

led this converted heathen back to the Old dispensation, through a dark forest of unsubstantial reasonings to show him that what he had plainly seen in God's word did not exist there; and that he must be sprinkled.

THE DEATH PENALTY is to take its course in the case of Robbins the murderer of his wife, now in prison, at Digby, and surely if ever it was merited, it is in his case, awful as it is that human life should be taken, and a man pronounced by his fellowmen unfit to live. Yet for the protection of the living, it would seem necessary that the extreme penalty should be inflicted in such cases, or surely "the powers that be" would "bear the sword in vain."

There has been a commutation of the sentence of death pronounced on Davis and his wife for the murder of Jane Gilmour. Instead of being hanged they are to be imprisoned for life. It is understood that this action has been taken by the minister of justice, of course with the concurrence of the government, because doubts existed in some minds as to whether the crime was murder in the full sense of the law—and further the person being now known—Mr. Clements of the city of Toronto—who is charged with employing them to commit the crime on the person of Miss Gilmour, they will give evidence on his trial, and by that means bring to justice all the parties concerned. If this action shall be taken as a palliation of the crime of which this man Davis and his wife are convicted it must be greatly deplored. It is doubtless child-murder and very often results in the death of the mother also. If however the first criminal in the case can by this means be discovered and duly punished it may be a more decided condemnation of the crime and his participation in the death of the unfortunate young woman, than the speedy execution of this wretched man and his wife.

TEMPERANCE LECTURES appear in various forms besides coming from a popular advocate of the cause. The necessity of Total Abstinence is taught sometimes by seeing the bloated, besotted father of a family, who spends his earnings in strong drink and abuses his wife and children. At other times a respectable gentleman is the instructor, when he but narrowly escapes being found staggering in the street or sleeping in the gutter, because a friend finding him in such condition takes him to his home, when he could scarcely find his way there alone. At another time the lecture comes from seeing a woman, who, having made herself familiar with intemperance and its kindred vices, has lost all sense of shame and proclaims without intending to do so that safety exists only in totally abstaining from the use of the poisonous article. At another time a kind mother of a family is seen, who, having indulged in stimulants more or less frequently to sustain her in her troubles, she becomes more and more insensible to the exhibition she makes of herself, in public and private, and her friends mourn over her and deplore the sad spectacle, without knowing just how to touch her case and rescue her from impending public scandal, disgrace and ruin. It can, under such circumstances, be readily seen that no other course than Total Abstinence, is of any avail.

Here is a lecture in another shape, which no one can read without pronouncing the strongest condemnation on the traffic, in or use of, intoxicating drinks:— A young woman with a grief-stricken expression entered the First District Police Court at Jersey City yesterday and implored Justice Keese to be allowed to see her father, Michael Hogan. The justice informed her that her father had been committed to jail for thirty days on the charge of drunkenness, and that it was not in his power to release him. The girl then continued: "My mother is dead, and I want him to come out of the funeral. I can't get any money out of the bank, and I don't know what to do. Oh, judge, it's terrible to keep him locked up and his wife lying dead! Think how you would feel in his place and have mercy on him and on me! Let me pay his fine and let him come to his sorrowful home." The justice, who was deeply moved by the girl's distress, advised her to go to the jail and plead her case, and the jailer would perhaps allow her father to attend the funeral under guard.

The following telegram has just come to our hand: KINGSTON, Dec. 6th, 1875. "My father died yesterday, calmly as he lived. W. H. HALL." We presume this is the father of Rev. W. E. Hall.

The excellent sermon on the first page of our last week's Messenger and our present issue is a very moderate, but forcible exhibition of Baptist principles, well adapted to inform persons who are but imperfectly acquainted with New Testament Church organization. We may commend its statement especially to our brother Nicholson of the Wesleyan. He will perhaps perceive after its perusal that he makes a grand mistake when he ventures to assert that Baptists "have not another distinctive idea, or principle upon which to hang an idea" besides immersion.

The early formation of ice in the Gulf and River St. Lawrence has interfered somewhat with shipping arrangements. Some steamers and other vessels with freights for the lower provinces and other ports are detained in the ice and will probably continue all the winter.

Notices.

ACADIA COLLEGE.—There will be a meeting of the Board of Governors in the College Library Dec. 16th, 1875. S. W. DEBLOIS Sec'y. Wolfville, Nov. 23rd, 1875.

LETTERS RECEIVED.

G. Fleck, \$2. Geo. Crosby, Esq., (2) \$2. L. O. Neily, \$5. F. Fitch, James Gourley, J. Wheelock, 1 sub. \$2. Rev. A. J. Stevens, 2 sub. \$4. Rev. W. E. Hall, 1 sub. \$1. L. Tremain, Esq., M. D., \$10. N. R. Morse, \$4. R. G. Tupper, \$2. Rev. T. B. Layton, L. O. Neily, 10. Mrs. Monteith, \$2.50. J. S. Witter, Esq., \$5. J. M. Parker, Esq., \$2. Jas. Gourley, M. Atkinson, W. R. Doty, \$14. S. M. Freeman, \$1. Jas. A. Banks, \$4. F. Fitch, \$7. J. Chaloner, \$6. Mrs. Terry, C. E. & G. O. Gates, R. N. Crosby, \$2. A. H. Lavers, \$1. Thos. Phillips, 1 sub., \$2. D. Nichols, \$2.50 U. S. E. Dickson.

Local News.

PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENTS, 25th of Oct., 1875.—Colchester Co.—To be a Deputy Surveyor of Crown Lands, W. Faulkner, Esq. 20th Nov., 1875.—In the County of Pictou.—To be a Justice of the Peace, Neil Fraser of Garnton. Digby Co.—To be Justices of the Peace—Joseph Bancroft, Westport, and W. H. Harris, South Range to be Commissioners of Schools—C. D. Jones, A. D. Hoyt and G. H. Dunbar, Esqs., of Weymouth. Shelburne Co.—To be Issuer of Marriage Licenses at Cape Sable Island—Martin D. McGrey. Halifax Co.—To be a Justice of the Peace—W. D. Harrington.

The Poor's Asylum has nearly 400 inmates at present. POOR BEN CHRISTMAS was before the Police court the other day for drunkenness. When asked who sold him the liquor he gave the name of a licensed tavern keeper in Argyle street, the party named was brought into court and identified by Ben as the one who sold him the liquor. The Indian's statement was stoutly denied by the tavern keeper. The magistrate, not having sufficient evidence to convict the dealer of selling the liquor, discharged him and fined Ben \$4 or 40 days. If the penalty of \$500 does not prevent liquor-sellers from supplying liquor to Indians it is a pity that they should not be caught and made to pay the fine.

DYNAMITE is a very dangerous article to be lying about "promiscuously." On Tuesday last a carpenter was engaged in putting new iron grates in one of cells at the police station when two dynamite caps, which he had in his vest pocket, exploded, his watch partially protected his body from the effects of the explosion, but as it was he was badly cut in his thigh, and his vest and pants torn. Dr. Cameron was called in and dressed his wound.

SAD ACCIDENTS.—We are sorry to have to announce that on Monday evening, Professor Johnston, of Dalhousie College, fell while skating on the second Dartmouth Lake, and broke one of his legs. A young man named Sutton, in the employ of Messrs. White & Simmonds, stove dealers, fell while lifting some stoves at Messrs. Wood and Robertson's wharf, and broke one of his legs.

The Halifax Association for improving the condition of the poor, is getting under way. The annual meeting was to be held last evening. There will be work enough for all its members during the winter.

DARTMOUTH had a sensation on Friday afternoon, by two persons, one a lady, falling through the ice on the first lake. They were rescued with difficulty. Two others broke through and got an involuntary immersion.

THE COMMERCIAL COLLEGE students last week showed their appreciation of Mr. Henry P. Clay (son of Dr. Clay), by giving him a very flattering address on his completing the course of study at that institution. It was signed by 28 of his fellow students.

TREBO has completed its water works and now proposes to have a system of fire alarm.

The Truro Sun says a factory has been started at Shubenacadie for the purpose of preserving rabbits cooked in cans.

New Glasgow.—On Thursday night a shooting affray occurred at the Vale Colliery at a rum shop kept by Rebecca McDonald, a man named Banner was shot while going away from the house. He says he saw two men come out of the front door; that he heard a woman's voice say, "that's one of them, fire;" that a shot was fired which struck him in the left shoulder.

Rebecca McDonald and a boy who lived with her, named Daniel McDonald, were arrested and lodged in jail. The boy admitted when arrested that he had fired the shot.

Rebecca McDonald is the woman whose some months ago presented a pistol at a constable who went to arrest her under execution for debt.

RIVER PHILIP.—Mr. Walter McOuat, of the Geological Survey, died suddenly here on Tuesday evening last, as before reported. On Friday night his youngest child, a fine boy about a year and a half old, died of croup.

GREAT DISTRESS exists amongst the miners on the island of Cape Breton. It is said that some families are now subsisting on one meal a day—a man named McRury belonging to Cow Bay, was found dead at that place on Sunday morning. He went out shooting the previous day, and not returning at a seasonable time, the fears of his friends were aroused, and a search was instituted which resulted in the discovery of his lifeless body. His gun and hat could nowhere be found.

PICTOU.—On Wednesday last the new ferry-boat "Mayflower" got one of her screws fouled with a mooring chain of the dredge "St. Lawrence." She was to have gone to P. E. Island on that day for Mr. Brydges. On the following day a diver went down and found there was thirty turns of chain around the propeller. He could not remove it. They therefore put her on the beach and on Friday the chain was removed from the propeller and she was got back to the wharf.

The harbor was frozen and people crossing it in all directions, except a passage kept open for the old ferryboat Mayflower.

The steamer "Albert" returned on Friday, from Georgetown, P. E. Island, out was unable to get to the wharf. The passengers landed on the ice.

PORT HASTINGS.—During the storm on Tuesday the 30th the brigantine "Swiftsure," from Charlottetown, with a cargo of oats, stranded on the East side at the entrance to the Strait of Canso. The crew landed safe. Vessel and cargo damaged considerably.

Y. M. C. A.—The Rev. R. F. Burns, D. D., will deliver a lecture under the auspices of the Association on Monday evening next in Association Hall. Subject a Prohibitory Law." Chair to be taken at Eight o'clock. All are invited to attend.

HORSES SAVED.—The lives of thousands of horses have been saved during the past year, and the credit is due to "Darley's Condition Powders and Arabian Heave Remedy." This preparation is being extensively used, and exacts from all the highest praise. Nothing of the kind has ever before been half as successful or given such universal satisfaction; it cannot be equalled. We can confidently recommend it, and would advise all who own horses to keep a supply of it on hand—it may be the means of saving your horse's life. Remember the name and see that the signature of Hurd & Co. is on each package. Northrop & Lyman, Toronto, Ont., Proprietors for Canada. Sold by all Medicine Dealers.

GRAHAM'S PAIN ERADICATOR. Mr. Daniel Sweeney, Parrsboro', N. S., was cured of Erysipelas in his hand, by four applications. His wife was also cured of Rheumatism. Both cases by one bottle.

ACADIA COLLEGE.

NOTICES of Meetings and Exercises connected with the close of the first session of the year 1875-6. Dec. 14th and 15th, Tuesday and Wednesday, Examination of College Classes. Dec. 15th and 16th, Wednesday and Thursday, Examination of Classes in the Collegiate Academy, which will be open to the public.

Dec. 16th, Thursday, Meeting of the Governors in the College Library at 11 A. M. On the same day, from 5 to 7 P. M., Tea and Coffee will be served in the new Dining Hall to all who may present themselves. During the hours all the rooms in

THE NEW BUILDING WILL BE OPEN to Visitors; and at this time or at the close of the Examination in the Academy Hall, addresses will be delivered, relating to the completion and opening of the Building.

Tickets for admission to the Dining Hall can be obtained in the Village, through the day, at 40c. cents each.

Thursday evening, 7 1/2 o'clock, Rhetorical Exhibition of the Sophomore Class, in the Baptist Church. A. W. SAWYER.

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EAST INDIA HEMP, And What We Know About It.

Instead of devoting a column to the merits of this strange and wonderful plant, we remain silent and let it speak for itself through other lips than ours, believing that those who have suffered most can better tell the story. We will here quote word for word from letters recently received, simply adding our testimony to the rest in saying, that when this plant is properly prepared, we know that it positively CURES CONSUMPTION, and will break up a fresh cold in twenty-four hours.

St. Mary's Church, Alleghany City, Pa., Nov. 10, 1874. The East India Hemp has been taken by Rev. Matthias Binber, O. S. B., and Rev. Sebastian Arndt, O. S. B., both assistant pastors of this church, and so far has given relief to both. They suffered from affection of the lungs and bronchial organs. We have recommended, charity sufferers, to the Cannabis Indica to different persons, and continue the same in good conscience, knowing the effects by experience. Please find inclosed check for twelve bottles of syrup, pills and ointment. We shall inform you in due time what further success the medicine shall meet with.

Yours truly, REV. FERDINAND WOLF, O. S. B., 87 Washington Street. CHINA GROVE, Rowan Co., N. C., Oct. 21, 1874. Send one dozen Ointment and one of Cannabis Indica. When Mr. J. W. Fisher brought his wife to me for examination, I found her in the incipient stage of tuberculous consumption. Then it was I concluded to make a fair trial of Indian Hemp, and now there is a general demand for those remedies. The Ointment excels everything and anything of its kind I ever saw or tried, in many cases it acted like a charm.

FRATERNALLY yours, P. A. SIFFORD, M. D. RIDGEVILLE, Caswell, N. C., Sept. 12, 1874.

Inclosed is \$10 for more of the Indian Hemp. I can truly say that the medicine has done me more good than all the doctors, and I had several of the best in the country. My cough is a great deal better, and my chills and night sweats are gone. You may look for several orders soon, as many have seen the effect of this medicine on me. W. A. FULLER.

COLUMBUS, O., Oct. 29, 1874. Your treatment for consumption has so improved my condition, that the inquiry comes every day from my friends. What are you taking? Several are talking of sending for some of your medicine, and James Huff desires me to order for him \$9 worth of the Hemp. W. HUNT, North High Street.

P. S.—It is my opinion that an agent at this place would sell considerable for you. W. H. DECHERD, Franklin, Tenn., Sept. 12, 1875.

Send three more bottles of your consumption and bronchitis cure. My son began taking the Hemp last night three weeks ago, and he is improving rapidly. The last ten days have made him look and act like another person. I have great hopes. J. M. BRATTON. DEEP RIVER, POWDSHICK, Iowa, Jan. 3, 1874.

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FITS! FITS! FITS!

CURE OF EPILEPSY; OR, FALLING FITS. BY HANCE'S EPILEPTIC PILLS. Persons laboring under this distressing malady, will find Hance's Epileptic Pills to be the only remedy ever discovered for curing Epilepsy or Falling Fits. The following certificates should be read by all the afflicted; they are in every respect true, and should they be read by any one who is not afflicted himself, if he has a friend who is a sufferer, he will do a humane act by cutting this out and sending it to him.

A MOST REMARKABLE CURE. PHILADELPHIA, June 28th, 1867. SEYMOUR HANCE, Baltimore, Md.—Dear Sir: Seeing your advertisement, I was induced to try your Epileptic Pills. I was attacked with Epilepsy in July, 1863. Immediately my physician was summoned, but he could give me no relief. I then consulted another physician, but I seemed to grow worse. I then tried the treatment of another, but without any good effect. I again returned to my family physician; was cupped and bled several different times. I was generally attacked without any premonitory symptoms. I had from two to five fits a day, at intervals of two weeks. The last one was April 6th, 1865, and it would fall wherever I would be, or whatever I occupied with, and was severely injured several times from the falls. I was affected so much that I lost all confidence in myself. I also was affected in my business, and I consider that your Epileptic Pills cured me. In February, 1866, I commenced to use your Pills, and only had two attacks afterwards. The last one was April 6th, 1865, and they were of a less serious character. With the blessing of Providence your medicine was made the instrument by which I was cured of that distressing affliction. I think that the Pills and their good effects should be made known everywhere, that persons who are similarly afflicted may have the benefit of them. Any person wishing further information can obtain it by calling at my residence, No. 839 North Third St., Philadelphia, Pa. WILLIAM ELDER.

IS THERE A CURE FOR EPILEPSY? The subjoined will answer. GRENADA, Miss., June 30.—SEYMOUR HANCE, Dear Sir: You will find enclosed five dollars, which I send you for two boxes of your Epileptic Pills. I was the first person who tried your Pills in this part of the country. My son was badly afflicted with fits for two years. I wrote for and received two boxes of your Pills, which he took according to directions. He has never had a fit since according to directions. My son has been cured of his fits. His case was a very bad one; he had fits nearly all his life. Persons have written to me from Alabama and Tennessee on the subject, for the purpose of ascertaining my opinion in regard to your Pills. I have always recommended them, and in no instance where I have had a chance of hearing from them, they have either failed to cure. Yours, etc. C. H. GRY. Grenada, Talabusha County, Miss.

ANOTHER REMARKABLE CURE OF EPILEPSY; OR, FALLING FITS. BY HANCE'S EPILEPTIC PILLS. MONTGOMERY, Texas, June 29th, 1867. To SEYMOUR HANCE.—A person in my employ had been afflicted with Fits, or Epilepsy, for thirteen years; he had these attacks at intervals of two to four weeks, and often times several in quick succession, sometimes continuing for two or three days. On several occasions they lasted until his mind appeared totally deranged, in which state he would continue for a day or two after the fits ceased. I tried several remedies prescribed by our resident physicians, but without success. Having seen your advertisement, I concluded to try your remedy. I obtained two boxes of your Pills, gave them according to directions, and they effected a permanent cure. The person is now a strong, healthy man, about 30 years of age, and has not had a fit since he commenced taking your medicine, ten years since. He was my principal wagoner, and has since that time been exposed to the severest of hardships. I have great confidence in your remedy, and would like every one who has fits to give it a trial. B. L. DEPARREN.

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1875--Summer Arrangement--1875.

ON and after MONDAY, 21st June, Trains will run as follows:— DAY EXPRESS TRAINS will leave Halifax for St. John, at 8.00 a. m., and St. John for Halifax at 7.30 a. m. NIGHT EXPRESS TRAINS, With Pullman Sleeping Cars attached, will leave Halifax for St. John at 5.45 p. m., and St. John for Halifax at 9 p. m. LOCAL EXPRESS TRAINS will leave Pictou for Truro 3.00 p. m., and Truro for Pictou at 11.00 a. m. St. John for Sussex, at 5.00 p. m., Sussex for St. John at 7.30 a. m., Point du Chene for Painsce at 11.10 a. m., and 3.15 p. m., Painsce for Point du Chene at 12.00 noon, and 4.05 p. m.

MIXED TRAINS will leave Halifax for Truro and Pictou at 10.00 a. m., and Pictou for Truro and Halifax at 6.45 a. m., Truro for Painsce and Moncton at 7.00 a. m., and Moncton for Painsce and Truro at 7.00 a. m., Point du Chene for St. John at 6.45 a. m., and St. John for Point du Chene at 10.30 a. m.

FREIGHT TRAINS will leave Truro for Halifax at 7.00 a. m., and Halifax for Truro at 2.00 p. m., Moncton for St. John at 9.40 a. m., and St. John for Moncton at 1.45 p. m. For particulars and connections see small Time Tables. C. J. BRYDGES, General Superintendent of Government Railways.

RAILWAY OFFICE, MONCTON, June 15th 1875 } July 14.

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