

Then, too, beware of certain stocks which are the football of speculators, and which are constantly flying up and down.

Set this down as a general, though perhaps not an invariable, rule: the higher the rate of interest, the greater the risk, and with it, of course, the probability of not getting the principal when you want it.

Then, too, do not put all your earnings into any one thing, even though it seems to be as solid as a rock. Even rocks crumble. There is nothing of an earthly character which is absolutely safe and abiding.

Do not trust implicitly to the names of the directors of a company. Their financial soundness may be beyond a question, but not so the soundness of their company.

Beware of the Grand Central and International Gridiron Railroad Co., with its unnumbered millions, and which will break down with its own weight some day, and produce another panic.

For the Christian Messenger.

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The following paragraphs are from the National Monitor, a small paper published in Brooklyn N. Y., in the interest of the colored citizens of the United States:

"The Fall campaign is begun with peculiar energy. All along the political line, North and South, political leaders of the respective parties, are making ready for significant battle—slandering, quarrelling, fighting and killing being the initiatory steps, in which the Negro gets the worst of it every time.

O tempora! O mores!"

"Brains, integrity and money are the best civil rights bills a black man can

have, and himself is the only Congress that can enact them."

It is a good account for one to give of himself before the bar of God; that while here, he loved the Lord and helped the negro to help himself.

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GEOLOGY AND "EVOLUTION."

We are indebted to Theodore H. Rand, Esq., D. C. L., for the following extract from the address of Dr. Thos. Wright, F. R. S. E., President of the Geological and Palaeontological Section of the British Association, delivered at its recent session at Bristol.

"Geology suggests no theory of natural causes, and Palaeontology affords no support to the hypothesis which seeks by a system of evolution to derive all the varied forms of organic life from pre-existing organisms of a lower type.

Instead of a graduation upwards in certain groups and classes of fossil animals, we find, on the contrary, that their first representatives are not the lowest, but often highly organized types of the class to which they belong.

This is well illustrated in the Corals, Crinoids, Asteriadae, Mollusca, and Crustacea of the Silurian age, and which make up the beginnings of life in the Palaeozoic period.

The fishes of the Old Red Sandstone occupy a respectable position among the Pisces; and the Reptiles of the Trias are not the lowest forms of their class, but highly organized Dinosauria.

The examinations are the same as are demanded of all matriculates of the London University, and occupied a week for six hours each day. The papers were given to the candidate by the Commissioners, the Hon. Provincial Secretary and Prof. Sumichrast, and the answers written in their presence without any preparation or aid from books or papers of any kind.

Mr. Schurman's papers we are told were the 10th from the highest of the whole 500 who stood the examination in Great Britain. Mr. J. G. McGregor's three years ago, we believe, stood about the twentieth. The highest of the other papers sent from the Dominion of Canada this year stood the 19th in order.

THE FUNERAL CONTEST AT MONTREAL.

The contest between the clergy of the Roman Catholic Church and the State at Montreal is still going on. The decision of Her Majesty's Privy Council that the remains of Joseph Guibord should be buried in the Roman Catholic Cemetery on the 2nd of September, contrary to the decision of the Bishop of Montreal, seing that he, Guibord, had been excommunicated, is still resisted.

The roughs who in the cemetery, a week or two since, drove the funeral procession back, are, apparently, not encouraged in their violence by the Bishop and clergy; but the fact that he threatens to pronounce a curse upon the grave in which the body may be buried is sufficient to show that he does not forbid their determined opposition to the funeral taking place there.

It appears that Joseph Guibord who died about six years ago was a member of the Institut Canadien, a literary society, that is said to have had in its library certain books forbidden by the church, and placed on the Index Expurgatoris.

Our readers will be pleased to learn that the article in another column of our present issues, "Mission in Lunenburg County" signed "F. D. Crawley" is from a son of our devoted Missionary brother in Burmah, Rev. Arthur R. R. Crawley. He (Mr. F. D. C.) has occupied the summer vacation in mission work in that county and we rejoice to find that his labor have not been in vain.

"Child of Providence" is becoming the benign mother of a goodly host of strong men, whom the Lord has chosen to lead on his bands of christian soldiers, and gather men from the world for service in his kingdom. It is not for us to anticipate what may be in store for us in the future, but when reading such communications as these in our present issue—one letter from the father, and another from the son—both conveying cheering accounts of what the Lord of the harvest is doing amongst those with whom they have labored we may thank God and take courage.

THE GILCHRIST SCHOLARSHIP.

Another source of gratification to the Faculty and friends of Acadia College is that in the contest for the Gilchrist Scholarship the laurels have fallen upon the brow of Mr. Jacob G. Schurman one of Acadia's graduates of the past year. When we learned from Mr. Schurman, that he intended to enter as one of the competitors we were very sanguine as to what would be the result. His success as a student at College, as shown on the day when he took his degree of Bachelor in Arts showed that he had powers of no mean order of which we might expect to hear on a future day.

It will be interesting to many to know that the Gilchrist Scholarship Trust for the benefit of young men in the Dominion of Canada has been in existence nine years; during which time the Scholarships have been taken by students in Quebec, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia, one year each, and by Ontario students five years; and this year by a Prince Edward Island man—Mr. Schurman. There were six competitors in the Dominion this year. Two others in Nova Scotia gave in their names at first but afterwards withdrew.

The friends of Guibord however do not so regard the matter. What they will do now, seeing that a new phase is presented by the Bishop's curse being pronounced upon his grave, notwithstanding it may be within the precincts of the consecrated ground, we know not. It is a movement in the game which seems to require some consideration before a counter movement is made.

The Priest, the Woman, and the Confessional; by Father Chiniquy. F. E. Grafton, Montreal pp. 184. We have received a copy of this book from the office of publication. Every body knows that Father Chiniquy was formerly a Roman Catholic Priest and is now a Presbyterian minister. The object of this work of his is to show that the practice of women confessing their sins to an unmarried priest is a source of moral pollution, to the heart of both the priest who receives the confession and the woman who makes it, which often leads to immoral relations between them, and always degrades her and places her in his power.

THE FIFTH SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION IN ST. JOHN.

The Fifth Sabbath School Convention of the Maritime Provinces commenced its sessions in the Leinster Street Church, St. John, on Thursday afternoon. The devotional exercises were led by Rev. H. Pope for half an hour. The President W. D. Stuart, of Charlottetown, opened the Convention. The Secretary, Mr. H. R. Smith, was called to his place and a committee appointed for nominating officers. The reports of delegates and superintendents were read, and showed the Sabbath Schools of the Provinces to be in a very encouraging condition, with even brighter hopes for future progress.

The following is the list of officers of the Convention for the present year: President—E. D. King, of Halifax. Vice-Presidents—A. W. Masters, St. John; Hon. Judge Young, Charlottetown; Matthew Lindsay, St. John; J. Ekersley, Halifax; W. G. Matheson, New Glasgow. Secretaries—H. R. Smith, St. John; J. Wesley Smith, Halifax; W. W. Stumbles, Jr.

Rev. Dr. Fyfe writes a brief letter to the Canadian Baptist giving an account of what he heard and saw at the Convention at Hillsburg. He was much pleased at many things he heard, and ventures the remark, "In Educational works they seem to be doing finely, except New Brunswick, which does not seem to be awake yet." One paragraph comes in the way of suggestion from Dr. F. which would be of but little good except it should be read by Nova Scotia brethren. We therefore, without any solicitation from Dr. F., copy it entire. He says: If I might criticize anything which I saw

in these meetings, it would be, that their business, educational, and missionary, required too much doing! They have so many Committees, Governors, and Boards which do the work, and then have much of it done over again in the open meeting, so that many fail to get a very clear view of what is done. This, however, may be only the impression of an uninformed looker on.

Our brethren may take this for what it is worth. Perhaps if Dr. F. knew more of our people, and their anxiety to secure unanimity in all they do, he would see the propriety of their modes of operation.

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- From 9 to 10 o'clock: Praise, Prayer and Promises.
From 10 to 11: Addresses by city clergymen on Christian Life and Work.
From 11 to 12: "How to Study the Bible," an address by Mr. Needham, to be followed by discussion.
From 12 to 1: "Evangelistic Effort by Christian Workers."
There will then be a recess till 3 o'clock.
From 3 to 4: "Experiences based on the Word"—the meeting to be led by Mr. Needham.
From 4 to 5: Prayer Meeting.
At the same hour—from 4 to 5, there will be in the Y. M. C. A. Hall a meeting for young men only, to be addressed by Mr. Needham. There will be a meeting at the Rink in the evening as usual, only that the service will begin at 7.30 instead of 8 o'clock.

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