

ness, in their missionary tours. They became very warm personal friends, and sometimes knelt together, in "God's first temple," and invoked His blessing on their labors for the poor, the sick and the sin-sick. The life of Father Harding was published a few years ago, and it is stated that he was never heard to speak disparagingly of any denomination. His memory "smells sweet and blossoms in the dust."

A few years ago Dr. Farrel, then one of the members of the House of Assembly for Halifax, succeeded in getting through the Legislature a law that prevents ministers of the gospel from being appointed to the School Board in the city of Halifax. This law has been known as the "Farrel Rider."

The Lower House during the present session has voted unanimously to repeal this obnoxious law. On Friday last it received the "three month's hoist" in the Legislature Council.

It is passing strange that men can, at this day, lend themselves to sustain the principles involved in so proscribing by Legislative enactment, a class of men who are perhaps the warmest friends of Education. It is to be hoped that this blot and disgrace will not hold its place much longer on the Statute Book of Nova Scotia.

The Legislative Council also gave the Government College Bill the "three month's hoist." This leaves the Colleges without any grants, except the Presbyterian Dalhousie College which will continue to enjoy its \$6,000 a year more or less of public money. By this movement the Halifax University has escaped, and will live, at least, for another year.

The discussion in the Council ought to convince the Presbyterians that their scheme to use the Dalhousie funds with their own, for an Arts Course is both impracticable and unjust. Leading Presbyterians in that branch of the Legislature openly declared the impossibility of establishing a Provincial Teaching University. They delicately told the leaders of the Presbyterian body that there is actually no hope for the Dalhousie Scheme. In effect they said, and said by clear and forcible intimations, that we Presbyterians are in a false position, a position which must be abandoned as soon as practicable—three fourths of the people are against us. It is unwise, impolitic and unjust for us to appropriate the money of the Province to support an Arts Course for ourselves while by the crystallized condition of things, other bodies of Christians are excluded from enjoying the advantages which we secure to ourselves by the use of money intended for the benefit of all the people.

We see from this discussion in which Presbyterians rose above sectarianism, and also from other quarters, that the Presbyterians of this Province are beginning to see that they have been misled in this matter. We have for the Presbyterians the highest respect. Indeed the Province is largely indebted to the membership of this body for much of its prosperity. The part taken by Presbyterians in the Common School system reflects the highest credit upon the denomination, and we are sanguine in the belief, that, of their own motion, this large and influential body will ere long put themselves right on the College question. That will be a bright day for the Higher Education in this Province. We are confident that if the matter could be fully and fairly discussed by the Presbyterian constituency of this Province, the vote would be to withdraw from Dalhousie and like other bodies support a course in Arts that would conserve the honour, the independence, the self-respect of the body, and also develop its benevolence in a large and healthy way. When this shall be done, the great Presbyterian body may be in the van of Higher Education, instead of being a drag on the wheels, as at present, and the cause of endless discussion, and not a little irritation. The present position of those now occupying Dalhousie College, contending against more than three fourths of the people of the Province, and no good ground to stand on is a most undesirable one, and one which should be abandoned at an early day.

What then shall be done with the Dalhousie funds? is a question that would at once be asked. Let them be appropriated in the way originally intended.

Had the Colleges existed then as now, doubtless those funds would have been devoted exclusively, as they were in part, to professional and technical education. Law, Medicine and Technology are struggling for an existence. Let them be fostered. This would be a benefit not for a part, but for all the people of the province. A Bill is now passing through the Legislature to establish a School of Law in connexion with Dalhousie. We trust our Presbyterian friends will not further obstruct but will let the Higher Education take its natural course. We have had enough of this playing the game of chance in College education.

Whatever the result of College Grants may be, there is no room for despondency. Let the friends of the Horton Academies and of Acadia College come to the rescue. There are about one hundred thousand (100,000) hearts that beat loyally in these Provinces toward Acadia College. Here is a mine of wealth in which will be found not only money enough, but christian sympathy as well. The money is needed, but the warm hearts and the prayers of faith are also needed. It is a time now for special benevolence and special prayer on behalf of these Institutions.

We have a communication from "one of the Rate-payers" referring to the recent case of "Justice to Teachers," denying the truth of some of the statements of the "one of the six Justices" and giving details of the severe punishment inflicted on the boy in question. As however the case is under Appeal, we feel that it would be wrong to have the matter publicly discussed, but we must let it be fairly tried, and a decision given according to the evidence. We hold the manuscript for the present.

On Monday evening the leader of the Government stated to the House that no grants to Colleges would be given this year. The Academies in Kings, Hants, Antigonish, and Halifax are however to get for the present year the High School grants—\$600.00 each; and it was intimated that the grants to Yarmouth and Pictou Academies would be reduced from \$1400.00 to \$600.00 each for the present year.

The Government should go one step further, and notify the occupants of Dalhousie, that after the expiration of the current year the buildings and funds of Dalhousie will be used as originally designed for Provincial purposes, i. e., for a school for Law, Medicine, &c. This is the next thing to be done, and then a solid basis will be laid for fair dealing in Higher Education.

A discussion of the claims of the rite of Confirmation is being indulged in by our Presbyterian and Episcopal friends. It originated by the Bishop of Nova Scotia using the term, at least it is so stated, that the rite "is expressly commanded by God's Law." Dr. Pollock, Presbyterian, in a letter to a morning paper takes exception to that statement, and wishes for the grounds of the remark. The Rev. Mr. Padfield comes to the rescue and writes a long letter endeavouring to show that Presbyterians, Methodists and many others besides the Church of England, "in fact nineteen-twentieths of the Christian world" have practised the rite.

The laying on of hands was doubtless an occasional act of the Apostles and was used in connection with the impartation of some special gifts or miraculous power—the power of the Holy Ghost. But we do not find that such effects follow the laying on of hands by modern bishops, however clearly and satisfactorily they may be able to trace their succession from the Apostles.

In the ordination of ministers there was unquestionably the significant laying on of hands, but the rite of Confirmation as the complement of baptism is about equally scriptural with that of Infant Baptism.

A young man by the name of Fielding, has been at Jeddore and Musquodoboit, representing himself as a Baptist minister, and says he is a member of the Tabernacle Baptist Church in Halifax. We have had letters from brethren in both of these places, complaining of his improper conduct. On making enquiry of the pastor of the Tabernacle Church he informs us he knows nothing about him, but believes him to be a fraud.

The Religious Anniversaries (May meetings so-called) are beginning to occupy the attention of the different religious bodies in London. The introductory Prayer meeting will be held at the Baptist Mission House, on the 21st inst. The great Foreign missionary meeting will be held in Exeter Hall on the 28th. The Baptist Union will hold its first session on the 25th, and next on the 28th.

MONTALTO; OR THE VAUDOIS MARTYRS OF CALABRIA, by Miss L. Bates, Philadelphia, American Baptist Publication Society, pp. 256, price \$1.00.

The Protestants of the 14th century were subjected to persecution the most bitter and unrelenting; any signs of prosperity and increase in their numbers or wealth were watched with great vigilance and jealousy by the church, and from time to time met with open hostility and warfare of extermination. The Church in Europe exercised its power over the State, and rendered all who dissented from the Roman Catholic faith in constant danger. This is a story of that period. It is well written and full of interesting incidents of life in the cottage and the castle. It is well that our youth should be reminded what it has cost some of our forefathers to preserve our liberties, and hand down to us our present freedom to worship God.

GLEANINGS IN THE FIELDS OF ART, by Edna D. Cheney, Boston, Lee & Shepard, publishers, pp. 345.

This is a literary, historical and biographical work on Art in the various countries in which it has flourished. It is divided into fifteen chapters: Art; Greek Art; Early Christian Art; Byzantine Art; Restoration of Art in Italy; Michel Angelo; Spanish Art; French Art; Albert Dürer; Old German Art; American Art; English Art; David Scott; and Contemporaneous Art. It is a most profound work, and will be prized by artists and persons interested in the works of the great masters.

KEZZIE'S CORNER, by May F. McKeen-Philadelphia, American Baptist Publication Society, pp. 287. Price \$1.25.

An excellent story, inculcating the great value of yielding in all things to convictions of duty. The book is got up in the most beautiful style, and printed on the finest thick paper.

Notices. CONVENTION FUNDS RECEIVED. Upper Wilmot Church, Melvern Section.....\$20 00 River John Church..... 24 05 Mr. and Mrs. J. Baker, Yarmouth 3 50 Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hankinson, Weymouth..... 2 00 Antigonish Church, instalment... 37 41 Bridgewater Church, per Rev. S. March..... 10 00 \$96 96 G. E. DAY, Yarmouth, April 8, 1881.

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. Sabbath School at 3 P. M. Prayer-meeting on Wednesday evening at 7.30.

AFRICAN BAPTIST CHURCH, CORNWALLS 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.

RECEIVED FROM WOMEN'S MISSION AID SOCIETIES. Melvern Square, Mrs. Hall.....\$10 00 M. R. SELDEN, Treasurer, Halifax, April 12, 1881.

Moneys Received. Rev. J. L. Read, \$10. W. H. Knowles, \$4. Jennie Ferguson, \$2. Geo. Crossby, \$4. W. C. Hankinson, \$2. E. G. Dodge, \$2—all correct. Rev. G. H. Goudy, \$2. G. E. DeWitt, M. D., \$4. J. D. Meloney, \$2. J. Sabeau, \$2. Mrs. R. Monteith, \$2. O. H. Cogswell, \$2. B. L. Telfer, \$2. S. A. Webber, \$2.

News.

THE HALIFAX SUGAR REFINERY commenced actual operations in sugar last week. The operation in water had been carried on for several days. On Thursday last the first batch of sugar was melted, and put through the process, a large quantity of beautiful refined sugar was the result, on Saturday,—about 60 barrels. It is said that it is capable of refining 500 barrels a day, and will be able to supply the Moncton Refinery cheaper and better than they can make it. Every thing in the machinery is of the latest and most approved patents.

The Special meetings continue at the Tabernacle this week and next. The Rev. W. Saffield will be in town, and will assist the pastor next week.

Two were baptised last sabbath. On Good Friday there is to be a Social tea meeting at the Tabernacle, and friends are invited. Speeches by several ministers in the evening after tea. Tickets 35 cents.

John Nash was killed by a fall of top coal in the pillars in the Acadia Co's mines on Saturday morning. No one is to blame. The pit has stopped.

In the Newfoundland Legislature a Joint Committee of both Houses has been appointed to negotiate a railway contract, subject to the approval of the Legislature.

MAPLE SUGAR.—Mr. Hoyt Foster of Granville, has made 150 lbs. maple sugar since the season commenced. On Saturday last he got 50 pails of sap—and says it flowed so freely that he could not save it all. By this example it would seem that there is an excellent opportunity to make money by the manufacture of maple sugar—if it is systematically gone about with the proper apparatus.

The Bank of Nova Scotia is to establish an agency at Newcastle, N. B.

A serious accident occurred at Folly Bridge on Thursday morning. The van of the freight train left the track on the bridge and went half over. The whole train had a narrow escape from total destruction. Conductor Berry did not fall from off the bridge. One of the wheels of the conductor's van broke some 200 or 300 yards before reaching the bridge, and subsequently the axle broke. The conductor jumped from the van, and, owing to the speed at which the train was travelling, being behind time, fell forward on the track and his head struck the rail, laying open the skull more than half way around from behind the ear. The train proceeded safely over the bridge, though narrowly escaping derailment. The van detached and rolled down the embankment on the other side, becoming a total wreck. The conductor was taken to Truro, and received medical care. His feet are hurt and he has probably sustained other injuries, but it is expected he will recover.

The brig, Peerless from New Zealand, 127 days, bound to New York with a cargo of gum, arrived in Halifax harbor last week, short of provisions, and, having had very heavy weather, was unable to get into New York. The Peerless is a Nova Scotian vessel and was formerly owned in Halifax. The Captain is a native of Cape Breton, but has been away from his native soil for some twenty-two years.

Hall's Vegetable Sicilian Hair Renewer is highly recommended by physicians, clergymen and scientists as preparation accomplishing wonderful results. It is entirely harmless, and a certain remedy for removing dandruff, making the scalp white and clean, and restoring gray hair to its youthful color. It imparts a gloss and freshness to the hair which all admire.

It is said ease of mind assists longevity. A man who carries a policy of life insurance in such a company as the UNION MUTUAL certainly should have ease of mind, and therefore this must help to prolong his life. And should the "brittle thread" be broken, he has secured something for his dear ones. F. B. K. MARTER, Manager, Office Queens Building, Hollis St.

THE HIGHEST AWARD.—That Putner's Emulsion stands day higher and far ahead of any other compound of the kind, and is acknowledged by the profession to be the most reliable in the treatment of Wasting, Scrophulous, and Children's Diseases, and Diseases of the Nervous System, where the brain is overworked, and the general system run down for the want of Phosphorus, which is the only Nerve Tonic. Jan. 19. 6m.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

JAMES CAMPBELL & SON, SOLE AGENTS IN CANADA For the Oxford University press editions of the REVISED VERSION OF THE New Testament. HAVE pleasure in announcing that they have appointed the REV. A. McBEAN late Secretary of the British American Book and Tract Society, Halifax, Sole agent for the Maritime Provinces. All orders from the trade and others will be supplied by him on the day of publication. Address Lower Stewiacke, N. S. JAMES CAMPBELL & SON. Toronto, April 7, 1881.

TENDERS.

TENDERS will be received by this Department, at Ottawa, up to the 25th April next, for the materials required in the construction of Six Oil Stores for the lighthouse service of Nova Scotia. Plans and specifications can be seen, and forms of tender procured by intending contractors, at the Agency of this Department at Halifax. Tenders to be addressed to the undersigned and marked on the outside "Tender for Oil Stores." The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender. W. M. SMITH, Deputy Minister for Marine, &c. Department of Marine, &c. Ottawa, 30th March, 1881. April 13. 11.

STAMMERING CERTIFICATE.

WE THE UNDERSIGNED, residents of North Sydney and vicinity in Cape Breton, having known Miss Lawlor when afflicted with, and often times pained to witness her struggling with the impediment of stammering, have now much pleasure in testifying through this medium, that she has been relieved of the above referred to difficulty. She can now give utterance to her ideas with a freedom of speech at once free, deliberate, and apparently without effort. We learn from her that she attended, last December, the Stammering Institute at Halifax, in charge of Mr. R. B. MACKINTOSH,—he having been empowered to use the method first known to, and practiced by Professor Sutherland of London, Ontario. We heartily recommend those similarly affected as Miss Lawlor, to avail themselves of the privilege of attending an institution calculated to render such valuable aid to both old and young. MATTHEW WILSON, Presbyterian Minister. D. McMILLAN, do. JOHN VOOGHT, of Vooght Bros., Merchants. W. H. MOORE, of W. H. Moore & Co., Merchants. J. A. RINDRESS, Teacher, North Sydney Academy. J. N. ARMSTRONG, do. DR. MACLARTY, M. D. T. J. LAWLOR, North Sydney, March 1st, 1881. Apply to R. B. MACKINTOSH, 83 Upper Water St. Halifax, N. S. March 23.

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