his ministry the one all his days. In doing this he will many cases. have to attend to man duties, because no suitable pe forthcoming to fulfil them. Wh sionary finds himself among unci ibes he is in the pursuit of his o even when he makes bricks, delve , or retails garments to the people tor in a rural district may be do to conduct a secular school hims here be no funds to pay for a teacher voluntary hands adapted for the wo y and every needful piece of secula doing lies within our province, bu y no means militates against the t the more we are set free from such ments the better. The wise pastor all, but leaves details to his help as he apostles left the distribution alms of the church at Jerusalem to seven men of honest report," that t ght give themselves continual y to and the ministry of the word. Pa raiseworthy for earning his own b tent-making with a special end in but had he consented to receive a su temporal maintenance from any of th egations of Macedonia or Asia so a e set free for constant preaching. h ld never have thought himself justi setting up a tent factory, even with th anthropic view of bettering the gene commodation of soldiers during cam s. "This one thing I do," was tto; you could not have tempted h m, his preaching even by the offer cat in the Roman senate, though it very desirable to have good men there

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Mr. Edit

As no ramme of the recent Rhetorical Exhi n of the Sophomore class of our Co has appeared in this week's issue e *Messenger*, I will forward to you e programme. The exercises throug were of an eminently pleasing and i ctive character, presenting an agree variety of style and address and well ted to interest a larger audience than the last two years has assemble on th occasions. Doubtless the number prese would have been larger had not the noti which usually appears in the *Mess* en been omitted.

Essays plainly showed that much lab nd care had been bestowed upon the some of them the exercise of good re ning power was apparent, in others th vividness of the imagination flashed fo ; in others, the moral sentiment hely prevailed while in all was the evi ce of mental culture and literary taste. e order of the exercises was as follows:

OMEGA.

Voluntary ; Prayer ; Music.

"The Social," by J. H. Robbins, Yarmouth.
"Labor Omnia Vincit," J. C. Spurr, Nictaux.
"The Beginning and the End," J. F. Covey, Indian Harbor.
Music.
"The Undeveloped," F. H. Eaton, Kentville.
"The Revival of Literature," T. H. Thomas, Wolfville.
"A Plea f r Thoroughness," J. A. Durkee, Yarmouth.
Music
"Influence," G. W. Thomas Cornwallis.
"Youth," E. Skinner, Berwick.
"The Ruins of Time," (Excused) W. H. Bishop, Greenwick.
"Nil Desperandum," A. J. Eaton, Granville.
Music.
"Emulation," H. W. Rand, Canning.
"The Esthetic," (Excused) J. B. Hall, Lawrencetown.
"The Moral Hero," G. O. Gates, Wilmot.
Music. Addresses. Doxology.

"Omega," will please accept our thanks for the above, he and his fellow-students may rest assured that we and our readers are much interested in whatever takes place in relation to the College. We regret that no notice was sent us of the Exhibition. The brief paragraph which appeared in our issue of the 21st would have had the programme appended to it if we had been furnished with a copy.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER is being observed in this city by threeUn on Prayer Meetings each day—in the mornings at ½ past 9, at the Barrack Street Mission Church, and in the evenings at two of the churches—one North and the other South. Thus far they have been largely attended, solemn, devotional services.

On Monday at the North Baptist and Grafton Street Churches.

Yesterday at Granville Street and Kaye Street Churches.

To-day at St. Mathews and St. John's Churches.

On Thursday at Chalmers Church and Brunswick Street.

On Friday at St. Andrews and Poplar Grove Churches.

On Saturday at Salem Church at 3 p. m.

We published the programme of subjects two or three weeks since.

We regret that we were unable to send perfect copies to all our New Subscribers last week. We had not prepared for so large a number, and were obliged to send copies imperfectly printed to some. We do not intend that this shall occur again. We have printed a larger edition this week so as to be able to supply new subscribers from the beginning of the year if their names are sent within two or three weeks.

A worthy brother sends us the names of three new subscribers, and hopes to be able to forward two or three more shortly. He adds, "My success thus far has been beyond my expectation, and without much effort or trouble. If our pastors and other agents would only give a little time and wisdom to such effort I feel persuaded they would gladden your heart and benefit not a few families."

We have had many kind expressions from brethren during the past two or three weeks, especially from the Western part of the Province. They all have our warmest gratitude.

RITUALISM REBUKED.—Several of the ritualistic clergy have been lately before the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council. One case has been decided on. The Rev. Mr. Mackonochie, who has been very notorious for semi-popish practices, and for defiance of authority, has been sentenced to suspension from the exercies of all clerical functions for three months, and ordered to pay the costs of the proceedings, which will no doubt be very heavy.

BOOK ITEMS.

A new Life of the Rev. John Wesley is in course of publication. The first volume is issued: two more are to follow. The Rev. Luke Tyerman, the Author, has been engaged in the collection of materials for the last seventeen years.

Dr. Smith's Bible Dictionary, edited by Dr. Hackett, is now completed. It is the best edition of that valuable work.

Dr. Cramp is collecting letters and public documents, for a Memoir of Madame Feller, late of the Grande Ligne Mission.

As one of the results of the labours of the Palestine Exploration Society, a volume has just been published, entitled, "The Discovery of Jerusalem," edited by Col. Wilson and Captain Warren, and copiously illustrated by engravings.

The American Baptist Publication Society has added to its list of books a Memoir of Thomas Delaune.

Dean Stanley has collected the Essays and Reviews written by him during the last twenty years, which now fill a portly octavo volume.

A "Bible Atlas," published by the Society for promoting Christian Knowledge, indicates great progress in that branch of literature.

Dr. Tregelles has at length, after many years' labour, completed his critical edition of the Greek New Testament, with, the exception of the book of Revelation. It is to be regretted that the high price of the volume ($18.75) will place it out of the reach of many biblical students.

The Rev. J. H. Blunt, M. A., is the compiler of a "Dictionary of doctrinal and historical Theology," recently published.

Among the publications of the Religious Tract Society is "A Picture gallery of the Nations," profusely illustrated, which will no doubt be a favourite with young readers.

"The Theology of the New Testament—a hand-book for bible students." from the Dutch of the Rev. Dr. J. J. Van Oosterzee is commended by English Reviewers as a valuable acquisition to ministers' libraries.

Notices, &c.

OUR ENLARGEMENT.

Some persons have supposed that a change of form from that of the quarto—eight pages, to a folio—four pages, would have given a more pretentious appearance to our sheet, and would make the enlargement more conspicuous. It would have saved us some trouble and expense to have brought it out in that shape; but we know that many of our readers are accustomed to preserve their papers; for this and other reasons the Quarto is generally preferred for a weekly paper. We find that the best papers both British and American are in this form. The folio is perhaps handier for dailies, and papers that are expected to be read only once and then laid aside, but for family use, where the paper is expected to be read by all the members of the family, the form in which the *Messenger* appears is the more acceptable.

In consequence of a slight mistake in the measurement for the new material we had to purchase, our enlargement is not quite what we intended to make it. There is however in the whole paper an addition, in square inches, of more than seven columns.

With this increased demand upon us and our office, we enter upon the New Year with the confident assurance that our readers will, on their part make their remittances promptly, and will use their best endeavours to enlarge our list of subscribers.

COLCHESTER COUNTY BAPTIST SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION.

This Convention willhold its quarterly meeting in the vestry of the Baptist Church, Truro, on Friday 13th, of January 1870. Commencing at 2½ o'clock, P. M. evening session will commence at 7 o'clock.

A. J. WALKER, *Sec'y.*

Truro, Dec. 19th, 1870.

ACADIA COLLEGE.

The next Term openson Thursday, Jan. 5th, 1871. New Students can be admitted to such classes as they are prepared to join.

A. W. SAWYER, *President.*

Dec. 17th, 1870.

FANCY SALE AT PORT WILLIAMS.

The ladies of Port Williams Sewing Circle intend holding a sale of fancy and useful articles, the first day of Feb. The doors will be opened at 3, P. M. A hot supper will be served from 6 o'clok.

The preceeds of the sale are to go towards finishing our new meeting-house at that place, and we hope the ladies will receive liberal potionage. On behalf of the circle.

S. B. KEMPTON.

WOMEN'S MISSION AID SOCIETY.

Received per Mrs. Ada E. North, Pine Grove $3.00
" per Miss Ellen Dodge, Pine Grove, from the Sunday School Mission Board 4.00
Dec. 27, 1870.
Received per Mrs. S. Morrison, Little Dyke, Londonderry, for Miss Norris, 2.50
for Miss DeWolf . . 2.50
Dec. 29, 1870.
Recevied per Mr. W. C. Bill. Billtown, for Miss Norris . 6.00

M. R. SELDEN, *Secetary.*

Marriages.

On the 28th inst, by the Rev. I. J. Skinner, Mr. Peter Corkum of Chester, to Mrs. Lilly Mills, of Halifax.

Dec. 26th, 1870, at the residence of Mrs. Julia Ann Barnaby, by the Rev. John McDon ld, Mr. Nathaniel McDonald, of Cornwallis, to Miss Cassie Daniels of Paradise, Annapolis Co.

Dec. 25th, by the Rev. J. M. Parker, Mr. Elias Messenger, to Miss Amelia Elliott, both of Arlington.

July 26th, by the Rev. A. W. Barss, Mr. Alexander Davison, of New Harbour, to Miss Jane Veltmate, of White Head.

By the same, on the same day, Mr. George Pettengale, of England, to Miss Dianna Snow, of Cape Canso.

By the same, August 31st, Mr. Henry Snow, to Miss Emeline Veltmate, both of White Head.

December 7th, by the same, Mr. James Campbell, of Guysboro, to Miss Mary Jane Horton, of Cape Canso.

December 20th, by the same, Mr. John Hampelton, Merchant, to Miss Harriet Cunningham, all of Cape Canso.

On the 23rd December, by the Rev. J. Abbott, Mr. Geo. Arthur, to Miss Emma, second daughter of Mr. Henry Adams.

On the 15th December, at Tatamagouche, by the Rev. T. Sedgewick, Mr. Charles McDonald, of Shubenacadie, to Miss E. Waugh, of Tatamagouche.

At Maitland, Hants, on the 27th December, by the Rev. John Currie, Mr. Charles Putnam, to Kate, second daughter of the late Captain Richard Douglas, all of Maitland.

At New Glasgow, on the 22nd December, by the Rev. Allan Pollock, Albert, son of the late Wm. Lippincott, Esq.

At Dodges' Hotel, Middleton, Wilmot, on the 28th December, by Rev. J. L. Sponagle, Mr. Jos. Clarke, of Granville, to Mrs. Hannah Gilmore, of the same place.

On the 21st iust., by the Rev. E. B. Corey, Mr. Peter Nelson of Maccan Mountain, to Miss Matilda Thompson, of Pugwash River.

Dec. 29th, at the residence of Jno. Dodge, Esq., Prooklyn, by Rev M. P. Freeman, Edmund P. Smith, of Nictax, to Sophia A. Morehouse, daughter of the late William H. Morehouse.

On the 15th Oct. 1870. by Rev. J. F. Kempton, A. B. Mr. Whitney West, to Miss Rebeccah Hagerty, both of Cornwallis.

Also, by the same, on the 3rd Nov. ult., Mr. William Parker to Miss Elizabeth Bullerwell, both of Hall's Harbor, Corville.

Also, by the same, on the 7th, Dec. inst., Mr. James Givan of Harbowick, to Miss Hallah Lemont of Billtown.

Also, by the same, on the 28th, of Sep. 1870. Mr. Thomas Carter of Woodville, to Miss Bessie Cox, of Berwick

Deaths.

At St. Croix Cove, December 10th, Alex. McKenzie, aged 86 years.

At Dartmouth, on the 28th December, Sarah, the beloved daughter of Stephen and Ellen Faulkner, aged 22 years.

Lost overboard from the brig "Lavinia," of Maitland, on the voyage from New York to Marseilles, on the 20th November, Capt. John B. Douglass, Esq., of Maitland, aged 23 years.

On Thursday, 29th December, Robert McKenzie, of the Royal Engineer Department, in his 34th year.

On the 27th December, Mr. Michael McAuliff in the 57th year of his age.

At Shelburne, 14th December, Miss Catherine Robertson, daughter of the late Captain Alexander Robertson, aged 89 years.

On Saturday, Increase B. Burgess, aged 82 years, a native of Newport.

On Sunday, Bridget, beloved wife of John Welch, in the 26th year of her age.

At his residence, near Digby, on the 13th December, Mr. William Turnbull, aged 94 years.

On the 27th December, at the residence of John H. Anderson, Petpeswick Harbour, Anne, relict of the late Alex. Wallace, M. D., and eldest daughter of the late Jno Anderson.

At Porthood, on Monday Dec, 26th, John Lewis Tremain, Esq., in the 73rd year of his age. His death was a very happy one, rejoicing in the Saviour.

Mr. Tremain has long been highly esteemed in the community where he dwelt, and by the denomination with which he was connected.

On Saturday, 31st Dec., Eliza Mary, only daughter of E. J. Longard, in the 19th year of her age.

At LeManche Mine, Newfound, December 2nd, Edward Alonso Usher, a seaman, formerly of brigt. Masonic—New Brunswick papers please copy.

At Amherst on the 29th inst., Cecil Wray, youngest son of the Rev. George Townshend, in the 17th year of his age.

At Lucyfield, County of Halifax, on Monday 2nd January, Lucy Stapley, wife of George Lawson, Professor of Chemistry, Dalhousie College.

At Chester, Dec 27th, Melissa Cole, wife of Capt. George Cole, and third daughter of Capt. James E. Redden, aged 19 years.

Shipping List.

PORT OF HALIFAX.

ARRIVED.

TUESDAY, December 28th.—Barque Eliza Barss, Vesey, Bermuda; schrs. Grand Master, Seaboyer, Boston; Golden West, Wilkie, Boston; Rockett, Griffin, Orwell Bay, P. E. I.; Ellen, Shelnut, P. E. I.; Gazelle, Mullin, P. E. I; Monteray, Hewett, St. Mary's; Busy William, Zwicker, Mahone Bay; Spray, McKinnon, Port Richmond; Annie Bell, Embree, Port Hawkesbury; Lilly of the Valley, Grant, Turks Island; Sentinel, Doane, Porto Rico.

WEDNESDAY, 29th.—Brigt Elizabeth Ann, Moore, Portland; Mary Chilton, (Am) Parsins, Bay of Islands; Abby Alice, Pickles, Port Medway.

THURSDAY, 29th.—No arrivals.

FRIDAY, 30th.—R. M. S. City of Cork, Allen, New York; schrs. Flirt, McKay, Charlottetown, P. E. I.; Charles, Gaetz, Orwell Bay, P. E. I.; Harvest Home, Hiltz, North Sydney.

SATURDAY, 31th.—Steamer Chase, Mulligan, Portland; brigts. Lizzie, O'Brien, Mayaguez, P. R.; Kingston, Woods, St. Jago; schrs. Ernest & Emile (Fr) Proiul, St. Pierre, Niq.; Laura, McFarlane, Bay St. George, N. F.; Dunkieth, Morrison, Charlottetown, P. E. I.; Garnet, Hadley, Guysborough.

SUNDAY, January 1st. 1871.—No arrivals.

MONDAY, 2nd.—Steamers City of Limerick, Philips, Liverpool, G. B., via Queenstown; Carlotta, Colby, Portland; schrs. Meteor, Nicholson, Baltimore; Harvest Home, Jackson, Grand River, P. E. I.

CLEARED.

TUESDAY, December 27th.—Schrs. Matilda Hopewell, Ormiston, Sydney; Electric Flash, Vogler, Port Medway; Samuel Jones, Delaney, Margaree via Port Hood; Cordelia, Smith, Bridgewater.

WEDNESDAY, 28th.—Schr. Caroline, Ernst, Mahone Bay.

THURSDAY, 29th.—Steamer Alpha, Hunter, Bermuda and St. Thomas; barque Eliza Barss, Vessey, Bermuda; John Givan, Day, Liverpool, N. S.; schrs An ie Bell, Embree, Port Hawkesbury; Life Boat, Foster, Port Medway; Galaxy, Gardner, Liverpool, N. S.; Sable Bell, Giffin, Lockeport; Caroline, Ernst, Mahone Bay.

FRIDAY, 30th.—R. M. S. City of Halifax, Jamieson, St. John's, N F.; R. M. S. City of Cork, Allen, Liverpool; schrs. Bessie, Tobin, Channell, N. F; Bonita, Clark, Boston; Grand Master, Seaboyer, LaHave; British Pearl, Hadley, Guysboro; British Pearl, Hadley, Guysboro; Crest, Cunningham, St. John's, N. F.

SATURDAY, 31st.—Steamer Chase, Mulligan, Portland; brigt. Emily Jane, Hopkins, Kingston, Ja.; schrs. St. Mary, White, Port Hood and Margaree; Seaflower, Doucette, Margaree; Seaflower, Doucette, Margaree; Euxine, Martell, Arichat; Spray, McKerron, Port Hood.

MONDAY, 2nd.—Steamer City of Limerick, Philips, New York; brigt Ariel, Doane, Boston.

By Rev. T. C. DeLong, at Margarets Bay Dec. the 8th, Mr. Stephen Smith, to Miss Alice Dauphney.

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