

offering prayer to the Most High, but it will be seen from these and many other passages of scripture, that acceptable prayer was offered in other positions. May we not learn from this that God looks more on the heart than on the outward appearance?

The 2nd question has an "etc." which may have more of harm in it than either chess or draughts. We presume that the members of a family might occasionally engage in those, without receiving any injury, but, unless care is taken they may be indulged in and made injurious by occupying time that might be more profitably employed. There is much of the popular sensational reading of the present day, that we believe is far more injurious in every way than either of the amusements above mentioned. The family circle is no place for moroseness or cynicism, but a large amount of liberty must be allowed in each giving pleasure to others, still a guard must be set against wasting valuable time. As in the food for the body variety is required, so must mental occupation be varied to give a proper development and exercise to the mind. So much depends on the circumstances of families that no rule, however well suited to one, will answer generally for others.

The third subject is one on which we think we may be more definite. There were doubtless many practices amongst the Jews, to which our Saviour referred in his teachings, on which he offered no expressions of approval or disapproval—his special object in noticing them being to give instructions on other subjects. As, however, we find an excellent editorial article in one of our exchanges, the *Watchman & Reflector*, bearing directly on this question of our fair correspondent, we prefer copying that to giving any views of our own. It is under the title

IS DANCING RIGHT?

A young man who went out from a New England Christian home bearing with him the counsels of an anxious father and the hallowed memories of a sainted mother thus writes us:

"At a party I attended a few evenings since dancing was introduced, in which I was strongly urged by the ladies to join. When I persistently declined the proposal, one of them, from whom I had reason to expect better things, turned away with a half-concealed sneer, saying, 'He wishes to set us a good example.' Did I do right? I may add that the lady whom I accompanied home, and who had participated in the dance, said to me, 'I am glad you refused. I respect you for it the more.'"

There are two points we would speak of. In the first place, a young man who obeys his honest convictions is sure to command the respect even of those who either do not share his convictions, or, through moral weakness, are borne along against them. There is no higher heroism than daring always to do right. All men, in their inward thought, concede this. As "it is not in folly not to scorn a fool," so it is not in folly not to bow in homage to one who acts wisely. The knees may be stiff, but they have to bend. The young may not be aware of this, but it is well that they should. There are hours that need all the aids of virtue; and sometimes the victory comes only with the late accession of the lowest moral force. Let no one, therefore, who is feeling his way timidly along the path of right, care for a sneer. The sneer often indicates the inner feeling as little as does the whistle of a coward in passing by a churchyard at night. Indeed, it is as likely to be prompted by chagrin at seeing a mate ascend suddenly to a higher moral level than his own.

The other point is one of Christian ethics, and it is one of the practical questions of the day,— "Is dancing right?"

We readily concede that there is no harm in the simple act,—indeed that it might be, under proper conditions, a pleasant and healthful recreation. We concede, moreover, that among the Jews it was consecrated to the more exalted exercises of religion. We should interpose no objection if our women, wishing, in honest simplicity and in fervent devotion, to "praise God in the dance," should imitate their Israelitish sisters, who went out by themselves, with timbrels, and dances, and sacred song, after Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron.

Few questions, however, in practical morals, have their solution in themselves alone. We must look at them from their related points. Is it right to eat meat offered to idols? Yes; an idol is nothing. No; it may lead a weak brother back to idolatry. Is it right to drink wine?—Yes; Jesus did. No; it is the first of a series of steps, leading through gin, whiskey, rum, and brandy, to boggery, moral degradation, the gutter, delirium tremens, the drunkard's grave and a drunkard's eternal doom.

So the dance has not only come to be associated with what is unchristian or immoral, with ball rooms, lewd dance-houses, and immodest exhibitions on the stage, but it has a direct tendency to what is harmful and vicious. Dancing is almost always kept up a large part of the night, and that, too, specially through the winter, and young ladies pass out into the chill air, often to ride in it for miles, thinly clad, the pores open, and the whole system reduced to its lowest degree of resistance. This alone is sufficient to condemn utterly our modern dancing, but the sacrifice of life is the least of it. The dancing can be kept up so many hours only by the stimulus of special excitement, and this is supplied partly from within and partly from

wit out; the former drawing on the reserved vital forces of the system, and the latter being furnished by wine or some stronger liquor. Now the laws of physiology and human nature make it as certain in theory as the facts do in practice, that the sexes cannot be brought together under such circumstances, and with the gross familiarities of the modern dance, without moral exposure. Besides all this, the excitements of the ball room are a moral intoxication, destructive, to say the least, of all right religious impressions.

But parlor dancing, it is said, is simple, and pure, and free from the above objections. This may be so, but the difficulty is, that parlor dancing and the dancing of the ball room, are related like wine and brandy. They who begin with the one are likely to end with the other. Each step of wrong originates a momentum that bears one onward to the next. The strong in the case before us may be safe enough. But who are the strong? Those only who know their weakness. Our sons generally are too self-sufficient, and too weak in moral resistance, and our daughters are too fond of excitement, and display, and personal attentions, to make it wholly safe for them to sport within the outmost whirl of the maelstrom.

We believe in amusements, and we believe that, in this country we are in no great danger from their excess. It is their quality, rather than their quantity that we have most to fear from. In the matter of dancing, however, as in that of card playing and theatre going, the ban of the church and their general Christian condemnation have not come from a cold and squeamish Puritanism, but from intelligent moral conviction. We conjure Christian parents to beware how they imperil the safety of their children.

We perceive, by our contemporary the *Canadian Baptist* that the third Sabbath in March was proposed for simultaneous collections to be taken in all the Baptist Churches on behalf of the "Superannuated Fund." It has occurred to us that we might take a hint from our brethren there. Our Infirmary Fund is sadly neglected. In looking over the Minutes of our Associations we perceive that many of the churches contributed nothing last year for that object. Will our brethren pardon us if we suggest that a collection might be taken up by all the churches in the province on the last Sunday in April for this object? Think of it, brethren! A word to the wise is sufficient.

St. JOHN, N. B.—The *Visitor* states that the Rev. Mr. Knapp, the Revivalist, is expected at no distant day, to visit St. John, "with a view to aiding some of our city pastors and churches in holding a series of special meetings."

Notices, &c.

Acadia College.

There will be a special meeting of the Board of Governors in the College Library, on Wednesday the 21st inst., at 10 o'clock, A. M. A full attendance is particularly requested. STEPHEN W. DEBLOIS, Sec'y. Wolfville, April 2nd 1869.

French Mission Board.

There will be a meeting of the French Mission Board at Hebron, on Thursday the 15th day of April next, at two o'clock, P. M. A large attendance of members is earnestly requested, as business of importance requires to be attended to. By order, B. B. MOORS, Sec'y. Hebron, March 26th 1869.

King's County Temperance Convention.

A County Temperance Convention will be held at Kentville, on THURSDAY, April 8th, at 2 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of organizing a Branch of the Nova Scotia Temperance Alliance for King's County. EVERY TEMPERANCE ORGANIZATION in the County is earnestly requested to send Delegates. The same rules and regulations will be adhered to in appointing Delegates for the County, as was acted upon for the Provincial Convention.

Letters Received.

Rev. Dr. Tupper, (2) Rev. E. C. Spinney, G. W. Freeman, C. M. Waterman, G. J. Creed, Rev. H. Eagles, Rev. C. Randall, \$6, C. McNeill, \$4, W. H. Chipman, \$4, N. Miller, \$10, J. M. Parker, Esq., \$6.32.—Papers were sent to both new subs. Rev. S. W. DeBlois, J. M. Soley, T. Condon, B. L. Telfor, J. Ratchford.

Mr. JAMES I. FELLOWS, St. John, N. B.

Sir,—Having, while at your Establishment, carefully examined your prescription, and the method of preparing your Compound Syrup, I felt anxious to give it a fair trial in my practice. For the last twelve months I have done so, and I find that in incipient Consumption, and in other diseases of the Throat and Lungs, it has done wonders. In restoring persons suffering from the effects of Diphtheria, and the cough following Typhoid Fever prevalent in this region, it is the best remedial agent I have ever used. But for persons suffering from exhaustion of the powers of the brain and nervous system from long continued study or teaching, or in those cases of exhaustion from which so many young men suffer, I know of no better medicine for restoration to health than your Compound Syrup.

If you think it is letter of any service, you are at liberty to use it as you see fit.

I remain, yours, &c, EDWIN CLAY, M. D.

Pugwash, N. S., January 14, 1868

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JAMES I. FELLOWS, Chemist, St. John, N. B.

General Intelligence.

Province of Nova Scotia.

CLEVER FELLOWS are some of the writers of the *Morning Chronicle*;—In our last issue we had this paragraph amongst our news items:

THE ELECTIONS.—In case there is a contest at the approaching elections in Yarmouth, Richmond and Hants, polling will take place on the 20th of April. Nomination day will be on the 13th.

On the following morning the *Chronicle* presented its readers with the following:

BACKING OUT.—One of the Confederate papers, the "*Christian Messenger*," has a paragraph which hints that Messrs. Howe, Clements, and Henry, the Confederate candidates in Hants, Yarmouth and Richmond, will not trouble the people with an election after all their boasting. The "*Messenger*" says "if there is a contest" the elections will be held, &c.

We could not forbear smiling at the ingenuity of the writer. The only way we could account for such a production on the part of our contemporary, was that it being the first of April, he wished to play off a hoax on those of his readers, who have no opportunity of seeing the *Messenger*. He should have been a little more conscientious in his quotation.

TEA-MEETING.—A Tea-meeting in connection with the City Mission will be held on Thursday evening in Temperance Hall. The Hall will be open at 7 o'clock and Tea will begin very soon after 7. The object of the Meeting is first to raise funds to finish the new City Mission building in the North end of the city, and secondly, to furnish an opportunity of bringing the friends of City Mission work pleasantly together. The tickets are to cost 50 cents each. Provision is to be made for a large gathering.

DROWNED.—On Sunday morning last the soldiers stationed on George's Island found a boat on the south-east point of the Island, with the dead body of a man in it, and beside it, on the shore, an artilleryman, in a very exhausted condition. The body in the boat was identified as that of a man named John Kuhn, who resided on McNab's Island. The artilleryman proved to be one who was stationed at the same place,—the two, in a state of intoxication, left the city on Saturday night to go to the Island, (McNab's) and nothing further was known of them until they were found as stated above. The artilleryman could give no account whatever of how he came there. The appearance of Kuhn's body showed that he had been drowned.

LOCKMAN STREET EXTENSION.—The total allowance made by the appraisers to property owners on the proposed route reaches the sum of \$54,500. Notices are issued to the owner of property of the several amounts named for their property. A special meeting of the City Council will be held on the 16th inst., for the purpose of hearing objections, in order that the appraisalment may be confirmed on the 22nd.

A fine horse owned by Mr. James McDaniel backed over the North Market Wharf on Saturday forenoon and was drowned. The poor animal heard a man backing another horse and misunderstood the command.

DOG MATTIC.—Several persons were summoned to the Police Court on Saturday last to pay their taxes and costs for their dogs.

The American fishing steamer "*Monticello*," Capt. Laidlaw, from Fortune Bay, Newfoundland, bound to New York, put into this port on Sunday morning for coal. She had on board 4,500 barrels of herring, the largest cargo ever brought into this port.

VELOCIPEDIANNA.—Who shall say what is to be the result of the present revival of and improvement on the old "dandy-horse"? It has been looked up on rather as a toy suited to big boys, but we find that it is being applied to some practical uses.

An Illinois sheriff has supplied himself and all his deputies with velocipedes.

One of the colporteurs in connection with Spurgeon's Metropolitan Colportage Association says:—"I am away from home all the week long and never seem to have an hour for myself. Often I have had besides my work on a Saturday to travel twenty miles to get home." The report states, "This agent has a velocipede."

One of the latest improvements suggested in these machines is making the seat of the machine a sort of rocking chair, and the oscillation of the chair by the occupant is the source of the motion which moves the velocipede. It is designed especially for ladies.

A Sarah Jane Bates writes to the *Binghamton Republican* that her husband goes out days and rides a velocipede, and then keeps up the propelling motion with his feet all night. She wants to know what she shall do.

UNSOUD MREAT.—On Friday last Mr. Shean, Deputy Health Inspector discovered, in Northup's Market, a quantity of mutton and a number of turkeys, some of which upon examination proved to be in the last stage of decomposition and absolutely unfit for human food.—The Inspector ordered the removal of the objectionable meat and poultry forthwith, and it was accordingly taken away.

CITY RAILWAY.—The manager of the City Horse Railway company is making arrangements to substitute, on both the Richmond and Spring Garden lines a light description of one horse cars, for the large and heavy ones now employed on the routes—a car will pass a given point on the line every seven minutes.

SPRING.—We learn from our country exchanges that the ice has cleared away from our harbors and rivers, and that the Spring coasting business is commencing in good earnest.

DIODENES, March 26, is received from G. E. Morton. The cartoon is strikingly Nova Scotian—representing Joseph Howe, paying his addresses to a lady, probably representing Canada.—The disappointed ones stand in the rear crying.

BURGLARY.—The shop of Mr. S. S. B. Smith, in Sackville-street, was burglariously entered during Sunday night and a quantity of butter, tobacco, socks and other articles carried away. The robbers effected an entrance into the building through a hatch in the alleyway.

The *Anherst Gazette* is informed that an American company, with a capital of \$500,000, is at work at Five Islands in obtaining baryta, which exists there in considerable quantity, and are shipping it to the United States.

STEAMER FROM HALIFAX TO YARMOUTH.—The screw steamer "*Delight*," owned by F. W. Fishwick, Esq., will be placed on the route between Halifax and Yarmouth, calling at Liverpool and Shelburne, about the first of May. She will be rigged as a fore-top-sail schooner, have a capacity for about eight hundred barrels freight and fifty passengers, and will be furnished throughout in first rate style. She will make a weekly trip, leaving Halifax Thursday night, arrive at Liverpool Friday morning, at Shelburne Friday evening, and Yarmouth Saturday morning, connecting there with the steamer "*Linda*," which leaves on Saturdays for Boston.

THE FIRE IN THE ALBION MINES.—The *Pictou Standard* says: "We learn that an explosion took place in the Ford-pit, Albion Mines, on Saturday last, but we are happy to say no life was lost. There were 26 persons in the works at the time, but being warned by some premonitory symptoms, they made a signal to be taken out, and were all drawn up just before the explosion occurred. The pits were hermetically sealed, and we are informed that the fire was extinguished on Sunday forenoon. Six horses were lost in the pits.

The Romanists are making determined attempts in the Legislature of New York State to overthrow the of Common Schools. The religious press of New York is earnest in sounding the alarm. It is curious to see the same policy attempted in so many countries at the same time.

The public are hereby assured, through the columns the *Christian Messenger* that *Parson's Purgative Pills* contain no injurious principle, but that they may be administered to children and the most weak and shattered constitutions in small doses, with great certainty of success.

DR. A. JOHNSON, one of the most successful practitioners of his time, invented what is now called *Johnson's Anodyne Liniment*. The great success of this article in the cure of Bronchitis and all diseases of throat and lungs, will make the name of Johnson not less favorably, if less widely, known than that of Louis Napoleon.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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ANNOUNCE that preparatory to making an alteration in their Business they will dispose of their large and valuable STOCK OF DRY GOODS, at cost and less. Sale commenced Thursday, First April. Hours of Business, 9 a. m. to 7 p. m. See Catalogue of Stock now ready.

April 7.

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THE first edition of ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND OF VICK'S ILLUSTRATED CATALOGUE OF SEEDS and GUIDE IN THE FLOWER GARDEN is now published. It makes a work of 100 pages, beautifully illustrated, with about 150 FINE WOOD ENGRAVINGS OF FLOWERS AND VEGETABLES, and an ELEGANT COLORED PLATE.

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April 7.

"CITY OF MANCHESTER."

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WILLIAM SIBLEY, 2ND, St. Andrews, March 25th, 1869. March 31.