be published by subscription in order to protect its compiler from pecuniary loss in his enterprise. So large a proportion of the amount required for this purpose having been already secured, the issue of the work may be expected in the course of the current year.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., April, 1865.
April 26.
Subscribers' names received at the "Christian Messenger" Office, Halifax.

LONDON HOUSE, GRANVILLE STREET. We beg to call attention to our Spring Importations of DRY GOODS. per the various steamers and sailing ships. Our space does not permit us to particularize. We only mention a few of the leading Goods, such as BROAD and NARROW WOOLLENS, DRESS GOODS, in variety, MANTLES, SHAWLS, PARASOLS and GLOVES, BONNETS, HATS, RIBBONS, &c., DOMESTICS, in SHIRTINGS and DAMASKS, Also—a very cheap lot of CURTAIN SETTS, LINEN GOODS, SMALL WARES and FANCY GOODS. GENTS' OUTFITS, beside a select Stock of READY-MADE CLOTHING, and CLOTHING MADE TO ORDER—to which we call especial attention. COMPARISON WE INVITE. SUPERIOR TEA, COTTON WARP, FLOOR OIL CLOTH, Etc. It is scarcely necessary to say that we are prepared to give purchasers the benefit of the LATEST reduction in price of Goods, especially Cotton fabrics. Give us a look, but make sure that you are in THE LONDON HOUSE, Granville Street. THOMSON & CO. P. S.—Bought by auction a portion of the cargo of Blockade Steamers in RUSSIA CRASH in best six Cord REELS, (all 200 yards); Grey and Bro. Vigonias. T. & Co. May 10. 2 mths.

MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP FOR CHILDREN TEETHING. IT RELIEVES COLIC. June 15. MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP FOR CHILDREN TEETHING. IT RELIEVES COLIC. June 15. PIANO-FORTE Manufactory & Warerooms, No. 19 Barrington street. HALIFAX, N. S. THE subscribers begs leave to acquaint the public of Nova Scotia that they have on hand at the above manufactory and warerooms a large assortment of PIANO FORTES, which they offer for sale at lower prices than the same quality of article can be imported from, either from England or the United States. As no expense is spared to procure the best material that can be had, every instrument sent from the establishment is warranted. WM. FRASER & SONS. Scale of Prices. No. 1 Walnut semi-Cottage Piano, fall, iron string plate, round 6 1/2 octave, £45 0 0 No. 2 Do. fret-work and carved trusser, 47 10 0 3 Do. elegantly finished, 50 0 0 4 Rosewood, Ogee fall, action 55 0 0 5 Do. elegantly finished carved trusser and fret-work, 65 0 0 6 Do. double action, 80 0 0 7 Oblique, 7 octave, 3 string unison, 70 to 90 8 Grand Square Pianos, 7 1/2 octave from \$75 to £120. Oct. 14. 1yr.

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BROWN'S BRONCHIAL TROCHES, FOR COUGHS, COLDS, AND THROAT DISEASES. June 15. MR. WILLIAM A. JOHNSTON, ATTORNEY AND BARRISTER AT LAW, NOTARY PUBLIC, ETC., Has resumed the practice of his profession in Halifax. OFFICE—SOMERSET BUILDINGS, 25 PRINCE STREET. Opposite the South Side of Province Building—Dec. 14. HELPS FOR THE STUDY OF THE SCRIPTURES. FOR CLERGYMEN, FAMILIES, AND SABBATH SCHOOL TEACHERS. Family Bible.—Enlarged edition. Royal octavo, 1,504 pages. With Notes and Instructions, Maps, Marginal References, Prefatory Notes, Historical Tables, Harmony of the Gospels, Tables of Coins, Weights, and Measures, etc., and a Family Record. Family Testament & Psalms, with Notes.—Two double Maps and Tables. This beautiful volume will exactly meet the wants of great many, furnishing these portions of the sacred record, together with the invaluable Explanatory Notes and Instructions of the Family Bible on these books. Family Testament, with Notes.—Pocket Edition. Locke's Commonplace Book to the Bible.—A collection of what is revealed on each subject, truth or doctrine of the inspired records. Cruden's Condensed Concordance.—Containing the great body of references in his larger work, but omitting the Apocrypha, and his explanation of terms. Bible Dictionary.—An essential help to understanding God's word, and a treasure for every family. Bible Atlas and Gazetteer.—The Atlas contains six fine large maps, prepared with care from the most reliable sources, and covering the whole ground of Bible geography. Bible Text-Book.—The principle Texts relating to the persons, places and subjects of Scripture, arranged for Ministers, Teachers, and all Students of the Bible. Gallaudet's Scripture Biography.—With Critical Illustrations and Practical Remarks. In eleven volumes complete. Bible Studies.—Complete in six parts. Embellished with one hundred and seventy-five engravings. BOOKS FOR THE YOUNG: BEAUTIFULLY ILLUSTRATED. For the Home Circle, and Sabbath Schools. Picture Reward Cards, Scripture Maps, Class Books, Question Books, Record Books, I'll Try Cards. MUSIC BOOKS. All publications suitable for SABBATH SCHOOL LIBRARIES. Or helps for Superintendents & Teachers. Issued in the United States, will be furnished on the best terms. Orders will receive prompt attention, and any books forwarded that shall prove on examination to be such as are not wanted, will be cheerfully exchanged for others. Full Catalogues, with list of prices, sent to any address gratuitously. N. P. KEMP, Treasurer. 40 CORNHILL, BOSTON. April 19. 6 mths.