

The dramatic power of the writer to present the pictures which he desires to the mind of the reader is far above mediocrity. His choice of style is well adapted to his subject. We hope that this edition will be soon exhausted and another called for.

The Latin translation of English psalms and hymns have been pronounced excellent. There are but few Latin scholars superior to the Hon Mr. Gladstone. Mr. Rand has a letter from Mr. G. in reply to a copy of his translation of the hymn "Rock of Ages cleft for me," in which he says as follows: "I thank you for the kind terms used in your letter and I at once admit that your version of the Rock of Ages is more exact than mine."

A HAPPY THOUGHT.—An intimate friend of the late Rev. J. B. Wakely tells an amusing anecdote of him, as follows:

The doctor was a most inimitable delineator, and fond of a good story. He related to me, with great glee, how he extricated himself once from a most awkward dilemma. Preaching in a Hudson River town on a warm summer afternoon to a congregation of farmers mainly, from the text, "If any man draw back, my soul hath no pleasure in him," he inadvertently observed, "My brethren, sheep never fight." Those who were awake looked up at him, and showed, by their interest, that the minister had never seen two old rams trying to butt each other's brains out. The doctor discovered his mistake as soon as they did, but not seeing his way out of it, repeated the statement with greater emphasis. Those of his audience who were awake nudged their sleeping brethren, who, on opening their eyes, looked about to see what had happened. This greatly embarrassed the doctor, and he was now sadly puzzled. He ventured, with still greater emphasis, to repeat the statement, "My brethren, sheep never fight," when luckily he was on his way out, and, doubling his fist, struck it into the palm of the other hand, adding, with genuine unction, "Tender they first draw back—Editor's Drawer, in *Harper's Magazine* for May.

Dr. Griffith, Secretary of the Baptist Publication Society, reports as follows:

Our hearts have been made glad by another generous donation for the Society's work before the year closes. A life-long friend of the Society, Mr. W. B., has just handed us a check for two thousand dollars to be applied as follows:

Oue thousand dollars with which to supply one hundred ministers with ten dollars worth of books each, at net prices—seven dollars worth for their own library, and three dollars worth of tracts and pamphlets for free distribution on their fields. The President of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, Mr. James L. Howard, has been asked to select from among the missionaries of that Society, from pastors, and from the students in the next graduating classes in the Freedmen's schools under the care of the Home Mission Society, the men who shall receive these donations.

Five hundred dollars is to be used in supplying the University at Lewisburg, the Crozer Theological Seminary, Wayland Seminary, the Peditie Institute, and the South Jersey Institute, each with \$100 worth of books at wholesale prices for their libraries.

The remaining five hundred is for supplying the destitute with bibles.

This general gift is a birthday offering. It makes it a few days in advance of his birthday, in order that it may come into the Society's year, which closes April 1.

Home News.

Nova Scotia.

Although the winter has been so severe and long continued, yet Halifax harbor has been free from ice. Not for a day has there been the slightest obstruction to a vessel coming to any of the wharves of our city. We last week had several of the largest steamers after trying to get up the Gulf to the river St. Lawrence which they found it impossible to do. The *Polyphemus* reports that on April 28th she passed several ice bergs, in latitude 42° 56', longitude 59° 58'; and others, some of considerable size. On Sunday Cape Ray was sighted, and at 12:30 p.m. the Gulf ice was met. A sharp lookout was kept for a break through which it might be possible to sail with safety, but none appeared. The steamer kept most of the time on the edge of the ice, as it was very heavy, and it would have been dangerous to enter. After cruising about until Wednesday without any prospect of getting through appearing, and the supply of coal getting low, it was decided to make for Halifax. She had 928 immigrants on board with 55 intermediate, and 95 cabin passengers.

The steamship *Canadian* on Wednesday last brought 192 intermediate and steerage passengers for Halifax, 75 of whom are coal miners, who went to Sydney to take the places of strikers in Annapolis.

making ineffectual efforts to reach Quebec. She found the Gulf completely blocked with ice, and it was impossible to make a passage. On Sunday the steamer attempted to get into Sydney and Cow Bay, but failed, and it was then decided to make for Halifax. While in the ice a small hole was knocked in the Quebec's bow, but no further injury was received.

The *Texas* too, laden with thoroughbred horses, cattle and sheep for Western ranches, arrived on Friday morning after unsuccessfully attempting to reach her destination through the Gulf ice.

The live stock were transferred from the *Texas* to the cars at Richmond and were landed last night. Three of eleven horses shipped, one bull and one cow died on the passage.

On Wednesday last shortly before the arrival of the Dominion line steamer *Quebec* here, two children in her steerage were found to have the measles, and both cases were sent to hospital by Dr. Clay, Immigration Agent. The immigrants brought out by the *Quebec* have all been sent forward by train, with the exception of these children.

On Tuesday night, May 2nd, Mr. Michael's stable, at Fort Needham, was broken into and three sets of harness stolen. A valuable set was stolen from the same place last week.

Some of the workmen in the Sugar Refinery on Wednesday last, struck for higher wages. Other men were soon obtained to fill their places, so that there was no interference with the work.

Mr. H. B. Paulin, Registrar of Shipping, has been superannuated, and his assistant, Mr. Chas. M. Almon, appointed to the situation.

O. S. Fowler is lecturing at Free Mason's Hall in this city.

Rev. Dr. Sedgewick, who for 33 years has labored with zeal and earnestness among the Presbyterians of Musquodoboit, is about to retire from the active duties of the ministry.

It was stated in a telegram "from Ottawa last week, that Bishop Binney was then interviewing members of Government, seeking to prevent the deceased wife's bill from becoming law. A note subsequently appeared in the same paper contradicting the statement, and stating that his visit was without reference to any public or official matter.

The ice in Pictou harbor broke up on Thursday last.

A sad accident occurred at Annapolis on Thursday; Mr. F. H. Mitchell, agent for the Direct Steamship line, Mr. Clarke, Tree Agent in the employ of Mr. Rupert, and Albert Lewis, a colored man, were out in a boat and had been up the river to shoot wild geese. They had turned to come home when a squall struck the boat and upset it. Mr. Clarke got an ear and supported himself till he was picked up, the other two were drowned. A Coronor's Inquest was held, and Mr. Mitchell was much respected in the country.

AT TRURO, DR. BENT was elected Mayor by majority of 13 over Dr. Muir. The Councilors were Messrs. Abner Doggett, Wm. Craig, and W. T. Archibald. At a recent town meeting resolutions were passed adopting the 13th September as Truro's natal day, that being the date as far as can be ascertained in the first settlement of the town, and providing that it be thereafter observed as a holiday. Preparations are being made for the 123rd Anniversary this year.

At PICTOU, MAYOR MCLEOD, was re-elected, and Messrs. A. McKeen, W. Ross, and A. McDonald, Councillors.

DARTMOUTH had no municipal election, there being but one candidate for each vacancy. Warren J. Y. Paynter; Messrs.

A. C. Cogswell, B. A. Weston, (re-elected). Henry Watt, T. Milson, M. D., J. C. P. Frazer, Alex. McKay, Councillors.

PROHIBITION.—The venerable Dr. McColch delivered a masterly lecture on this important subject to an appreciative audience in the Y. M. C. A. Hall, at Truro, on Thursday. The subject was ably handled as might be supposed by such a veteran of our cause. The reverend gentleman did not spare the liquor dealers. His near fifty years experience in the temperance fight seemed to give him a fearless, "up and at them" attitude. The terrors and horrors of this world-wide evil as seen by him were indeed painful, and ought to stir up the righteous indignation of all lovers of humanity. Repeated applause, as well as the loud vote of thanks and appropriate remarks of several gentlemen present convinced me that the lecture was really appreciated. Such an able lecture ought to be published and sent broadcast over our fair country.

W. J. G.

"May-day," instead of witnessing the "fair flowers" (youth) of the town gathering the beautiful "flower which blooms amid the snow," found the pleasure seekers ensconced in overcoats and furs, and only a few miles north of us the merry sleigh bells "tinkle, tinkle as they go."

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W. J. GATES, Manager.

The *Scud* is to run this season between Halifax and Boston, touching at several intermediate ports.

Politicians are busy nominating their candidates for the expected elections.

A lot of "Russets" from the Annapolis Valley were sold in London lately at an average of twenty eight shillings a barrel, giving the shipper five dollars and a half clear of all charges. The highest sale was some "Roxbury Russets" at thirty-eight shillings.

P. E. Island.

CHARLOTTETOWN HARBOR was pretty well cleared of ice last week. Owing to the backwardness of the season, farming operations will be delayed some two or three weeks beyond the usual time throughout the Island.

The Magdalen Islands have suffered from the quantities of ice around the coast. The fishing fleet have been unable to leave in consequence.

We have accounts of great suffering endured on the coast of Labrador. In some of the harbors not an article of food can be purchased, and the people are reduced to the verge of starvation. On February 9th, a young man named Sparkes, living near the Forteau lighthouse, left home to visit his father, who resided 300 yards away. He was found by a search party exhausted and helpless. Both of his legs were frozen and had to be amputated. When his rescuers took him home they found his wife and child frozen to death in their miserable abode.

New Brunswick.

A sum reaching nearly \$100,000 has been subscribed in stock, towards building the Cape Tormentine railway, at Sackville, N. B.

Work on the foundation of the Moncton Cotton factory will be commenced in a fortnight.

It is reported that Mr. Gibson, the New Brunswick lumber king, has purchased all the deals in that Province.

The frost king has held on most tenaciously. On Thursday last there was another skating carnival at Moncton.

Dominion of Canada.

The Lake Manitoban, of the Beaver line, arrived at Quebec on Friday from Liverpool, being the first arrival of the season.

The Senate adopted the Irish resolutions on Wednesday last, by 36 to 6. The minority consisted of Alexander, Almon, Glazier, Haythorne, Alexander and Read.

The House of Commons on Wednesday passed the resolutions respecting pensions to County Court judges of Ontario.

In the Supreme Court at Ottawa on Tuesday morning the appeal was dismissed in the case of the Western Counties Railway *et al.* vs. the Windsor and Annapolis Railway. The

There was a lively discussion over the item of \$12,000, asked for expenses of the training ship "Charybdis". It was pronounced a nuisance in St. John harbor, and the sooner it is removed the better.

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We much regret that the above was mislaid two weeks.—Ed. C. M.

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