

## FOREIGN MISSIONS.

**MADAGASCAR.**—Interesting accounts have been received of the opening and dedication of the Palace Church at Antananarivo, an elegant stone building, the foundation of which was laid in July, 1869. The queen, prime minister, and many of the higher officers and their families, were among the congregation. Perhaps the most interesting feature of the proceedings was the reading by the prime minister of a narrative of "the origin of praying and of the queen's conversion," not, as he himself said, in his official capacity, but as "a simple member of the Palace Church." "It was not through any human instrumentality," said the speaker, "that the queen first became a Christian, but through the influence of the word of God, blessed by the Holy Spirit; and I will show you the very Bible by which she was led to believe." He then took from the table in front of the queen a not very clean copy of the Bible printed by the British and Foreign Bible Society in 1865, and, holding it up, proceeded to narrate how its perusal had been blessed by the Spirit of God to her majesty's conversion to Christianity.—*Evangelical Christendom*.

**MAHOMEDANISM AND CHRISTIANITY.**—The Rev. Dr. Jessup, in the "Mohammedan Missionary Problem," gives the following features in the faith of the Mohammedans, which render their religion favorable to the future acceptance of Christianity, and the providential facts that tend in this direction: 1. They believe in the unity of God. 2. They reverence the Old and New Testament Scriptures. 3. They reverence Christ as the greatest of all the prophets before Mohammed. 4. They respect Christians and Jews as "the people of a book." 5. They hate idols and idolatry. 6. They reverence law. 7. They totally abstain from intoxicating drinks. 8. They believe in the need of a religion, and in the certainty of future retribution. 9. They believe in an absolute surrender to the decree and will of God. 10. There is a growing influence of Christian nations in Mohammedan countries. 11. The Mohammedan religion is completely encircled by Anglo-Saxon, Christian, political, and civil power. 12. They believe that Protestant Christianity is the purest form of faith in the world, the nearest in doctrine and worship to their own. 13. They repose more confidence in American missionaries than formerly.—*Gospel in all Lands*.

PASTORS may help their people secure the "Christian Messenger" for their family reading, by telling them of our offer to supply the paper up to the end of the year for 25 cents.

Try and send on four at a time.

## Notices.

## RECEIVED FROM WOMEN'S MISSION AID SOCIETIES.

Indian Harbour West, — Miss Maggie Covey.....	\$ 3 50
Annapolis,—To constitute Mrs. T. A. Higgins a Life Member, Miss Snow.....	25 00
Mr. Jacob Kempton, Kempt, Queens.....	1 00
Mrs. Jacob Kempton, do.....	1 00
Mrs. A. Kempton, do.....	0 25
Mrs. S. Rawding, do.....	0 25
M. R. SELDEN, Treasurer. Halifax, Oct. 19, 1880.	
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CONVENTION FUNDS RECEIVED.	
Caleb Huntington and family, Mira, C. B.....	\$ 4 00
Deerfield Church, Yarmouth.....	6 50
John M. Smith, Barton.....	4 00
	\$14 50
G. E. DAY. Yarmouth, Oct. 16, 1880.	

## HALIFAX BAPTIST CHURCH DIRECTORY.

**GRANVILLE STREET CHURCH.**—Lord's Day Services at 11 A. M., and 7 P. M. Pastor, Rev. E. M. Saunders. Sabbath School in the New Vestry Spring Garden Road at 2.45 P. M. Prayer-meetings in the same place on Wednesday and Bible studies on Friday evenings at 7.30.

**NORTH BAPTIST CHURCH, GOTTINGEN STREET.**—Lord's Day Services at 11 A. M. and 7 P. M. Pastor, Rev. J. W. Manning. Sabbath School at 2.30 P. M. Prayer-meetings on Wednesday and Friday evenings at 7.30.

**TABERNACLE, NORTH BRUNSWICK ST.**—Lord's Day Services at 11 A. M. and 7 P. M. Pastor, Rev. J. F. Avery. Sabbath School at 2.30 P. M. Prayer-meetings on Tuesday and Friday evenings at 7.30.

**DARTMOUTH BAPTIST CHURCH.**—Lord's Day Services at 11 A. M. and 7 P. M. Sabbath School at 3 P. M. Prayer-meeting on Wednesday evening at 7.30.

CASH RECEIVED TOWARDS FUND FOR RE-BUILDING ACADIA COLLEGE.	
George E. Denton, Little River, Digby Co.....	\$ 2 00
Annie Trask, do.....	0 50
Joseph Cornwall, do.....	2 50
Hannah Cartt, do.....	0 50
	\$5 50
A. D. W. BARSS, Treas.	
Wolfville, Oct. 16, 1880.	
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## Moneys Received.

C. Smith, \$2.	C. Perry, \$8.
L. C. Layton, \$6.	Rev. W. E. Hall, \$2.
A. McDonald, \$2.	

## News.

**THE HALIFAX HARBOR CHAMPIONSHIP** is to be changed in future, and instead of the handsome belt which has been held by the successful carman, Dr. Charles Cogswell has increased the endowment, making the prize \$50 instead of \$24, and a silver medal or clasp each year. The medal for the championship of one year shall be of silver, and the property of the winner; that of the second and third years shall be the same medal, with a first and second clasp, and that for winning a fourth time shall be of native gold of Nova Scotia.

The winner of the gold medal shall not again compete for the champion-ship.

Last Sunday was the day appointed for collections to be taken at the various churches in Halifax for the support of the Halifax Dispensary. On account of local circumstances the collection was deferred in some of the churches, but will be taken up shortly. The following are reported:

St. Mary's.....	\$214.47
St. Patrick's.....	77.65
St. Joseph's.....	26.25
St. Luke's.....	81.71
St. George's.....	32.35
St. Mark's.....	17.79
Brunswick Street Methodist.....	48.00
Tabernacle.....	6.61
A gentleman from London per J. S. McLean.....	25.00

The Dispensary is a most valuable institution and should be liberally sustained. The fact of 3552 patients being treated gratuitously during the past year shews how well it is doing its work.

**THE NOVA SCOTIA INSTITUTE OF NATURAL SCIENCE** Anniversary meeting was held on Tuesday last by Colonel Laurie. There was a large concourse of people from all parts of Cape Breton. The treasurer's report showed a balance to the credit of the Institute of \$191. The following office-bearers were appointed for the ensuing year:

President—J. Somers, M. D.  
Vice-Presidents—R. Morrow, Prof. Lawson, LL D.

Treasurer—W. C. Silver.  
Secretaries—Rev. D. Honeyman, D. C. L. J. T. Melish, M. A.  
Council—J. B. Gilpin, M. D.; W. Gossip, Ilion, L. G. Power, J. M. Jones, F. L. S.; A. Allison, A. McKay, W. S. Stirling, M. Murphy, C. E.

The inspection of the Brigade of the Admirals ship *Northampton*, on Thursday morning on the Common was witnessed by a large number of people. The exercises consisted of marching, firing, and the use of the cutlass, in both right and left hands, the explosion of torpedoes under water, and hand charges in boarding and boat attack, and the firing of cannon, and of gatling guns ending in a lively sham fight.

J. J. STEWART, Esq., Editor in-chief of the Halifax *Morning Herald*, entered a new phase of human life on Wednesday last. Among the presents to the bride was a handsome silver water pitcher, from the staff, and a silver cake basket from the clerks in the counting room. We wish Mr. S. and his fair bride all possible happiness.

PROFESSOR TRIPP has been giving his course of historical and biographical lectures during the past week in the Y. M. C. A. Hall. The week being so filled up by other attractions, the attendance was not large, yet those who were present were much pleased with the recital of facts in relation to the illustrious characters presented by the lecturer.

At the meeting of the City Council on Wednesday, the following Standing Committees were appointed:

Public Accounts.—Ald. Connolly, Mac- kintosh, Trenaman, O'Connor, Woodill, Story.

Cemetery.—Ald. Clay, Murray, Sanford, McLellan, Graham, Nisbet.

City Prison.—Ald. Clay, Trenaman, Sanford, O'Connor, Woodill, Story.

Laws and Privileges.—Ald. Fraser, Trenaman, Motton, McLellan, Graham, Nisbet.

Police.—Ald. Trenaman, Clay, San- ford, Walsh, Graham, McPherson.

Sanitary.—Ald. Clay, Hesslein, Walsh, Connolly, Houlett, Nisbet.

Tenders.—Ald. Fraser, Murray, Motton, McLellan, Houlett, McPherson.

Hacks and Trucks.—Ald. Clay, Murray, Nisbet.

Rates and Taxes.—Ald. Fraser, Hesslein, Connolly, Walsh, Houlett, McPherson.

Library.—Ald. O'Connor, Mackintosh, Hesslein, Motton, Graham, McPherson.

**License.**—Ald. Mackintosh, Hesslein, Connolly, McLellan, Houlett, Story.

**Oil Lamps.**—Ald. Mackintosh, Murray, Connolly, Story.

A vote of thanks was passed to Dr. Jas. Cogswell for his generous increase of the Harbor Championship Fund.

Also a number of rare and curious

works of art, illustrative of Nova Scotia and its discovery, which he asked the Council to accept.

**ALDERMAN WM. MURRAY** is elected to the Governorship of the City Prison at Rockhead. No better appointment could be made. Mr. Murray has been for many years a very active, useful and consistent Temperance man, and for several years has been a laborious and painstaking Alderman, and in these capacities has been a valuable citizen, and we doubt not he will shew himself well adapted for the responsible position to which he has now been appointed.

The Exhibition at Yarmouth last week was highly successful in attendance, and financially, the best ever held in the county. The admissions on Thursday amounted to near five thousand persons. The fine products and varied manufactures of Yarmouth County were shewn to great advantage.

Lunenburg has been under some excitement during the past week on account of the trial of Robert Smith for the murder of Huey. It appears from the evidence, that after he was shot, he was left for some hours in the field bleeding, and that the boy died about noon the next day. Judge James in addressing the jury, said the only question for them to determine was, whether the prisoner shot the deceased intentionally. The verdict of the jury in the case was "Guilty with recommendation to mercy."

Lunenburg had its Exhibition last week, which gave great satisfaction to all concerned. The drill shed was filled with various products of the county. The apples were very fine. The roots and cabbages are said to have been such as could not be surpassed in the Province.

At Antigonish, the Exhibition opened on Wednesday last, and brought together a large number of people. There was a large shew of stock, some of which was very superior. The fruit and vegetables were a surprise to the great number of visitors from that and the neighbouring county. It is affirmed that in rag and woollen mats Antigonish can beat the world, and in the finest of its linen manufacturers can compete with Ireland.

The Baddeck Exhibition was opened on Tuesday last by Colonel Laurie. There was a large concourse of people from all parts of Cape Breton. The display of exhibits is beyond anticipation. Roots remarkably good. Wheat and barley fair. Flour, manufactured there from native wheat, is very good. Corn very superior indeed, both yellow and white. The exhibit of stock indicates the rapid advance and improvement of breeds.

Digby takes the lead in Nova Scotia in the Canada Temperance Act movement. Voting on the Act will take place in the county on the 8th of Nov.

The Colchester County Temperance Convention, called for the purpose of considering the comparative merits of the Scott Act, met in the Y. M. C. A. building Truro, on Thursday last, L. J. Walker, Esq., in the chair. After devotional exercises, and the adoption of some standing rules of order, the following officers were chosen:

President—Rev. R. A. Temple.  
Secretary—Firman McClure.  
Ass. Secretary—P. J. Chisholm.  
Janitor—John Pervoe.

The following resolution, moved by Mr. A. B. Fletcher, Folly Village, and seconded by Mr. P. J. Chisholm, Truro, was discussed till the hour of adjournment:

*Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Convention, the Canada Temperance Act should be adopted in the County of Colchester.

The resolution was unanimously adopted. The Convention then adjourned to meet on Friday morning.

The following resolution was adopted unanimously at Friday's session:

*Resolved*, That this Convention proceed at once to take the necessary steps for securing the adoption of the Canada Temperance Act in the County of Colchester.

The following were appointed a Central Executive Committee:

Rev. R. Alder Temple, Firman, Mc- Cullum, Samuel Rettie, L. J. Walker, Richard Craig, Israel Longworth, W. E. McRobert.

A sad accident occurred on Tuesday of last week at the Albion Mines.

It seems that about ten o'clock a leak was discovered in the part of the works adjacent to the old Bye pit, and that Mr. J. W. Fraser and Mr. James Conway, two of the underground bosses, were endeavoring, with wedges, to stop this leak.

While in the act of driving in those wedges a large section of the boulders burst upon them, and the water flowed down the slope like a torrent, carrying all before it. The workmen, a full force of whom were in the pit at the time, did the best they could to save themselves and their comrades, but when they gathered at the mouth of the pit it was found that six men were miss-

ing. Their names are James W. Fraser, Jas. Conway, Charles Boran, Hugh Mc- Kellie, Merle Benoit, Charles Lycon.

McElvie and Benoit were taken out, and there is some hope of their recovery. They were badly bruised and the clothes were literally torn from their backs, the bodies of Conway and Boran have also been found, the former in a sadly mangled condition. Fraser and Lycon have not yet been found, their bodies being supposed to be under the rubbish. The Old Bye Pit is one of those that took fire about fifteen years ago, and on that account was abandoned.

The body of Jas. Fraser has not been found yet.

The manager, acting under the advice of the inspector, has decided to completely restore the ventilation of the pit, before resuming the search for the body, in order that the search parties may run no risk.

The Frenchman, Benoit, died about an hour after being taken out of the pit. It is reported that McElvie is dead. Thirty-four horses were in the pit. When let loose they galloped at once to the stables and were all saved. General regret is felt for Fraser, who was a favorite amongst the men, and numbers of strong men were crying like children when they heard there was no hope for his safety.

A Nictaux correspondent of the Bridgewater Monitor, complains that the specimens of Amber sugar cane and syrup made there for, and sent to the Kentville Exhibition were not noticed. It being a new industry there, the exhibitor thinks very properly should have secured it for some consideration.

A HUGE POTATO.—The farm of T. D. Ruggles, Esq., Q. C., has the credit of producing the largest potato we ever heard of. It weighs four pounds. It looks as if the entire hill of potatoes had embraced each other with the determination to stick fast in one united whole, and thus beat the world.

BEAT IT!—Mr. H. A. Parker, Torbrook, has a dozen Leamingham Pippins, produced by one tree, which weigh 9 lbs. 6 oz.—*Ib.*

"EVERYBODY IS DELIGHTED WITH IT."—Mr. Wm. McD. Wanless, writing from Verna, Ontario, March 25th, 1880, to F. C. Ireland, Agent for Graham's Pain Eradicator at Lachute, P. Q., says: "I wish to inform you that I received the Pain Eradicator all right, and I am happy to say that I soon sold it all, and the people are anxiously awaiting more of it. My wife has been very ill with a cold, but that good medicine soon cured her. Very many thanks to you for being the means of my knowing it. Please send me another gross as soon as possible, for it is in great demand here. There has never been anything like it in this place. Everybody is delighted with it. I have great success in selling it, and I am sure that I can sell a hundred dozen in a short time."

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## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.