

fully conceded by myself. Respecting your closing remarks: If they are intended to affect myself I would simply say—If you knew all the circumstances, you would not, with your usual candour, have expressed yourself so. There are generally as you are aware, two phases to every question or disputed point—and as you well say, “differences of opinion will exist amongst men of intelligent, independent minds, and we see no objection to their giving expression to them for the purpose of eliciting truth.” I may now say—that person does not live who can truthfully charge me with ever exercising an undue or unfair influence over the independent mind of a single individual of any denomination! We have been defamed we know—and you may have been mystified. Moreover, changes of mind according to the measure of light received will occur, necessarily so, in this imperfect state of the Church of Christ—but you will hardly allow I imagine, the appellation—“unstable souls” to be indiscriminately applied to all those who have thought it right in their individual judgement to leave “open communion” for “close communion” principles, or, on the other hand to go from the latter to the former?

Independent thought and waiting upon God's guidance should control the mind, heart, life and actions of every true christian, and I think you will agree with me that we may well pause ere we apply any thing “objectionable” to a really earnest soul seeking light and following Jesus accordingly. Surely if our souls become filled with the love of Christ, and love to Christ, we shall find enough in Him, and through Him, and by Him (in the teaching of the Holy Spirit,) to love all his redeemed ones, to labour together for the good of souls, and to rejoice with each other in any real progress of the Gospel of our ascended Lord and Saviour! and be ready with the Apostle Peter to say, “Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another; love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous.”

That you and I my brother may be thus found “till Jesus comes” or calls us “HOME!” is the prayer of yours—in the fellowship of Jesus,

S. F. KENDALL.

### Religious Intelligence.

**BRIDGETOWN.**—Rev. George Armstrong writes May 15th,—“Last Lord's Day I had the privilege of baptizing five rejoicing converts. Oh that the Spirit may be poured out still more abundantly.”

**PARADISE.**—We are glad to learn that the church in this place is sharing in the revival influences with other churches in the neighbourhood, and that on Lords-day the 6th, the Rev. N. Vidito baptized two, and on the 13th nine believers, into the fellowship of the church.

**UPPER AYLESFORD.**—Mr. Editor,—It affords me pleasure to communicate to your numerous readers, that in answer to united prayer in the 4th Cornwallis Church, God has visited his people there, in strengthening that which remained, reclaiming the stray sheep, and converting souls to himself. Eleven have already been baptized, and more are expected to go forward soon. Yours truly, J. L. READ.

**HILLSBOROUGH, ANNAPOLIS CO.**—Rev. A. Martell informs us he has accepted the pastorate of the 1st Hillsborough Church and wishes his correspondence to be addressed to him there.

Mr. M. adds,—“Since I last addressed you seven others have united with the church, and the work of grace still progresses. Our meetings are full and very interesting. A large number have been converted to God, and many have been restored.”

**WEYMOUTH.**—Rev. Charles Randall writes May 16,—“I am happy to inform you that the Lord is reviving his work even amongst us; both in Weymouth, and in New Tusket Churches, old professors have been quickened, some backsliders have returned to their long neglected privileges, and quite a number have professed faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, principally among the young. I have already baptized 56 persons, 22 at Weymouth, and 34 at New Tusket, 24 of whom were baptized last Sabbath, and we confidently trust that the work is still progressing. To God be all the praise “not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit saith the Lord of Hosts.” In this we rejoice. We have for the most part been alone, among ourselves in these services. Our esteemed Brother John C. Morse was with us three days, and did good service, the Lord reward him for his labors of love; and our good Brother Normandy coming along preached once for us. But we believe the Lord has been with us, who often uses the most feeble means to accomplish his designs.”

**FREDERICTON, N. B.**—The Revival in Fredericton has added seventeen members to the Baptist Church of that City, and others are expected soon to come forward for baptism. The Sabbath School, under the superintendence of Professor Hopper, is also much quickened, and is in a more healthy state than it has been for years. We are informed that Rev. Mr. Langridge, of Pictou, N. S., is expected to visit Fredericton in July, by invitation, with a view to the pastorate.—*Visitor.*

### General Intelligence.

#### Domestic.

**THE SEASON** in all parts of the country is a backward one. We hear from east and west that the late rains have been of great benefit to the grass. With a few warm days, vegetation will now soon make rapid progress and probably be none the worse for the late cool weather. The fruit trees will perhaps be none the more backward, if no late frosts come to nip the buds after the blossoms are formed.

**THE QUEEN'S BIRTH-DAY** is to be celebrated to-morrow by a review on the Common. It is expected that the Halifax Volunteers will be on the ground with the Regulars.

The Halifax street Railway we are informed is also to be opened for traffic to-morrow. It is said the cars will take passengers free the first day.

**LICENSES TO SELL LIQUOR.**—It appears that a large proportion of the retailers of liquor are selling in defiance of the law and of the city ordinances. The condition decided upon last year as necessary to enable them to sell liquor in connection with other articles—taking out an extra license, has, we are informed, only in a very few instances, been complied with. The rum traffic is a bad business and works sad mischief in all parties having to do with it—corrupting the fountains of justice and good order. It would be well if our civic authorities were more vigilant in its suppression. Some means should be devised to make the business pay for the injury it does. The whole charge of the police force would be but a small item of the burdens it imposes on the citizens. Halifax is not alone in these respects but it might be still very much improved if those in authority were disposed to carry out the law faithfully.

**THE MOUNT ALLISON INSTITUTION.** The Amherst Gazette gives a report of the exercises at the late Anniversary of this establishment. The Teachers' Prizes (Ladies Academy) were taken by Miss Cassie A. Knapp 1st, and Miss Ruth McLellan 2nd. (Male Academy) by Mr. Thos. B. Flint 1st, and Mr. D. H. Burbridge 2nd. The degree of  *Mistress of Liberal Arts* was conferred on Miss Amelia A. Pickard, Miss Teenie Tupper, and Miss Emarancy M. Pickard. The following is the list of Orations by college Students.

- Salutatory Address, (Latin) by B. Russell.
- “The Soul's Immortality,” S. B. Martin.
- Greek Oration, G. W. Burbridge.
- “The Crusades,” S. A. Chesley.
- “Westminster Abbey,” R. A. Borden.
- “Italy,” S. Toddings.
- “The Anglo Saxons,” R. C. Weldon.
- “The Growth of Human Knowledge,” T. Hodgson.

The following gentlemen were admitted to the Degree of B. A.:—Messrs. T. Hodgson, R. C. Weldon, S. Toddings, R. A. Borden, S. A. Chesley, C. Wood. The Degree of M. A. was conferred on Mr. Josiah Wood and Rev. H. Sprague (both B. A., 1863.) The Honorary Degree of D. D. was conferred on Rev. G. Scott, of England.

We believe that the ceremony of relaying the corner-stone of the Male Academy, unfortunately burnt down recently, took place on Tuesday, but we have not the particulars.

**MACKKREL** are making their appearance on the coast. Some have been taken at St. Margarets Bay.

**ASSAULT.**—Two men from Wentworth are confined in the County Gaol,—one charged with having assaulted his sister there, and the other for attempting to rescue him from his confinement and threatening to use a knife and pistol which he brandished before the gaoler.—*Amherst Gazette.*

**FIRE.**—A barn owned by Jas. W. Johnston, junr., Esq., at Dartmouth, was totally destroyed by fire between 11 and 12 o'clock on Saturday night.

The steamer *Island City*, intended to ply between this port and Yarmouth, arrived from Boston via Liverpool, N. S., on Sunday.

The U. States monitor *Mainitonomah* and Steamer *Augusta* left Halifax on Thursday last for St. John's, Newfoundland. Several men attempted to skedaddle, but were captured by the police, who returned them to the ship and received \$20 each for so doing. Only two got away clear. The large iron clad *Donderberg* is expected to visit Halifax this summer.

The Band of the 4th Regt. have commenced playing on the North Common on Monday afternoons. Noisy children should not be allowed to disturb them or prevent the public from listening.

**FINE SALMON** are being caught in our bays and rivers. One was taken at Liverpool a few days ago weighing 17½ lbs. They command good prices in the Halifax market.

The Temperance Hall, South Rawdon, Hants, was destroyed by fire on Monday the 14th inst.

A young man named Wm. J. Fultz, carpenter, a native of Sackville, Halifax, was accidentally killed at Lunenburg, 3rd inst., by falling from the roof of a house.

**MILITIA INSPECTION.**—The men of the Dartmouth Regiment, drafted for actual service, were assembled on the Dartmouth Common last Thursday for inspection of arms. They appeared a fine able-bodied set of men.

**OUR ENGLISH MAIL.**—It is stated that the Home Government has intimated to the Cunard Company that the subsidy granted to that incomparable line of ocean steamships, for carrying H. M. Mails, will be discontinued at the termination of the existing contract with the Company. The contract expires in 1867.—*Reporter.*

We were sorry to learn that Dr. Cramp, who has so long and successfully occupied the Presidency of Acadia College, had signified his desire to withdraw from that position; but are glad to state that in reply to Resolutions passed a few days ago, at a large meeting of the Governors, Scholarship-holders and friends of the College, that gentleman has decided to discharge the duties for another collegiate year.—*Amherst Gazette.*

**SUPREME COURT.**—On Tuesday, 15th inst., Mary Smith, charged with infanticide, was pronounced “Not Guilty” on the ground of insanity.

The three artillerymen were sentenced to 3 months hard labor in the Penitentiary for breaking into Mr. Albro's house.

Wednesday.—Carney Woods, charged with shooting John McPherson at Waverly. As the jury could not agree the prisoner was admitted on bail, to take his trial again in October.

Thursday.—Catherine Houghton was convicted of concealing the birth of her child. Joseph Robinson charged with killing his wife by striking her with a ginger beer bottle, was convicted of manslaughter, but commended to the consideration of the court.

On the CIVIL side an important Insurance case was decided on Thursday, by a verdict of £1000 for Mr. Thomas, against the Queen Insurance Company.

**ST. MARGARETS BAY.**—W. E. Brine reports 130 barrels of gold bearing quartz taken from the gold mines at the head of Margaret's Bay, and supposes the mines will yield gold in quantity and quality equal, or superior to any in the province.

#### Fishing Extraordinary!

**CAPTURE OF A WHALE.**—Amidst the many sensation stories about Fenianism and Confederation, please allow me a corner in your paper to change the scene by relating a fish story.

Unlike the ordinary “fish stories” drawn mainly from the imagination, mine shall be an authentic relation of the capture and death of a veritable whale.

On the 7th inst., as the parties in attendance on a fish weir belonging to John W. Roscoe Esq., and others, on the shore of the Bay of Fundy about two miles above Halls Harbour in Cornwallis, when waiting the ebbing of the tide, they discovered that they had enclosed some huge marine monster, and true to the spirit of the times, fearing a raid of some kind, immediately flew to arms, equipping themselves with rifles, long knives fixed on poles and axes, but strategically avoided any demonstration until he was about taking the ground, when the murderous onslaught commenced, “horse foot and artillery.”

The battle raged furiously on both sides. The besieged “in raising himself up,” made “the mighty afraid,” making, “the sea to boil like a pot.” The besiegers fearing that their prey might outlive their short opportunity, and yet flee to parts unknown, the low tides not allowing the water to leave the weir, after expending ammunition, charged with pikes and broad-axes, and after many deeds of daring and bravery succeeded in severing an artery from which the blood flowed with great violence, and poor fishy succumbed to disciplined force and superior numbers. On the rise of the tide he was towed in shore and secured. Upon examination it proved to be a male Whale of the true Greenland species measuring forty two feet in length, thirty feet around the largest part of the body, six feet around the root of the tail, and thirteen feet across its flukes. As of other great victories, the news soon spread and many were the visitors, curious to see the “Elephant” and ask questions. The captors were highly complimented for their prowess, and congratulated on their good fortune in securing their summer's pork cheaply. His mouth contained a large quantity of the true “whalebone” three feet in length. His blubber was from three to ten inches in thickness, very much resembling coarse, heavy, fat pork and quite as greasy. His skin was black, soft and smooth as India rubber, much like it in appearance and quite as destitute of scales. His mouth was totally destitute of any appearance of teeth, armed only with the “whalebone” a series of vertical plates standing like the teeth of a comb terminating in fringes, instead of points, and intended only, seemingly, to retain by straining from the water the minute animals on which the enormous being subsisted. He was considered a very fat and valuable fish. About six hundred gallons of oil have already been taken from him, supposed to be only about half his supply. The capture made quite a sensation here, and as it is considered a new branch of business and well calculated to make things slip along smoothly, it seems only justice to the enterprising fellows that we notice their spirit and encourage them to proceed.

Cornwallis, May 14, 1866.

[Much obliged for the piece of whalebone sent. Hope it will arrive safely.—Ed.]

#### Prince Edward Island.

The LEGISLATURE was prorogued on Friday the 11th. The vote taken on the Confederation resolutions showed seven for and twenty-one against.

A letter from Souris P. E. I., contains an account of the arrival of the schr. *Jane* after a detention in the ice of six long winter months, being surprised and held fast by “Jack Frost.” The Captain and crew are in excellent health, and were received with public demonstrations of joy.—*Sun.*

#### New Brunswick.

THE ELECTION.—The following are the dates of the Elections in the several Counties named below:—

	Nom.	Election.	Declaration.
Northumberland,	May 21,	May 25,	May 28.
Carleton,	“ 22,	“ 26,	“ 29.
Albert,	“ 25,	“ 29,	“ 31.
Sunbury,	“ 26,	“ 30,	June 2.
Gloucester,	“ 26,	June 1,	“ 4.
Queen's,	“ 26,	June 1,	“ 5.
St. John County,	June 2,	“ 6,	“ 9.
“ “ City	“ 2,	“ 7,	“ 9.

The nominations for St. John, are thus given in a special despatch to the *Express*:

ST. JOHN, N. B., May 18th.—The following is the Confederation ticket for St. John City:—Tilley and Wetmore. For the County.—Grey, Wilnot, Skinner and Quinton. The Anti-Confederate ticket is as follows:—For the City—Troop and Thomson. For the County—Anglin, Cudlip, Coran and Robertson. The Confederate prospects are very cheering, and every prospect of success. Great interest is being manifested on both sides. The first election will come off on the 25th inst., in the Northumberland-County, and there is no doubt that the whole-Confederate ticket will be returned. The election for the County of St. John will take place on the 6th of June, and for the City on the 7th. All elections are to be over by the 12th of June.

**FATAL ACCIDENT.**—Capt. McKenzie, of the ship *Wimburn* of Pictou, N. S., accidentally shot himself with his pistol (whilst in the act of laying it away on board his vessel in St. John, N. B., harbor on Monday evening. The slugs entered his face, one of them lodging in the vicinity of the temple. The wound was thought to be dangerous. His wife was on board the vessel at the time, and was a witness of the distressing event. The wounded man was brought ashore.

#### Canada.

The 100th (Royal Canadian) Regt., is now on passage from Malta to Quebec. This corps was raised in Canada several years since. His R. H. the Prince of Wales, is Colonel in Chief of the Royal Canadian.

A fearful fire took place in Quebec on the 8th instant, by which 150 families were rendered homeless.

On the 15th inst., at sunrise, a seaman of H. M. S. *Pylades*, at Quebec, sentenced to death by court martial for having stabbed one of the officers, was hanged from the yardarm of that ship.

The Quebec Gazette has been informed by telegraph that the steamer *Annette* sunk off Point St. Roche on the night of the 13th inst.

#### United States.

Jefferson Davis is to be tried in Virginia charged with overt acts of treason and forcible resistance to law by openly inciting acts of hostility against the United States authorities. Some of the leading Republicans are dissatisfied that he is not to be tried by special commission and that he is not charged with encouraging the assassination of Abraham Lincoln.

**THE SOUTH** appears but little subdued. The following opinion is expressed by the *Chicago Tribune*:—“The entire Southern press is as boldly defiant in its treasonable utterances to-day as it was on the birthday of secession. It still vigorously defends the right of secession. Its pulpits preach that right. Its law-makers recognize it. Its people crown the graves of the Confederate dead as martyrs to a patriotic cause, and while some have the cunning to conceal, others have the effrontery to openly assert that their cause only lacks opportunity to make it a success.”

**MEXICO.**—A Washington despatch, of Saturday last, says: the belief prevails in Diplomatic circles that a European war is inevitable—that Napoleon will withdraw his troops from Mexico at an early day, and Maximilian will find himself obliged to return with them for want of money.

**THE FENIANS.**—Large defalcations have been discovered in the Treasury of the Brotherhood, causing great excitement in the body. Stephens the head centre is making a tour of the U. States. He has dismissed O'Mahony, and it now appears that the blusters are without men or means to effect the liberation of Ireland or the invasion of Canada!

**THE MORMONS.**—Trouble is brewing in Utah. General Sherman has written Brigham Young, cautioning him against allowing the murder of “Gentiles” with impunity, and says he will soon have regular troops in Utah. Brigham replies that “Gentiles” lives are as safe there as Mormons. A certificate to that effect is signed by prominent “Gentiles.”