

which will be immediately forwarded to him. A young man, who has been all his life connected with theatrical pursuits, arose in the Young Men's Prayer Meeting on Wednesday night, and requested an interest in their prayers. The young men prayed immediately with a fresh unction from above. He attended our meeting last night, and gave an interesting relation of his convictions, &c., as follows: He was travelling, and camping at a certain point was taken seriously ill; the doctor considered him dangerously sick. He felt that he had not lived as he ought to have done, and promised God that if he would spare him, he would lead a different life. He was spared, but soon forgot his vows, until coming to this city he saw the words "Young Men" on a placard, which induced him to read it. It was the notice of the Young Men's prayer meeting at the Baptist Church, to take place that night. He remembered his vows, and resolved to attend. His friends wondered why he was not going to the theatre. Said he, I was ashamed to tell them that I was going to a prayer meeting—but, said he, I do not feel ashamed now. I am resolved to prove the reality of godliness. My father, who was a praying man, told me when he died that God would bless me. I asked him how he knew that. Because, said my father, I have been praying earnestly for you. My friends, if I could only pray to God, I believe he would bless me; but it seems I don't know how. Please pray for me. I am very sad at intervals, lest I should fail to secure salvation, even now after beginning to seek the Lord. He has promised to attend an inquiry meeting with me and our young brethren this evening. The Lord be with you.

Oct. 29.—The congregations were encouraging again yesterday, with the usual attendance in the Sabbath School. I had the pleasure of baptizing a lovely young man in the evening. The impression appeared to be very salutary upon the audience, a majority of whom were young people.

The ministers' meeting, or Pastors' Association, was renewed to-day—Dr. Dwinell, the president, in the chair. I learned that the Sabbath Convention originated in the pastor's meeting in this city. At an adjourned meeting, held also this morning, a letter of invitation to Bro. Earle to visit this city was prepared and signed by the pastors of the Congregational, Presbyterian, and Methodist Churches, and by the pastor, pro tem, of the Baptist Church, which will be forwarded as soon as the pastors of their churches have had an opportunity to sign.

Yours in love, JOHN FRANCIS.

Rhetorical Exhibition.

The Annual Rhetorical Exhibition of the Sophomore Class of Acadia College, took place in the Baptist Meeting House, Wolfville, on Thursday Evening, the 20th Inst. The following was the order of proceedings:—

- MUSIC....."Lift up your heads."
PRAYER.
MUSIC....."Awake! put on thy strength."
ORATIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE SOPHOMORE CLASS.
Perseverantia Omnia Vincit, J. Jones, Fredericton, N. B.
Philanthropy, J. Hunt, Cornwallis.
MUSIC....."Rejoice, Rejoice."
The Domain of Music, R. Sanford, Cornwallis.
MUSIC....."The Song of praise the Angels sang."
The Greek Mind, C. R. Daniels, Bridgetown.
Human Aspirations, N. McLeod, Uigg, P. E. I.
MUSIC....."Let every heart rejoice and sing."
ADDRESSES.
MUSIC....."National Anthem."
DENERDICTION.

Very excellent Address were delivered by the Rev. Messrs. Armstrong of Bridgetown and Saunders of Berwick.

Great interest was excited by the President's announcement of Prizes, a list of which will be found in another column.

The Essays were creditable productions. The Logic and Rhetoric were good: in Elocution there was room for improvement. The offer of an Elocution Prize will stimulate and encourage young speakers.

In the review of the year now nearly past we become conscious of many deficiencies and shortcomings. We have sought to place before our readers from week to week what would be of value to them, religiously, morally, intellectually, and commercially, but we feel that imperfection has attended us in all. In our best services we are compassed with infirmity. Still we hope that our efforts to serve our numerous subscribers have not been altogether failures. From very many of them we have received encouraging indications of approval. We would acknowledge our indebtedness to many of the wise and good for words of counsel, of kindness, and of cheer. They have met all of our demands upon them, in advance, and have also induced others to do the same. Our burden is greatly diminished by such means. We trust that every year will add to the number of these friends, until they shall be increased a thousand fold. We hope that the good they have sought to do, may be returned to them, good measure, pressed down and shaken together, and running over into their own bos-

oms; and that the seeds sown by them may spring up yielding blossoms of sweet fragrance and fruit of delicious taste for many years to come.

We shall be compelled, however, reluctantly, to remove some few names from our list, and we recommend such persons to an immediate settlement of their accounts, as the best mode of saving us and themselves further trouble. We shall be happy then to restore their names to the list of good and true men.

The Bible on Temperance.

The following are some of the Texts from which discourses might be preached on the subject of Temperance:

- The sin of Intemperance: Deut. xxix. 19 21; Isaiah xxviii. 1-3; Nahum i. 10; Prov. xx. 1.
Effects of Intemperance on the body: Prov. xxviii. 29, 32; Jeremiah xxv. 27.
Effects of Intemperance on the mind: Isaiah xxviii. 7; Luke xii. 45.
Its effect on the soul: Genesis ix. 21; Luke xii. 46; 1 Corinthians vi. 10; Galatians v. 21.
Its evils upon society. 1 Kings xvi. 8-10; xx. 16-20; Proverbs xxxi. 45.
Judgments God has pronounced against the intemperate. Proverbs xxiii. 20-21; Isaiah v. 11-12; Deuteronomy xxi. 20, 21; xxix. 18-20.

The Students and Friends of Acadia College will be gratified with the announcement in another column of a list of Prizes, provided under the auspices of the Alumni Association. They are good evidence of the interest felt in the standing and health of the students, as well as in the character of the College. We might say much more, but as we have to go to press a day earlier than usual, in consequence of Christmas day, we must be brief.

NEWS SUMMARY.

ONE of the most singular events, and indicative of the rapid progress of modern civilization, has just occurred in Egypt. It is probably known to most of our readers, that that Country, one of the most fertile of the globe, has for ages been governed by a system of the most unqualified despotism. For centuries past, Egypt and Palestine and Syria, have formed part of the dominions of the Turkish Sultan, who administered the Government by a Vice-roy. This potentate has, within our own times, once or twice thrown off his allegiance to the debilitated Turkish Power and asserted his independence. Until a few years since, for the preservation of peace and the protection of commerce, France and England interfered between the Sultan and his refractory subjects, and it was finally arranged that the Pasha of Egypt should hold his dominions as an independent hereditary monarch, except in the mere acknowledgement of subjection to the Sultan, and the payment of a very moderate tribute. From the time of the able and energetic Ali Pasha, the grand-father of the present ruler, who first commenced the adoption of European maxims of policy, and the encouragement of trade and manufactures, the country has been growing in wealth and importance. Ismail Pasha has just announced his intention of bestowing a Constitutional Government on Egypt, and is about to summon an Elective Council or House of Representatives, to be chosen by the people, consisting of seventy-five members. This surely is one of the strangest political events of modern times, and cannot fail to secure the best wishes and prayers of every real friend of humanity, that the experiment may prove a successful and happy one. Long after the commencement of the present century the Vice Roy of Egypt could strangle or cut off the heads of his subjects without control or being called to account by any one.

The Emperor of Austria is still at variance with his Hungarian subjects, who, we believe, form the largest portion of his subjects, and who persist in demanding the restoration of ancient constitutional rights, and which were guaranteed to them by the Emperor in 1848, but retracted by him on the suppression of the insurrection under Kossuth. As the leaders of the Hungarian party are men of firmness and moderation, as well as of ability to direct the councils of the people, it is most probable the Austrian Emperor will at last be compelled to accede to their just demands.

The Ritualistic contest is still going on in the English Church with increased intensity. The papers are filled with Bishops' charges, speeches, sermons and other Articles bearing on the subject. The Bench of Bishops either cannot or seem unwilling to interpose their authority in the matter—in fact some of them evidently connive at or foster the movement. Whether any appeal will be made to Parliament to put a stop to the present tendency to un-Protestantize the Established Church by

so many of her own ministers, is very doubtful. At any rate it seems quite impossible that the Clergy can go on together much longer, with any consistency, in the present state of her communion.

General Intelligence.

Domestic.

LECTURE.—The next Lecture of the present Course before the Young Men's Christian Association will be delivered (D. V.) on Wednesday evening next, Jan. 2nd, at Temperance Hall, by Rev. C. B. Pitblado. Subject:—"Old Suggestions to Young Men." Chair to be taken at 8 o'clock. Doors open at 7 o'clock.

PICTON COUNTY.—Little Harbour, Dec. 17, 1866.—Mr. Editor, It is pleasant to see new and comfortable School-houses springing up in so many districts, as is the case in this county; under the present educational system. Thanks to the Government, Nova Scotia has, I believe, made a step in the right direction, by making education free to all classes.

A new School-house has just been completed in this place, and on Wednesday evening last, the Reglan Lodge of B. A. Good Templars (to show their good will) invited the rate-payers of the district, and a few G. T.'s from other Lodges, to a tea-party in the School-house. After tea, R. McNeil, Esq., W. Counsellor of the G. Lodge of B. A. Good Templars, was called to the chair. After making a few remarks upon the occasion which brought them together, the chairman called upon Capt. Forbes, of Polar Star Lodge, Picton, who gave a spirited address; among other things, showing, that the Press and the Pulpit were two of the greatest means of spreading the principles of Total Abstinence. At the request of the chairman, Rev. Mr. Sutherland then made a few remarks, followed by Mr. Michael C. Oiding, of Youth's Refuge Lodge. All present then joined in singing "Auld Lang Syne," and dispersed, well pleased with the evening's entertainment, and the ready tact of the Chairman. ONE PRESENT.

The Bridgetown Free Press is pleased to learn that at Lawrencetown, Paradise and Clarence, lectures upon scientific, moral, and literary subjects are being delivered this Winter.

A COMPROMISE.—The Editor of the Free Press says he can see no other solution of the Church of England difficulty, respecting the question of gown and surplice, than having the black and white chequered, and so to be worn by all the clergymen!

SYDNEY, C. B.—A young man named Frank Edwards, about 20 years of age, recently fell through the ice on the Little Pond and was drowned. An inquest was held over the body.

COALS.—C. J. Campbell, Esq., is preparing for raising coal at Bridgeport, C. B. The editor of the C. B. News speaks warmly of coals dug about 3 miles from Sydney town belonging to Messrs. Le Cras, McLanes, and others.

The Wolfville Acadian says that on Sunday morning last the house of Isaac Loveless, Greenwich, was totally destroyed by fire. The fire commenced about 5 o'clock in the morning, and being on the outside, when discovered, was doubtless the work of an incendiary. Are there men so much like demons?

FOUND DROWNED.—The body of a man supposed to be that of Luke Misener, belonging to Chetcook, was picked up in the water at Mooney's wharf, on Wednesday last. He had been missing since Thanksgiving Day.

BENEVOLENT.—W. J. Stairs Esq., purposes erecting a soup kitchen for the poor in the southern part of the city. It will doubtless be a boon to many families during the inclemency of the winter.

SALT vs. HEALTH.—Dr. Garvie has called the attention of His worship the Mayor, to the City Railroad having salt sprinkled along the rails, and affirms that it is promotive of scarlet fever. We have been seen no facts to corroborate such an opinion.

The remains of Dr. John Slayter were removed from McNab Island in a leaden coffin to the Cemetery on Wednesday last.

FATAL ACCIDENT AT BARRINGTON.—On the evening of the 27th ult. Mr. James King, son of Mr. William King, was on the shore for the purpose of shooting wild fowl. By some means the gun went off and the contents passed in at his back and through the abdomen, causing instant death. A Coroner's inquest was held when a verdict in accordance with the facts was rendered.

A MELANCHOLY CASE.—The man Connors committed to the jail at Kentville, charged with having set fire to the store belonging to Mr. Geo. V. Rand, in October last, cut his throat on Friday morning last. There is but little prospect of the man's recovery.

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First Quarter.. " 15th.... 0 29 Morning.
Full Moon..... " 21st.... 4 20 Afternoon.
Last Quarter... " 28th.... 3 9 Afternoon.

Table with columns: Day, SUN. (Rises, Sets), MOON. (Rises, Sets), HIGH WATER AT (Halifax, Windsor).

For the time of HIGH WATER at Picton, Pughwash, Wallace and Yarmouth add 2 hours to the time at Halifax.

For HIGH WATER at Annapolis, Digby, &c., and at St. John, N. B., add 3 hours to the time at Halifax.

The time of HIGH WATER at Windsor is also the time at Parrsboro', Horton, Cornwallis, Truro, &c.

For the LENGTH OF DAY double the time of the sun's setting.

NOVA SCOTIA RAILWAY.

FALL ARRANGEMENT.

Table with columns: MAIN LINE, WINDSOR BRANCH, A.M. P.M., Halifax depart, Halifax arrive, Truro, Windsor.

The Omnibuses start from the city half an hour earlier than the above "Halifax depart;" and should arrive in the city about half an hour after the time named "Halifax arrive."

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