

**THE NEW TEMPERANCE PAPER.**—The N. S. Grand Division, Sons of Temperance, have always shown commendable zeal in promoting the spread of Temperance principles by means of the press, and have for some years given a very liberal subsidy to sustain a Temperance paper in Halifax. The success has not been uniformly successful. At the Annual Session in October last, it was decided to suspend the publication of the *Alliance Journal*, and to start a paper under the management of Mr. James A. Halliday at the beginning of the new year.

This new paper, *The Watchman*, has made its first issue, and presents a very creditable appearance. Mr. Halliday has had some experience as proprietor of *The Star*, first at Berwick, and subsequently at Wolfville, Kings Co., and we doubt not he will prove very efficient in this field of usefulness. Being a Temperance man of some years' standing, the Order may have full reliance in his capability for the work on which he has entered. The first number of the paper would indicate the adaptation of the man for his work, and we doubt not he will find a large number of members and Temperance friends who will send on their names without delay.

In an article of the *Watchman* on "Our Standing," we are reminded that, 1st, there are no licenses granted in Nova Scotia, outside of Halifax and Dartmouth, for the sale of intoxicating liquors as beverages. We would be glad to know that there was no selling of liquors in this province outside of the above-mentioned places, but that can hardly be expected yet.

The editor, says, 2ndly, "that the backbone of respectability is taken out of the traffic." "Throughout the country it has been, and in the capital it is growing to be the custom that as soon as a man goes into the liquor traffic the wives and families of respectable people abstain from social intercourse." "Halifax was a sober city on January 1st, 1881." We are unable to vouch for the accuracy of these statements. They are indications of hopefulness on the part of our new friend, and must help to shew the friends of the various Orders that their work has not been quite in vain. The adoption of the Scott Act by such large majorities in two counties, and the readiness of other counties to follow their example, are given as proof of the progress of total abstinence principles. We do not doubt but there is a more intelligent and conscientious sentiment on the matter than ever before.

The death of Rev. C. M. Birrell is announced in our English exchanges. He was the predecessor of, and co-pastor with the Rev. Hugh Stowell Brown, of Pembroke Chapel, Liverpool. Mr. Birrell entered upon the work of the ministry in 1836, and when he died had reached his 70th year. Some few years since he was led by reason of failing health to wish to retire from the pastorate. On this occasion his people showed their high appreciation of their aged pastor, by presenting him with the sum of £2,620 as an expression of their affectionate regard. He stood very high in the esteem of his brethren. In 1846 he and Dr. Angus were a deputation to visit Jamaica.

It is rumored that Rev. Hugh Stowell Brown will probably resume his labors at Pembroke Chapel, in compliance with a requisition from about a thousand of his congregation. Whether this will interfere with the removal of Rev. G. M. W. Carey from St. John, N. B., to Liverpool, we are not informed, but the brethren who were to form the new church were, some of them at least, hearers of H. Stowell Brown.

After the various meetings of the Week of Prayer it will be very proper to consider what are to be the results. After having the crowded gatherings, and the sympathy of such large numbers, will those who attended them be less inclined to attend the smaller meetings for prayer in their own churches? Will they place a lower estimate on the Prayer-meetings of the other weeks of the year than on those of the Week of Prayer? If so, it will be evident that such persons have received but little of the good they were intended to effect. Unless the several subjects considered on the successive days are more impressed on the minds of Christians generally, and call forth prayer and effort through the year, the services have been evanescent in character, and unprofitable in results. If those who attended the meetings are in future only as they have been in the past, the full benefit will not have been reached. Let

these few thoughts and enquiries be well considered and we doubt not good may yet follow, and it will be apparent that the prayer offered is receiving its answer, and the churches are all being blessed.

It is reported that a new Syndicate is in course of formation for the purpose of making an offer to build the Canadian Pacific Railway on terms more favorable than that now before the House of Commons. The following are the names given of the men expected to join in said Syndicate:

From Toronto—Sir William Howland and his two brothers, Henry and Peleg; A. M. Smith, ex-M. P.; James Metcalfe, ex-M. P.; H. H. Cook, ex-M. P.; W. Rutherford, and probably the firm of McMaster Bros. Four Hamilton men: John Stuart, President of the Hamilton and North Western Railway; A. T. Wood, ex-M. P., and two other wealthy railway men. In Ottawa: J. McLaren and Allan Gillmour, two wealthy lumbermen. In Montreal: Thomas Workman, ex-M. P.; Thomas Cramp, of Cramp, Torrance & Co.; Hugh McKay and C. J. Brydges, ex-Superintendent of Government Railways. Alexander Gibson, of Fredericton, N. B., Col. Walker, ex-M. P. for London, and John Ross, a Quebec millionaire. The offer to be made is substantially:

1. To build the whole line for the completed portion, and a bonus of twenty-two million dollars and twenty-two million acres of land.
2. To ask no exemption from duty on materials.
3. To ask no exemption from taxation on the road and plant.
4. To ask for no restriction whatever on the building of branch lines.

The Prayer Meetings in Dartmouth during the past week were held on Monday and Tuesday in the Baptist Church, Wednesday and Thursday in the Methodist Church, and Friday and Saturday in the Presbyterian Church, and were attended by both the ministers and people of the other denominations. On Sunday evening, after the usual services, a Union Prayer Meeting was held in the Baptist Church—the Methodist and Presbyterian congregations and ministers coming there in a body for that purpose, and, of course, filling it to its utmost capacity. This was an occasion of surpassing interest.

Vick's Floral Guide, 1881, is one of the most beautiful and complete things out. It is got up in the highest style of art. The author is a genuine artist. The illustrations are fine, and with the portrait of James Vick himself, altogether makes a pamphlet worth ten times the price. See advertisement.

**LITTELL'S LIVING AGE** for the week ending January 8th, contains The Unity of Nature, part IV, by the Duke of Argyll, *Contemporary Review*; Rambles among Books, Cornwall. A Visit to the Oldest State in Europe, Fraser; American Prosperity, Spectator; together with choice poetry and miscellany.

The new volume and new year of this best of the ecclesiastics began January 1st, and the present is therefore a good time for beginning a subscription. The subscription price \$8.00 is low; while for \$10.50 the publishers offer to send any one of the American \$4 monthlies or weeklies with *The Living Age* for a year, both postpaid. Littell & Co., Boston, are the publishers.

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Wolfville, Jan. 8, 1881.

**FOR THE INFANTS' HOME.**  
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**RECEIVED FROM WOMEN'S MISSION AID SOCIETIES.**  
Upper Whitford and Lower Aylesford (Branch), Mrs. Reuben Baker...\$6 00  
Falmouth, Miss Young..... 3 00  
M. R. SELDEN, Treasurer.  
Halifax, Jan. 11, 1881.

**THE YARMOUTH COUNTY MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE**  
will meet at Lake George, on Tuesday, Jan. 18th, 1881, at 2 P. M. The following is the programme:—  
A paper on Luke xxii. 32.—by Rev. J. Clark.  
A paper on "Sanctification,"—by the Rev. A. H. Lavers.  
A paper on "Pastoral Visitation,"—by the undersigned.  
An exegesis of Heb. vi. 4, 5, 6.—by Rev. G. E. Day, M. D.  
The first sermon to be preached—by Rev. John Rowe.  
Let the brethren interested come prepared. It is hoped that every Baptist pastor in the county will be present.  
H. N. PARRY, 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. Sabbath School at 3 P. M. Prayer-meeting on Wednesday evening at 7.30.
- 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.

**Acknowledgment.**  
An Anonymous Brother, please accept my thanks for one dollar.  
R. S. MORTON.

**Moneys Received.**  
G. DeWitt, Esq., M. D., \$6.50; Patrick Cooney, \$2; Rev. W. L. Parker, \$2; Mrs. Dr. Tupper, \$4; M. W. Lewis, \$2; J. M. Parker, Esq., \$7; J. Spicer, \$4; Thomas Potter, \$2; M. Kinsman, \$8; A. Turner, \$30; S. Freeman, Esq., \$2; J. G. Harding, \$2; C. W. McDonnell, \$2; J. F. Masters, Esq., \$6; G. J. Young, \$3; J. S. Witter, Esq., \$2; Thos. Kinsman, \$2; Joseph Shankell, \$2.50; G. W. Freeman, \$10; C. W. Sanders, \$27; B. R. Mood, \$2; N. E. Ross, \$2; D. D. Mills, \$1; Hans Mills, \$4; J. W. Healy, \$2; H. Brown, \$2; B. L. Telfer, \$2.50; J. Greenough, \$2.50; Rev. H. Eagles, \$2; R. Card, \$2; J. M. Layton, \$3; Rev. J. L. Read, \$4.  
Our friends will please accept our best thanks for prompt remittances.

**News.**

**APPOINTMENTS.**—*Inverness Co.*—To be a Justice of the Peace: Donald F. McDonnell, of Jutique Intervale.

*Lunenburg Co.*—To be a Justice of the Peace: George D. Young, of Mill Cove. To be a Trustee of Public Lands, under Chapter 52 of the Acts of 1854: Charles Anderson, of Lunenburg, Esquire. To be Commissioners for taking Affidavits, &c.: William H. Owen, Esquire, of Bridgewater, and Daniel M. Owen, Esquire, of Lunenburg, Barristers.

*Hants Co.*—To be a Commissioner for taking Affidavits, &c.: H. Percy Scott, Esquire, of Windsor, Barrister.

A sad accident occurred on Tuesday afternoon of last week, a little boy named Alexander Campbell, 8 years of age, son of Mr. M. Campbell, student at Pine Hill College, was coasting down the hill which passes that institution. It is supposed the little fellow was speeding along on his sleigh, when, at the foot of the street, it struck a rock, throwing him into the water. When missed and search made, his lifeless body was found in the water near the shore.

The verdict for \$7,000 damages in favor of Messrs. John Silver & Co. against the Dominion Telegraph Co., was confirmed by the Supreme Court on Saturday.

At the meeting of the School Board last week a letter was read from Mrs. W. J. Stairs, asking for a room in the High School building for the location of a cookery school, to be started in March. It was referred to the Committee on School Sites and Buildings.

At the last monthly meeting of the Historical Society two interesting papers were read. One by Rev. Dr. Patterson, on the early Puritan churches and ministers of Nova Scotia, and the other prepared by Miss Eliza Frame, of Shubenacadie, on Rev. James Murdock, a Presbyterian minister, who labored in this Province from 1767 to 1799, and was the great-grandfather of the late Mr. James B. Morrow and Mr. Robert Morrow.

During the past month the Society have received 174 volumes of ancient newspapers, from friends.

On Wednesday afternoon Geo. Price, a grave digger in Camp Hill cemetery, was at work at a grave, and was about stepping in to finish it off, when he slipped and fell; the back of his head striking against the blade of the pick. He was taken to the hospital in a dangerous condition.

Mr. Alexander McKay principal of the Dartmouth Town School has been appointed Teacher of Mathematics and Physical Science in the Halifax High School with a salary of \$1250 less ten per cent.

Mr. L. D. Robinson teacher of the second department of the Dartmouth Schools has been placed in charge of the principalship until permanent arrangements are made.

Westport during the past year shipped fish, &c., as follows: Cod, 11,522 qtls.; pollock, 4,590 qtls.; haddock, 6,948 qtls.; hake, 6,091 qtls.; cusk, 151 qtls.; herring, 113 bbls.; smoked herring, 522 boxes; tongues and sounds, 15 bbls.; mackerel, 5 bbls.; hake sounds, 5,400 lbs.; fresh halibut, 100,000 lbs.; oil, 12,703 gals.

**GRAND LAKE HOTEL BURNED.**—On Thursday morning, before daylight, the reflection of a large fire was seen to the Northward, and was supposed to be somewhere about the Four Mile House or Birch Cove. But during the forenoon news reached town that Mr. George Nichols' hotel at Grand Lake had been totally destroyed by fire. The fire broke out early in the morning, while all were asleep, and soon had such complete possession of the large building that the inmates had some difficulty in making their escape and saved little or nothing. The origin of the fire is not known. The building was insured in the North British office for \$2,400 and Mr. Nichols' furniture in the Lancaster office.

**LUNENBURG.**—A telegram to the *Chronicle* on Saturday says Robt. Smith, sentenced to be hanged on the 20th inst., escaped from jail last night, soon after midnight. The prisoners in the next room gave the alarm, and the jailor and Sheriff started in pursuit. They went as far as Bridgewater, and returned without finding him. Deputy Sheriffs Caldwell and Dauphnee are now on the road. An examination of the jail shows that Smith who had been provided secretly with an old mill file had burnt the woodwork five inches thick around the staple holding the fastening of the door, concealing his work from day to day by the use of a little lime secreted after a recent lime washing of his cell. The popular wish here is that he may not be retaken.

Ayer's Cherry Pectoral is mild and soothing in its immediate and apparent effects, and possesses far-reaching and powerful healing qualities which its persistent use will demonstrate in any case of coughs, cold, throat or lung troubles of any kind.

Annapolis is growing so that it is proposed to add to the ancient capital another street.

**YARMOUTH.**—The barque *Happy Home*, of Hantsport, struck on Trinity Ledge on the night of the 3rd inst., and capsized. The captain's wife and daughter and the steward perished. In the morning, boats went off and rescued the captain, officers and crew, and landed them seven miles above Yarmouth. All were frozen, the captain and mate seriously.

Mr. Nathan Hilton, Coroner, proceeded to Short Reach to hold an inquest on the bodies. The captain's wife was lashed to the quarter and heavily covered with cloaks and other clothing. The little girl, about seven years old, was embraced in her mother's arms. The *Happy Home*, 884 tons, was built at Hantsport, and owned there by Messrs. Churchill & Sons.

A heavy demand of \$400,000 is being made by the North American and other insurance companies against Mr. Saml. Killam, of Yarmouth—the amount claimed by Mr. K. and paid to him on the loss of the "N. & E. Gardner" some years ago. Other facts are now said to have come to light which change the nature of the claim, and this action is to recover the said sum already paid.

**Miscellaneous.**  
The compulsory school system now in operation in England, sometimes bears hard upon parents. Here is one case out of many:—

"*Braving it out.*"—Charles Savill was summoned at the Epping Petty Sessions for neglecting to send his boy to school. Addressing the Bench, the defendant said he would just give it straight. He could not and he would not send his boy to school. He was twelve years old and ought to work to help to get his living. He would not send the boy to school, and that was all about it. The magistrate made an attendance order. Defendant: I shall not comply with it. I will have a rest in Springfield Gaol. They'll serve me well there, and wait upon me and the parish will have to keep my wife and family instead of me.

Mr. Spurgeon had at his late residence, Nightingale Lane, a very pleasant garden in which was placed the old pulpit stairs that were used at the great preacher's first London chapel—the old meeting-house in New Park street. When the chapel was sold Mr. Spurgeon removed the pulpit stairs to his garden, and fixed them to the trunk of a huge willow tree. "Here," says Mr. Spurgeon, "the observer can see those very rails down which we did not slide to illustrate backsliding, and he may be sure of that negative fact because the story was told of us when the pulpit was fixed in the wall and the entrance was from behind. Mr. Spurgeon has not taken the stairs with him to his new home at Norwood. He has left them attached to the great willow in Nightingale Lane. "The purchaser of our former abode," he says, "will preserve the staircase quite as carefully as we have done, and we hope his children will for years ascend by them to the pleasant seats where they may in the summer sit and enjoy themselves beneath the willow's shade."



**A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A Happy New Year.**

C. GATES, SON & CO. wish to thank their customers for the patronage they have extended to them during the past year, and from the numerous testimonials and letters of thanks received from all parts of the Lower Provinces during the year, they feel doubly confident that all their preparations are making the most remarkable cures and giving the most complete satisfaction, standing foremost among the many medicines before the public. If you would be healthy and free from the numerous diseases so prevalent, keep your blood pure, and system cleansed, by taking a few bottles of the best blood purifier, known as GATES' LIFE OF MAN BITTERS No. 2, and INVIGORATING SYRUP No. 1, during the winter and spring of each year. For dropsy no medicine has ever been found to make so complete a cure. It extracts the water and all impurities from the blood and brings the liver to its proper working order. Lung diseases are frequently cured by their use, in fact there is scarcely a disease that may not be cured entirely, or greatly benefited by these remarkably safe and good medicines. Their ACADIAN LINIMENT stands foremost among that class of medicines for pains, rheumatism, diptheria, colds, &c., and is free from the opening ingredients so common in popular ointments which must invariably cause the patient to take cold after using them. Their NERVE OINTMENT for burns, scalds, bruises, cutaneous eruptions of the skin, &c. VEGETABLE PLASTER for boils, cuts, cracked hands, and lame back, and EYE RELIEF for sore eyes need only to be once tried to ensure their continued use as family medicines.

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