

65 per cent should pass in the obligatory subjects, and an equal percentage of those engaged with optional subjects should pass in two subjects of this programme...

To entitle a school to the rank of Second Class, 50 per cent should be required in each of the following subjects:—Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry, and Natural Science...

This plan assumes three important things:—First, that good teachers can so inform the minds of their pupils on any subject...

1. Any teacher to be eligible for additional Government aid each term, in consideration of the quality of the work performed in the school, must have taught the same school (or dept.) at least one school year immediately preceding the term in which any given inspection occurs.

2. A School passing in the Third Class to entitle the Teacher to \$— per Term. Second Class to entitle the Teacher to \$— per Term. First Class to entitle the Teacher to \$— per Term.

or proportionally for the time in operation; but whenever the whole series of inspections of Schools taught by any teacher shows less than 75 per cent of passes of any Class, the teacher not to be entitled to any payment for quality of work till this percentage is restored.

3. When the whole series of inspections of schools taught by any teacher shows 75 per cent and upwards of passes of any class, the teacher when superannuated to be entitled to an annuity equal to \$— a year for every year of service performed under the authority of a license granted on the report of the Examiners provided by the Act of 1877.

4. The life of each teacher who at his or her death shall be found according to his or her period of service above, to have taught for a period of at least five years on an average in each section in which he or she was employed, to be held to be insured by the Province for the sum of \$—; provided that the schools (or Departments) taught by such teacher shows 75 per cent of passes in the first class over the whole series of inspections, and that the name of such teacher at the time of his or her death appears upon the official list of employed or superannuated teachers of Nova Scotia.

Such provisions would sensibly increase the remuneration of successful teachers, provide assistance for them in the event of being disabled or enfeebled in the service, and render it possible for them to assume domestic obligations with a reasonable provision for the contingencies of the uncertain future. They would contribute most powerfully towards the breaking up of those migratory habits which threaten to neutralise half the good that is done. Permanence of employment in one place, and permanent service in the business, are results that must be earnestly desired by teachers and people. Nova Scotia has brought into the work many hundreds of good teachers, but there have not been such rewards in connexion with teaching as served to retain them. The bearing of the suggestions I have offered for way of a remedy is too obvious for me to weary your patience in pointing it out. I would, however, offer a remark or two as to the effect these proposals if operative, would have on inspection. They would render it, as it now ought to be rendered, more definite in its aims. The services of the best men for the work would be required. Most of the divisions for purposes of inspection would include more than one country. This would stay that natural but really most unwise clamor for local men for in-

spectors. Qualified men are wanted, and only such could pronounce with judgment upon the quality of the work performed in the schools. A syllabus of qualifications for inspectors should now, I think be sanctioned by law, and stated opportunities for examination on this syllabus regularly afforded to the teachers and others. Appointments to the office of inspector should be made from the list of those who have passed such an examination, preference always being given to teachers of the Province, if possessing the requisite qualifications for the special post.

We commend the following extract from Mr. Rand's recent address, to those who consider that our public Schools should confine their instruction exclusively to the "three R's":—

"The foremost teachers in Scotland assured me that the chief objection now existing in that country to the English Code was that it ignored the correlation of the various subjects of study, and virtually barred the way to the employment of the most successful methods of dealing with the fundamental subjects. Experiment after experiment has been made, and it has been shown beyond all question, that schools confined to the study of the "three R's" make less progress in these subjects in the same period of time, than those having a more liberal course of study. We have abundant proof in our own country, in face of the proposal made in our Legislature two years ago, that the soundest instruction in the essential branches is compatible with an extended course of instruction in other subjects."

We have received the fourth Annual Report of the HALIFAX ASSOCIATION FOR IMPROVING THE CONDITION OF THE POOR. From it we learn that a vast amount of good has been done by a comparatively small expenditure of money. The donations and subscriptions of the past year amounted to only \$1184.73; but by the purchase of stone and other materials, and the employment of persons otherwise out of work, more than double that sum was supplied to the assistance of poor families. The Visitors are doing an excellent work. The Report says:—

"The demand for gratuitous relief has been much diminished by the system organized for providing labor for those who can work, as a test of their willingness to earn their bread by the sweat of their brow. The breaking of stone was continued last winter, and an addition was made to the shed on the Common for this purpose, 41,502 bushels of stone were broken and sold to the city. Early last winter a very efficient committee of ladies was formed, to furnish sewing to such poor women as the visitors of the Association might, after due inquiry, recommend for employment. The result of this branch of the society's operations induces the hope that in the ensuing winter it may be still more beneficially carried on with the advantage of the experience which has now been acquired."

This Society deserves to have more funds supplied to its Treasury by benevolent persons in the community. We are pleased to learn that hitherto it has been adequately sustained by spontaneous offerings, so that the Committee have not, since the first year or two, had the less pleasant task of making a regular canvass for subscriptions. We hope they will still have the same experience, and that those who have means that they can spare for the benefit of the Poor, will forward them to the Treasurer, W. S. Stirling, Esq., Union Bank.

We learn by the Press Despatch from London, that Dean Alford died on Friday last, aged 61. Perhaps there is hardly a man of the present generation who has done so much for Biblical Literature as the Dean of Canterbury. It is not often that we find an ecclesiastic of the Established Church with such advanced views and liberal sentiments. We expect shortly to have an extended notice of his life and labors.

PHRENOLOGICAL JOURNAL AND LIFE ILLUSTRATED, a neat monthly Magazine of 80 pages nicely illustrated and full of readable matter in reference to man and his physical, and psychological development. S. R. Wells, 363 Broadway, New York.

GILLETTE'S LIFE AND TIMES OF JOHN HUSS. The third Edition of this valuable work is just published by Messrs. Gould and Lincoln, in two vols. 8vo. Memoirs of the Life and Times of Henry Lord Brougham, written by himself, will shortly appear. The first volume is to be published this month. The work will be completed in three volumes octavo. Dr. Norman McLeod has published a sermon, entitled "War and Judgment," preached before the Queen,

in the Parish Church of Crathie, and published by Her Majesty's command. OLD AND NEW, for January 1871, is equal to the best of its predecessors.

THE CHRISTMAS LOCKET, a holiday number of "Old and New," contains a beautiful Christmas Carol, with music by Mendelssohn, and a lot of bright charming stories and poems for the Holidays. It comprises ninety-six octavo pages, with an illuminated cover. Price 25 cents. ROBERTS BROTHERS, Publishers, 143 Washington Street, Boston.

THE BAPTIST QUARTERLY, Jan. 1871, comes to us early with its cheerful bright green exterior, giving promise by its programme, of a feast within. The following is the list of its articles:— 1. The Physiological Method of Mental Philosophy, by Dr. Talbot. 2. Modern Greece, by Dr. Arnold. 3. The Realm of Faith, by Prof. Chace. 4. Religion and Astronomy, by Dr. Winkler. 5. Tertullian on the rite of Baptism, by Dr. Hovey. 6. Exegesis of John i. 16, by Rev. J. J. C. Yule. 7. The Scriptural Theory of Ministerial Education, by Dr. Poindexter. 8. Exegetical Studies. 9. Book Notices.

We shall probably have occasion to invite our readers to participate in these treasures. In the meantime we would recommend all who can do so to subscribe for the Quarterly. \$3.00 a year. Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia.

Notices, &c.

Table listing financial reports for Foreign Missions, Sister Dewolf's Support, and Support of Sister Norris, with donors and amounts.

NOTE.—As sister D. Wolf needed some articles which could not be conveniently obtained in Henthada, and an opportunity was afforded to forward them, the amount requisite—\$5—was made up as a donation to her, as follows:—Rev. M. P. Freeman \$1, Rev. C. Tupper \$1, and Mrs. G. Dimock \$2. It is worthy of remark, and may well stimulate others to activity in the good work, that this venerable sister, now in the 93rd year of her age, contributed toward the Foreign Mission in the year 1870, ten dollars, the proceeds of knitting done by her own hands.

The generous bequest, also, of our valued young sister, Sabra Dimock, (whom the writer visited twice on her death bed, and witnessed with pleasure the steadfastness of her faith and the joyfulness of her hope,) is evidently worthy of commendation and imitation. C. TUPPER, Secretary. Tremont, Aylesford, Jan. 6, 1871.

Received for Foreign Missions for Miss Norris, Dec. 2nd, 1870, from Treasurer of Central Board of Women's Missionary Aid Society, St. John N. B. \$102.25. A. T. BAKER, Treasurer.

NOVA SCOTIA HOME MISSIONARY BOARD. The Monthly Meeting of N.S. Home Missionary Board was held in the Vestry of Granville Street Church, Halifax, Wednesday January 11th, 1871. Present.—The President in the Chair, Revs. E. M. Saunders and A. S. Hunt, Hon. Justice McCully, Alex. Robinson, E. D. King, Dr. Clay, and Secretary. Letters read from Chas. Norwood, Lieut. and Rev. E. C. Spinney. Received by the Treasurer from Hon. Justice McCully. \$50.00. Appointment.—Rev. Charles Norwood, Lieut., 8 weeks on Sherbrook Road, Kings County. B. N. BECKWITH, Sec'y.

The next lecture before the Acadia Athenaeum will be delivered by Prof. D. F. Higgins, M. A., on Friday evening Jan'y 27th, in the vestry of the Baptist Meeting House, Wolfville. Subject.—The seventh decade of the century. Doors open at 7 o'clock. By order, G. O. GATES, Cor. Sec'y.

Rev. Dr. Cramp requests us to say that the person who wrote to him from Cow Bay will send name and address, a reply to the question will be forwarded by post.

OPENING OF MEETING HOUSE. The new Baptist Meeting House at Oxford, will be opened for Divine Service (D. V.) on Sabbath 22nd January, 1871.

Ministering Brethren and others are respectfully invited. George Gilroy, J. L. Purdy, Edward Thompson, Committee. Oxford, Cumberland Co., Dec. 23rd, 1870.

FANCY SALE AT FORT WILLIAMS. The ladies of Fort Williams Sewing Circle intend holding a sale of fancy and useful articles, the first day of February. The doors will be opened at 3, P. M. A hot supper will be served from 6 o'clock. The proceeds of the sale are to go towards finishing our new meeting-house at that place, and we hope the ladies will receive liberal patronage. On behalf of the circle. S. B. KEMPTON.

THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY AID SOCIETIES connected with the Baptist Churches in Halifax, intend to hold a Public Meeting in behalf of these Societies on Thursday evening the 19th Instant, in Granville Street Church. Addresses will be given by several Ministers in relation to the work of Christian Missions, especially amongst women in foreign lands by the agency of Women.

LETTERS RECEIVED.

A. M. Wills, \$2. A. Marshall, Esq., \$7 pd. \$2. E. N. S., Geo. Starrat, \$4. Rev. J. A. Stubbert, \$10, 1 sub. Jas. B. McNutt, Esq., \$6. C. H. Harrington. Rev. M. P. Freeman. Rev. Isa. Wallace. W. E. West, (2), 1 sub. A. M. Roxby, \$2.50. N. Miller, Esq., 1 sub. J. M. Parker, Esq., Rev. Dr. Tupper, (2), \$10, 1 sub., rem. for Boston all right. J. Margeson, 25cts. J. E. Lockwood, \$10, 2 subs. J. S. Witter, \$8. Rev. J. H. Saunders. Rev. D. Freeman. C. Y. Snell, \$8. Rev. G. E. Day. H. Denton, \$3. J. Thurber, Esq., \$8, 1 sub. M. Kinsman, \$5. W. C. Bill. J. H. Gilroy, \$10, 3 subs. Rev. J. Chase. W. A. Reid, \$8.50, 1 sub. T. H. Patton, \$5. J. Greenough, \$5. Rev. A. Chipman, 1 sub. Rev. J. C. Morse, \$2. Rev. E. O. Read. Rev. J. Jones, \$1, 1 sub. S. Shaw, \$5.

News of the Week.

THE NEW ORGAN for the Garrison Chapel arrived from England in the mail steamer City of Baltimore. The Stone Crusher for Lockman Street extension has arrived and went into operation on Monday last.

NEARLY DROWNED.—A soldier of the 61st Regt., while in a state of intoxication on Sunday, fell over Power's wharf into the water. He was rescued by the men belonging to a schooner which was lying at the wharf.

GENEROUS.—A subscriber sends \$40 to the Church Chronicle towards the expenses of the paper for the year 1871.

THE HALIFAX COMMISSIONERS OF SCHOOLS are unwilling that newspaper reporters should be admitted to their sittings. The Reporter takes a strong position in favor of publicity being given to the expenditures of their services and should be glad to have publicity given to their proceedings. Their resistance of such a change indicates a want of confidence in their constituency. We hope the Commissioners may be led to better counsels.

TENNYSON.—Prof. Elder's Lecture, on Tuesday last before the Young Men's Christian Association, was listened to by a good audience. Poets and Poetry generally were discussed in the first part of the lecture. This laid an excellent foundation for enabling the hearers to form an intelligent judgment of the one specially under consideration. Mr. Elder's quotations from, and analysis of, Tennyson showed him to be an ardent admirer of England's Poet Laureate, placing him on a level with Shakespeare and Milton. There would of course be various opinions on that point. The quotations were well rendered and evidently highly appreciated. It is difficult to bring such a lecture within the limits that will secure close attention. An hour is generally as long as people will listen to any but a very popular subject. The Hall was not well warmed, and towards the close some disturbance was caused by persons leaving the room. This was referred to with regret by the Chairman.

PRESENTATION.—On Friday evening last at the close of the usual service at the North Baptist Church, Hon. Judge McCully, after some preliminary remarks on behalf of several members of the church and congregation, presented Rev. Mr. Goucher with a purse containing one hundred dollars, as an expression of their esteem.

THE NOVA SCOTIA ICE COMPANY'S PROPERTY at Rocky Lake, consisting of a dwelling house and barn, and five ice-houses, capable of containing 7000 tons of ice, was sold at auction on Thursday by E. Lawson, for \$1125, to E. D. Tucker. The ice-ploughs, saws, planes, bars, etc., were sold at the same time to Mr. Tucker for \$100.

W. & A. RAILWAY.—The Windsor Mail is informed that another alteration is to be made in the time table of the W. & A. Railway, which is to do away with the train from Kentville in the morning and vice versa in the evening; making the terminus at Windsor, and running one through train a day each way, as per present time table.

WINDSOR.—Last Sabbath at the Baptist Church one of the congregation placed his contribution (amounting to seven dollars and a half, enclosed in an envelope) in the offering box at the door; one end of the envelope was left sticking out, which is supposed to have attracted the argus eyes of some youthful worshipper of Mammon, who watched his chance to appropriate it, as when the box was opened it was found missing.—Mail.

Moral. Put the envelope in the box.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—On Saturday 7th, Mr. Joseph Surratt, of Argyle, Yarmouth, was so severely injured by the limb of a tree falling upon him that he died in 15 hours after the occurrence of the accident.

LUNenburg.—The Presbyterian Congregation in this place celebrated its hundredth Anniversary on Monday the 2nd Inst. Rev. Mr. Morrison preached. One remarkable feature of the occasion was the presence of Mrs. Kaulback, in her 103rd year, mother of the present Sheriff, and widow of the late Sheriff of the county. She still enjoys the use of her faculties to a remarkable extent. After the service in the church the congregation adjourned to the Temperance Hall, and enjoyed a substantial festival, followed by music and addresses suited to the occasion.

FRUIT GROWERS' ASSOCIATION.—We notice by the Kentville Star that the Annual Meeting of the Fruit Grower's Association was held at Wolfville Wednesday 11th inst. Dr. C. C. Hamilton, President of the Association, occupied the chair. The Annual Exhibition will be held in Oct., and is to last four days, at which time it is proposed to have a Convention, to be composed of Fruit growers from all parts of the Dominion of Canada and the United States. It was resolved to petition the Dominion Parliament for a protective duty on early vegetables, fruit trees, as American products of this class are admitted in the Dominion of Canada free of duty, while ours are taxed about thirty per cent, before they can be landed in the United States. A petition will be presented to the Local Legislature for the old grant of \$400 to the Association. The following is a list of the officers elected for the ensuing year:—President.—C. C. Hamilton, M. D. Vice Do.—Richard Starr, Kings; Avar Longley, Annapolis; H. Johnston, Hants; G. A. S. Creighton, Halifax, Auditor.—G. V. Rand, Esq.; Council.—Leander Rand, C. F. Eaton, John M. Parker, Isaac Shaw, and Dwight DeWolfe, Esq., for Kings County, T. W. Chesley, Isaac Langley, Delancey Harris, Miner Tupper, and Jas. E. Fellows, Esqs., for Annapolis County, Herbert Harris, Esq., for Halifax, Geo. Greed, and A. L. Rickards, Esqs., for Hants, and Chas. E. Brown, Esq., for Yarmouth County.

At the Colchester Co. Sessions, 20 voted for license to sell intoxicating liquors and 12 against.

KING'S COLLEGE.—The Chair of Professor of modern languages, has just been filled by the appointment of Prof. F. Samichraat, a Hungarian by birth. He brings the most flattering recommendations from British Universities.

Advertisement for LITTLE'S INDUCTIVE METHOD, a new music book, with musical notation and descriptive text.