

A CATECHISM OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM.—By J. M. Cramp, D. D., Halifax, N. S.: Christian Messenger Office. 90 pp. 12mo. Price 20 cents.

The design of this catechism is to furnish the members of our churches and congregations, especially the young, with a full and careful statement of the reasons for the views which we hold on the subject of which it treats. It is in the form of a catechism, but not to be learned and recited verbatim. It covers the whole ground in controversy between us and Pedobaptists, and in every part shows the marks of study and original thought. Pres. Cramp's accustomed vivacity of style gives interest to every part of the discussion. We wish that all our church-members were furnished with this or some other equally satisfactory examination of the subject. In order to render any unprejudiced Christian a sound Baptist, it is only necessary that he knew the grounds on which the doctrine of baptism rests.—Philadelphia National Baptist.

Dr. Cramp's "Manual" on Baptism is a thoroughly compact and lucid argument in defence of believers' baptism as enjoined by Christ, and observed by his apostles. It ought to be placed in every Baptist family. Sabbath Schools and Bible classes would be good mediums of circulation.—Visitor.

The Rev. E. M. SAUNDERS, of Berwick, West Cornwallis, preached at the North Baptist Church on Sunday last, and is expected to remain a week or two longer.

TYPOGRAPHICAL.—In the "News Summary" of our last week's issue, it is said "the restored Slaves would feel it their own interest to deal fairly with the blacks"—instead of which it should have been the restored States.

Notices, &c.

Memoirs, &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. Charlotetown, P. E. I., Jan. 1866.

Letters Received.

R. R. Layton, \$5. J. W. Bars, Esq. Rev. D. W. C. Dimock, \$4, 1 sub. Joseph Masters, \$5. W. R. Doty, 1 sub. Rev. Dr. Tupper, \$17.—P. E. I. Union Bank Notes are worth their face.—The balance due will therefore be 4s. 8 1/2d., instead of 12s. 2 1/2d. [The above were accidentally omitted last week in copying for the press.] B. B. Moss, Esq., \$2, per P. Monaghan. W. S. Raymond, Esq., \$3, do. W. J. Gates, \$28.95.—pd. W. & S. L. McDonald, 1 sub. J. C. Longille, J. S. Witter, \$20, 1 sub.—All correct. D. Eaton, Joseph Dimock, \$5, 1 sub. W. C. Chandler, Rev. W. Hall, \$4. G. W. Freeman, \$10.50. Ward Eaton, Esq., \$4, 1 sub. Hon. A. McL. Seely, \$4. M. Kinsman, \$10. Rev. Dr. Tupper, \$4, 1 sub. C. H. Harrington, Esq., \$2. M. K. McCulloch, \$1.50. W. A. Morse, 1 sub. T. B. Layton, \$2.

General Intelligence.

Domestic.

The Ladies Seminary at Wolfville had a narrow escape on Friday 2nd inst. Fire was discovered in the schoolroom just in time to save it from doing much injury. It arose from the stove-pipe being too near to the lathing. The active assistance of willing hearts and ready hands soon overcame the incipient conflagration, and averted the danger. There is some talk of getting a fire-engine for the village—a very prudent measure.

Dr. CRAWLEY in a letter to the Visitor, acknowledging the kindness of the friends in St. John, adds:—

"Similar kindness awaited us in Granville, where the brethren opened to us their hearts and houses; and our whole journey, from the moment we arrived in the Province until we reached our home, was attended with one unbroken series of christian and brotherly attentions. Surely, I am bound to devote to these beloved Provinces the utmost exertion for their benefit of what may remain to me of life and strength.

I am much pleased with the appearance of the classes I meet at old Acadia, and am happy in the thought of labouring for their improvement."

OUR HARBOR.—The great sensation of the past week in Halifax has been the ice bridge over the harbor. Such a thing as five days crossing has not been known for the last quarter of a century or perhaps longer. Thousands have crossed during the week and thus far on the regular truck without casualties, except a few slips into the water at the shore. Some of the more venturesome have gone over at night taking lighted torches with them. Much amusement has arisen from the ice cheating the Ferry Company out of the fares. One of our contemporaries states that "an old colored lady residing in Dartmouth has been observed walking backwards and forwards across the harbor daily a dozen times, without wishing to land, merely reaching this or the other side and retarding. She was interrogated as to her motive, and gave as a reason, that every time was five cents saved!"

A conversation overheard between two colored ladies in the market on Saturday, ended thus: one was rejoicing in the cheap passage across, which the other clinched by observing that "she hoped it'd last to blue-berrying time!" There are great complaints against the Steamboat Company for using no effort to keep a clear passage for the Ferry. The residents in Dartmouth have been subjected to serious inconvenience, which by a small extra outlay at the proper time, on the part of the chartered authorities for keeping up communication with the city, might have been prevented. There will probably be remonstrance offered by the inhabitants.

We are sorry to have to add that a lad about 10 years, son of Mr. Joseph Rogers, Photographer, was downed by the breaking of the ice some distance above the city. He was skating in company with another lad a relative named Martin. Both were precipitated into the water by the breaking of the ice on Saturday. Martin managed to get on the ice again, and efforts were shortly made by parties from the shore to rescue Rogers, but they were unavailing.

We were fearful that some calamity would arise from the number of young persons venturing on the ice.

The ice was broken up on Monday by the Steamers Merlin and Neptune. This was rendered comparatively easy by the spell of mild weather, and the rain which had fallen during the morning. We are informed that the expense attending this operation was borne in equal proportions by the Provincial Government, the Corporation and the Merchants of the city.

YARMOUTH ELECTION.—Yesterday was nomination day and it polling takes place, as we presume it will, it will be on the 20th inst. At the public meeting held at the Court house, on the 29th ult., to adopt measures for securing the nomination of a fit and proper person to represent the township, after a considerable amount of irregular discussion, it was moved by John K. Ryerson and seconded by Nelson Corning,—

"That it is the opinion of this meeting the Common Schools should be wholly supported out of the general revenue of the Province." This resolution did not pass.

It was then moved by George Killam and seconded by Nathan Moses,—

"That it is the opinion of the meeting that our Representatives should endeavour to obtain an amendment of the School Bill, empowering any Section to assess themselves for the support of schools." This resolution passed.

Since then W. H. Townsend has issued a card in which he says:—

"By request of a number of friends, I am induced to offer myself as a Candidate for your suffrages. If elected, I shall oppose Confederation of our Province with Canada, and will discharge to the best of my ability, the duties pertaining to the office of your Representative."

There will therefore be a contest between John Ryerson and W. H. Townsend; both having expressed their opposition to Confederation.

RABBIT DISEASE.—We are given to understand, by persons who have the opportunity of knowing, that a singular disease has broken out among the rabbits throughout the woods of this Province, from the effects of which hundreds have died. By some it is attributed to the excessive coldness of the season and the great quantity of snow in the woods.—Recorder.

We perceive in our P. E. Island exchanges an account of a presentation to Mr. Geo. Matheson formerly of this city; but now of Charlottetown. Mr. M. was long connected with the Sons of Temperance here, and upon his removal to P. E. Island, it was decided by the city Divisions to present him with a testimonial in the shape of a handsome Bible, which was accordingly forwarded to a Division in the colony where he now resides. The recipient of this mark of esteem has rendered much service to the Temperance organizations in this Province.

SAD ACCIDENT.—About a week ago, a man named McBurnie, belonging to Tatamagouche, met with a shocking death. He was sitting on a sled load of hay, and falling down in front, got entangled, with his head dragging on the ground. The horse becoming frightened, ran off, and the unfortunate man's head was bruised and mangled in a horrid manner. He only survived his injuries, a few hours. It is said that the man was under the influence of intoxicating liquor at the time.—Picton Chronicle.

STRAIT OF CANSO MARINE RAILWAY.—The Annual Meeting of the Strait of Canso Marine Railway Company was held on Tuesday last. The report of the Secretary and the accounts submitted, showed the affairs of the Company to be in a most gratifying condition. The net earnings of the railway for the year 1865 were sufficient to warrant the directors in declaring a dividend of six per cent, on the capital from the date of the first installment being paid in June, 1863, being equal to a dividend of nearly fourteen per cent, on the year's operations. The ship now built is found to be insufficient to accommodate all the demands of the business, and arrangements have been made to construct another railway of smaller dimensions beside the present one, to carry two cradles, each capable of taking up a vessel of two hundred tons. The work of the new railway is already well advanced. The necessary excavation has been completed, the timber is on the ground, and it is expected that it will be completed and in full operation by the middle of July next. This railway has already proved of very great benefit to shipping, and supplies a want long felt in that great marine thoroughfare.—Citizen.

The Antigonish Casquet gives an authoritative denial to the statement which appeared in several of the Provincial papers that the Hon. John McKinnon had resigned his seat in the Executive.

OUR RAILWAYS.—It speaks volumes for the management of and the conduct of the employees on the Nova Scotia Railways, East and West, that, notwithstanding the severity of the weather, frequent snow storms, and other disadvantages incidental to winter transit and traffic over an iron road, not the slightest misadventure has occurred in that department since the setting in of winter.—Reporter.

LECTURES.—The lecture last week by His Worship the Mayor, before the Halifax Young Men's Christian Association was one of great interest. The learned gentlemen showed the superiority of Christian civilization over all that which has previously existed.

The next Lecture will be delivered (D. V.) on Tuesday evening next, Feb. 20th, at Temperance Hall, by Rev. R. A. Temple. Subject, "A familiar lecture on the Bible."

OUR GOLD FIELDS.—The Royal Gazette of last Wednesday furnishes valuable information from the Chief Commissioner, touching the gold products of this Province during the last quarter of the year 1865. These returns show that operations are commencing at Stormont, Wine Harbour, Sherbrooke, Tangier, Montague, Waverley, Oldham and Renfrew. In October last the number of mines worked at these places was 71, the same employing an average of 681 men, and 34 crushing mills in operation. There were 2157 tons of quartz crushed, and the amount of gold yielded was 2389 oz 3 dwts and 16 grs. In the month of November there were 78 mines being worked, 672 men employed on an average, and 2226 tons of quartz crushed, the total yield of gold being 2012 oz 14 dwts 20 grs. In the month of December there were 67 mines being worked, 666 men employed on an average, and 2320 tons of quartz crushed, the total yield of gold being 1642 oz 8 dwts 3 grs.—One crushing mill, erected at Renfrew, was added in the month of December. The total yield of gold in the combined districts, for the quarter ending December 30th, 1865, was 6044 oz 6 dwt and 15 grs, being an increase over the corresponding quarter of 1864 of 586 oz 18 dwts.

TRANSPPOSITION.—The Rev. J. Allison, a Wesleyan Methodist clergyman, well known in this, his native province, has gone over to the Congregationalists, and accepted a charge in Milwaukee.—Sun.

COAL MINING AT NEW GLASGOW.—The Eastern Chronicle, says that "the works at the coal mine of Mr. French, are proceeding very satisfactorily. Workmen have commenced to dig a tunnel with a view to striking the seam of coal at a point of about 225 feet below the pit mouth, and slightly above the level of high tide in the Middle River. This tunnel, when completed, will do away with the necessity of raising coal to the pit mouth, and will also be a valuable auxiliary in draining off whatever surplus water may be in the mine. The railroad in contemplation will run from the tunnel mouth to the deep water of the Middle River, terminating in a pier at a point where the largest vessel entering Picton harbour may receive a cargo of coal. The length of railroad and pier will be somewhat over four miles."

Thanks to Mrs. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP, we have been relieved from sleepless nights of painful watching with poor, suffering, teething children. It gives not only rest, but vigor and health—the little fellow will wake up bright, cheerful and refreshed—softens the gums, cures wind colic and regulates the bowels.—[Christian Cabinet.] 25 cents a bottle.

BROWN'S BRONCHIAL TROCHES.—These Lozenges are prepared from a highly esteemed Recipe for alleviating Bronchial Affections, Asthma, Hoarseness, Coughs, Colds, and Irritation or Soreness of the Throat.

New Brunswick.

GERMAIN STREET BAPTIST CHURCH.—The Building Committee have made satisfactory arrangements for the completion of their new Chapel. The style and finish are to be of the most modern and approved type. The whole cost of the church when completed and furnished will not be far short of \$20,000.

GREAT FIRES AT ST. JOHN.—On Friday evening 2nd inst., a fire broke out in the premises of Mr. W. Brown, Charlotte Street, and before the flames could be subdued, his house, Mr. Tucker's school-room adjoining, with its furniture, maps, books, &c., the shop of Greely, saddler, and Durant's liquor store were principally destroyed. The losses are said to be heavy, and insurance small.

On Saturday night a most disastrous fire, which commenced in Mr. James Manson's premises, King Street, raged with great violence, consuming in its progress the whole establishment with all its contents, and also Messrs A. T. Gilman's, Mr. Lanney's, Mr. Cunningham's, Messrs. Bowes & Kennedy's stores, with a large portion of the goods which they contained. Mr. Manson was insured to the extent of \$3,000, and the Messrs. Gilman to the amount of \$6,000. Some of the others were insured for small amounts, and consequently lost all.

SAD ACCIDENT AND LOSS OF LIFE.—A correspondent of the Religious Intelligence gives an account of a lamentable accident, which occurred at Perth, Victoria County, on the 24th ult. He states that three men—Elisha Larlee, George Inman, and George Adams—were engaged in lumbering, and were camping about four miles from the main river. On the above mentioned night, the camp caught fire,

and sad to relate, two of the three were consumed by the flames. Mr. Elisha Larlee escaped, but badly burned—his head, face, hands, arms, and back being almost literally roasted. For some days his life was despaired of; but at the time of writing this, it is thought by the attentive physician that he may survive. Mr. Geo. Inman was a married man of respectability, and leaves a wife and one child, a widowed mother, and numerous relatives to mourn his early and terrible death. Mr. George Adams was a fine young man, of about 18 years of age, and leaves a large number of friends, as well as an aged parent, to mourn his untimely end.

EUROPEAN AND NORTH AMERICAN RAILWAY.—The following is a comparative return of the traffic receipts of the E. & N. A. Railway for the month ending Jan. 31st, 1866, and the corresponding month in 1865:—

Table with 2 columns: 1866 and 1865. Rows: Passengers, Freight, Mails and Sundries, Increase.

We understand that Dr. J. Baxter has been appointed to the post of Medical Superintendent of the Public Hospital, rendered vacant by the death of the late lamented Dr. Sinclair.—News.

Canada.

ROBBING OF CEMETERIES.—Some excitement has been occasioned in Montreal and Quebec by the discovery of several dead bodies recently sent from the latter to the former city. The Montreal Telegraph gives the following account of the matter:—

"They were contained in two large deal boxes marked 'Glassware,' and packed in snow. On arriving at Point St. Charles, Mr. Flynn and detective Cullen called on Mr. Doran, of the freight department, and Mr. St. Mars, and requested them to have the suspected boxes opened. This they immediately had done, and on removing some of the snow in which they were packed, one case was found to contain one man and two women, and the other three women and one man. Three of the bodies were those of young women, and it was stated that they had been taken from the Petite Riviere, Old St. Patrick's and Belmont Cemeteries, in the vicinity of the ancient capital. The bodies were taken out and then repacked, after which they were nailed up again and placed on the freight train to Quebec, to which place they returned yesterday evening. The boxes were addressed to a medical student in this city, but were intended for the McGill College dissecting-room whose American supplies have been cut off since the close of the war, from which source mainly, they obtained all the bodies used during the last two or three years at the rate of \$15 a piece. The students are consequently obliged to look to other sources for the prosecution of their studies, and are forced to resort to what some people may term the disreputable practice detected yesterday.

The cases bore the following direction: This side up with care.—Mr. Leroux.

A deaf mute passed his examination as an attorney at a recent term of the Court at Toronto.

Commercial.

Halifax Markets.

Corrected for the C. Messenger, Feb. 14th, 1866.

Table of market prices for various goods like Flour, Butter, Coffee, Tea, Sugar, Molasses, Salmon, Codfish, Mackerel, Herring, Haddock, Mince, Coal, Wood.

Farmers' Market.

Table of market prices for agricultural products like Hay, Beef, Pork, Bacon, Mutton, Poultry, Ducks, Turkeys, Cheese, Eggs, Oats, Apples, Potatoes.

CANCERS! CANCERS!!

DR. A. E. PORTER can cure them. His method is simple, quick, and easy. He has cured a great many. If he fails he will make no charge. Oct. 18.