

rivulet." They were clear exhibitions of gospel truth, adapted to produce sound and wholesome emotions. Those who heard were edified—strengthened for labour—and comforted in grief.

Dr. Spurden fully sympathized with the denomination in its plans and enterprises, and contributed valuable aid whenever counsel and co-operation were called for. If he discontinued rash projects and hasty measures, the assistance he rendered was always characterized by wisdom and efficiency.

In penning these lines my object has been to furnish a general sketch of character. I am not sufficiently acquainted with the details of Dr. Spurden's history to attempt a biography. Some brother better prepared will, I hope, favour the denomination in this respect.

I can only add that I regarded Dr. S. as one of my most valued friends, and that by his removal from us we have sustained a very heavy loss.

Yours truly, J. M. CRAMP.

Jan. 21, 1876.

PRINTER'S MISTAKES.—We learn that the sentence we quoted last week from one of our daily papers, "Publication of an editorial is not an endorsement of its contents," should have been—"Publication of an advertisement, &c." A correction appeared in the next issue of that paper, but we regret that we did not happen to see it. We intended no disrespect to our contemporary.

NOTICES.

RECEIVED FOR HOME MISSIONS.

Dear Editor,—Will you please announce in the Messenger the receipt of our Board, of the following sums:—

- Wolfville Sabbath School for Home Mission, per James S. McDonald, Esq., \$32.00
Dr. Cramp, Do., 12.00
Indian Harbour Ch. West, Do., 4.33
Margaret's Bay Ch. 2nd, per Rev. W. E. Hall, 2.77
John McLearn, Esq., Rawdon, 1.50
E. Baymer, Esq., Uniacke, 1.50
Total, \$54.00

Yours, &c., G. E. DAY. Yarmouth, Jan. 21, 1876.

RECEIVED FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Dear Brother,—Please acknowledge as usual and oblige.

- Jan. 19. Per R. M. King, Esq., Granville Street Congregation, Halifax, for year, 1875, \$111.25
" 20. Per Rev. J. H. Hughes, Havelock, N. B., Mr. E. Ryder, 1.00
J. H. Fowler, 2.00
Per John S. McDonald, Esq., Wolfville Baptist Sabbath School, for year 1875, 50.00

THOS. P. DAVIES, Treasurer F. M. Board. St. John, N. B., Jan. 21, 1876.

RECEIVED FROM WOMEN'S MISSION AND SOCIETIES.

- Cleveland, Nictaux,—Mrs. Z. E. Parker, \$11.00
Pine Grove, Wilmot,—Mrs. J. A. McLean, 7.00
M. R. SELDEN, Secretary. Halifax, January 26th, 1876.

COUNTY SECRETARIES. The Central Board at its last meeting, agreed to act upon the proposition of Mrs. Kempton as regards County Secretaries, so far as to accept any volunteers who may offer to do the work from love to the cause, but they do not think it wise at present to take the responsibility of making any appointments themselves.

Miss J. Woodbury has already offered her services for Annapolis Co., and the Central Board has accepted them. The letter from Mrs. Kempton referred to above, appeared in the C. M., of Nov. 10th 1875, and can be referred to for guidance and directions.

By order of the C. Board M. R. SELDEN, Secy.

Acknowledgements.

NORTH BAPTIST CHURCH.

The cloud which seemed to rest upon our church is lifting. Darkness is giving place to light; sorrow is turning to joy. Once more the tear of penitence is seen, and the voice of the inquirer is heard. The hearts of God's faithful ones are greatly cheered by the prospect of better days. Glad themselves, they have made the heart of their pastor glad too.

At the close of the regular Monday evening prayer meeting, Judge McCully, in behalf of the church and congregation, in a very tender and fraternal address, presented to the pastor a check for one hundred and thirteen dollars and twenty-five cents (\$113.25), as a token of their appreciation of his services during the past six months.

One evening last week a parcel was left at his door by some person or persons unknown, which contained a fine Ulster overcoat.

Other tokens of affection and esteem have been received from time to time in a quiet way which have greatly cheered and gladdened the hearts of both the pastor and his wife.

For all these acts of kindness we desire to be very grateful. Our prayer is that the blessing of Him whose we are and whom we serve may rest upon a people so thoughtful.

J. W. MANNING.

Rev. M. P. Freeman wishes very gratefully to acknowledge the kindness of his friends at Great Village of their donation of \$70.00 in cash, and articles as good, and also to the friends at the Acadia Mines for a Christmas present of a splendid dress coat, and a purse to Mrs. Freeman containing \$25.00.

WOLFVILLE, 22nd, January, 1876.—Dear Sir,—I have much pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of One Hundred Dollars, (Cash), toward the Endowment Fund of Acadia College, from Avard Longley, Esq., Paradise. This donation having been given without solicitation is very acceptable.

Respectfully Yours, A. DW. BARNS, Treasurer Acadia College.

Letters Received.

- J. A. McDonald, \$7.54 for Foreign Missions. E. H. Duval, \$4. Mrs. Wilson, \$2. N. P. Nowlan, \$4. A. Marshall, Esq., \$1. Rev. L. B. Gates, \$2. M. Parker, Esq., \$2. S. A. Parker, \$2. J. M. Parker, Esq., \$4. W. R. Doty, Esq., 1 sub. A. W. Masters, Esq., \$14. Rev. Chas. Randall, \$6. H. A. Davison, \$2. A. J. Leabetter, \$2. Rev. P. F. Murray, \$5. J. W. Bigelow, \$2. Rev. W. H. Richan, A. DeW. Burss, Esq. O. Dodge, \$2. C. Bowles, Rev. G. B. Titus, T. H. Patten, \$5. Wm. M. McVean, \$2.

LOCAL NEWS.

WARD ONE is likely to secure the services of ex-Alderman Ackhurst again in the city government. His many years of experience in the Council render him highly eligible for re-election. The list of signatures attached to the requisition presented to him is highly complimentary.

A NEW LIGHT HOUSE erected on George's Island, in our harbor, was lighted for the first time on Thursday night last. It will be a fine addition to our lights along the shore.

PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENTS.—Halifax, 19th, Jan. 1876.—His Honor the Lieut. Governor has been pleased to make the following appointments:—

Hants Co.—To be Registrar of Probate—Allan Hale, Esq., vice Hon. O. S. Weeks, resigned.

Kings Co.—To be Justices of the Peace—William Faulkner, in place of J. Fisher, deceased; Chipman Vaughan, vice John Vaughan, resigned, both of Lower Horton; Jacob Walton, Cornwallis; and John West, of Middle Perceux. 10th Jan., 1876.—To be a Notary and Tabellion Public—J. Medley Townsend, Esq., of Amherst.

Lunenburg Co.—To be Prothonotary and Clerk of the Crown—William M. B. Lawson, Esq., vice James Dowling, Esq.

THE HALIFAX SCHOOL ASSOCIATION meeting called for last week was adjourned till Friday evening next.

SALEM.—The tea meeting in connection with Salem (Congregational) church, held in the basement of that building on Thursday evening was a great success. Over 300 persons were present.

BOARD OF WORKS RETURNS.—The following extract from the annual report of the Clerk of City Works, handed in at the Council meeting on Thursday afternoon, shows the expenditure for the year ending December 31st, 1875:—

- Water Department, \$13,537 17
Miscellaneous, 23,650 08
Streets, in account with Water Department, 1,042 36
Street Department, 16,175 19
Internal Health Department, 11,446 77
Sewers, 46,237 05
City Property, 4,529 03
Queen Street Extension, 46 20
Total, \$116,723 05

A citizen lost \$300 on the street one day last week. The money was found by a young man named Woodaman, from Dartmouth, and returned to the owner, who rewarded the finder by a gift of \$10.

The Rev. Mr. Kennedy, of Herring Cove, has returned to Messrs. T. A. S. DeWolf & Son, two sums of money amounting to near \$100 restitution in money for goods taken years ago from the wreck of the steamer "Dacian"; and to Messrs. S. Cunard & Co., \$7.30 restitution money for goods taken from the wrecked steamer "Atlantic."

THE SOLDIER'S CONCERT in aid of the Soldier's and Sailor's Home on Thursday evening is spoken of as a very successful affair. Mrs. Hunt Morgan gave an address on the "Lance-stripe" and thanked those of the men who had rendered such efficient aid in establishing and carrying on the Home.

FRUIT GROWERS' ASSOCIATION.—The officers elected for the current year, at the annual meeting of the above Association held last week at Wolfville, are as follows:—

- President.—C. C. Hamilton, D. D.
Vice Presidents.—Kings, W. H. O. Haliburton; Annapolis, A. Longley; Digby, John Dakin; Yarmouth, C. E. Brown; Queens, J. Kempton; Lunenburg, M. B. DesBrisay; Halifax, G. A. S. Creighton; Hants J. O. King.
Hon. V. Ps.—R. G. Haliburton and Richard Starr, Esqrs.; and the V. Ps. of the Eastern Co's F.G.'s Association, to hold the same rank in this.
Hon. Sec'y.—J. R. Hea.
Corresponding Secretary.—D. H. Starr.
Auditors.—G. V. Rand and J. E. Lockwood.

Council.—Halifax, Hon P. C. Hill, Prov. Secty., Colonel Laurie, H. Harris; Hants, A. H. Johnson, George Wiggins, W. H. Allison; Kings, C. F. Eaton, Leander Rand, Edwin Chase, C. R. H. Starr, Irad Benjamin, D. J. Harris, Isaac Shaw, J. A. Haliday, John G. Byrne, T. E. Smith; Annapolis H. H. Morse, T. W. Chesley, Delancy Harris, C. B. Whiteman, James Horsefall, Robert Fitz Randolph, Rev. Henry Deblois.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES.—A new Agricultural Society has been formed at Oxford, in the County of Cumberland. The number of societies throughout the Province is much greater now than at any former time in its history. Our Societies are likewise much stronger now, many of them possess valuable thoroughbred stock, others have funds in hand and some have real estate.—Journal of Agriculture.

Mrs. KENT MASON will shortly visit Halifax to lecture on the Temperance question.

THE TRUCKMAN were busy on Monday putting the snow back after the City Railroad Company had ploughed it off from the rails over. The contest was given up in the afternoon and sleighs quit on the track.

DARTMOUTH.—There were five applicants for the office of Stipendiary Magistrate. On Monday evening, Mr. Robert Motton, was unanimously appointed to the office.

Rev. Mr. Townend, Military Chaplain while skating on the Second Lake, at Dartmouth, on Saturday last, fell into a hole where persons had been cutting ice. He was rescued in an exhausted condition.

STELLARTON.—One day last week, a young woman, a servant in the employ of Mr. Clish, hotel-keeper, Stellarton, Pictou County, met with a kerosene accident which resulted in her death on Friday night.

WOLFVILLE.—A letter to the Reporter on Saturday last said that there had been a fiendish attempt to destroy the Schoolhouse here. A lady and gentleman walking in the vicinity about seven o'clock, and noticing a very bright light in the schoolhouse hastened to the spot, when they discovered, to their great amazement, that the whole floor seemed to be in a blaze. The gentleman, breaking open the door, rushed in, trampled on the shavings, and put the fire out. Some villain had put a quantity of paraffine oil on the floor, and then spread about a quantity of shavings, and very carefully locked the door after him, after having set fire to the shavings. Very fortunately the fire was discovered in time to prevent the fiendish object being carried out.

TRURO had a large gathering of curlers from Halifax, St. John and New Glasgow on Friday last.

PICTOU.—Capt. John Campbell was severely injured last week by falling down the hold of the tug Dagon, several of his ribs being broken and other injuries sustained.

A collier residing at Westville, named John Dick, known by the sobriquet of "Butcher Dick," attempted suicide a few days ago by cutting his throat with a razor. Medical assistance was at once summoned and the cut sewed up. He was probably under the influence of liquor when he committed the deed.

WALLACE.—It appears that in the brief statement given in our last, from an evening contemporary, respecting the dreadful murder here there was a mistake in the names. The murder was perpetrated by Abraham Betts, and the murderer man James Thomas, was his wife's brother. It seems that there had been a quarrel between the two for months past. Ten or twelve years ago Betts was sentenced to the penitentiary at Halifax for eight years on a charge of rape. After serving three years his friends procured his release, and he returned to his home. Two or three years ago he married Mary Thomas. He left home about New Year's, and only returned occasionally until the night of 13th inst. He attempted to put his mother-in-law, Ms. Thomas, from the house, it is supposed with the intention of doing her body harm. Mrs. Thomas shrieked for assistance, and her son James, who live but a short distance away, jumped out of bed and ran bare-footed to the other house. After some parley with Bet he succeeded in getting him quiet and returned to his own house. After he had gone a short distance, and it is supposed turned partially around to go to his own house, Betts seized a gun which he had left in the porch and fired him, killing him al-

most immediately. Betts returned to his own house kissed his children and left immediately.

A DESCRIPTION OF ABRAHAM BETTS. Height about 5 feet 7 1/2 inches, and proportionately well built; hair short, black and considerably tinged with gray; whiskers unshaven, quite heavy, dark; complexion rather dark; form straight, with a quick motion; age from 40 to 44. When he left home it is supposed that he wore a dark coat, brown pants and green hide moccasins, with a dark hat, although he had access to other clothes, including a rubber coat, which makes the description of his clothes quite uncertain. He is supposed to have proceeded in the first place towards Amherst. The coroner's jury brought in a verdict of wilful murder. If he seeks employment it will probably be in the lumber woods. He was formerly insane.

WINDSOR.—An attempt was made here last week to establish a Temperance Society in connection with the Church of England. On a motion being made to adopt the principle of Total Abstinence, the Rector, who was in the chair, intimated that he would use his endeavors to form a Society on the moderate drinking principle—as he believes that total abstinence, for various reasons, was not the wisest course. It will be readily perceived that this was giving up the only safe Temperance ground that can be taken, and placing an effectual barrier against any effort to rescue those who are drunkards, or to keep the sober men and women from becoming drunkards.

NEW GLASGOW.—The municipal elections resulted in the election of Mr. A. C. Bell, Warden, by four majority over Mr. J. W. Jackson.

The Councilors are—Messrs. McColl, McQueen, Copeland, McKay, McGregor and McDougall.

LIVERPOOL.—John Jennings was fined, before Mr. Justice Barss, \$100 and \$13.40 costs, or 12 months imprisonment for selling liquor to Indians.

PHYSICING HORSES.—Many persons physic their horses frequently—especially every spring. This is a great error, and one which has caused the loss of many valuable horses, physic as it is usually given, often produces inflammation of the bowels, which generally proves fatal; it also weakens the horse and thus renders him more liable to disease, or less able to throw it off—what is required is a medicine which will operate gently upon the bowels, and act upon the liver and lungs, removing all obstructions therefrom, purifying the blood and enabling all the organs to do their work without overtasking any, which is accomplished by the use of "Darley's Condition Powders and Arabian Heave Remedy"—it is always safe and certain. 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.

Nova Scotia Book Bindery, Corner Sackville & Granville Streets. PERIODICALS, LAW BOOKS, MUSIC BOOKS, &c., Bound in the Latest Style of the Art. Blank Books Ruled, Printed and Bound in Calif., Russia, &c. G. & T. PHILLIPS, Jan. 27. C. L. WEEKS, LONDON HOUSE BUILDING, WATER STREET, WINDSOR. SAVE 15 CENTS in every DOLLAR by purchasing your BOOTS and SHOES, HATS and CAPS from C. L. WEEKS. April 14.

VICK'S FLOWER AND VEGETABLE GARDEN, 25 cents a year. VICK'S FLOWER AND VEGETABLE GARDEN, 25 cents; with cloth covers 65 cents. Address, JAMES VICK, Rochester, N. Y. Jan. 12.

NOTICE. WOOD BROS. & CO., 109 GRANVILLE ST. Are still offering extra inducements in every Department, among which are some special lines in GREY, WHITE & PRINTED COTTONS, DRESS GOODS, TWEEDS, FLANNELS, HOSIERY, MILLINERY, &c. Inspection Invited. Please note the address, Wood Bros. & Co., 109 Granville Street. Jan. 12.

"CUSTOM TAILORING." H. G. Laurilliard, 119 HOLLIS STREET, HALIFAX, N. S. Agency for New York Fashions. Jan. 6.

Very Cheap PIVOTS FOR STREAM DRIVING. J. I. BROWN offers No. 1 PIVOTS at \$2.75 per Pivot, or \$2.50 each per half dozen, any persons wishing to purchase the same will please apply to J. I. BROWN, BLOCKHOUSE, Lunenburg, Co., N. S. Jan. 5. 1 m. W'r. Mail.

INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY. 1876-WINTER ARRANGEMENT-1876. ON and after MONDAY, 13th December, 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 8.00 a. m.

LOCAL EXPRESS TRAINS will leave Pictou for Truro at 3.15 p. m., and Truro for Pictou at 10.50 a. m., St. John for Sussex, at 4.30 p. m. Sussex for St. John at 7.35 a. m., Point du Chene for Painsack at 11.40 a. m., and 3.20 p. m., Painsack for Point du Chene at 12.30 p. m. and 4.05 p. m. MIXED TRAINS will leave Halifax for Truro and Pictou, at 11.45 a. m., and 1 p. m., and Pictou for Truro and Halifax at 6.30 a. m. Truro for Painsack and Moncton at 7.00 a. m., and Moncton for Painsack and Truro at 7.20 a. m. Point du Chene for St. John at 6.45 a. m., and St. John for Point du Chene at 10.00 a. m.

ACCOMMODATION TRAINS will leave Moncton for Miramichi, Campbellton and Way Stations at 12.15 p. m., and Campbellton for Moncton at 6.30 a. m., connecting with Trains to and from Halifax and St. John. For particulars and connections see small Time Tables. C. J. BRYDGES, General Supt. Gov't Railways. Railway Office, Moncton, 8th Dec., 1875. Dec. 15.

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, 1857. SETH HANCE, Baltimore, Md.—Dear Sir: Seeing your advertisement, I was induced to try your Epileptic Pills. I was attacked with Epilepsy in July, 1853. 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; he cupped and bled several different times. I was generally attacked without any precursory symptoms. I had from two to five fits a day, at intervals of two weeks. I was often attacked in my sleep, and would fall whenever I would be, or whenever he occupied with me, and was severely injured several times from the violence of the fits. I was so much affected that I lost all confidence in myself. I was affected in my business, and I consider that your Epileptic Pills cured me. In February, 1865, 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 passing of time, 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. 336 North Third St., Philadelphia, Pa. WILLIAM ELDER.

IS THERE A CURE FOR EPILEPSY? The subjoined will answer. GRENADA, Miss., June 30.—SETH S. 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, and he took according to directions. He has never had a fit since. It was by my persuasion that Mr. Lyon tried your Pills. 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 had a chance of hearing from their effect have they failed to cure. Yours, etc., C. H. GUY, Grenada, Yalabusha County, Miss.

ANOTHER REMARKABLE CURE OF EPILEPSY, OR FALLING FITS, BY HANCE'S EPILEPTIC PILLS. To SETH S. HANCE, June 20th, 1867. I was 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 stout, 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 wardner, and has, since that time, been exposed to the severest weather. I have great confidence in your remedy, and would like every one who has fits to give it a trial. E. L. DeFREES.

STILL ANOTHER CURE. Read the following testimonial from a respectable citizen of Grenada, Mississippi. SETH S. HANCE, Baltimore, Md.—Dear Sir: I take great pleasure in relating a case of Epilepsy, or Fits, cured by your invaluable Pills. My brother, J. J. Ligon, has long been afflicted with this awful disease. He was first attacked while quite young. He would have one or two spasms at one attack at first, but as he grew older they seemed to increase. Up to the time he commenced taking your Pills he had them very often, and quite severe, prostrating him, body and mind. His mind had suffered terribly, but now, I am happy to say, he is cured of this disease. He has enjoyed the health for the last five months. His mind has also returned to its original brightness. All this I take great pleasure in communicating, as it may be the means of directing others to the remedy that will cure them. Yours, respectfully, etc., W. F. HANCE. Sent to any part of the country, by mail, free of postage, on receipt of a remittance. Address, SETH S. HANCE, 109 Baltimore St., Baltimore, Md. Price, one box, \$5.00; six boxes, \$25.00. Please mention here you saw this advertisement. Aug. 4. 1 yr.