

The American Tract Society shows that the time devoted to the Society's service is 80 years 7 months 33 days. Cash received for sales (304,266 vols) \$76,066.51. Value of grants of books and tracts (42,955 vols) \$7,159.11.

Rev. G. W. Hill and Rev. J. F. Campbell addressed the meeting in moving and seconding the following resolution, which was also spoken to by Mr. Matthew Lodge, Colporteur.

Resolved, that the Annual Report, an abstract of which has been read, be printed under the direction of the Executive Committee, and that the officers for the ensuing year be as follows:—

President.—Thos. A. Brown. Vice-Presidents.—Rev. Geo. W. Hill, Rev. John Forrest, Rev. E. M. Saunders, Rev. John Read.

Treasurer.—Geo. H. Starr. Auditors.—R. N. Beckwith, Joseph Bell. Directors.—J. S. Maclean, Rev. R. Murray, Hon. D. M. N. Parker, D. Blackwood, D. Henry Starr, W. B. McNair, Rev. A. Simpson, Edward Binney, Jairus Hart, Rev. J. Fraser Campbell, J. B. Morrow, W. H. Wiswell, P. Carteret Hill, C. D. Hunter, Rev. J. K. Smith, Rev. J. B. Richardson, W. C. Meazies, Rev. J. F. Avery, Thomas A. Ritchie, Rev. W. J. Ancient.

Rev. J. F. Avery spoke on Tract distribution, Rev. John Read, on the Periodical Press, Rev. G. M. Grant, on Volume Circulation, and Rev. Allan Simpson on Colportage.

SELLING THE PEWS.—The London Baptist has the following criticism on the annual sale of pews in Henry Ward Beecher's church:—

"Going—going—gone!" The disgraceful sales of livings almost daily taking place in this country, as the legitimate outcome of State Churchism, have familiarised us with the auctioneer's exciting cry in connection with the Establishment; but it remained for America to show us to what passes even unfettered churches may come under the dominating and enervating influence of fashion and the "almighty dollar."

We learn that the Rev. Henry Ward Beecher's church in Brooklyn has recently undergone its annual transformation into an auction mart. Crowded in every part by a busy throng armed with catalogues, plans, and pencils, resonant with the tones of a professional salesman and the competing voices of eager buyers, a casual visitor must have found it difficult to recognize the sacred character of the building. To prevent the rumour of his visit to England, on behalf of the London Missionary Society, affecting the prices of the pews, Mr. Beecher assured this congregation that by buying their sittings they were acquiring a property in himself; that he should follow his people's wish and not cross the Atlantic unless "pulled over."

The proceedings were then placed in charge of the auctioneer. The first choice, or in other words, the best position—but whether for seeing or being seen is not stated—was "put up" with the wanted request that the audience be not "bashful," and after a brisk competition was "knocked down" at a premium of 400 dollars, making, with the regulation price, a total sum of 550 dollars. The initial difficulty over, the remaining choices were rapidly made. At the close of the sale the auctioneer announced a total receipt of 59,430 dollars, being 120 dollars in excess of the amount realized last year. This was, we presume, considered satisfactory, for a general hand-making seems to have been going on ever since. The name and calling of the fortunate buyer of the "first choice" are not stated, but with what a sweet smile he and his family will be able to regard the unhappy Jones and Brown who are thus doomed for a year, at least, to pay second fiddle! and the strangest, and perhaps saddest, part of it all is that none of the American journals—no, not even those of the Baptists—take any notice of the affair beyond quoting the famous prices realised.

EARL RUSSEL AND POPYRY.

Lord John Russel was appointed to preside at the meeting recently held for the purpose of expressing sympathy with the German Emperor and nation, in their recent action in resisting the domination of Pope Pius. The following is a letter published by Lord John in reference thereto:

PEMBROKE LODGE, RICHMOND PARK. } January 19, 1874. }

DEAR SIR JOHN MURRAY,—I have already informed you of the cause which will prevent me from presiding at the meeting of the 27th of January. Let us now consider what is the object of the meeting. Archbishop Manning states his doctrine very clearly and very boldly thus:—"The Church is separate and supreme. Let us, then, ascertain somewhat further what is the meaning of supreme. Any power which is independent, and can alone fix the limit of its own jurisdiction and can thereby fix the limits of all other jurisdictions, is ipso facto supreme. But the Church of Jesus Christ within the sphere of revelation, of faith and morals, is all this or nothing, or worse than nothing, an imposture and usurpation—that is, it is Christ or Antichrist." Archbishop Manning goes on to say, "If it be Antichrist, every Caesar, from Nero to this day, is justified." So we may say, on the other side, if the Church of Rome be Christ every Pope, from Rodrigo Borgia to this day, is justified and must be accounted Christ.

my career in Parliament were devoted to the promotion of religious liberty. From 1813 to 1819 I constantly voted for the admission of Roman Catholics to Parliament and to office. In 1828 I took the foremost part in relieving Protestant dissenters from the disabilities of the Corporation and Test Acts. For many years afterwards I labored for the liberation of the Jews. But neither for Roman Catholics, for Protestant Dissenters nor for Jews did I ask for more than equal privileges and equal laws. Archbishop Manning says of the Church, "It is Christ, it is the supreme power among men; that is to say:—1, It holds its commission and authority from God; 2, it holds in custody the faith and the law of Jesus Christ; 3, it is the sole interpretation of that faith and the sole expositor of that law; it has within the sphere of that commission a power to legislate with authority—to bind the consciences of all men born again in the baptism of Jesus Christ." This is not liberty, civil or religious. It is to bow the knee to a despotic and fallible priesthood. The very same principles which bound me to ask for equal freedom for the Roman Catholic, the Protestant Dissenter and the Jew, bind me to protest against a conspiracy which aims at confining the German Empire in chains, never, it is hoped, to be shaken off. I hasten to declare, with all friends of freedom, and, I trust, with the great majority of the English nation, that I could no longer call myself a lover of civil and religious liberty were I not to proclaim my sympathy with the Emperor of Germany in the noble struggle in which he is engaged. We have nothing to do with the details of the German laws; they may be just, they may be harsh; we can only leave it to the German people to decide for themselves as we have decided for ourselves. At all events we are able to see that the cause of the German Emperor is the cause of liberty, and the cause of the Pope is the cause of slavery. I remain dear Sir John Murray, yours very truly, RUSSELL.

HALIFAX SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.

In accordance with the resolution passed at the Public School meeting held the week before last, a meeting was held on Wednesday last, in Argyle Hall, for the purpose of organizing the Association. About 80 or 90 gentlemen were present and signed the provisional constitution. The following are the names of the officers, unanimously elected:—

M. H. Richey, President; Thos. A. Ritchie, John Doull, Stephen Selden, W. H. Wiswell, Chas. Robson, Vice-Presidents; E. D. King, Sec'y; D. H. Starr, Treas. S. L. Shannon, W. Dunbar, Jas. Farquhar, Robt. Taylor, C. H. M. Black, Committee.

M. H. Richey, Esq., on taking the chair gave a clear statement of what he understood to be the objects of the Association.

These objects, as we understand them, are simply the improvement of the Schools of the city. One of the means of securing this, is the election of Trustees directly by the citizens. We do not suppose the Government or Legislature will, eventually, seriously oppose this Association, or that the press, that portion of it at least which favours Free Public Schools, will do aught but help the Society in its benevolent designs.

The Halifax Maritime Catholic says:—

The Society of Jesus has now ten canonized Saints, and 102 beatified.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

The New York Tribune has republished in pamphlet form the six Astronomical Lectures, Professor R. Proctor recently gave in Association Hall in that city. These lectures were highly popular and give the most recent information on the subject. The pamphlet also contains some of the "Teachings of Agassiz;" 72 pages, price 20 cents.

The Illustrated Catalogue of Select Seeds for sale by Ewing Brothers, Montreal.

Chase Brothers and Bowman's Catalogue, Oshawa, Ont. They send a fine Chromo printed in 17 colors, "The Little Florists," with every order for seeds amounting to \$5.00 with the cash. The Chromo is worth \$1.00 and may be had at that price. We have seen a copy and regard it as one of the best. The subject is very pretty and a highly appropriate design.

The Annapolis Farmer tells of a young man named David Tedford, son of Mr. B. Tedford, was engaged on Friday morning in oiling the shafting in the saw mill of Messrs. Delap & Co., just after the mill had been started, when his jumper was caught by a key that holds one of the pulleys running near the beams of the first floor, and he was immediately thrown over it and whirled round twice. The pulley was only a foot and a half from the upper floor, and he was immediately stripped of his clothes, which were thrown on one side of the pulley, while he was thrown off on the other. He was found insensible, but soon recovered himself and was carried home, where Dr. A. Robinson attended him, but found that he had sustained no

Notices.

YARMOUTH, FEB 21st, 1874.

Dear Editor,—Please acknowledge in the Messenger, the following sums received for Home Missions.

From J. C. B. for Literature, per Revd. Dr. Day. \$ 5.00
Rev. G. F. Curry for Home Missions per Dr. Day. 14.75

Total \$19.75

Yours truly, SAMUEL BROWN, Treas.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND QUARTERLY MEETING.

The next Quarterly Meeting will be held with the Baptist church at Three Rivers commencing Friday the 20th of March, 1874. Preaching at 7 o'clock, P. M. As there is a certain subject under consideration, and it is to be discussed there and then, it is desirable that all our ministering brethren on the Island and delegates from our churches should be there.

Ministers and delegates are cordially invited to come and are expected to attend.

JOHN SHAW.

Three Rivers, Feb. 2nd, 1874.

RECEIVED FROM WOMAN'S MISSION AID SOCIETIES.

M. R. SELDEN, Sec'y.

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 18, 1874.

LETTERS RECEIVED.

J. F. Covey, 1 sub. \$2. T. M. King, Esq., \$20.50. D. H. Jenks. H. Mills. J. D. Halford, \$6. M. R. Shaw, \$2.20. Rev. R. S. Morton. J. D. Davison. A. G. Musgrave, (2) \$7. \$21.50 2 subs. Rev. J. Williams, \$4. G. W. Sanford, \$4. A. H. Lavers, 1 sub. \$1. J. G. Nowlan, \$1.50. E. Payson, \$2.50. R. Harlow. A. Ross, 1 sub. A. E. Durand, \$2. As J. Ledbetter, \$4. T. S. Whitman. Rev. H. Eagles, \$9.50. I. McNayr, Esq., \$1. Rev. A. D. Steele. L. McDonald. J. H. Haley, \$2. Rev. J. Meadows—will send shortly—\$1.50. Rev. D. M. Welton, \$2. R. Harris, Esq., \$4. Rev. Dr. Tupper, \$2.25. J. Soley.

News of the Week.

THE ELECTIONS.—Hants is to have another contest for a representative to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Allison. Mr. Thomas B. Smith is to be opposed by Mr. Nathaniel Spence.

GUYSBORO.—Messrs. C. M. Franchville and Clement Whitman are the candidates for this county. They were nominated on Wednesday last. The Citizen gives the following in relation to the nomination:—"Mr. C. M. Franchville was nominated by Mr. Henry M. Jost, of Gaysboro, and seconded by Messrs. John McGuige, of Steep Creek, and John McDaniel, of Sherbrooke. Mr. C. Whitman was at first nominated by Mr. V. J. Wallace, of Port Mulgrave, and seconded by Mr. James Tait, of Cape Canso. The Sheriff however informed them that the nomination was illegal, Mr. Wallace not being an elector, and the name of Mr. Joseph Hart, of Gaysboro, was substituted. After the nomination, the candidates and their friends adjourned to Temperance Hall, where short speeches were delivered by the candidates and the meeting adjourned.

For Richmond the candidates are Wm. Freehill and Charles Boudroit. The polling will take place to-day.

There will also be another election shortly in Hants County to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr. McDougall.

Cape Breton County too will have to endorse the appointment of Hon. A. J. White, or elect some other person in his place.

STRANGE.—A person in Margaret's Bay some short time since having set a snare for a rabbit, on going to it in the morning, found a snake of about three feet in length caught in the trap. If his snakeship had been hibernating in the usual torpid state he would have avoided such an ignominious death.

ACCIDENTS.—The Oxford Sentinel says a little boy, son of Mr. H. Wright, of Poggwash, accidentally cut off all the toes on one foot. The Truro Sun says that the Valley Station, on the 19th instant, Mr. Daniel McKenzie of Greenfield met with a serious accident. He was engaged at loading timber, a ton stick of which fell on him, breaking the bone of his right arm close to the shoulder and otherwise bruising him severely.—On Monday last as Mr. John Hennessy and some other men were loading timber in the woods a heavy stick fell from the sled catching both of Mr. Hennessy's legs and jamming them very severely.

The Annapolis Farmer tells of a young man named David Tedford, son of Mr. B. Tedford, was engaged on Friday morning in oiling the shafting in the saw mill of Messrs. Delap & Co., just after the mill had been started, when his jumper was caught by a key that holds one of the pulleys running near the beams of the first floor, and he was immediately thrown over it and whirled round twice. The pulley was only a foot and a half from the upper floor, and he was immediately stripped of his clothes, which were thrown on one side of the pulley, while he was thrown off on the other. He was found insensible, but soon recovered himself and was carried home, where Dr. A. Robinson attended him, but found that he had sustained no

material injury, although much bruised and shaken, and yesterday he was out for the first time. When the ~~my~~ distance between the pulley and the ceiling is considered, the wonder is that he was not torn to pieces.

One of our exchanges says:—"This paper has one subscriber who would lie awake nights if he were in any way prevented from paying his subscription for a year in advance. We don't want our friends to lose any sleep, but—you know how it is yourself."

AN EARLY SPRING is predicted because of the early appearance skunks, squirrels, and other wild animals. Numbers of robins, and small birds have made their appearance in this neighbourhood. In Yarmouth they had the first butterfly last week.

PICTOU.—Mr. Hugh McDonald crossed from his home, on Pictou Island, to Pictou, with a horse and sleigh, a few days ago, a thing which has not been done for fifteen years.

AMHERST.—A wheel weighing about 1500 lbs was recently cast at the Amherst foundry.

HANTS Co.—A correspondent writing from Kennetcook, Douglas, to the Colonist, states that at the 21st inst., there was a drunken brawl in the house in that village in which the Way-office is kept. The drunken rioters stormed the house, broke all the windows, and destroyed the furniture.

BRIDGEWATER.—A despatch to the Reporter states that at 3 o'clock on Thursday morning a great mill at Hebb's Settlement, owned by Wm. Hebb, was discovered on fire. The flames spread to McKean's Gang Mill, then to Webb's Gang Mill, and Shand's Machine Shop, all being totally consumed. The fire is supposed to be the work of an incendiary. Loss about twenty five thousand dollars.

General Sir Gaspard Le Marchant, died on the 6th at his residence in Glasgow. He retired from the command of the 85th Foot in 1846 on proceeding to Newfoundland; was Governor and Commander in Chief from 1847 to 1852; Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia from 1852; Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, from 1852 to 1857.

THE TEMPERANCE REFORM is proceeding with great vigor in portions of King's County. We are informed that twenty men of Harborville, have formed a copartnership to stop the sale of intoxicating liquors in that place for three years. They say (and the agreement comes into force on the 1st of March) that "We bind ourselves jointly and severally to proceed against any persons who may sell or give away liquors at Harborville." The company is to be known by the name of "The Harborville Temperance Reform Company," and all complaints will be entered in that name, and deal with the persons who may sell liquor contrary to the laws of the country.

CHANGE OF BIGAMY.—On Saturday last a man named William Sloan was arrested on a charge of bigamy. He was married about five years ago to a woman named Emma Madgwick. After living with her two years, they separated. Two or three months since Sloan was married again to Mary Ann McGrath. The warrant for his arrest was taken out by the former.

We learn from the Eastern Chronicle that last week the charred and mutilated remains of seven of the victims of the terrible explosion of May last were recovered from the Mine, by the workmen engaged in opening up No. 1 slope. None of the bodies were identified. They were interred on Tuesday.

THE ACADIA MINE.—We understand that the mine, owned by Sir Hugh Allan and others, has been sold to Mr. Tennent, of Glasgow, for £80,000, or about \$400,000.—Montreal paper.

CHALMERS' CHURCH Congregation held their annual soiree on Thursday last in Argyle Hall. The tables were laid in the lower room, and afforded a sumptuous repast. At eight o'clock the company adjourned to the room above where addresses were given by Revs. J. Campbell, J. Forrest, G. M. O'Neil and Mr. J. Grierson. The musical part of the festival was of a superior order, especially the cornet solos by Alderman Ackhurst, accompanied on the piano-forte by Miss Annie Ackhurst.

On the following day the Sabbath School was regaled in the vestry, some time was spent in singing and recitations until half-past seven when they were dismissed, and the Teachers' Sociable followed.

STEAMER ON MINAS BASIN.—Messrs. Lunt, of St. John, propose placing a larger steamer than the one of last year on the Basin of Minas—say one of 125 feet keel, drawing four and a half feet of water. Making two trips a week around the Basin calling at the several ports and once to Spencers Island. This will be a great convenience to the various shipping places on the Basin.

THE COLDEST OF THE SEASON was on Sunday morning last, March 1st. Thermometers in Halifax and Dartmouth marked 18 and 20 degrees below zero.

NOW IS THE TIME to feed your horses and cattle with the far famed NUTRITIOUS CONCENTRATED. It will well repay you to call and purchase a bag from its agents, Johnston & Hunt, 83 Lower Water Street.

The Provincial Wesleyan has a magnificent new head-piece. The Editor thinks, it has been very moderate in following the fashions and a more modern appearance will be pardoned.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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MAIL CONTRACT.

SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the Post Master General, and marked "Tenders for Mail Service," will be received at OTTAWA, until 12 o'clock, noon, on FRIDAY, the 27th of March, for the conveyance of Her Majesty's Mails, six times per week, each way, between

HALIFAX AND SHELBURNE, And on the Branch Routes between Lunenburg and Mahone Bay, and between Lunenburg and Bridgewater,

on and from the 1st July next. The conveyance to be made on the Main and Branch Routes by Wagon, drawn by not less than two horses.

The route pursued in the conveyance of this Mail to be as above.

The computed distance between Halifax and Shelburne—including the Branch Routes is one hundred and fifty-seven miles.

The Rate of Travel to be not less than six miles per hour, including stoppages for all purposes.

The days and hours of Arrival and Departure to be as follows, subject to a right of the Postmaster-General to alter the same, should he consider it advisable so to do.

MAIN ROUTES: Leave Halifax, daily at 6 A.M. Arrive at Bridgewater on same day at 6 P.M. Leave Bridgewater daily at 6 A.M. Arrive at Shelburne on same day at 5.30 P.M. Leave Shelburne daily at 6 A.M. Arrive at Bridgewater on same day at 5.30 P.M. Leave Bridgewater daily at 6 A.M. Arrive at Halifax on same day at 6 P.M.

BRANCH ROUTES: Leave Lunenburg daily at 6.15 A.M. Arrive at Mahone Bay at 7.30 A.M. to connect with Mail for Halifax. Leave Mahone Bay daily, on arrival of Mail from Halifax. Arrive at Lunenburg in one hour and a quarter. Leave Lunenburg daily at 3.30 P.M. Arrive at Bridgewater at 5.30. Leave Bridgewater daily, on arrival of Mail from Shelburne. Arrive at Lunenburg in two hours.

The contract is satisfactorily executed, will continue in force for a term not exceeding four years, the Postmaster General reserving the right to terminate the agreement at any time previous to the expiration of the four years—should the public interest, in his opinion require it—upon giving the contractor three months notice of his intention.

All expenses on this route for Tolls, Ferries, &c., must be defrayed by the Contractor.

Each tender to state the price Per Annum, in words at length, and to be accompanied by the written guarantee of two responsible parties, undertaking that, in the event of the tender being accepted the contract shall be duly executed by the party tendering, for the price demanded; undertaking also to become bound with the contractor in the sum of Thirteen Hundred Dollars for the due performance of the Service.

Printed forms of Tender and Guarantee may be obtained of the Post Office at Chester, Bridgewater, Liverpool, Lunenburg, Mahone Bay, Mills Village and Shelburne, or at the office of the subscriber.

A. WOODGATE, Post Office Inspector. Post Office Inspector's Office, } Halifax, 13th Feb. 1874. } March 4.

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