

METHODIST.—The question amongst the Methodists in the United States is not, Do the people participate in the government of the church? but, Shall they be permitted to do so?

There is a struggle going on to get a concession, for admitting Lay Delegation to the General Conference.

Judge Bond in an article in the *Zion's Herald* on "The Issues of the next General Conference," says:—

"The action on the matter of Lay Representation will either harmonize the church or make it the theatre of a long struggle between ecclesiastical domination and lay power; that the controversy which is now carried on with spirit, but not with acrimony, will, if not determined, soon become fierce; that the universal feeling in America is in favor of a government of the people, by the people, for the people; which feeling the walls of the Methodist church are not thick enough to shut out; that men cannot hold two theories of government, the one secular and the other ecclesiastical. "Let the great council of the church," he says, "determine this controversy before it becomes a struggle."

Dr. Coggeshall, writing in the same paper, affirms, from a pretty extensive acquaintance with the Methodist membership, that they are quite incompetent to occupy seats in the Annual and General Conferences; indeed, that the only way in which laymen of any denomination have ever distinguished themselves in ecclesiastical legislation and management, has been "by the whipping and hanging of Quakers, the whipping and imprisonment of Baptists in the colonial period of New England history, and in fining, imprisoning and persecuting Methodists at a later period."

He adds—not at all in irony—that the church and pastors are of God's making and appointment; but that the preachers made the "conferences," and the "leaders," and "stewards," and "official boards," and made them as "helps" and not as rulers; and that it is wanton and unscriptural usurpation, fraught with infinite mischief to the Methodist church, for these "helps" "to seek for themselves representation in the Annual and General Conferences."

A New Catholic Church.—The Methodist papers are discussing the question whether the Missionary Conferences should not be made full conferences, with the same relationships and rights as the other conferences. The *Zion's Herald* is in favor of making the American Methodist church the centre of a world-wide unity. Among other considerations urged is the example of the Roman Catholic church, which God has raised up the Methodist church to cope with. This "she can do," it says, "only by imitating the wise tactics which were stolen from the Founder of the church, and with which centuries and races have been so successfully ruled."

It proposes to abolish the restrictive portion of the present name, and allow the church to stand forth THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, knowing no land, or kindred, or tribe, or tongue; the most efficient, united, extensive and successful of all organisms of our holy Christianity.

One of the editorial writers for the *Christian Visitor* is displeased with "An aged Baptist" writing in the *Messenger* a week or two since, for being "startled" at the Baptist Polity articles which have lately appeared in that paper. We may mention, for the purpose of preventing mistake, that the writer of the said communication resides more than a hundred miles from Halifax.

The latest despatches from London announce a defeat of the British Ministry on the Irish Church question. Mr. Disraeli wished to postpone the consideration of the question for the present session, as the commission of enquiry appointed would then be able to report. This was opposed by a motion made by Lord Cranbourne to test the principle of virtually separating the Church from the State in Ireland, and leaving the details till next session.

A division took place which left the ministry in a minority of sixty. The result was of course greeted by loud cheers. The Prince and Princess of Wales and the Princess of Teck were in the Royal gallery at the time.

This vote will afford materials for much discussion in the public journals. It is regarded as a great triumph by the liberals, and as affording hope of the pacification of Ireland.

The ministry will be likely to resign, if the opposition retain their majority after the Easter recess.

We are glad to learn that the First Yarmouth Baptist Church is expecting shortly to have a settled pastor. In the meantime the Rev. I. E. Bill is invited to supply them for two or three Lords days.

Notices, &c.

French Mission.

W. Churchill, Esq., Treasurer, wishes to acknowledge the receipt of \$16.50 from the ladies of North Brookfield Church, Queens County, per P. F. Murray, Esq., for the French Mission.

To our Agents and Subscribers.

Some changes will doubtless be necessary in the arrangement of the parcels of papers going to our Subscribers in many places. Our brethren have kindly aided us heretofore, in some cases, by taking charge of the parcels and distributing the papers to their owners. We shall be greatly obliged if they will consult with the Postmasters and Couriers concerned, and see what changes are necessary and inform us at their earliest convenience. We shall be glad to use every exertion to overcome the difficulties attendant on the recent change in Postal affairs.

The following extract from the P. O. "Regulations" will show that in case of persons commencing their subscription at other times than the dates mentioned below, they can either pay the post master the five cents for the quarter or one cent for each paper.

"The commuted rate of payment cannot be accepted for new subscribers for any unexpired period of the quarter, but must be prepaid in advance, from the first day of the quarter, viz., from either the 1st January, 1st April, 1st July, or 1st October, and for a term not less than three months."

We shall be happy to reimburse our Agents for any expense they may incur on our behalf in the present emergency.

Acadia Athenæum.

The next lecture before the Acadia Athenæum will be delivered in the Vestry of the Baptist Church, Wolfville, on Thursday evening next, 9th inst., at 7 o'clock, by Joseph Coombes, Esq., of Halifax. Subject:—"Conversation about an Irish Poet."

C. R. DANIELS, Cor. Sec'y.

ERRATUM.—In the acknowledgment of sums received for Foreign Mission, C. M., April 1st, p. 107, Nictaux Church, for "\$2.50," read \$23.00.

Missionary Meetings.

By request of the Secretary to the Missionary Board, the Second Baptist Church in Cornwallis will hold missionary meetings as follows:— On Wednesday the 15th April, at 2 P. M., at Pleasant Valley. On Thursday the 16th, at 10 A. M., at Berwick, and at 3 o'clock, P. M., at Cambridge. Ministering brethren are hereby cordially invited to attend.

T. H. PARKER, Church Clerk. Berwick, March 30, 1868.

General Intelligence.

Province of Nova Scotia.

HALIFAX ITEMS.

GOLD FOUND WITHIN THE CITY BOUNDARIES.—Some excitement has been caused by a report that good specimens of gold bearing quartz having been found on the properties of Dr. Jennings and Mr. McCulloch, near the North West Arm. Applications have been made for mining licenses, but the former gentleman having refused to allow mining operations to go on, the work will not be proceeded with at present. It is said that there are favorable indications in several places around the North West Arm within two miles of Halifax.

The "Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor" thankfully acknowledge receipt of one hundred dollars from the Fishermen's Relief Committee (by their Chairman) for aid afforded destitute fishermen and their families, at present resident in Halifax. The following additional contributions have also been received:—C. D. Hunter, \$5; John Laidlaw, \$5; Robert Noble, (2nd contribution), \$4.—W. S. STIRLING, Hon. Treas.

The City Council have it in contemplation to establish free bathing houses, in the north and south ends of the city.

MILITARY.—The 60th Rifles, now stationed in London, Ontario, are under orders for Halifax.

ACCIDENT.—A man named William Roddick, while driving a load of lumber along Granville Street, on Saturday last, fell off the truck and badly injured his head.

A quantity of venison arrived here in the French packet from St. Pierre last week, and when sold at auction, realised from three to four cents per pound.

COAL.—Several cargoes have arrived from Cape Breton within the last few days.

Halifax was visited by a heavy snow storm on Sunday last. The snow-plough of the City Horse Railway was drawn over the lines by six horses.

OUR IMPORTS.—The imports of flour for the past three months, as compared with the corresponding period last year, show a deficiency of 1689 bbls., whilst cornmeal is in excess 7600 bbls.

The importations of molasses and sugar, also have increased—molasses, 263 puns.; sugar, 62 bhd., 61 trcs., 391 bbls. Rum has decreased, 467 puns. The difference in the aggregate value of the above imports for the same periods in 1867 and 1868, is very slight.

OUR EXPORTS.—The exports of codfish in 1868 have increased 8554 qts over that of 1867 for the corresponding period; but scale fish have decreased 7018 qts. There is a falling off this year up to the present time, as compared with last year, in Mackerel and Herring, say 5226 barrels mackerel, 4903 bbls. herring; but salmon shows an excess of 1099 bbls., and alewives 463 bbls. On the whole there is little difference between the two periods.—*Cit.*

"MESSENGER OF PEACE."—E. Mosely's fast sailing yacht *Thought*, has been purchased by the Archbishop of Nassau for cruising among the islands of his diocese. She has been newly fitted and named the *Messenger of Peace*.

OUR CITY SCHOOLS.—We are pleased to see that the City Council are proposing to enquire into our City School affairs. A committee of

the following Aldermen is appointed for this purpose:—Messrs. Graham, Mahony, Gossip, Blackadar, Leaby, and Drillio.

There is of course great improvement in the accommodation, the apparatus, and course of instruction in the schools, now in operation; but as they are supported by assessment on all the inhabitants, it is only right that there should be sufficient accommodation provided for all. It is not right that a list of a hundred or so of applicants for admission to any of the schools should stand for months without a chance of the child being able to enter. It is not surprising that the parents of applicants should demur to paying the tax under such circumstances.

Two companies of Engineers and assistants numbering about thirty, left Halifax last week for the purpose of proceeding with the survey of the Intercolonial Railway line between Amherst and Moncton.

SYDNEY C. B.—A foundry and machine shop is about to be established in Sydney, C. B. This is a step in advance which will doubtless be soon greatly augmented.

RAILWAY NAVVIES.—We learn that the Railroad Navvies are very unruly at Annapolis. A party of them broke into a house in that town a few nights since. A widow woman was also assaulted on the street by some of them and she is now under the care of two physicians.—*Berwick Star.*

BRIDGEWATER.—The Times says:—We are glad to be able to state that the LaHave is now open for navigation, and trust the present stagnation in business will soon give place to "lively times." Lumbering has been extensively prosecuted during the past winter, and a larger number of logs are on their way to the mills than have ever been floated on any previous year.

NEW GLASGOW.—More gold.—It has been rumoured in town during the past few days that "sights" of gold and gold bearing quartz have been discovered above Springville, East River; and that several parties had bought up large areas for the purpose of prospecting.

WINDSOR.—The store of Mr. John Allen was burglariously entered on Tuesday last week and a quantity of dry goods stolen. The property was afterwards recovered.

WINDSOR AND ST. JOHN N. B.—The Empress is expected to make her first trip across the Bay of Fundy to day.

PICTOU.—The ice on the harbor is still quite strong.

Wild geese have been seen in many places returning to their summer haunts.

GOLD MINING OPERATIONS.—During the past five or six weeks, considerable business has been done at the office of the Commissioners of Mines. We are informed that on some days as many as six or seven hundred acres have been taken up for Gold Mining purposes. A large amount of money has been paid in for licenses and claims, all of which goes to the credit of the Local Government. Considering the increase of business in the Gold Commissioners Department, and the probability of a still further increase, greater facilities should be afforded to the clerks. We learn that scarcely a week passes that new discoveries are not made, consequently the influx of persons engaged in Gold operations has been very great, and Gold Mining operations will, we think, be carried on to a large extent during the coming summer.—*Ex.*

THE MOST PREVALENT MALADIES.—Among the prevailing diseases in this country, affections of the kidneys and the liver hold a prominent place. Extraordinary cures of both are constantly effected with RADWAY'S REGULATING PILLS. They alter the morbid condition of both organs, and restore their pristine regularity and vigor.

Price 25 cents per box, coated with sweet free from taste. Sold by Druggists.

"My father an old gentleman," (says A. C. Leighton) "has received greater benefit and relief from a protracted and distressing cough, (giving him rest and comfort nights) from Johnson's Anodyne Liniment, than from any and all the other remedies he has tried."

The most delicate female, and children of the tenderest age, can take Parsons' Purgative Pills with perfect safety, and the most salutary results will follow.

CAUTION!—In our changeable climate, coughs, colds, and lung diseases will always prevail.—Consumption will claim its victims. These diseases, if taken in time, can be arrested and cured. The remedy is *Dr. Wistar's Balsam of Wild Cherry.*

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Jan. 22. 3m. \$100 A MONTH SALARY.

WILL BE PAID for Agents, male or female, in a new, pleasant, permanent business; full particulars free by return mail, or sample retailing at \$4.50 for 50cts. A. D. BOWMAN & CO., 48 Broad street, New York. (Clip out and return this notice.) Feb. 26. 3m. pd.

To Builders and Carpenters.

THE ACADIA MOULDING FACTORY, WM. L. DODGE & CO., PROPRIETORS,

Fresh Water: Supply the following building material at low prices and guarantee good work: White and Pitch Pine door Sashes and Blinds, MOULDINGS of all descriptions, Stairs built to order, CLAP BOARDS, long lengths (St. John Pine), Pitch Pine and Spruce FLOORING, Pitch Pine Boards and Timber, PLANED LUMBER of all descriptions, Planing, Jigsawing, Turning, and other Machine work, and all kinds of Carpenter work done with dispatch. March 18. 2ms.

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION.

IN front of the premises, on FRIDAY, the 1st day of May next, all that certain Freehold Property in the town of Digby, lately in the possession of the late Henry Stewart, consisting of the Northern half part of Lots Nos. 5, 6 and 7 in Block. Letter W., situate on WATER STREET, together with the

DWELLING HOUSE

and STORE, known as the Telegraph Office. Said half part of said three lots, measures about one hundred and eleven feet on Water Street. Also at the same time and place, the

Water Lot

In front, belonging to the above described upland property, will be sold either with or separate from the upland property, to suit purchasers. For further information parties are referred to George Henderson, of Digby, or the subscribers at Halifax. Terms, a deposit of 10 per cent. at time of sale. balance on delivery of the deed.

R. S. BLACK, M. M., } Executors Estate
M. G. BLACK, } of M. G. Black.
S. H. BLACK, }
Halifax, Feb. 12th, 1868.
Feb. 19. till 1st May.

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HAVING been appointed by the manufacturer of the above celebrated Blinds, sole Agents for Nova Scotia, the public are respectfully invited to call at their Ware Rooms 70 & 72 Barrington Street, Halifax, and examine Samples of different Styles and prices. They are the best and most durable article in use for Bay Windows, Drawing Rooms, Dining Rooms, Halls, Conservatories, Public Buildings, &c. These Blinds are of different widths of slat, and trimmed with Worsted or Silk, with plain or carved cornice, to suit the taste of purchasers. Oct. 20.

MORE PROOF.

LEWISTON, MAINE, U. S., Jan. 1868.

MESSRS. ROGERS & Co.,
Dear Sirs,—This is to say that I was formerly troubled with an eruption on my face which troubled me for several years, it was not large, and it grew very slowly and defied all I could do, to remove it, till I used your Cancer and Scrofula Remedies which entirely removed it, and all those alarming sensations connected with it, so that it has not troubled me since, which is now some two years or more.

Wishing you much success,
I remain, truly yours,
S. SCOTBY,
Agent A. and F. Bible Society.

Feb. 19. 3m.

January, 1868.

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Respectfully call attention to their stock of BLACK FRENCH MERINOES, Black French Paramattas, Black Saxony Cords, Black Baratheas, BLACK COBURGS AND LUSTRES, Black Mantle VELVETS, Black Cape Collars and Vests, Black Illusion and Fig'd Nets, Black Bonnet Ribbons, all widths, Black Mantle Cloths, Black Astrican, " WATERPROOF CLOAKINGS, The above goods will be offered,

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Jan. 22.

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Jan. 15.

A FARM, WHO WANTS ONE?

SITUATED in New Germany, in the County of Lunenburg; containing 210 acres, or more. The above farm is one of the most finely situated in the place and has the handsomest front. About 40 acres are cleared; 8 of which are now in burnt-land. The remainder is all that can be desired, having hard-wood, spruce, pine, poles, and meadow-land.

On it is a new BARN, a good well of water, and a young orchard. The whole will be sold greatly under value, as the subscriber wishes to leave the Province. WM. R. BARSS.

Feb. 17, 1868.

Feb. 26.

3m.

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All kinds of Jobbing promptly attended to.— Oct. 20. 3m.