

in this matter so as to have it carried out as fully as possible; and in any future legislation on the subject, by the Dominion Parliament, we should guard it from mutilation or damage.

The Registration of Marriages is most effectually provided for.

The Registration of Deaths, is not yet so effective as it might be. If it were demanded that a Death should be Registered before the interment were allowed, trouble would be prevented to the friends of the deceased, and their liability to be fined five dollars for neglect, would be avoided. The statistical information of the mortality in every district in the Province might be promptly obtained, and applied to important and useful purposes, if this were required in all cases.

THE COUNCILS. We observe that our list of the Ecumenical Councils differs from that given in the other papers. Our list contains nineteen Councils: the other, only eighteen, ours omits the Councils of Ferrara and Florence: the other omits those of Pisa and Basle.

The Council of Pisa was summoned by the Cardinals, there being at the time two rival Popes, neither of whom would give way. Many Romanists rejected it, because it was not summoned by a Pope, forgetting that the earlier Councils, which they themselves acknowledged, were summoned by the Emperors.

The Pope and the Council of Basle quarrelled, and the Pope removed the Council to Ferrara, or rather attempted to do so, for the members generally reputed to obey him. There were then two rival Councils, one at Basle, (by which a rival Pope was elected), and the other at Ferrara. The former was afterwards removed to Lausanne, and the latter to Florence. Whether either of them was an Ecumenical Council, is a disputed point. At last, an agreement was made with the Pope, and both Councils were dissolved.

THE MAILS.—We regret to learn that irregularity has been experienced in receiving the Messenger by some of our Subscribers west of Kentville. We have made enquiries of the Nova Scotia Inspector, A. Woodgate, Esq., and he assures us that as our papers are mailed in Halifax on Tuesday evening, they are sent off on Wednesday morning, and should be at the post offices all along the line of railway on that day. He has instituted enquiries, and we trust it may be ascertained where the detention takes place. Now that the railroad is opened all through, we hope that nothing will interfere with the transmission of papers, and their reception at the earliest possible time after publication. We shall be glad to learn from any of our subscribers if any change in the address on their paper could be made to facilitate this desirable object.

MINISTERIAL AND PERSONAL.—We learn that the REV. WILLARD G. PARKER, has received and accepted an invitation to the pastorate of the Baptist church at Milton, Queens Co.

REV. GEORGE, is laboring at Newport. Here is a very important field for an earnest devoted Baptist minister. We trust our brother may be made very useful in gathering together the brethren of this locality.

REV. ALFRED CHIPMAN, is actively engaged as associate pastor with Dr. Day at Yarmouth. We understand that he is pleasantly settled at Milton, Yarmouth Co., The people recently paid them a donation visit leaving \$130.

REV. P. R. FOSTER, is now removed to Tusket, and is laboring with the Baptist Church in that place.

REV. GEO. F. MILLS, we hear is at Macaan, and his labors are being attended with marks of the Divine favor.

We shall be glad to hear of a pastor being settled over the Church at Liverpool.

We are glad to see that the Colchester County Sabbath School Convention, maintains its place and keeps up its meetings. It would be well if some of the same life were exhibited in other parts of the province in this important work. The winter doubtless interferes with Sabbath School operations in many places, but the interest would be vastly augmented by such meetings as that to be held at Great Village, on Friday the 7th of January next.

The Presbyterians of Nova Scotia, are contributing nobly towards the aid of the Rev. C. Chiquoy's people. About \$800 are reported. Mr. C. has entered upon a

lecturing tour, to gather aid for the erection of a suitable house of worship, so that the people may give their labor for the pecuniary aid obtained by them.

The failure of crops will, by this means, be a means of supplying them with labor, and eventually with a new place of worship.

The Third Annual Report of the HALIFAX ASSOCIATION FOR IMPROVING THE CONDITION OF THE POOR, 1869, is published. It shows in brief, that a vast amount of judicious aid is being given to the poor. The city is greatly indebted to this Association for its benevolent activity. During the year there were 936 families relieved, comprising 3574 persons. In affording this relief, there were 1775 visits made to said families by the District Visitors.

After all the rules by which the donations of the Society are made the 10th Rule directs the visitors:

"To discontinue relief to all who manifest a purpose to depend on alms, rather than on their own exertions for support, and whose further maintenance would be incompatible with their good and the objects of the Institution."

N. B.—Donations and Subscription will be thankfully received by Mr. Sterling, the Treasurer of the Association, at the Union Bank. It is hoped that friends of the Association will not wait to be called upon for contributions.

We have received from Oliver Ditson & Co., Boston, two splendid pieces of music:

1. PRINCE ARTHUR'S MARCH by Parlow.
2. PEABODY'S FUNERAL MARCH.

Each of them has a handsome portrait of its subject on the title-page, which is worth more than the price of the music. That of Prince Arthur is an excellent likeness of His Royal Highness, and that of Mr. Peabody is just such a fine benevolent face that one would expect would devise such liberal things as he did.

It is a happy thought to bring out music in connection with these two princes, at the same time—one an American born—whose memory will be ever green on both sides of the Atlantic, the other born to a high station, with great facilities for shedding honor on the British name and nation. May he prove worthy of his exalted parentage.

The music of these pieces is not difficult, but finely adapted to the subjects.

THE YOUNG MEN'S CHOICE by Mary E. Herbert.

This is a pamphlet of 43 pages, the first part of a well-told story of two young men, one of whom chooses a lady of wealth, and position, in preference to one to whom he had shewn some attention, and who was far superior in mental and moral excellence.

The other young gentleman finding the latter lady disengaged from his friend, finds her a congenial companion, and, we suppose from the commencement, marries her, and becomes a happy man; whilst the other's choice with all her wealth proves to be no security against poverty.

What the sequel will be, however, we must wait to know; the Concluding Part is to appear in January.

We have omitted a small portion of our correspondent's communication concerning the Windsor Church, as it contained a reflection on a number of good christian people and churches, which we are not prepared to publish except over the proper name of the writer. It might also have hindered rather than helped the object of the writer.

We do not profess to endorse all that appears in our correspondence anonymously, and should have preferred that "Believer" in another column had used terms less obnoxious in reference to "Thinker's" expressions of opinion. Still, we do not wish to make the limits so narrow as to prevent free discussion, sufficient to correct what may be found to be erroneous in our views and practices.

Mr. Editor,—

I had the pleasure of attending the Rhetorical Exhibition of the Sophomore Class in Acadia College a few evenings ago; and as most of your readers had not that privilege, I send you the following programme of the exercises on the occasion:

MUSIC.—PRAYER.

Price of Excellence, W. M. McVicar, Port Medway.

Search after Truth, Stephen Rand, Canning.

Claims of the Times, D. W. Douglas, Amherst.

MUSIC.

The Men of To-day, R. G. Munro, Clarence.

Labor is Genius, W. L. Bares, Wolfville.

Christian Individualism, W. F. Armstrong, North Sydney.

MUSIC.

Will Modern Times admit of the highest

Eloquence? Seymour E. Gourley, Brookfield, Colchester Co.

Labor, L. M. Smith, Halifax.

Ambition, W. T. Pipes, Amherst.

MUSIC.

NATIONAL ANTHEM.

I need only add that the exercises throughout were of a very interesting character. The essays were good—especially so in that they shewed signs of independent thought. The young men of Acadia are evidently encouraged to do their own thinking, and are taught to expect success only as the fruit of toil. So may it continue to be. A.

Notices, &c.

Guyborough County Ministerial Conference.

The next quarterly meeting for Guyborough County will be held in the Baptist Meeting Houses in Indian Harbor, on Saturday the 15th of January next, at 2 o'clock, P. M. Ministering Brethren and others are expected to attend. Brethren pray that the Lord may come up into our midst and bless our meeting.

By order of Conference, HENRY EAGLES.

St. Mary's, Dec. 8th.

Ragged Islands.

The Lady visitors of Rockland Division, No. 258, on the East side of Ragged Island Bay, purpose holding a BAZAAR and TEA MEETING, on the 21st of December, 1869. The proceeds to aid in building a Temperance Hall in that place. They humbly solicit the patronage of all the friends, as they are going to a large expense for the above named purpose. Admittance, Tea 37cets. Children under 12 years 25cets. Doors open at 3 o'clock, P. M. If the day should prove unfavorable the next fine day following.

J. F. MCKENNE, Chairman of Committee.

December 1st, 1869.

The Annapolis Co. Ministerial Conference.

The next meeting of the Annapolis Co. Ministerial Conference and Western Domestic Missionary Board, will be held (D. V.) at Round Hill, on Wednesday, the 19th of Jan. 1870. Conference to meet at 9 A. M. Board to meet at 1 P. M. Preaching on Tuesday evening previous by the Rev. N. Vidro.

W. H. PORTER, Sec'y. of the Conference and Board.

The Colchester Co. Baptist Sabbath School Convention.

The Quarterly Session of this Convention will be held at Great Village, Londonderry, on Friday, January 7th, commencing at 2 o'clock, P. M. Public Meeting in the evening at 6 o'clock.

It is to be hoped that every Sabbath School now in operation in the County, may be represented by letter and delegates, and where schools have suspended operations for the winter. Superintendents will see to it that their schools are represented at the coming Convention.

A. J. WALKER, Secretary.

Truro, Dec. 11, 1869.

The Baptist Foreign Missionary Board.

is to meet in Tremont, Aylesford, on Tuesday, the 28th, inst., at 1 o'clock P. M. Highly important business requires as full attendance as possible.

CHARLES TUPPER, Secretary.

Aylesford, Dec. 3rd, 1869.

Mr. O'Donnell has taken an excellent negative of Moug Kyaw and Shway Mal; and will supply photographs at 25 cents each.

WANTED, 500 NEW SUBSCRIBERS.

We believe there are hundreds of Christian families in the province who only require a suggestion from some one of our present subscribers to induce them to become good reliable subscribers to the *Christian Messenger*. Reader, have the kindness to try.

As an extra inducement we propose to send the paper to New Subscribers, from the date of securing their name up to the end of 1870, for the advance payment for one year. We will also send a copy of the new "SELECTION OF HYMNS," postage paid, to the person who sends on the name and payment for such new Subscriber.

To any person who will engage heartily in getting New Subscribers, we propose to allow them six for the price of five: That is for every six new Subscribers, in advance, they may send us, we shall demand the payment for only five.—Ten Dollars.

Let the address be given very distinctly.

General Intelligence.

Province of Nova Scotia.

NEWSPAPERDOM is having some accessions in quantity; perhaps too the quality will be improved at the opening of the New Year.

The *Colonist* has made its appearance as a Daily instead of a tri-weekly as heretofore. Its typography is excellent. In all the essentials of a newspaper it is second to none.

The *Citizen* proposes to come out at the beginning of the year as a Daily morning paper instead of a tri-weekly evening paper. Mr. McDonald's resources will doubtless be equal to the demands such a paper will present.

Halifax will be well supplied with newspapers. With three daily morning papers, two daily and one tri-weekly evening papers we shall doubtless have "all the news" and sometimes perhaps a little more.

We unintentionally omitted before to acknowledge receiving the *Halifax College Gazette* a small paper got up by the Students.

EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION.—The annual convention of Teachers will be held in Halifax during next week. An outline of the work contemplated, published in the December Journal of Education, shows a full amount of work for the time and that of a nature most interesting to teachers and educationists. The first meeting will be held on Monday evening, 27th inst., at 8 o'clock, when an inaugural address will be delivered by the President, A. McN. Patterson, Esq.—The Convention will continue till Thursday afternoon. The N. S. and W. & A. railway authorities will furnish return tickets for half fare to members travelling over the roads to and from the city. Members must present to the Station Masters their certificates of membership, which can be procured from J. B. Calkin Esq., Truro; D. McDonald, Esq., Teacher, New Glasgow; H. C. Bayne, Esq., Pictou; J. Parsons, Esq., Halifax; F. W. George, Esq., Amherst; Prof. C. E. Gates, Yarmouth; Rev. D. M. Welton, Windsor; Rev. R. Somerville, Wolfville; Rev. Geo. Armstrong, Bridgetown.

CLARE.—The Yarmouth *Herald* reports that on the 6th inst., a number of children attending school at Church Point went on the ice to play, and the ice breaking three of them fell through and were drowned. All three were aged about twelve years. An inquest was held on the bodies when the jury returned a verdict of "accidental death by drowning."

ACCIDENT.—Mr. James H. Smith, of Flat Rocks, Queen's County, was killed on the 15th inst., by a tree falling on his head. He was an industrious young man and highly respected.

ANOTHER WHALE.—On the 6th inst., a Whale was captured at Malagash, Wallace. It was observed in the Bay, parties went out in a boat and drove it towards the shore, where it grounded. It was afterwards killed, cut up and divided. It measured 35 feet in length and 10 feet across the tail.

Father Hyacinthe has left the United States. He sailed from New York on the 11th inst on board the *Persia* and immediately after his arrival at Paris will proceed to Rome.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

WINDSOR AND ANNAPOLIS RAILWAY.

HALIFAX & ST. JOHN,

Time Table commencing December 18th, 1868:

Miles	A. M.	P. M.
St. John N. B.	8 00	8 00
Annapolis	2 35	10 25
8 Falmouth	2 55	10 30
14 Bridgetown	3 15	10 50
19 Paradise	3 25	11 05
22 Lawrencetown	3 35	11 15
28 Middleton	3 50	11 25
31 Wilmot	4 00	11 30
35 Kingston	4 15	11 45
40 Morden Road	4 25	11 50
42 Aylesford	4 30	
47 Berwick	4 43	12 00
50 Waterville	4 50	12 10
54 Coldbrook	5 00	12 15
59 Kentville, arr.	5 10	12 30
	44 Mord. Road	12 35
do leave	5 15	12 50
64 Pt William	5 25	1 00
66 Wolfville	5 40	1 08
69 Grand Pre	5 50	1 20
72 Avonport	6 00	1 30
77 Hantsport	6 05	1 45
82 Falmouth	6 40	2 05
84 Windsor	7 50	2 30
129 Halifax	11 25	9 00
	144 St. John by	9 00
	[Steamer]	9 00

NOTE.—Steamer Emperor runs on Wednesdays and Saturdays only, on which days the through trains carry no live stock or way freight.—On other days trains leave Annapolis at 1.30 and Stations to Kentville proportionately earlier; returning leave Kentville at 12.00 and arrive in Annapolis at 3.30

Kentville Dec 13th 1869. VERNON SMITH, Manager.

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Christmas Tree.

THE Ladies of the Sewing Circle of the First Cornwallis Baptist Church intend having a sale of

FANCY AND USEFUL ARTICLES on Thursday the 23rd inst., at the Large Hall in Lower Canard.

Doors open at 5 P. M. Admittance 12 1/2 cents.

Tea 25.

Mrs. JENKINS ELLIS, } Presidents.
Mrs. W. H. LYONS, }

Cornwallis, 13th Dec. 1869.

Dec. 22.

FOUND.

ON Tuesday the 14th Inst., a WATCH; any one having lost it and giving a proper description thereof, can hear of the person who has it in possession, by applying to the "CHRISTIAN MESSENGER" Office, and paying expenses.

Dec. 22.

DECEMBER 8th, 1869. WHOLESALE.

Anderson, Billing & Co., Have received per brig "Boston,"

3 Cases American Paper Collars,

"Rival," "Mutual" and "Boston"

ALSO

50 DOZEN TRACED APRONS.

Warehouse—95 & 97 Granville street.

Dec. 15.