

or not. I hope they will hear the voice that speaks from my cell, which is, "The wages of sin is death." God's eye sees us, and God's hand follows us, and he never forgets. Speak truth, do as you would be done by: mind that.

Many a time I stand for hours, with my hands on the bar of my prison window, looking for blessing and pardon. Now I can see miles and miles ahead of me, where I could not see one rod before; and that is up to the crucified Lord and Saviour. My window looks out where the sun rises, and where Christ rose, and with my thoughts I follow Him where He went above the stars; and I think I see Him there with His crucified hands. That's about the amount of it; and when I lie down, and when I rise up, I get the same scene.

POST OFFICE ADVERTISEMENTS.

We have no desire to discuss party politics. Our disinclination to do this has sometimes been misconstrued to our disadvantage. Because we have preferred an independent position we have been charged by some on both sides with favoring their opponents. We are happy to number among our readers many of the best men of both parties, and know no reason why it should be otherwise, and yet we have no barriers raised to interfere with our giving any expression that we may deem necessary on any matters connected with either State or Church. We do nevertheless hold ourselves bound to express any attempt.

It is now the settled policy of these provinces. Here we have no State church, and it becomes us to guard well the approaches to any such system of corruption, lest the evils of such an unholy alliance should be introduced, without being called by that name.

In this spirit we last week referred to the recent order from the Post Office Inspector, that none of the denominational weekly papers, except the Presbyterian Witness were to be paid for Post-office advertising.

The Morning Chronicle has spoken in reply to our remarks but it unfairly endeavours to convey the impression that we tried "to create sympathy by pronouncing the exclusion of the 'Messenger' an attack on the Baptists." We did no such thing. We called attention to the fact that the Presbyterian Witness was to be the only denominational paper which was to receive any consideration for giving publicity to Postal advertising. The organ of the Methodist body and that of the Church of England are equally ignored with ourselves; and we asked "What does it mean?" We have no disposition to make any invidious comparisons as to our relative claims, on the score of circulation, or we might shew that this, assuredly, is not the ground of the preference of the Witness, over the Wesleyan or the Messenger.

If we had been told that only those papers that had been supporters of the party at present in power were to be employed, we will not say patronized, by the Government, neither the Chronicle or Witness would say that the latter has any special claim to consideration.

If all the weekly papers had been excluded, and only the government party papers had been "authorized," we might then have doubted the wisdom of the policy of making the government "by a party for a party," but we should not then complain of denominational preference, or purchase of support, or whatever it may be that has produced this order. The weekly papers, we hold, in common with our contemporaries, are the best means of reaching the people throughout the whole country; and advertisements in them are probably read by a larger number of persons in proportion to circulation than in the papers which are more frequently issued.

But the Chronicle throws to us a crumb of comfort, by telling us "the fact that the Hon. Alexander Mackenzie is a Baptist," and suggests that "will be enough to satisfy Baptists everywhere that their interests—if there can be any denominational interests in politics—will not suffer from the change of Government." This may perhaps appear to the writer very sound reasoning, but he ought to know by this time that Baptists are accustomed to judge of men by their acts rather than by their professions. They prefer measures rather than men. We are glad to know that Mr. McKenzie is a Baptist, and we therefore conclude that he had no more to do with the obnoxious Post-office order than had the five Catholics, or the three Church of England or the two Methodist members of the Cabinet had. It is

not at all because of the amount of money received for such public service that we speak, for it has been less for the past two or three years than is received from each of a number of private business firms, but it is the principle of making preference of one denominational paper over all the others, without a particle of claim, either professed by its proprietor, or set up by the postal authorities, that we regard as unjust and wrong. It will be plainly seen that to say that the Premier is a Baptist, is no more an answer to our remonstrance than it would be to tell the Provincial Wesleyan that their having two Methodists in the Cabinet will be enough to satisfy Methodists that their interests will not suffer, or the Church Chronicle ditto.

We have never asked for patronage, and do not intend to do so. The obnoxious order we regard as a mistake; and shall expect to see it corrected as at first was suggested by the Chronicle, rather than have it defended by such a course of argument as that we have above noticed.

REV. GEORGE ARMSTRONG, we are informed, has resigned the pastorate of the Baptist Church at Bridgetown. Although his resignation has not been accepted, he has we hear received an invitation to take the pastoral charge of the Church at Sydney, C.B. After years in the midst of

are at Bridgetown, it must be a difficult task to sever the ties there formed and go to another field. We have not heard that there is any particular cause for the removal, but understood from Brother Armstrong himself some time since that the number of preaching stations in connection with the Bridgetown Church rendered it very laborious, and that he desired to give more concentration to his work. Sydney is doubtless a most important position, and if our brother is of opinion that his usefulness would be increased by such a removal, and the churches acquiesce, it may be for the general good that he should do so. There are doubtless loud calls for men to go to Cape Breton, especially men of judgement and ability. A number of good brethren will be found in the churches there, and if they could be encouraged by some ministers from the west or other parts going amongst them it would, we believe, strengthen them to enter upon more effective labour; and a great blessing would in all probability follow.

Notices, &c.

ACADIA COLLEGE ENDOWMENT. SAMUEL FREEMAN, Esq., of Milton, having kindly consented to receive any monies due "Acadia College Endowment Fund," and forward the same to me—I would state that Donors of Notes and Pledges residing in Queens County, may avoid the inconvenience of remitting to Wolfville, by paying any sums due (whether Principal or Interest) to Mr. Freeman, who is empowered to receive them and give receipts.

A. D. W. BARSS, Treasurer of Acadia College. Wolfville, Dec. 9th, 1873.

OUR FOREIGN MISSIONS. To the Editor of the Christian Messenger. DEAR SIR,—Have the kindness to permit me to acknowledge the receipt of the following amount for our Foreign Mission: From Mr. Amos Fales, N. S., per Rev. C. Tupper, D. D. \$4.00 Yours truly, Z. G. GABEL, Treasurer F. M. B.

NEW BAPTIST MEETING HOUSE AT KENTVILLE. Dear Brother.—We expect to open the meeting of the Baptist Meeting House in Kentville, for the worship of God, on Sabbath morning, the 21st inst., at 11 o'clock. A. M., Brother S. B. Kempton is invited to preach the opening sermon. "The Lord has done great things for us." Yours very truly, JAMES PARKER. New Minas, Dec. 12, 1873.

BAZAAR AND TEA MEETING. At Ham's Hall, Mahone Bay, on Friday 20th December. Doors open at 10 A. M. Admission 5 cts. Refreshments through the day. Tea 30 cents. Proceeds to aid in building a Baptist Meeting House. By order of the Committee. D. C. 2nd, 1873.

RECEIVED FROM WOMAN'S MISSION AID SOCIETIES. Pine Grove, Wilmslow, Mrs. J. N. North. \$4.00 Nictaux, Mrs. Gifford Parker. \$1.75 Mrs. D. Dolman, \$4.25, was acknowledged in Christian Messenger of Oct. 22. M. R. SELDEN, Sec'y. December 11th, 1873.

GRAND BAZAAR, NORTH CHURCH, HALIFAX. The ladies in connection with the North Baptist Church, will hold a Bazaar at the basement of their chapel, to-day, Wednesday. A great variety of useful and fancy articles, including children's Christmas presents, will be offered for sale. Refreshment and Tea tables will be provided. Proceeds to be appropriated towards purchasing a library for Sabbath School. Doors open at 2 P. M. Admission 10 cents, children half-price. Mrs. EDWIN CLAY, President. Mrs. J. C. DUMARESCQ, Secretary.

ACADIA COLLEGE. There will be a meeting of the Board of Governors in the College Chapel, on Thursday, 18th inst., at half-past 9 o'clock, A. M. STEPHEN W. DEBLOIS, Sec. Wolfville, Dec. 1st, 1873.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

Dear Brother,—I here with great pleasure record another donation given me by the dear brethren in Mill Village on the night of the 4th inst., at the residence of Mr. Silvanus Munro. After a sumptuous repast and many kind wishes the party gave the handsome offering of \$64. A few days before, they gave me a fine milk-cow. This is no mean presentation. The Lord reward them for all these good things. They are good investments. Yours in Christ Jesus, AUGUSTUS SHIELDS.

LETTERS RECEIVED.

L. A. Dimock, 1 sub. \$2. L. C. Layton, 1 sub. Albert Mills, \$4. A. & J. Deder, Rev. C. Randall, W. R. Doty, 1 sub. \$6. Rev. J. M. Parker, Rev. J. Meadows, Rev. W. B. Boggs, A. D. W. Barss, Esq., F. E. Eaton, M. Atkinson, \$2. J. S. E. Potter, Esq., \$6. D. Skinner, 1 sub. Mrs. R. Monteath, \$4. Rev. J. Murray, J. H. Eaton, \$1. Rev. J. B. McQuillin, Rev. E. Hickson, \$2. L. M. Weeks, 2 sub. W. A. Reed.

News of the Week.

OCEAN RACE.—The brig, Champion, Capt. Fanning, belonging to Messrs. W. P. West & Co., sailed for Porto Rico about noon on Friday last, and the brig, Elsie, Captain Lovegrove, belonging to D. Cronan Esq., sailed for the same destination about an hour after her.—The Captains have each put up a stake of \$400 as to which will reach port first.

A FORTUNE.—A man named James Whelan, who lives on the Tower Road, received intimation some time ago that by the death of a relative in Ireland he had become heir to a fortune said to be worth \$15,000. From correspondence which ensued, it was expected that some portion of this amount would come to hand by the English mailboat, which is due this afternoon. But if so, it will be too late to gladden the heart of Whelan, who died this morning.—Recorder.

PARRISBORO RAILWAY.—The work of location is completed. At Mill Village the line will pass through the village and along the head of the wharves. The deep water terminus will probably be, it is now said at West Bay, below Patridge Island.—Chignecto Post.

THE ELECTIONS.—Antigonish.—Messrs. Angus McIsaac and W. A. Henry were nominated, on Tuesday the 9th and addressed the electors. Mr. McIsaac declared himself an independent candidate, and Mr. Henry comes out in favor of the present Ministry.

Victoria.—The nominations took place on Tuesday the 9th. Mr. Ross the Minister of Militia for re-election and Mr. C. J. Campbell in opposition. Mr. Campbell is appointed a member of the Legislative Council, but as he has not accepted it or taken his seat he declares he is not a member.

WESTVILLE SETTLING DOWN.—The Pictou Standard says—"We learn that on Sunday morning last, subsidence of the ground about the centre of Westville Village took place. The surface of the ground opened on the street near the Post Office, and sank down several feet, tilting a number of the houses and dwellings in the vicinity. Operations are now in progress, getting matters put straight again. No one was injured."

The Kentville Chronicle states that Wesley McCully was killed while chopping cordwood on the North Mountain last week.

IMPORTED LECTURERS, seem now to be the order of the day. The Lecture Committee of the Y. M. C. Association have not arranged a course of lectures as usual for this winter, but announce a lecture by W. S. Andrews of Boston, on "Dialect Humor" on Monday evening the 22nd inst. Reserved seats \$1.00, other seats 50 cents. This is a "new departure."

MR. JENKINS expressed his willingness to come to Halifax at some future time and deliver a lecture on behalf of the Medical Faculty class, and another for the benefit of one of our charitable institutions.

THE SOUTH END OF GRANVILLE STREET is being greatly improved by the erection of the Y. M. C. Association building, a very handsome structure, and two large brick stores adjoining our office. A few more edifices of a similar character, we hear, are to be put up next year.

THE CITY RAILROAD COMPANY have withdrawn their cars and put sleds on the route.

THE HALIFAX FIRE ALARM TELEGRAPH wires are nearly all laid. It is expected that it will be completed by the close of the year and a suggestion has been made that the inauguration be on New Year's Day. We have very vivid recollections of a destructive fire on New Year's day some years ago.

The Halifax Chamber of Commerce held a special meeting on Friday afternoon and had several important matters before them for consideration—the office of Harbor Master—and the tariffs on the Windsor and Annapolis Railway, and its general management, which was regarded as open to serious condemnation.

ACCIDENTS.—On Monday of last week a young man named Edward Miles 18 years of age, while climbing on front of a loaded box car, which was being moved by hand at the Amherst Station, slipped and fell astride of the track. One wheel passed partly over him, injuring him so severely that he died fourteen hours afterwards. An inquest was held, and a verdict of accidental death returned. On Tuesday evening Station Foreman James Lockhart, thinking the train had crossed River Philip bridge, jumped off, and alighted on the stones below, a distance of forty feet. He had one arm and one leg broken, besides having his face considerably bruised. He is now progressing favorably.

A son of Mr. Moss, of Liverpool, while skating on a pond near that town, broke through the ice and was nearly drowned.

A lad five years old, son of Mr. Frank Phillips, of Liverpool, accidentally swallowed a quantity of paraffine oil on Wednesday, and was saved only by applying powerful antidotes.

The inquest on the body of the missing man Agnew, found dead at the mouth of the LaHave River, resulted in a verdict of accidental death by drowning.

DAILY MAIL TO EUROPE FROM HALIFAX.—We learn, with great satisfaction, that the Railway Companies, interested in the lines between Boston (to say no more) and Halifax, are using all their influence to secure daily mails between Halifax and Europe. The Governments at Washington and Ottawa will be asked to assist.—St. John Telegraph.

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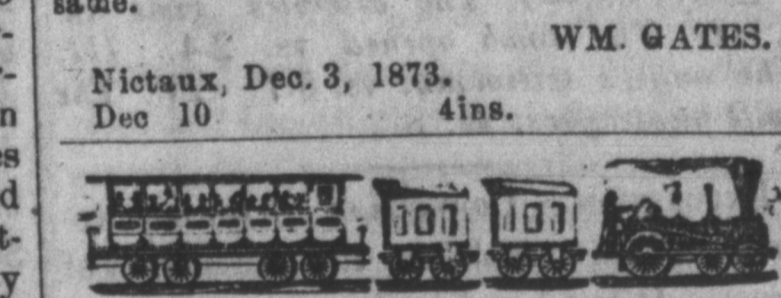
P. S.—All kinds of FIRST CLASS GROCERIES at lowest market rates, WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, at

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CAUTION. All persons are hereby cautioned against purchasing a Note for \$75 given to Mr. Coon by myself, as I have not received value for the same. WM. GATES. Nictaux, Dec. 3, 1873. Dec 10 4ms.



INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY.

SLEEPER CONTRACTS.

SEALED Tenders, marked "Tenders for Sleepers," will be received at the Railway Office, Moncton, until Saturday, 13th December. Persons disposed to contract for the supply of Railway Sleepers. The number required will be about as follows: Between Halifax and Truro.....30,000 Truro and Pictou Landing.....40,000 Dorchester and Painesco.....6,500 Painesco and St. John.....40,000 St. John and St. John's.....22,000 Windsor Junction & Windsor.....12,000

Persons tendering will state the quantity they propose to get, and the siding or place, along the line of railway, at which they will deliver the same. Security will be required for the faithful fulfillment of each contract. The Department will not be bound to accept the lowest or any tender. Forms of tender, with specifications thereon, may be had on application to any of the Station Masters after Wednesday next. LEWIS CARVELL, General Superintendent. Railway Office, Moncton, } December 1st, 1873. } Dec. 10.

The time for receiving the above tenders has been extended to SATURDAY, 20TH DECEMBER, 1873. The width of the Sleepers has been reduced to EIGHT (8) INCH. LEWIS CARVELL, Gen'l Supt.

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DR. GATES, Dear Sir—This is to certify, that in the year 1864, I was afflicted with dropsy in my legs and ankles for two years. I applied to you for your medicine, and by taking them for two months, the swelling all left me, and I have not seen any symptoms of the disease since. My son had also been afflicted with liver complaint and general debility. I had advice and medicine from one of our most eminent physicians; and he grew worse, so much so that I almost despaired of him getting better. I applied to you for your valuable medicine, and it made him well; and he now enjoys good health. I thank God that it has been the means of saving his life. And I hope all the suffering will procure your valuable and unrivalled medicine, for I believe it to be the best in our land. Yours, respectfully, ANDREAS BOHNER, Esq. Dec. 3.

NOTICE. THE undersigned having commenced business under the name and firm of OLIVE, RANKIN & CO., have opened an AMERICAN AGENCY and AUCTION MART for Consignments and Sales of every description of goods. Real Estate and Personal property sold either in town or country on such commissions as may be arranged for. All business entrusted to their care will be promptly attended to. They have made this specialty in all cases, that the proceeds of sales will be immediately paid over on receipt of the same. They hope by strict attention to business to receive a share of public patronage. Country produce bought and sold. Consignments solicited. Highest prices paid for American Exchange and money. JAMES OLIVE, ALONZO RANKIN. No. 2, BROWN STREET, Yarmouth, N. S. October 20th, 1873. Nov. 5. Im.