

We much regret that we were unable to accept the kind invitation of the P. E. I. brethren to meet with them in the formation of the New Association. It is gratifying to know that our brethren of this province are in full and hearty sympathy with brethren on the Island, and will be acting, as we believe, in entire harmony and concert in all our general operations.

**Political.**

The return of the Delegates from England has occasioned considerable enquiry concerning the political position and prospects of the Province. Before leaving England the Delegates published a strong protest against the action of the Imperial Government and Parliament, signed by Joseph Howe, M. P., for the County of Hants, William Annand, M. L. C., President of the Legislative Council, Jared C. Troop, M. P. P., for the County of Annapolis, and Henry W. Smith, M. P. P., for the County of Queens.

The "Protest" is a somewhat lengthy document and recites the various circumstances in the history of the Union formed which are regarded as grievances; and concludes as follows:

"The undersigned cannot leave England without expressing their obligations to the independent press of the Three Kingdoms for the generous manner in which its conductors have vented this question. Some of those gentlemen have mastered it completely, and have discussed it with great ability; and many others, regardless of party trammels and associations, have shown a sturdy English love for fair play which the people of Nova Scotia will never forget.

Our countrymen will have other consolations. In spite of that curious combination between Mr. Adderley and Mr. Cardwell, which last year stifled debate and which this summer has presented formidable obstacles to any form of fair inquiry, eighty-six independent gentlemen went into the lobby with Mr. Bright, and among them they will recognize many of great promise and others of high intellectual powers and much experience. To one and all, on behalf of our countrymen, we tender our acknowledgments. Of the member for Birmingham we need say nothing. To speak the truth and feel it, to protect the weak against the strong, to take enlarged views of the interests of the Empire and to express them in eloquent language, is a necessity of his nature. To have had such an advocate our countrymen will feel was a distinction; and if anything could make them doubt the justice of their cause, it would be to find John Bright on the other side.

But what of the future? The question is natural, but we have no answer to give. With the publication of this paper our responsibilities end. We have proposed our remedy, it has been rejected. His Grace the Colonial Secretary and Lord Monck have assumed the task of making things pleasant and harmonious. They will have had time to try their experiments before the Legislature of Nova Scotia meets in August.

In the interim, we presume the future of our country will be anxiously considered by its people. May the Almighty guide them. Having discharged our duty to the Empire, we go home to share the perils of our native land, in whose service we consider it an honor to labor, whose fortunes in this the darkest hour of her history it would be cowardice to desert."

The Rev. TIMOTHY HARLEY, of St. John, N. B., paid a visit to Halifax last week. He arrived on Wednesday morning, and preached an eloquent sermon in the Granville Street Lecture Room in the evening.

On Thursday the splendid LECTURE-ROOM in the basement of the NEW BAPTIST CHURCH in Gottingen Street was opened by a Tea Meeting, at which Mr. Harley gave an able lecture, of about an hour-and-a-half in length, on the "Men that have turned the world upside down."

About 400 sat down to an excellent tea, strawberries and cream, &c., &c. The ladies had been at no small labor to make the necessary preparations, and their efforts were well supported by the young men of the congregation. The choir contributed, in good style, some anthems and other pieces of sacred music. Nothing was wanting to make it an occasion of much interest and pleasure to all present.

On Friday evening Mr. Harley preached again in the same place to a large congregation. The Lecture-room, we believe, will shortly be used as the place of public worship until the interior of the Church is finished. It is a fine, large, airy, pleasant room, well adapted for the purposes for which it is intended.

We are pleased to learn that the proceeds of the Tea Meeting, with the collections taken, will amount to about \$300.

Mr. Harley, it is very evident, has formed his style of preaching very much on Mr. Spurgeon as a model. He is very fluent and abundant in illustration and anecdote. He aims at being useful to the masses, and will doubtless succeed. His voice, we suppose, like Spurgeon's might be heard distinctly at a considerable distance. When quite a boy he

was accustomed to preach in the public streets. His habit was probably formed from this circumstance. His physical strength appears somewhat delicate, probably from long continued labor, and mental activity. We trust he may be made extensively useful on this side the Atlantic.

The editor of the *Visitor* in giving his report of the Sackville Association makes an allusion to the brethren present from Nova Scotia, and institutes a comparison between "counsellors" and "councils," the logic of which we have been unable, as yet, to perceive. He says:

"Associational attendance was not so large a we had anticipated. Too many of our New Brunswick ministers were absent; but the Nova Scotia delegation was unusually large.—Sixteen of the ministering brethren came over to aid with their prayers and counsels; thus furnishing an impressive practical illustration of their faith in the wise proverb that, 'in the multitude of counsellors, there is safety.' So much has been said recently, in certain quarters, against councils, it is peculiarly delightful to see such practical evidence of strong faith in their utility, not only as it respects churches, but in their applications to Associations as well."

These are critical times for the religious press. Men are needed to preside over its utterances who are not afraid to shoulder the responsibility. We do not regard it as very creditable when one entrusted with such responsibility gets others to do his work for him, and afterwards, on finding what havoc is done by some rash utterance of such persons, to step aside, and throw the onus of what was said on those subordinate contributors of editorial articles.

**Notices, &c.**

**N. S. Baptist Home Missionary Society.**

The annual meeting of the above Society was held in connection with the Eastern Association at Pugwash.

The Report of the Board was read by Rev. Dr. Cramp and adopted and ordered to be printed. Interesting addresses were delivered by several of the Brethren present.

The following are the officers of the Society, and Board of Managers appointed for the ensuing year.

S. Selden, President.  
J. W. Bars, John King, Vice-Presidents.  
D. McN. Parker, M. D., Treasurer.  
R. N. Beckwith, Secretary.  
Geo. Robins, Auditor.

**BOARD OF MANAGERS.**

Rev. J. E. Balcom,	Rev. D. M. Welton,
" J. M. Cramp, D. D.,	B. O. H. R. Cumingham,
" S. W. DeBlais,	" E. G. W. Greenwood,
" D. W. C. Dimock,	" Lewis Esano,
" David Freeman,	" H. N. Paint,
" J. E. Goucher,	" T. H. Rand,
" A. S. Hunt,	" Alex. Robinson,
" G. F. Miles,	" John Steele,
" James Parker,	" David Thompson,
" A. F. Porter,	" Francis Webber,
" E. M. Saunders,	" Wm. Ackhurst,
" I. J. Skinner,	" J. F. L. Parsons.

A vote of thanks to the late President, J. W. Nutting, Esq., for his long and valuable services, was unanimously passed.

R. N. BECKWITH, Secretary.

**General Intelligence.**

**Province of Nova Scotia.**

**HALIFAX ITEMS.**

**TRINITY CHURCH.**—We understand that the Building Committee of this Church have come to the conclusion that they are not justified in keeping the church open for public service, while the debt is rapidly increasing by the accumulation of interest, and they have therefore given notice to the officiating minister, the Rev. Canon Cochran, that the building must be closed in one month from the present time. An effort is to be made in the meantime to remove the debt, which we doubt not will be successful. The members of that community are well able to accomplish this desirable object.

**THUNDER STORMS** of great severity have been lately experienced in several parts of the Province. In Cape Breton two or three persons have been killed by the lightning. In Annapolis County last week there was one of longer duration and more appalling than has been known for many years.

The UNION ENGINE COMPANY purpose celebrating their centenary on the 8th of August. Preparations are being made to make the occasion a grand and imposing demonstration.

SHAD, in unusually large quantities and of excellent quality, are being taken in Kings County.

**OUR COAL TRADE.**—The *Pictou Standard* says there are some prospects of a revival of the coal trade, if not to its accustomed activity, at any rate to a considerably improved condition from its present prostrate state. Arrangements have been made to ship a considerable quantity to Montreal, and it is certain that a large amount will be required for the United States market.

**THE INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION PRIZES.**—The gold, silver, and bronze medals and certificates of honorable mention, awarded to Nova Scotia exhibitors at the Paris Exhibition, were brought out by the Hon. Mr. Annand.

The Paris Exhibition Commissioners were summoned to meet in the Legislative Library on Saturday afternoon. The attendance being

small, the meeting was adjourned until Monday, the 27th inst.

**DROWNED.**—The body of Mr. W. F. Grant, of the firm of Grant, Romans & Co., was found floating near one of the wharves on Thursday morning last. An inquest was held by Coroner Cowie, when the following verdict was returned by the Jury:—"That the deceased Wm. F. Grant was drowned in the water at Roche's wharf, but there is no evidence to show by what means the body came into the water." Mr. Grant has been much respected in this community and his untimely death is deeply lamented.

**THE GRAND LODGE OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF GOOD-TEMPLARS** assembled at Great Village, Londonderry, Colchester Co., on Tuesday, the 14th inst. There were about 80 delegates present. The session continued until Thursday afternoon.

The following are the Grand Worthy officers for the current year:

**Chief Templar**—Robert Forman, Acadian Mines, Londonderry.

**Counsellor**—H. C. Upham, Great Village.

**Vice-Templar**—Miss Hattie O'Brien, Great Village.

**Secretary**—Mrs. Lelia S. Crane, Halifax.

**Treasurer**—J. S. McRobert Esq., M. D. Great Village.

**Chaplain**—Rev. D. Stewart, Great Village.

**Marshal**—H. Hodgson, East Branch.

**Deputy-Marshal**—Miss H. E. Layton, Great Village.

**Inner-Guard**—Miss Annie Murray, Great Village.

**Outer Guard**—C. Hodgson, Great Village.

**Asst. Secy.**—J. Hodgson, Great Village.

**G. W. Messenger**—I. B. Granville, Halifax.

The Grand Temple of Nova Scotia embraces thirty four Temples with a membership of about two thousand. The Independent Order of Good Templars is the largest Temperance Organization in the world. Its present membership in the United States and the Provinces is over half a million, and is increasing at the rate of about ten thousand a month.

**GOLD.**—The following are the returns from several of our Mining Districts for the month of June.

WAVERLY.		
Quartz crushed.	Tons Cwts	Yield of Gold Oz Dwt Dr
1035	12	239 0 1
UNIACKEE.		
201	19	246 3 7
SHERBROOKE.		
636	10	296 4 16
TANGIER.		
22	00	15 6 0
WINE HARBOR.		
224	9	240 0 22
OLDHAM.		
65	18	50 4 9
RENFREW.		
600	00	347 0 0

**THE CROPS.**—Grain is affording favorable indications throughout British America. Grass in many parts of this province is quite short. New potatoes are making their appearance in Halifax market at 25 cents per half-peck.

**THE FISHERMEN** along the coast are being cheered by fair prospects of a good season.

**IMPORTANT DECISION BY HER MAJESTY'S PRIVY COUNCIL.**—John McSweeney vs. Thomas J. Wallace.—The Judgment given in this case by the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, about two years ago, against the said Thomas J. Wallace, and from which he appealed to the Privy Council, was reversed recently by a decision of the Privy Council. This is the second decision given in this case by the Privy Council in favor of Mr. Wallace. By the first decision, evidence suppressed by the Chief Justice, and detained here by his directions, was ordered to be transmitted to England, with other papers; and by the present decision, the judgment delivered here by the Court against Mr. Wallace, has been reversed in his favour, with costs to be paid by the said John McSweeney. The costs will be about two thousand dollars.—*Citizen.*

**Marriages.**

At Pictou, on Thursday, 9th inst., by the Rev. Dr. Bayne, Alfred W. Owen, Esq., of Charlottetown, P. E. I., to Jessie second daughter of A. P. Ross, Esq., of Pictou.

At Melvern Square, Wilmot, April 21st, by Rev. Geo. Armstrong, Mr. Henry Munro, to Miss Maggie Spinney, daughter of Beniah Spinney, Esq., of Wilmot.

Near Bridgetown, May 7th, by Rev. George Armstrong, Mr. Solomon Chute, to Mrs. Sophia Chute, both of Clarence West.

**Deaths.**

At Oak Point, Cornwalls, on Sabbath morning, June 21st, Rachel, the beloved wife of Mr. Abraham Bigelow, in the 42nd year of her age. Her life was marked by a calm reliance on Christ which grew firmer and brighter, as she neared the gates of immortality and life eternal.

July 6th, at the Baptist Parsonage, Bedeque, P. E. Island, Charles Melbourne, infant son of Rev. Maynard P. and Sarah Freeman, aged 10 days.

On Thursday morning, July 16th, Mr. William F. Grant, in the 56th year of his age.

At Dartmouth, on Wednesday 16th in 70th year of her age, Sarah, wife of H. W. Glendinning.

At Port Medway, N. S., July 14th, after a painful illness, John Pierce, third son of Wm and Emma Holloway, formerly of Halifax, aged 1 year and 10 months.

On Sunday, 19th inst., Albert DeLatour, son of W. M. and Annie Harrington, aged 20 years.

At Rosemount, on Saturday morning, John W. Anderson, youngest surviving son of the Honorable John H. Anderson, in the 24th year of his age. On the 17th inst., Thomas J. Ridgeway, in the 47th year of his age. On Saturday, the 18th inst., Eliza, widow of the late John Colbert, in the 52nd year of her age.

**Shipping List.**

**PORT OF HALIFAX.**

**Arrived.**

Tuesday, July 14.—Brig America, Doody, Boston; Brigs Mary Alice, McDonald, Boston; Latina, Gabriel Jamaica; Schrs Sarah S Horton, Gowrie Mines; Lord Bury, Griffin, Block House Mines; Leo, McDonald, Cow Bay; Henry Ellsworth, (Am) Roue, Gloucester, Mass; May Queen, Cape Canso.

Wednesday, 15.—Brig Alice Woods, Doherty, Liverpool, G B; Brig John Duffus, Marchand, Sydney; Schr R Hames, Potter; Schi Helen, Gloucester;—R M S City of Cork, Liverpool G B.

Thursday, 16.—Brig Queen of Beauty, London; Schrs Linnet, Glawson, Bay St George, N F; Hawk, Gilles, Newfoundland; James Pope, Cow Bay; Harmony, Bagnell, Sydney; Mary Lucy, Wilkie, Pictou.

Friday, 17.—R M S Etna, Bridgeman, New York; Brig Sarah, Sterling, Porto Rico; Am Schr Only Son, Farrell; Schr Matilda Hopewell, Ormiston, Sydney; Schr Havlock, do.

Saturday, 18.—Brig Galveston, Merriam, Liverpool, G B; brigs Secret, Anderson, Barbados; James Newport, G B; schrs Marian Smih, Smith, Sydney; Edwin & Eva, St John, N B; Commodore, Foote, (Am) Gloucester.

Sunday, 19.—Brig Josephine, Forbes, Wilmington, N C; bound to Bristol, Eng; schrs Grand Master, Seaboyer, Boston; Grenada, (Am) Henderson, Gloucester, Mass; Edward, Corrier, St John, N B; Louisa, Chadsey, Ragged Islands.

Monday 20.—Steamer Carlotta, Magune, Portland; Alhambra, Nickerson, Boston; Government Steamer Druid, Kendrick, Sable Is and. Reports the American schooner S H Cameron, McDonald, of Southport, Me, went ashore at Sable Island on the 13th June. Crew and cargo (green fish etc.) saved and taken off by the schrs Prima Donna and Miles Standish, of Southport. Adalbert Gray, of schr Imogene, lost sight of his vessel while fishing in a dory on the 19th J. e. After being out four days without food or water the boat drifted on the Island, where Gray remained until the arrival of the Druid, which brought him to this port; Brig Isabella Thompson Stevens, Sydney; Schrs Victory, Thomson, New Carlisle; Robert McInnes, Gowrie Mines.

**Cleared.**

Tuesday, July 14.—Brigs Kenneth, Matson, Jamaica; Frietas Irmaso (Portge) Cende, Richibucto; schrs Van Delliver, North Bay; British Pearl Hadley, Guysboro.

Wednesday, 15.—Brig Nazarine, Murphy, Windsor, N S; schrs Euxine, McDonald, St Peter's; schrs Margaret Ann, Sullivan, Bay Chaleur; schr John Laugalen, Kingston, Baddeck, C B;—schr Wm Kandick, Matherson, Et Peter and Cow Bay.

Thursday, 16.—R M S Alpha, Hunter, Bermuda and St Thomas; R M S Ariel, Hagan, St John's, N F; brig James Curtin, Mathias, St John, N B; schr Eliza, Joyce, Sydney; Adelaide, Sackaloo, do; Rival, Smith, Liverpool, N. S.

Friday, 17.—R M S Etna, Bridgeman, Liverpool, G B; schrs Mischief Hopewell, Porto Rico; Libby Fulton, McLeod, Glace Bay; America, Nosen, Weymouth, N B; R Harris, Chute, Sydney, C B; British Eagle, Sheridan, Marie Joseph; barque Joseph Dentin, Fairbanks, Pope's Harbor; schr Isabel, Pushee, Antigonish.

Saturday, 18.—Barque Gladstone, Yorke, Glasgow; brigs George Wheelwright, Wolfe, Liverpool, N S; Mary Alice, McDonald, Jamaica; schrs Ida, Craig, Bay Chaleur; Volanteer, Abrill, Tangier; Abeona, Forrest, Arichat; Thomas Bagley, Ellis, Yarmouth; Ada, Whitman, Canso; Volant, Bonnell, LaHave; Marcella, Flavin, B W Indies.

Monday 20.—Zreamer Alhambra, Nickerson, Charlottetown; schrs Sarah, Fraser, Sydney; Horton, Frost, Wolfville.

**NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.**

**HORTON ACADEMY.**

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July 22.

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July 22.

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Halifax, July 18th, 1868.