

The Christian Messenger.

HALIFAX, N. S., FEBRUARY 10, 1875. ALMANAC FOR FEBRUARY.

New Moon, Feb. 6th, 3h. 46m. morning. First Quarter, " 13th, 1h. 6m. morning. Full Moon, " 20th, 3h. 47m. morning. Last Quarter, " 28th, 5h. 37m. morning.

Table with columns: Day, SUN. Rise, Sets, MOON. Rise, Sets, High Tide, Low Tide. Rows for days of the month from 1st to 28th.

THE TIDES.—The column of the Moon's Southing gives the time of high water at PARSBORO, Cornwallis, Horton, Hantsport, Windsor, Newport, and Truro. High water at Pictou and Cape Tormentine, 2 hours and 11 minutes later than at Halifax.

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Consumption Cured. To the Editor of Christian Messenger. ESTEEMED FRIEND: Will you please inform your readers that I have a positive CURE FOR CONSUMPTION and all disorders of the Throat and Lungs, and that by its use in my practice, I have cured hundreds of cases, and will give \$1,000.00 for a case it will not benefit. Indeed, so strong is my faith, I will send a Sample, free, to any sufferer addressing me.

Agriculture.

Moot points in the Agricultural Act.—The Editor of the N. S. Journal of Agriculture in reply to some enquiries made by Mr. W. E. Starratt of Paradise says:—

1st. The Agricultural Societies' year ends on 1st Tuesday of December, so soon as the Directors' report has been approved of. The election of new office-bearers constitutes the first act of the new year.

2nd. Accounts should be made up, balanced and reported to the annual meeting.

3rd. Societies are not necessarily required to report 40 paid up members at the annual meeting. They are allowed to collect arrears and receive new subscriptions up to the close of the calendar year,—the rule being that their return shall be sent in on or before 31st Dec. To some persons it is not quite clear that this is the intention of the Act, but the Board have tried various methods, and find this to be the only workable one.

4th. Some Societies require all their members to pay up before the annual meeting,—and then open a new list, carrying the new subscriptions over to next year. This is the preferable method. Other Societies have difficulty enough to collect their arrears by the close of Dec., so as to make up the minimum amount. The Board have found it quite impracticable to obtain uniformity. The grant is given on the attested amount of subscriptions "for the year," whether paid before or after the annual meeting.

5th. All Societies are on an equality (except as regards the amount of money raised, &c.) so long as their reports show that they are effectively carrying out the provisions of the Act for the Encouragement of Agriculture. The Board may, on sufficient grounds, admit or reject a Society, but cannot modify the amount of annual grant; that is simply the result of arithmetical calculations.

CARE OF SHEEP.—"Flock Master," of Lancaster County, Pa., writes to the Germantown Telegraph as follows: "I send you the following seasonal hints in regard to the care of sheep: During the winter and early spring sheep are often afflicted with colds, which, if neglected, frequently become so deeply seated as to be incurable, and end in phthisis or consumption. The best remedy for a cold is, first, place your sheep in a well-ventilated, dry stable, comfortably littered; and second, give any slightly purging medicine, with a moderate allowance of hay and a bran mash, one-fifth of which should be oil-meal. Colds and catarrh are not only epidemic, but endemic. Be careful, when you winter your sheep, that there is no predisposing cause in their locality, and when they are attacked, remove them instantly from the flock. By following these precautions, and keeping them well fed, sheltered, aired, watered and salted, one may bid defiance to disease among his flock."

Economy, in everything, upon the farm and in the household, will be needed. We are passing out of a circle of high prices, and probably enter one of low prices. If profits are to be kept up, expenses must be reduced. Tools must be carefully used and preserved. Little things must be watched as carefully as large ones. The boys and girls must not be ashamed to ride in the farm wagon rather than go in debt for a carriage. Debt must in most cases be religiously avoided. A year or two of hard times may prove a blessing, if they lead to a system of buying only for cash.

To keep earth worms from pots.—To keep earth worms from pots, a correspondent of VICK gives the following remedy: "I put ten drops of carbolic acid in a pint of water, and poured that on the earth in the pots, and it acted like a charm, killed all the worms, and the plants improved at once. It has been three weeks since it was applied, and they are all in a nice growing condition, and I think it is time enough to show what it will do." Will our lady readers bear this in mind, and when earth worms become troublesome in their flower-pots, procure at a drug-store some carbolic acid and test the remedy.

The Canada Farmer is greatly improved. It is ably conducted and gives a good deal of information on all matters of the Farm, the Garden, and Stock raising and keeping. It is a very cheap monthly for a dollar a year.

Flowering shrubs.—We want to impress upon all the cheerful aspect of a home surrounded with shrubs. Plant them in groups and masses, so that in all the summer and autumn you may enjoy a perfect wealth of flowers. In the corners, at every bend of the walk, at your entrance gate, before some unobtrusive object, are all suitable positions. Certain species make lovely specimens standing singly in the lawn. Such is the Hydrangea paniculata, or the Stuartia, with their conspicuous white flowers. Other species look best in beds of different shapes, as Daphne Cneorum, a small, partly evergreen shrub, with fragrant umbels of pink flowers. Rhododendrons and Azaleas are difficult to propagate, and must be left to the skillful gardener; but nothing makes a more gorgeous sight than a little group of these.

Science.

FACTS WORTH REMEMBERING.—One thousand shingles laid four inches to the weather will cover one hundred square feet of surface, and five pounds of nails will fasten them on.

One-fifth more siding and flooring is needed than the number of square feet of surface to be covered, because of the lap in the siding and the matching of the floor.

One thousand lath will cover 70 yards of surface, and eleven pounds of lath nails will nail them on.

Eight bushels of good lime, sixteen bushels of sand, and one bushel of hair will make enough good mortar to plaster one hundred square yards.

A cord of stone, three bushels of lime, and a cubic yard of sand will lay one hundred cubic feet of wall.

Five courses of brick will lay one foot in height on a chimney, six bricks in a course will make a flue four inches wide and twelve inches long, and eight bricks in a course will make a flue eight inches wide and sixteen inches long.—Prairie Farmer.

In Scotland they often lend their shepherd dogs, and though they perform their duty well they never make a mistake, and adopt the new master "for good and all." A gentleman stopping for a few days with a shepherd's family, observed a fine dog come in every day at dinner time. He received his rations and then went away. "I never see that dog except at dinner time," remarked the guest, inquiringly. "The reason is," said the farmer, "we have lent him to our neighbor, Jamie Nicol, and we tell him to come home ilka day to his dinner. When he gets his dinner, pair beast, he goes awa back till his work."

Fine working dogs they have in Scotland, with a great deal of national good sense.—Three dogs were lying asleep before the fire, when some one whistled them out. Two arose and the other lay still. "It is odd," said the visitor, "that this dog does not get up like the others." "It is not his turn," remarked the farmer, "he was out a' the mornin'."

LEATHER FROM INTESTINES.—A patent has been recently taken out in France for the preparation of leather from tripe, intestines, and other animal membranes. These are soaked in milk of lime while still fresh, then washed in water, and finally immersed in a paste made of starch and white of egg. The substance thus formed is to be used for glove-making, etc., and may also be tanned or curried.

To sleep well go to bed with warm feet, an empty stomach and an excited brain. Be sure and keep a clear conscience. Then shall you sleep be dreamless, and your days long in the land.

A whale, about sixty feet long, was lately washed ashore at Mevagissey, in Cornwall. It is not the regular whale-bone whale, and does not carry much blubber, but is peculiar in having a long series of folds along the skin of the lower jaw, whereby a pouch is formed. The tail is considerably damaged.

Jeremiah Horrocks, the astronomer, who first observed the transit of Venus, is to have a tablet to his memory erected in Westminster Abbey.

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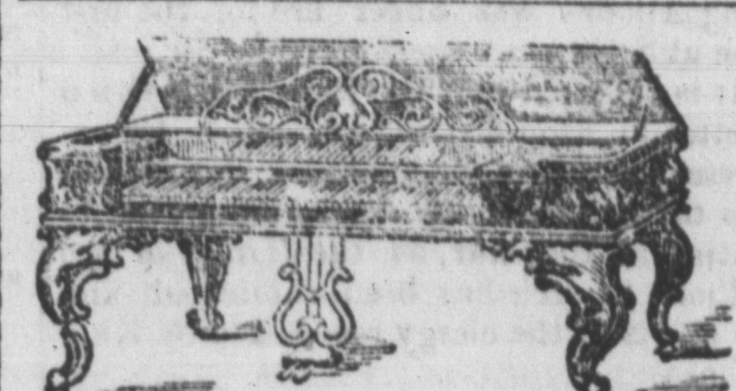
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