

tractive form. The first article, by Professor David S. Jordan, is a capital example of the way science may be made both entertaining and instructive to the general reader, youthful or adult, without any sacrifice in accuracy or dignity of statement. It is entitled the "Story of a Salmon," and treats of the life-history of that interesting and useful fish from the time it is produced as an egg, until it becomes itself an egg-producer.

In "Deep-Sea Investigation," Mr. J. B. Buchanan, of the Challenger Expedition, describes the methods now employed in submarine exploration, with pictures of the apparatus at present in most general use. "The Horace Mann School for the Deaf," by Mary Gray Morrison, is an interesting account of the methods and success of a Boston school founded at the suggestion of Horace Mann for the purpose of teaching deaf-mutes to talk.

New York: D. Appleton & Company. Fifty cents per number. \$5 per year.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES OF ST. JOHN, N. B., 1880. pp. 146. John March, Esq., the efficient Secretary of the St. John City Schools will please accept our thanks for a copy of this Report. It contains the reports of the Board and of the Secretary, together with a large amount of tabulated information respecting the Schools in our sister city. They have two buildings, the Victoria and Albert Schools, the property of the Board; two departments in the Grammar School, and fifteen buildings, under rental, making a total of eighteen buildings in which are seventy-six school departments. The number of pupils enrolled is 4,360, whilst those in actual attendance during the year, was 4,155, of whom 2,206 were boys, and 2,154 girls. Of these, 247 were over 15 years of age, and 4,113 under. These were taught by 96 Teachers, of whom 26 were males, and 70 females. The salaries of these are

City Superintendent.....\$1,450  
1st Class Male Teacher..... 1,000  
18 do. from \$800 to \$400  
1st Class Female Teacher..... 690  
11 do. from \$490 to \$150.

The amount received by the Board for sustaining the St. John Schools during the year was

From Assessment.....\$37,158.03  
From County Fund..... \$231.64  
From Rents and Interest..... 37.50  
Amount expended..... 50,852.56  
Or an average of about \$12.23 per pupil.

The trustees give expression to the opinion of some citizens who complain of the multiplicity of studies, and that "in endeavouring to compass this great variety, time cannot be given to those branches which are more useful and indeed absolutely necessary to enable the coming generation to be good and useful soldiers in the battle of life."

Our Halifax City Schools have 5172 registered pupils, which cost exclusive of the High School \$69,782.85 or an average of \$13.47 per pupil. Whilst the St. John Schools have an average of 45 pupils to each Teacher, Halifax has 53 to each one.

Notices.

The Osborne Baptist Church needs a pastor. Church numbers about 100 members. Has three preaching stations within easy walking distance of centre: Pays about \$500. Pastor need not keep a horse. House rent about \$40 per year. Address the Church Clerk at Osborne, Shelburne Co.

MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE.

The next meeting of the Cumberland and Colchester Ministerial Conference will be held at Truro, on the 16th of May, 1881. Rev. H. Bool will preach in the evening at 7 o'clock, P. M. C. H. MARTELL, Sec'y.

THE N. S. EASTERN ASSOCIATION.

The Committee appointed at Advocate to secure a place for the next meeting of this body, have done to the best of their ability the work assigned them; and have now to report that the thirty-first session of the Nova Scotia Eastern Association will be held with the church at North Sydney, C. B., commencing the 2nd Saturday in July 1881, at 10 o'clock, A. M. M. P. FREEMAN, Sec'y.

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. Pastor, Rev. W. R. Boone. Sabbath School in the vestry at 3 P. M. Prayer-meetings on Wednesday and Friday evenings at 8 o'clock.

AFRICAN BAPTIST CHURCH, CORNWALLIS STREET.—Lord's Day Services at 11 A. M., and 7 P. M. Pastor, Rev. Wilton R. Boone. Sabbath School in the vestry at 3 P. M. Prayer-meetings on Wednesday and Friday evenings at 8 o'clock.

Acknowledgments.

On the 13th of April a number of our friends met us at the Acadia Mines, in our new meeting house. A tea was prepared and good justice done to it by those present. We had good addresses by Revs. Mr. Logan, Mr. March, Foreman, Esq., and T. D. Cook, Esq., who in a very neat speech presented the purse \$41.50—and a very pretty fruit dish to my wife worth \$8. A number of friends gave us some grand music and all passed off pleasantly. I am grateful for such tangible expressions of appreciation of my services. Yours in hope of eternal life, GEO. F. MILES.

Moneys Received.

N. R. Westcott, \$2. J. D. Marsters, \$6.25. Rev. J. F. McKenne, \$2. M. Kinsman, \$6.

Miscellaneous.

AN APOLOGY EQUAL TO THE OFFENCE.—Dr. Macklin, who was connected with the Blantyre Mission scandal of which we spoke last week, has felt called upon to apologize to the public. His apology is simply that he was not head of the Mission, but acted in all cases according to agreement under instructions from those in charge. In other words, if instructed to turn cannibal and cook the natives, instead of flogging them, he would have felt it his duty to obey. But in addition to this lame defence, he says that "the judicious exercise of civil authority, including the infliction of punishment, is an absolute necessity of the circumstances, and the right thing." On the other side of the question, *The Scotsman* says that Sir Charles Dilke will lay before Parliament a statement of the affair, and that if any of the charges of gross cruelty made against the Mission agents were established in a court of justice, it would lay the offender open to penalties of an exceedingly severe kind.—N. Y. Examiner.

It is strange what a heterogeneous mass of material is covered by a State Church. The following is from the *London Church Times*:—

"Of your charity pray for the repose of the soul of Emily, the beloved wife of Amos Gray, of Codocote, who fell asleep on the 19th inst.—Jesus mercy."

The great difficulty of the Ritualistic people just now seems to be to find a Roman practice which has not been adopted by the Church of England.

Canon Farrar declared in the course of a recent sermon in Westminster Abbey, that the "name of priest is none so immaculate and non-so beneficent in the world's history as to make us regret that the New Testament knows nothing of any more human priests, except among the Pagans and among the Jews. Who ridiculed Isaiah? The insulting priests of Judah. Who smote Jeremiah? The priest Pashur. Who would have torn Paul in pieces? The priests of Jerusalem. Who killed saint James? The priest Annas. Who threatened Amos? The priest Amaziah. Who crucified Christ? The priest Annas and Caiaphas—lawful priests, observe, and actual in spiritual tribunals!"

The town of Casamicciola, in the Island of Ischia, has been almost destroyed by an earthquake. More than two hundred houses have been thrown down and many others are so much damaged as to be uninhabitable. The number of persons thus far ascertained to have been killed is 104, and very many more have been injured. The total number of victims is estimated at 300. This dreadful catastrophe was the result of two shocks—the first at half past one in the afternoon of the 4th inst., lasting seven seconds; the second after an hour and a half. The whole upper part of the town has been destroyed. The handsome Albergo della Grande Sentinella is a mass of ruins. Clefts and fissures opened in the streets half a yard in width. Since this the news papers give accounts of the occurrence of earthquakes throughout the whole of the adjacent parts of Italy.

Dr. Ledge, the professor of Chinese in Oxford University, says, "If the present rate of the conversion of Chinese to Christianity continues, by the year 1913 there will be twenty-six millions of church members, and one hundred millions of professing Christians in the Chinese empire, or one-fourth of the population."

The *New York Tribune* says that the Professor of Chinese in Hartford College has been made happy by the increase of his class a hundred per cent. Last year he had but one scholar; now he has two!

The *London Baptist* says:—The Middlesex magistrates, whose vagaries seem unaccountable, have recently distinguished themselves by prohibiting performances of the "Messiah" at the various halls over which they have jurisdiction. Not satisfied with this they extend their veto to religious services. This latter prohibition has drawn forth the following letter from Mr. Spurgeon, addressed to a daily journal: "Sir,—Your readers will remember the letter of Mr. Charles Cook in your issue of Tuesday last, complaining that he and his congregation have been suddenly shut out from a large music-hall in which they have long worshipped God. It would greatly gratify admirers of the Middlesex magistracy if that body would kindly give us some reasons for preventing the reading of the Gospel on Sundays in music-halls. In what conceivable way can it be to the advantage of public morals to turn congregations of Christian people into the street? No doubt something considered to be a reason can be adduced, but my imagination is unable to invent it. I should have thought that the more these places were used for religious services, the better it would be for those interests which magistrates are supposed to protect. But the doings of some public bodies are inscrutable.—Yours truly, C. H. SPURGEON. Upper Norwood, March 30."

The *Jewish Herald*, in the current number, asks the following question:—Has it occurred to the explorers of Palestine to notice the information given in the historical book of the Maccabees II., chap. ii. verses 4—7, that immediately before the Babylonish Captivity the Prophet Jeremiah was instructed to deposit in Mount Nebo the most valuable treasure which the Temple contained namely, the Tabernacle, the Sacred Ark, and doubtless the Tables of Stone, of which the ark was merely the receptacle, on which was written the Law of the Ten Commandments, traced there originally, we are told, by the finger of God Himself? They were in that mountain said to be concealed, and if that historical book is to be relied on, we must credit the fact that these sacred treasures are there still. Would it not be worth the explorers' while to seek for these in the place specified? The discovery of them would throw great light upon the Old Testament and the language in which the Commandments were written.

The melancholy news has just been received of the massacre in North Africa of Colonel Flatters's surveying expedition. It had been sent out to enquire into the feasibility of the proposed Sahara railway. Four days' journey from Air, on the coast of the Sahara, the party was attacked by some wild tribe, and the greater part killed. Some sixty men escaped, but about half of these were subsequently poisoned by some professedly friendly natives, and the remainder of the party, if not already killed, have had their retreat cut off. The Touregs, who are believed to have committed this massacre, are of the tribe who murdered Major Gordon Laing on his way from Tripoli to Timbuctoo in 1826.

A will case has been lately decided in the Probate Division which may very reasonably surprise non-legal readers. A widow made a will giving some legacies, and leaving the residue of her property to her niece. A few months later she became irritated with her niece, apparently without cause, and declared she would destroy her will, and let her property go to those who could get it. The will was burnt, but not in her presence, and she refused to make another in favour of her niece, although pressed to do so. The executor named in the burnt will, having been advised that the burning of the will was not a valid revocation, as it was not done in the presence of the testatrix, proceeded as if no burning had taken place, and there being practically no opposition, the president (Sir J. Hannen) pronounced in favour of the will on the basis of the instructions jotted down on the blotting paper.

The decision of the Senate House at Cambridge for the admission of women to University examinations was attended by some amusing incidents. It appears to be the rule for those who vote to sit down, and those who decline to vote to walk about until the "placets" and "non-placets" are counted by the proctors. On this occasion there were so many that sufficient seats had not been provided, and the crowding on the forms of the grave electors gave rise to much fun. A number of M.P.'s came from the House of Commons in a special train. The girls from Newnham College arranged a remarkable telegraphy. One stood on the Senate House steps, to whom the results were made known by the proctor, she waved a white handkerchief to another standing on Clare bridge, who waved the message on. By this agency it was known at Newnham in about two minutes, and a flag hoisted. The remainder of the day was spent in festive rejoicing ending with a dance.

Miss Clough is very strict. The rejoicings were select. Gentlemen were no more admitted, than ladies would have been to a college "wine."

Dr. Hastings of Boston, in speaking of religious joy, and singing, as being the natural expression of that joy, remarked that some congregations had so little of it, they had to hire people to do their singing. "Why," said he, "I would as soon think of hiring a man to eat my breakfast."

The Rajah of Burmah, it would seem doesn't fully appreciate the utility of postal cards. Recently when he had occasion to drop a line to the Viceroy of India he enveloped his communication in two hollow elephant tusks fitted with a gold cover, costing about a thousand dollars.

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