in the silent language of the sea to 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. According to a naval triend's opinion, a broadside from the Duke of Wellington, which was expected to go far towards reducing the Russian forts, would nowadays tell with no more effect against the ironclads than so many peas fired from children's toys. Instead of burdening herself with a hundred and thirty-one guns a comparatively small ship like the Audacious is content with ten, and with that number is probably ten times more powerful than the admiral's flagship of 1854. Indeed, each gun is now a vast machine or rifle, and yet so skillfully adjusted that a few boys might manage the firing. Each vessel also in herself

as can be well imagined. 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. Arriving at the jetty, alongside of which was moored the Victoria and Albert, a comfortable stand was found to be erected for the accommodation of a limited number of visitors, and this erection nearly joined the platform covered with green cloth, on to which the travellers by the royal train would alight. The passes issued were sufficiently limited in number for this area not to be inconveniently crowded, but ticket-holders were early in their places eagerly anticipating the arrival of the Persians. Though the sun shot down his fierce beams, the time did not pass heavily. After having learned in the course of an hour's small-talk that yonder greyheaded to do so. That he has a perfect right to gentleman is Admiral this, that the younger man on the right is General something else, and that the rather short person in the rear is Captain So-and so, your mental notes are apt to sink into a few indistinct impressions of red coats, gold lace, and clanking swords. Mr. Goshen and the mayor, with the address of the corporation, were perhaps the two best-recognised persons of the group. The ships in the harbour were gaily dressed, and ready for saluting, and an artist who was busily employed sketching the scene might also have been observed. Just at this conjuncture some person, more knowing than mere Government officials, seems to have made the surprising discovery that a Shah will not walk over green cloth, and, consequently, in a hurried manner a roll of red material was laid down. Now the train is in sight, and there is a general stir of excitement, "Hats off, and parasols down!" becomes a very general cry as an engine from Waterloo, named the "Persia," and looking with its decorations as if out laws it chooses for its clergy and for a holiday, arrives at the green and red platform slowly and dignified. At last, then, our patience is rewarded. We have only to feast our eyes on the singular-look ing sovereign and the train of human curosities who constitute his suite. Diamonds flash and sparkle in the sunshine, the guns of vessels in the harbour thunder forth a right royal welcome, and exalted British officials assume an obsequious mien. As the Shah walks slowly forward with the Princess of Wales leaning on his arm, his dull heavy countenance-which, to judge from its complexion might have been dyed religious denominations are as fully with the juice of green walnuts-is scarce moved into an expression of surprise by the uncommon scene which is being enacted. He does, however, look as though he would give something considerable to know what the gentleman in a richly-trimmed cloak is talking about while handing over to Persian custody that beautiful volume containing Portsmouth's welcome to the sunworshippers. The party pass on board the yacht, which steams out of the harbour amid the deafening roars of another salute, joined to the hearty cheers of the sailors who have manned the yards. From the topmost story of the flag-tower in the dockyard I was subsequently enabled to follow the progress of the party until they as well by Protestants. The editor were lost in the distance amid the smoke of the general salute of the whole fleet. The spectacle was an exceptionally grand one, each report from the ordnance of such ships as the Cyclops and Devastation resembling the axplosion of an entire magazine. Hence we in Postsmouth were not much surprised on hearing that the tremendous vibration shattered an abundance of glass and china in the cabins of the fleet of boats accompanying the royal yacht. Taking it for all in all, the day was one to be long remembered, and the unparalleled spectacle of the morning was fitly followed at night by a display of fireworks on land and sea before a vast concourse of spectators."

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At length we have a Lieutenant Governor, and parties purposing to "do well" without having their good follows: intentions published in any of the churches may now obtain License so to do without let or hindrance or further delay. The interference with this arrangement occasioned first by the death of the Hon. Mr. Howe, and secondly by Judge Johnston being unable to accept the Lieutenant Governorship, has been very annoying to a good many people in various parts of the country. The Church Chronicle lakes advantage of this occasion to inulcate upon its readers the doctrine Halifax.

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 Angliis as unique a piece of human ingenuity can contemporary proceeds to shew the is said from the pulpit and the press,position the Church of England assumes on this matter. The editor-

> " 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, 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, the right of the Governor of Nova Scotia issue a licence to any persons to enter into a union, which the state will recognize, and the issue of which it will acknowledge pensed with, when the Church is to give her benediction, is a monstrous assumption.

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."

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 at 10 o'clock, A. M. upon the license. The Church of England may of course enact whatever members, but it may be less easy to secure conformity to them, and still a large proponderance of the people would have their marriages solemnized by others, and they not less christian than such as are performed in the Anglican churches.

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 qualified to officiate in the solemnization of marriage as clergymen of the Church of England.

Some injustice is done to the Roman Catholies 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." This may be the case in some instances, but not wholly, Licenses are, sometimes used by Roman Catholics

" If our Bishop were to issue licences to his clergy to marry without Banns, the clergy might be sure that the Government will not fine them, and let others go free ; the marriage tax would be paid to our own Church. Casar will be kept from interfering with the things of God."

We do not understand that our Marriage Laws interfere at all with the religious part of the marriage ceremonial. "Cæsar" 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. This is well defined in the same article as that from which the above extracts are taken, as

"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 citizers of

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 | lege, and the Board of Foreign Missions, of the class usually present. What is seen | and giving the names of delegates sent to and heard upon those occasions is that from which every pure and cultivated mind must instinctively recoil, every one possessing any true refinement and delicacy of feeling must turn in utter disgust and loathing. From year to year the hearts of all right thinking men and women are stirred to their depths by the presence of this soul destroying evil, bearing as it does all other vices in its train. Occasionally something much yet remains to be done. Friends! Christians + All who wish to encourage good and suppress evil. How long are we to remain passive? Can not something be done to prevent this evil visiting our province? Can not those in authority be influenced to adopt measures whereby this anxiously desired result may be obtained?

With pleasure we insert our fair correspondent's "Appeal," and trust our Church, anxious avoid clandestine 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 senreserved to the Archbishop of Canterbury | sibilities of our nature, and consequentas Primate, the power of dispensing with | ly injure public morality, and prove this rule, upon just cause. We are not destructive to many youth of both aware that our Church has ever admitted sexes. Many persons visit these exsexes. Many persons visit these exhibitions for the purpose of witnessing the clever performances by the beautiful horses, without any intention of giving their countenance to the unas legitimate, we do not deny. But that seemly exposures of women, and the he can say, what may, or may not be dis- smutty jokes of the clowns : they are thus trought into an apparent approval of the whole. In this the great danger lies, to the young and old alike, in diminishing their nice appreciation of character and propriety.

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,

OUR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

To the Editor of the Christian Messenger. DEAR SIR,-Flease 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 years subscription to 30th June, per H. Paint, Esq. . . . \$35 50 From the Halifax Granville Street Church and Congregation, per H. Paint, Esq. From W. H. Fielding, Esq., Halifax, N. S., per H. Paint, Esq . From the Central Association, N.S., per their Treasuer, F. Webber, Esq., amount of a collection at

their late Association, additional From Indian Harbor Church, per Mr. Charles Covey, Secretary, quarterly subscription for the Foreign Mission, said to be the second quarter

From 1st Baptist Church, Horton, N. S., per the Rev. J. M. Cramp, D. D. From a Friend, Middlefield, N. S., by the Rev. II. Achilles, to Rev. J. M. Cramp, D. D. 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 \$405.29 Z. G. GABEL,

Treasurer F. M. B. 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, - . -Windsor, -- Mrs. M. Curry, - -Billtown, - Mrs. W. C. Bill, - -Tryon, P. E. 1 .- Miss Ellen Mo-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: meeting of the Convention, a blank form | drowned. to be filled up by the church, stating the

amounts contributed by the church, during the year, toward the funds of Acadia Colthe Convention; the the forms to be signed by the clerk of the church, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Convension."

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, Wind-

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.

- NOTICE.

July 25th, 1873.

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.

Delegates to the Convention to meet at Windsor on Saturday the 23rd August, are requested to send in their names immedi-

D. M. WELTON. Windsor, July 10th, 1873.

LETTERS RECEIVED.

T. Burhoe, \$2.00. L. DeWolfe. J Durkee. J. R. Hartt. Rev. J. A. Stubbert, 2 subs., \$4.00. J. S. Witter, Esq., \$6 00. A. Casswell, Esq. Rev. Dr. Tupper. D. F. Higgins, Esq. W. T. Water-

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. For about twelve hours he remained unconscious and fears were entertained of some internal injuries which might result in his death. He is now, however progressing favourably towardsrecovery. Looking at the distance which he fell and the rocks and timber that lay all around it seems but little short of a miracle that he escaped with his life .--Com. by Rev. 1. J. Skinner.

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. - Augus 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., an 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-slip 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 Scaman & 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 de-

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 a much larger and varied Stock than in the old 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 res-"That the Committee who superintend cued, but one young man named Coates, the printing of Minutes should cause to be the telegraph operator, a native of King's sent to each church one month before the County, N. B., sunk immediately and was

> HAIL STORM AT ARICHAT. - A heavy hail storm, lasting about half an hour, occurred at Arichat 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 Pie-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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warranted for 5 years. Meivern Square, Wilmot, N. S. June 18.

Provincial Medical Board.

THE following resolutions were passed at I the recent meeting of the PROVIN-CIAL MEDICAL BOARD, and ordered to be published for the information of the

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 Therefore Resolved, That all medical practi-

tioners 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, I'hat the following epitome of sections of the Act from 22 to 28 be published for the information of the profession and the

"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

T. R. ALMON, Registrar.

June 25.

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I 50 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 pre nises, and trust by the most strict attention to business and economical prices to merit a. largely increased share of public patrenage. N. B -All Goods will be sold at the very lowest market rates.

SMITH BROS. May 21.