

in the silent language of the sea to a company of willing vassals.

The vessels of the new iron-clad fleet as greatly differ from the old-fashioned wooden ships with which Nelson fought, and even from the famous squadron which sailed to the Black Sea nineteen years ago, as stage-coaches differ from express trains.

I entered the dockyard about nine o'clock. The dockyard presented an aspect of excitement, soldiers and policemen were in abundant force, the latter being required to examine all pass tickets, and summarily to turn back venturesome pretenders.

There is a slight mistake here we think. Marriage Licenses are not "issued in blank," but to the parties desirous of being married, having their names, with that also of the clergyman who is desired to officiate, written upon the license.

MARRIAGE BY LICENSE.

At length we have a Lieutenant Governor, and parties purposing to "do well" without having their good intentions published in any of the churches may now obtain License so to do without let or hindrance or further delay.

that the Church of England has the exclusive right to solemnize marriage and to teach that marriage is a church sacrament,—two ideas that only a few even of the highest Churchmen, believe, and all the rest of the church and the world regard now-a-days as but childish and perhaps innocent fancies.

After quoting from Bishop Jeremy Taylor the opinion that "the Catholic Church, considering Holy Matrimony as sacramental in its nature has, by her benediction, bestowed upon those rightly seeking it, special grace to lift their union, otherwise merely natural, into the sphere of the supernatural, and to enable the christian man and wife to show forth a heavenly mysterious truth—the mystical union betwixt Christ and His Church;" our Anglican contemporary proceeds to shew the position the Church of England assumes on this matter.

"Of course the Church alone can decide, to whom, or in what way, this grace shall be given. Well is it for the state, if it sanctions no unions but such as the Church can hallow as Christian marriages; this is unfortunately not the case with English law, nor with our own

In the exercise of this inherent power, our Church, anxious to avoid clandestine marriages, has made a law, that "the Banns of all that are to be married together, must be published in the Church, three several Sundays"—there was, however, reserved to the Archbishop of Canterbury as Primate, the power of dispensing with this rule, upon just cause.

If the Church by her laws, in Synod or otherwise, were to say, that if parties obtain such a licence, Banns may be dispensed with, the matter would be on a different footing. That, however, has not been done, nor while marriage licences are issued in blank, and sold almost like Postage Stamps, is it desirable that it should be."

We may be thankful that our lot is cast in a land where no power is given to enforce such exclusiveness, but that the ministers of all religious denominations are as fully qualified to officiate in the solemnization of marriage as clergymen of the Church of England.

Some injustice is done to the Roman Catholics by the Church Chronicle when it represents them as not making use of the Licenses issued by the Lieutenant Governor, but substituting the dispensing power of their church authorities, and by that means exempting themselves from "the tax."

We do not understand that our Marriage Laws interfere at all with the religious part of the marriage ceremonial. "Caesar" does not "interfere with the things of God." The law demands in this matter compliance with the terms of the civil contract. The religious observance is entirely at the option of the clergyman and the parties to be married.

"There are two ways in which Marriage may be looked at. As a civil contract, which the law of the land sanctions, recognizing certain mutual duties of the parties, and rights of inheritance in their issue. With these questions, the law is competent to deal, and in so doing, acts within its proper limits."

The Lieutenant Governor, Hon. Adams G. Archibald was sworn in on Wednesday last, in the presence of a number of the more prominent officials and citizens of Halifax.

AN APPEAL.

Mr. Editor,— Again our shores are polluted, again our fair land is defamed by the withering curse which is lawfully permitted to visit our country, bearing the name of a Circus.

The majority of our young people,—yes, and to their shame be it said, many of those of maturer years, patronize these places willing to mingle on equality with the low and vulgar rabble, which form a large part of the class usually present.

With pleasure we insert our fair correspondent's "Appeal," and trust that it may commend itself to our readers in town and country, that they may not waste time and money upon what must, at least, blunt the finer sensibilities of our nature, and consequently injure public morality, and prove destructive to many youth of both sexes.

Notices, &c.

THE BAPTIST CONVENTION OF NOVA SCOTIA, NEW BRUNSWICK, AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND will commence its Twenty Eighth Annual Session at Windsor, N. S., on Saturday the 23rd day of August, 1873, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

OUR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

To the Editor of the Christian Messenger.

DEAR SIR,—Please insert the following notices of monies received for the Foreign Mission in the columns of the Messenger: From the Granville Street, Halifax, N. S., Baptist Sunday School one year's subscription to 30th June, per H. Paint, Esq. \$35 50

From the Halifax Granville Street Church and Congregation, per H. Paint, Esq. 25 00 From W. H. Fielding, Esq., Halifax, N. S., per H. Paint, Esq. 6 00 From the Central Association, N.S., per their Treasurer, F. Webber, Esq., amount of a collection at their late Association, additional 14 00 From Indian Harbor Church, per Mr. Charles Covey, Secretary, quarterly subscription for the Foreign Mission, said to be the second quarter 8 50

Total \$89 00

ALSO.

From 1st Baptist Church, Horton, N. S., per the Rev. J. M. Cramp, D. D. 53 00 From a Friend, Middlefield, N. S., by the Rev. H. Achilles, to Rev. J. M. Cramp, D. D. 3 00 From the Secretary Mrs. Maria R. Selden, of the Central Board of the Woman's Missionary Aid Society for Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, for the quarter ending 30th June 349 29

Total \$405 29

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NOTICE.

As the subscriber will in future be the greater part of his time on the road between this and Liverpool, he would request his friends and correspondents to direct any letters or papers that are intended for him to Brookfield, Queens Co.

W. T. WATERMAN.

Annapolis Royal, July 20, 1873.

HORTON ACADEMY.

including Male and Female Departments, will open on Thursday the 14th of August inst. 1873.

RECEIVED FROM WOMAN'S MISSION AID SOCIETIES.

Halifax, Granville St.—Miss E. Robinson, \$15 50 Bridgewater.—L. B. Bent, 6 00 Windsor.—Mrs. M. Curry, 9 75 Billtown.—Mrs. W. C. Hill, 5 00 Tryon, P. E. I.—Miss Ellen Mc-Donald, 12 00 M. R. SELDEN, Sec'y. July 30th, 1873.

BAPTIST CONVENTION OF N. B., N. S. AND P. E. I.

At the Convention at St. Stephen last year, the following Resolution was passed: "That the Committee who superintend the printing of Minutes should cause to be sent to each church one month before the meeting of the Convention, a blank form to be filled up by the church, stating the amounts contributed by the church, during the year, toward the funds of Acadia College, and the Board of Foreign Missions, and giving the names of delegates sent to the Convention; the forms to be signed by the clerk of the church, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Convention."

These blanks have been sent to the churches throughout the three Provinces. The Convention will meet at Windsor, N. S., on Saturday, August 23rd. Let the blanks be filled up and addressed thus: "Secretary of Baptist Convention, Windsor, N. S."

They should be mailed about a week before the Convention meets.

W. B. BOGGS, Secretary of Convention.

ACADIA COLLEGE—SCIENTIFIC DEPARTMENT.

Received by the undersigned, B. A. Guysborough \$20.00 J. M. CRAMP. July 25th, 1873.

NOTICE.

The Baptist Church at North Sydney, send Christian salutations to the sister Churches, far and near, and respectfully invite them to send delegates to sit with them in Council, on the 2nd day of August, for the purpose of considering the propriety of ordaining Bro. W. F. Armstrong, Foreign Missionary elect, to the work of the Christian Ministry.

J. B. McDONALD, Pastor. North Sydney, July 21, 1873.

NOTICE.

Delegates to the Convention to meet at Windsor on Saturday the 23rd August, are requested to send in their names immediately to D. M. WELTON. Windsor, July 10th, 1873.

LETTERS RECEIVED.

T. Burhoe, \$2.00. L. DeWolfe, J. Durkee, J. R. Hartt, Rev. J. A. Stubbart, 2 subs., \$4.00. J. S. Witter, Esq., \$6.00. A. Casswell, Esq. Rev. Dr. Tupper, D. F. Higgins, Esq. W. T. Waterman.

News of the Week.

SAD ACCIDENT AT CHESTER.—On Friday the 11th inst., while Mr. Smith of Windsor, the contractor for the building of the new Baptist Meeting House, was assisting the men in the erection of the tower posts, he fell a distance of nearly thirty-five feet to the ground, badly fracturing the cap of the left knee and otherwise jarring the whole system.

On Tuesday 22nd inst., a Grand Section of Cadets of Temperance for Nova Scotia was organized in this city, and the following elected Grand Officers:— G. W. Patron—Thomas Hutchings. G. W. A.—John Grierson. G. W. S.—W. D. F. Smith. G. T.—W. H. Reid. G. C.—Rev. D. Freeman. G. Archon.—August Murray. G. G.—Chas. Stirling. G. W.—Chas. Drake.

The contract for the construction of the 400 coal cars required for the Intercolonial Railway, has been awarded to Messrs. W. S. Symonds & Co., and the Starr Manufacturing Company, Halifax, and Messrs. J. Harris & Co., St. John.

At the annual firing of the "Halifax Rifles" the Ladies Cup was won by Lieut. Walsh, and the Company's Gold Medal by Corporal Larkin.

A boy of 5 or 6 years of age, son of Mr. Thompson fell into the harbor from the north ferry-ship and before being discovered he was drowned.

A soldier was killed on the Railway near Windsor on Thursday last. It was deemed necessary to hold an inquest on the body, and he was buried on Saturday.

FIRE AT MINUDIE.—We learn from the "Gazette" that on Thursday morning, the store of Messrs A. Seaman & Co., Minudie, was struck by lightning and burned with all its contents. The fire was also communicated to a pile of deals, containing about 60,000 feet, on the wharf adjoining, about one-half of which were destroyed.

The western counties are adding to their shipping. A fine new ship the "Maria Stoneman" 1040 tons, owned in Yarmouth, was launched at Shelburne on Wednesday last, and another last week from Mr. Baker's yard at Salmon River.

GRANVILLE.—A barn belonging to Mr. Daniel James, was burned on Thursday. It is supposed that the cause of the fire was the careless use of matches by a child.

SAD ACCIDENT AT FOLLEIGH LAKE.—Four young men were crossing the lake on Monday of last week, when by some means the boat upset. Three of the party were rescued, but one young man named Coates, the telegraph operator, a native of King's County, N. B., sunk immediately and was drowned.

HAIL STORM AT ARICHAU.—A heavy hail storm, lasting about half an hour, occurred at Arichau on the 24th inst. In nearly every house windows were broken by the hailstones.—Chronicle.

The Governor-General Earl Dufferin arrived at Pictou from Charlottetown on Thursday last, in the steamer "Druid." He made a short visit to the coal mines while the steamer was taking in coal.

VISIT OF THE GOVERNOR GENERAL.—Preparations are being made for the reception of Earl Dufferin the Governor General and Lady Dufferin who were expected to arrive yesterday or to-day in the steamer "Druid." A committee composed of members of the Local Government and the City Council, appointed for the purpose, have decided that a Grand Ball is the most appropriate mode of welcome to His Excellency. There was some difference of opinion in the Committee as to whether a Pic-nic or Ball would be the more suitable. Seeing that the public money is to be expended in the entertainment we think some arrangement should have been made in which the people could freely participate. A ball or any such exclusive festivities should be paid for by the participants themselves. Mutual confidence and respect is promoted between rulers and the people by a conscientious employment of public money for none other than public purposes.

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MUSICAL.

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GENERAL Agents for the Smith American Organ Company, and Henry F. Miller's Pianos. Second-hand Pianos and Organs taken in exchange for new. A practical man will travel over the Province twice a year, for the purpose of tuning, repairing, and taking orders. Instruments warranted for 5 years. Moiven Square, Wilmot, N. S. June 19.

Provincial Medical Board.

THE following resolutions were passed at the recent meeting of the PROVINCIAL MEDICAL BOARD, and ordered to be published for the information of the profession:—

Whereas, The Medical Act of Nova Scotia requires a full and complete list of the regularly qualified Medical Practitioners in Nova Scotia to be made and published annually.

And Whereas, A number of the medical men in the Province have failed to make a return to the Registrar of their names, qualifications, &c., &c., as required by a recent order of this Board, thereby delaying the publication of the Medical Register as by law required.

Therefore Resolved, That all medical practitioners who have not complied with the order of this Board be requested to do so immediately, as the Register will be closed for this year on the first day of July, and immediately afterwards published.

Resolved, That the following epitome of sections of the Act from 22 to 28 be published for the information of the profession and the public:—

On and after the first day of May, 1873, every Medical practitioner whose name appears on the Medical Register of the Province, is duly qualified and licensed to practice Medicine, Surgery, and Midwifery in the Province of Nova Scotia, and none but legally qualified practitioners can hold public offices, sign certificates or collect fees in a Court of Law.

T. R. ALMON, Registrar. June 25, 4ins.

150 GRANVILLE STREET. COMPLETION OF Spring Stock.

WE beg to announce to the Trade generally, both Wholesale and Retail, that our importations for this season are

Now Completed. WHOLESALE.

In this Department we are thoroughly Stocked, and are showing some Cheap Lots under Market Rates.

RETAIL.

In this Department we contemplate keeping a much larger and varied Stock than in the old premises, and trust by the most strict attention to business and economical prices to merit a largely increased share of public patronage. N. B.—All Goods will be sold at the very lowest market rates. SMITH BROS. May 21.