

precious would be separated from the vile; and the families of the Lord would shine "as lights in the world, holding forth the word of life," guiding to safe harbours, and preventing destructive shipwrecks.

But there are bright spots. If there is a harmful literature spreading among the people, some of it weak and watery, and some positively immoral, it may on the other hand be safely affirmed that there never was a time when better provision was made for mental culture, of the highest order. In the Catalogues of the Religious Tract Society and the Christian Knowledge Society, not to mention those of the great publishers, there are found instructive works on all subjects, carefully prepared by good writers and admirably adapted to the existing wants of our population. The prophecy of Daniel is fulfilled—"Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased" (the writer heard the great Andrew Fuller preach from that text, in Dr. Rippon's Meeting House, Carter Lane, Tooley Street, London, in December, 1814). If large numbers of the labouring classes spend half their time and money in the liquor shops, while their families are pining for want of food and clothing, the ranks of total abstainers are filling up in all quarters, and ministers and churches of every denomination are exerting powerful efforts to enlighten the public mind, and promote the formation of healthier habits of living. We are glad to observe that both the Protestant and Roman Catholic Archbishops (Drs. Tait and Manning) are actively engaged in this most benevolent and useful crusade.

If the champions of unbelief have become bold and daring beyond former precedent, the advocates of true Christianity have come to the rescue, and have successfully established the harmony between science and revelation, showing that they are two branches of divine learning, the one being the learning of God's works, the other the learning of His word, and that they cannot profitably be in antagonism.—[The slow progress of conversion, and the dwarfishness of modern piety lamented, (and there is much cause for lamentation) the success of special efforts on behalf of the masses, both in England and on this continent, is full of encouragement; and in the uprising of christian churches in India, in Africa, and in the South Seas, together with the translation and wide diffusion of the Scriptures, and the creation of a Christian literature in those parts of the world, betoken the approach of "times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord," which may be hastened or retarded by the stand taken by God's people.

In conclusion, it is certain that the churches of God, in this century, have at their command means and instrumentalities which, conscientiously kept at work, cannot fail to produce results which will gladden the hearts of the godly, and cause the tribes of men everywhere to exclaim, "We will go with you, for we have heard that God is with you." Only, they must be kept at work, everywhere, and by all.

The state of our own denomination has not been adverted to, as it is intended to furnish a series of papers on "Our denomination"—in regard to its principles, history, polity, prospects, duty, &c., which will be shortly commenced.

THE NEW CALENDAR AND CATALOGUE OF ACADIA COLLEGE is in press and will be ready in a few days.

The Acadia College Classes meet again to-morrow.

The Collegiate Academy reopens to-day.

The Examinations and Exhibitions at the close of the last term were highly satisfactory to all concerned. The students acquitted themselves most creditably and will doubtless return with new life and vigor after the brief vacation.

Teachers, Professors and students feel the benefit of the short recess and will doubtless enter upon this, the best term of the year, with all the new stimulus of the New Year, and the encouragements afforded and advantages offered to untiring labor.

The Christian Visitor has engaged its publisher, and is now issued from the office of G. E. Day, St. John in quarto form instead of folio as heretofore. We congratulate our brother editor and proprietor, and hope that under the new arrangement he may find his best hopes fully realized. We trust the brethren in New Brunswick will appreciate his enterprise and not allow him to suffer loss thereby.

ZELL'S POPULAR ENCYCLOPEDIA: a Universal Dictionary and Gazetteer of the World. By L. Colange, LL. D. complete in two volumes of about 2600 pages, and containing 150,000 articles, nearly 3000 illustrations, and 18 superb maps. Published by T. E. Zell, Davis & Co., 17 and 19 South Sixth Street, Philadelphia. The Nos. up to 32, completing the first volume, have been received, and may be obtained by applying to Horace King, Thompsonville, Conn. The work has been revised to date, and is, we believe the only complete Encyclopedia in the world that is furnished at so low a price.

There remains but little to add to the statements on another page from the able pen of "the Pastor" in reference to the Hon. Judge McCully. Our readers are well acquainted with him as a ready writer and a controversialist. The following resolution passed by the Bar Society will show the estimation in which he was held by the members of the legal profession and the Judges:

Resolved, That this meeting of the Bench and Bar has learned with regret of the death of the Honorable Mr. Justice McCully, who, while at the Bar and after his elevation to the Bench of this Province, was distinguished by his legal learning, sound judgment, and great energy, industry and integrity, and as such justly earned the respect and confidence of the profession.

Resolved, That the members of the Bench and Bar attend the funeral of the late Honorable Mr. Justice McCully and wear mourning for the period of one month, and that the Secretary do communicate to his family a copy of the resolutions adopted at this meeting, and the assurance of our condolence and sympathy with them in their loss.

On the meeting of the Court on Wednesday after the Christmas holidays the Chief Justice announced that owing to the bereavement the bench had sustained by the death of Judge McCully, the Court would stand adjourned until Saturday.

At the funeral a large concourse attended, including His Honor the Lieutenant Governor and the Judges.

In the will of Judge McCully is a bequest of \$500 to the Acadia College Endowment Fund, and another of \$500 to the Foreign Mission Fund. There was also one of \$500 to the North Baptist Church, but in consequence of the recent arrangement for the removal of part of the debt on their building giving a much larger sum that was revoked. Messrs. N. H. Meagher and D. M. Storey are appointed executors and the two daughters executrices. Other bequests are of a private nature. The balance of the estate, between \$100,000 and \$120,000, is left to the son and two daughters of the Judge.

CONGREGATIONALIST.—The Salem Church congregation in this city are at present without a settled pastor. Rev. Mr. Milner having completed his engagement at the end of the year returned to England. We understand that the church are negotiating for another minister to come out from England. In the meantime, the pulpit is being supplied by other clergymen.

It appears that the Bishop of Lincoln has sent out a Pastoral, inviting Methodist ministers to return to the communion of the Church of England. In doing so he suggests that they must "disabuse their people of erroneous notions" and preach to them "on the sin and unhappiness of schism," &c., &c.

The Rev. John Brewster gives him a trenchant reply, in the form of "Reasons why the Wesleyans cannot accept the invitation." The Wesleyan of the two past weeks has Mr. B's reply.

The list of subjects for the Matriculation Examination of the University of Halifax as it appeared in the Halifax papers last week was incomplete. Want of space prevents our giving the completed list this week. We shall have it in our next.

We have received from the Education office at Fredericton, N. B., a copy of THE EDUCATIONAL CIRCULAR, No. 4, a pamphlet of 111 pages giving a great variety of matters in relation to the administration of the affairs of the public schools of that province. These Circulars are issued semi-annually and are the official medium for the Superintendent communicating with Trustees and other officials. It is a far neater and more permanent form for such documents than our N. S. Journal of Education.

Alexander James, Esq., Q. C., is appointed a judge in the Supreme Court in place of the late Judge McCully. Mr James is a lawyer of good standing having been admitted to the bar in 1844.

The railways East and West have been much delayed by snow-drifts. The Windsor and Annapolis was detained near three days.

QUESTION DEPARTMENT.

Correspondents will in all cases please state their questions in the plainest and clearest possible terms, so that we may know precisely the point to which an answer is required. If you do not at first writing succeed in expressing your thought in clear language, try again and again till you do succeed. By such an exercise you will sometimes answer your own inquiry. Do not send any queries for the sake of doing so, but only because you have been unable after careful thought to satisfy your mind on the subject of difficulty. But when any of our readers desire a reply in our columns to any inquiries of real importance and on subjects suitable for discussion in our columns we shall be glad to return the wisest response that we can obtain from the best sources available to us. One word more; let no one assume any answer to be correct without being satisfied in his own mind.

"A PASTOR" asks 1st, Are Baptist Churches independent bodies under law to Christ only?

2nd. In the exercise of the right of self-government has each church to choose its own officers—Pastors and deacons—without aid or interference of other churches, Popes, Bishops, Synods, Conferences, Conventions, or any other person or persons whatever?

3rd. Why should your correspondent "Licentiate" be told to wait patiently the action of the Convention in a matter with which said Convention has nothing whatever to do?

1. Yes.

2. Baptist churches undoubtedly have the right of self-government; but a church may seek the "aid" of any other church, churches or brethren it may think proper in choosing or ordaining "its own officers—Pastor and deacons."

2. When "Licentiate" asks for an opinion and receives a reply he may accept it or not, as he thinks proper; but he affirms what has not yet been proved when he says that this is "a matter with which the Convention has nothing whatever to do." For the Constitution of the Baptist Convention says one of its objects is "to advance the general interests of the denomination." This would surely allow of its giving any advice on the matter of ordination; and if "Licentiate" wishes for such information he may be advised that a fuller exposition of the matter may be expected from the Committee appointed to that special work.

J. R. B.—Five distinct steps are necessary to the complete and regular transference of membership from one Baptist church to another. (1) A letter of dismission must be requested by you from the church of which you are a member to join the church with which you wish to unite. (2) Your church grants the letter. (3) You apply by presenting your letter of dismission to the church to which you are dismissed to be admitted to their fellowship. (4) This church receives you as a member; and (5) Notifies the other of the fact of your reception. The transfer is now complete. These steps are simple and easy to be complied with.

Notices.

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Letters Received.

C. Jost, 1 sub. J. Brooks, \$6. J. W. Eldridge, \$2. W. A. Reid, \$9. A. McDonnell, \$6. Rev. I. J. Skinner, \$10. W. S. Dickie, \$2. M. Atkinson, \$5. Capt. D. F. Curry, T. C. Wier, \$2. J. M. Parker, Esq., 1 sub. Rev. Dr. Tupper, \$4. E. T. Dimock, \$2. J. Dimock, \$2.50. E. Dorlay, \$2. L. Webster, \$1. Rev. H. Bool, \$4. F. D. Cook, 2 subs., \$4. C. F. Eaton, 1 sub., \$4. J. Crosby, \$2. N. E. Butler, \$4. G. W. Allen, 1 sub., \$1. J. Crawford, \$4. Rev. W. G. Parker, \$1. Mrs. R. W. Merriam, \$2. Rev. A. Chipman, \$1.50. N. P. Trefry, 1 sub., \$2. John Lantz, \$2. M. Kinsman, \$4. A. Soley, \$2.50. J. Logan, \$3. G. E. Baker, \$2. W. J. Gates, \$7.50.

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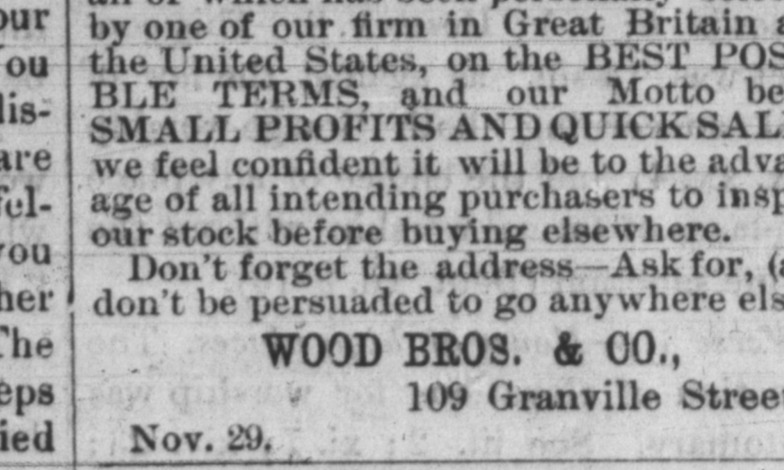
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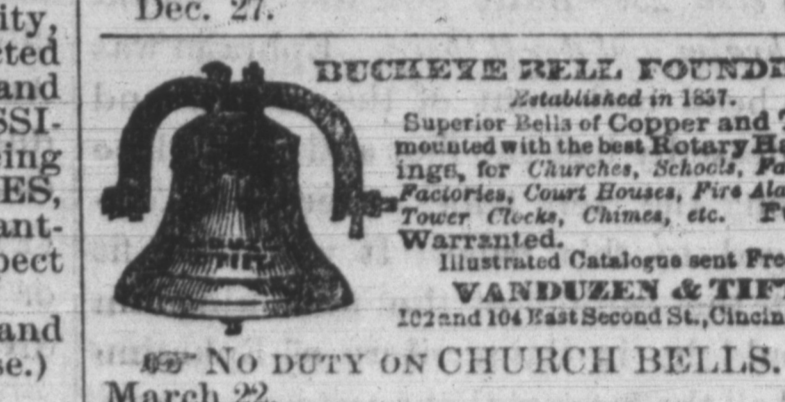
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