

Mr. S. then with a "But" proceeds to construct a convenient escape for the "undecided," and those having "conscientious reason why baptism is not administered," and yet such persons may come to communion.

Mr. S. says "I remember receiving a kind rebuke from an elderly minister in earlier days for advising young unbaptized converts to go to communion. I thought that our invitation in the ritual meant what it said, 'all ye that do truly and earnestly repent' &c., I think so still."

A CONTEST

of any description has attractions for certain parties. A pugilistic encounter, or a dog-fight will at all times draw together a crowd of boys.

In these days we have encounters which command universal attention, but somewhat different in their character. Politics is the field of operation. Two great parties are contending for popular favor entrusting them with the reins of government of this Dominion of ours.

Stringent guards and checks have been found necessary to prevent corruption, and misuse of the public funds. Wholesome legislation has been effected providing that no legislator shall be allowed to make any contract with the government.

The nomination of Candidates for Halifax will take place to-morrow Thursday. In anticipation of this public meetings have been held in Temperance Hall.

On Thursday evening the rival candidates A. G. Jones, Esq., and W. H. Richey, Esq. met there by appointment. Each was allowed to speak one hour first, and then half an hour each afterwards.

The polling will take place on Thursday of next week. The secular papers are full of these matters and it would appear that both sides are confident of winning.

Our readers know pretty well for whom to vote; and need no instruction from us as to the merits of the two parties. There should be no shirking of responsibility. Every voter should come up to the poll and deposit his vote, and thus make his influence felt in the councils of his country.

POLITICAL.

The policy of Free Trade vs. Protection has perhaps been professedly more of a dividing line between the two political parties of the Dominion than any other, and yet neither has been willing to commit itself wholly to either course.

found that the circumstances of the country will not allow of either being carried out fully. A discriminating tariff is required, in the way we are situated, or injustice will be done to commerce and the people without benefitting the artisans within our borders.

The City Council at its meeting last Wednesday had before them the matter of a Training Ship for refractory boys, in the form of a letter from the Stipendiary Magistrate.

At the same meeting another failure was reported to come to a mutual agreement between the Governors of Dalhousie College and the Civic authorities, respecting the right of possession to the Grand Parade.

DIGBY is now in the throes of an election, the same as Halifax will be after Thursday next. The nomination took place on Saturday—Messrs. Vail and Wade are the candidates.

The Chronicle says, "Mr. Vail's election is safe beyond doubt." The Herald says, "Wade must have a large majority in Digby." Time will tell.

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The Annual Meeting of the INFANT'S HOME, on Monday, was a high day for that institution. Besides a large number of ladies and gentlemen, there were four fine babies brought in to plead for the institution.

Notices.

RECEIVED FROM WOMEN'S MISSION AID SOCIETIES. Canard, Miss A. M. Eaton, \$3 00 Indian Harbour, West, Mrs. Allan 3 50 M. R. SELDEN, Sec'y. Halifax, Jan. 15th, 1878.

Halifax contributions for rebuilding Acadia College:— Previously acknowledged \$2548 00 S. S. Forrest, 25 00 H. G. Laurillard, 4 00 \$2577 00

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RECEIVED FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS. Jan. 4.—W. C. Bill, Esq., Billtown, N. S. \$ 5 00 Per T. M. King, Esq., contribution of Antigonish Baptist Church, N. S. 12 00 Jan. 8.—Per W. Allwood, Esq., Mrs. Allwood, Treas. Woman's Missionary Aid Societies, N.B. 270 00 THOS. P. DAVIES, Treasurer, F. M. Board. St. John, N. B., Jan. 11, 1878.

ERRATUM.—C. M., Jan. 9, p. 13, for "275,220 miles," read 175,220 miles. Each reader of C. M. is requested to change, with a pen, the 2 into 1, that the error may be corrected as far as possible.

Letters Received.

Rev. E. N. Archibald, \$4. Rev. M. P. Freeman, \$2. David H. Eaton, \$2. J. A. Bancroft, \$4. Thos. A. Wilson, \$6. J. E. Bishop, \$2.25. U. S. J. Moser, \$2. G. J. Young, \$16. Rev. Dr. Tupper, \$2. J. Chaloner, \$4. A. E. Durland, \$4. J. R. Creed, \$2. N. E. Butler, \$2. A. B. Cunningham, \$2. M. E. Marshall, \$6. J. H. Reid, \$2. C. W. Roscoe, \$2. Rev. I. J. Skinner, \$5. A. M. Shaw, \$2. J. M. Watt, \$2. Mrs. D. A. Davison, \$2. Rev. W. E. Hall, \$2. Rev. J. L. Reed, \$6.50. L. Merry, \$2. Jas. R. Reid, \$8.00 sub. C. N. Sanders, \$37.

Local News.

In the case of the accident at Steels Pond mentioned in our last the driver's body was found on Tuesday last under the ice, after we went to press. The coroner's inquest resulted in a verdict of Accidentally Drowned in all three cases. The jury expressed a strong opinion that the road should be protected and the pond fenced in.

A feminine thief stole an article of clothing the other day but in hastening away from the shop, left her child of three or four years old. The child was detained by the shopkeeper as a hostage and about midnight the culprit came back with the plunder, and expressions of penitence, and was allowed to take her child. There is some hope of that woman.

The City School Board have been making enquiries as to the number of pupils in the several public schools who were qualified for admission to the High School. Dr. Curren and Rev. J. Forest reported that they had examined the twenty applicants and found that five of the candidates passed: one from Morris Street School, and four from Albro Street School.

Dr. Curren stated that he had visited Miss Miller's Department, in the Brunswick Street School, and asked her to give him the number of pupils whom she considered fit for admission to the High School if they could be admitted. She gave him the names of 19, and on examining them in Algebra the whole 19 made a sufficient percentage of answers to enable them to pass their examinations.

The Blind Asylum in this city has now a Gymnasium and asks for furniture. It will we doubt not be provided without delay by the kindness of its numerous friends.

Temperance in Truro. The annual meeting of the Colchester County Auxiliary of the Dominion Alliance for the suppression of the liquor traffic was held in the Young Men's Christian Association building, Truro, on Tuesday evening last. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—

President—Hon. Samuel Creelman. Vice-Presidents—Rev. E. Grant, Rev. J. J. Baxter, Rev. Alex. Cameron, Rev. J. McG. McKay, Edward Fulton, Esq., Dr. W. E. McRobert, A. H. Corbett, Esq., and S. M. Murray, Esq. Treasurer—J. F. Blanchard. Secretary—Norman J. Layton.

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We give the names of some that were cured, for references who are willing to satisfy enquirers.

Capt. Thomas H. Gilliat, Church St., Cornwallis, N. S. had suffered with Rheumatism for 25 years, and spent hundreds of dollars, and tried many of the best Physicians in Europe and America without anything more than temporary relief until he used Graham's Pain Eradicator, eight years ago, and still remains well. Greenville, P. Q., May 2, 1870.—I had suffered with Rheumatism for several years—I could not sit, and could scarcely walk, and was cured by less than two bottles of Graham's Pain Eradicator, used last August, although my case was considered hopeless, as I am 88 years of age. I have since enjoyed good health, and freedom from pain.

The success attending its use in my case has induced many others to try it, and its use in every case that I can hear from has been completely successful. ALEXANDER DEWAR.

Yarmouth has escaped the turmoil of a contested election by the return of the Hon. Mr. Gayton without opposition on Thursday last. The United prayer meetings in Yarmouth are reported as being attended by large numbers and full of interest.

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