

FEBRUARY 21, 1866.

The Presbyterian Witness of Saturday last copies that portion of "Country Parson's" "Monday musings" in our last, referring to Communion, and as he cannot meet the argument it contains, he takes the opportunity of giving his readers a lesson on free communion. We hope they may profit by his teaching. We formerly thought that Presbyterians required baptism as a pre-requisite to communion, but possibly we were mistaken. Perhaps our contemporary is prepared to offer Unrestricted Communion to all, without regard to baptism or church relationship. His invitation given to Baptists to come and commune with Presbyterians, will not pass for much, when it is remembered that a member of a Baptist church, who, on becoming disaffected and wishing to unite with a Presbyterian church, was required to be sprinkled, and was sprinkled by the Presbyterian minister before admission to membership. We can supply him with the names if he wishes them. Was this re-baptism? Who then are the Anabaptists? Presbyterians should be the last people in the world to preach free communion, until the different sections of their own denomination are less bitter in their denunciations of the other sections. Let Presbyterian ministers cease their maledictions of each other, and their exclusivism in preaching and communion, and we shall then, perhaps, be more inclined to listen to their dicta in matters of church order. We are at present content to abide by New Testament principles and practice, in respect to both Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

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Scotland, 2,150 cases, increase, 196; Yorkshire, 2,084 cases; increase, 720. The trials of the Fenians in Dublin were continuing. The Government were pursuing their investigations, and had found several of the goal warders guilty of complicity with the rebels. It is stated that those officials had been tampered with, and in many cases corrupted, throughout Ireland.

Notices, &c.

Received for Foreign Mission. 1866. Jan. 6. Truro Baptist Church 50 00 Sister in do. 50 00 Interest on Bequest 60 00 19. Cape Canoe Church 4 00 23. Mr. Amos D. Vison, Aylesford 4 00 Mr. Benj. Dodge, do 1 00 Mr. Jno. West, do 6 00 Fine Grove Church 100 00 24. Friend in Colchester, to support a native preacher 7 50 Uig Church \$9, P. E. I. currency 90 25 31. Nictaux Church, to support a native preacher C. TUPPER, Secretary. Aylesford, Feb. 9th, 1866. The next Lecture before the above society, will be delivered by PROFESSOR D. F. HIGGINS, M. A., in the Vestry of the Baptist Church, Wolfville, on Friday evening, March 2nd, at 7 o'clock. SUBJECT:—"Heat." GEORGE E. TUFTS, Cor. Sec.

NEWS SUMMARY.

The Cunard Steamer *Europa* arrived on Sunday evening, with dates to the 3rd inst. The lateness of her arrival is accounted for by the rough weather and high winds encountered throughout her passage. The news she brings is of varied interest. The intelligence from Jamaica was of a more satisfactory character. Sir Henry Storks had arrived, and had been duly inaugurated Governor, *vice* Mr. Eyre. The negroes especially, seem to have had their confidence restored by his arrival, and were congratulating each other upon it, saying, "Now we shall have justice." Not only are the former reports, respecting the atrocities committed, confirmed by the island papers, written without the fears of martial law over them, but the *Times*' correspondent, sent out specially, gives the result of his observations, and these indicate pretty clearly that the whole government of the island was a mass of corruption. The following extract from the *Times* may serve as a specimen:

"By the jobbery of some of its members, and the perversity and bitterness of others, the House of Assembly has made itself an unmitigated nuisance to every man of education and position in Jamaica. No one says a good word for it; there was no confidence in its measures, or in the prosperity of the island, so long as it existed; it continued to wrangle through the Session, and bar the road against sound and comprehensive legislation. Much stronger language than I care to repeat is used without reserve by men of position here, when speaking of this body, and all agree that it never passed an act so beneficial to the colony as that by which it accomplished self-destruction." It was the complexion of the defunct Legislature, what might be expected from the laws which it passed, and the spirit in which they were executed? It is gratifying to notice that the special correspondent, thanks the massacres in the island following the outbreak at Morant Bay have been exaggerated. "I am assured," he says, "that, taking into account those who were hanged, shot, or slain by soldiers and Maroons in the bush, the number of negroes who have lost their lives has not been more than 400, and that 500 is an outside statement."

A report of the trial of George W. Gordon, or rather the mockery of a trial, shows that his death was determined on before his apprehension, and that no shadow of guilt appeared before the court. The trial took place by drum-head court-martial, consisting of Lieutenant Brand, of H. M. gunboat *Onyx*, president; and Lieutenant Carrington of H. M. S. *Wolverine*; and Esq. Kelly, of 4th W. I. Regt. The change in the tone of the *Times* since the reception of the late intelligence, will go far to remove the unfavorable impression towards the negroes, which had been cherished by certain classes in England. Governor Eyre and his friends in Jamaica will have to give an account of themselves, and will probably not meet with much sympathy. The Imperial Parliament formally met for preliminary business on the 1st inst., and elected Mr. Evelyn Denison, Speaker of the House of Commons. The opening speech would be read by Her Majesty in person, on the 6th inst. There were sixty election petitions to be disposed of. The Cattle Plague was still increasing throughout Great Britain, and causing much uneasiness. Remedies from which good results were anticipated had failed. Vaccination of animals appears to be useless, as a preventative of disease. The following statistics present a melancholy picture of the ravages of the pestilence. The number of fresh cases in England for the week ending Jan. 27th, was 11,745 against 10,041 for the preceding week.

Memora, &c. of Father Harris Harding. J. DAVIS begs to inform the subscribers to the above work, with all others who may wish to obtain it, that, after various unavoidable delays, he has now begun to put his book to press. Its appearance may be looked for, at the latest, in the course of the following summer. Charlottetown, P. E. I., Jan. 1866.

Letters Received. Rev. D. W. C. Dimock, 1 sub. G. C. Brown, \$2. J. Gammon, \$2. D. V. Dimock, \$2. C. Mosher, \$2. J. F. Marsters, \$4. Rev. W. Dobson, \$4. A. Whitman, \$5. T. B. Layton, \$2. J. Stewart, R. G. Grant, Thos. H. Parker, J. J. Hall, Rev. D. Freeman, \$4. Dr. L. Johnston, \$4 for Mr. Spinney. Geo. V. Rand, 1 sub. C. Y. Snell, \$5. Rev. E. Hickson, \$4. J. E. Irvin, H. E. Payson, Esq. Rev. G. F. Miles, Rev. J. F. Kempton, C. Jost, (2), 1 sub, \$8. W. Churchill, Esq., 1 sub, \$20. Rev. Dr. Tupper, \$4. F. W. Jones, M. Kinsman, 1 sub, Rev. Chas. Randall, G. E. Tufts, Rev. W. George, J. M. Parker, Esq., \$9 27. T. M. King, \$1.30. Rev. O. Murray, 1 sub. S. Bell, \$1.50. J. Dearbray, Esq., \$8.

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FALL STOCK OF HATS AND CAPS. WE have just received per S. S. Cuba and Aleppo, part of our FALL STOCK, which comprises all the latest novelties of the season as well as the staple articles of the trade. We have also received and shall have open for inspection in a few days a large stock of LADIES' FURS, which we shall sell as low as at any establishment in the city.

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The *Unionist* of Monday last, has the following paragraph:—"The Yarmouth Candidate, Revd. Mr. Bancroft, a Baptist Clergyman, in orders, opposes Mr. Townsend, formerly a Representative of Yarmouth. If he succeeds, a new question will probably be raised in the House of Assembly."

It should have said Rev. Mr. Goucher. It is only fair, we think, to that gentleman to have it known that "in orders" scarcely defines his position. Several years ago in consequence of a severe attack of throat disease he relinquished the ministerial work; and since then, has only occasionally preached to fill up a vacancy, or to assist his brethren. He has lately built a large store and is doing business in Yarmouth.

Whatever views we may entertain of the propriety of a minister of the gospel taking so prominent a part in the affairs of the state, as to become a candidate for legislative honors, we do not apprehend that any "question" need trouble the House of Assembly, as to the right of a constituency to choose its own representative. The people of Yarmouth are the best able to judge who they should send to represent them in Parliament. We would not advise any such "question" being raised. The law existing in New Brunswick, prohibiting ministers of the gospel from holding a seat in the Legislature, enacted for the purpose of excluding the Rev. Joseph Crandall, we regard as a piece of class legislation not very creditable to that province; and until it is repealed we shall regard our brethren across the Bay as not enjoying the full amount of civil and religious liberty to which they are entitled.

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No one but Mr. Gidney would entertain such a ridiculous idea. It must have been pure love of mischief that induced him to write such nonsense. We should have thought him old enough to have become a wiser man. We know nothing of the designs of government, as he well knows, and have no means of knowing what are their intentions in respect to the Franchise, or any other measure they propose to introduce.

DALHOUSIE COLLEGE.—The *Monthly Record of the Church of Scotland* (February) makes an earnest call on the subscribers to the Fund for the Church of Scotland Professorship to pay up the amount of their subscriptions to the Dalhousie College Fund. The Convener of the Financial Committee, says: "the time for paying up the third and last instalment has already transpired. The necessity for punctuality in the payment of the sums due has not diminished but rather increased. The sums subscribed, especially in the congregations of the Presbytery of Pictou, were

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