

Professor MacKnight lectured on Tuesday of last week, on "Agnosticism." The Witness pronounces upon it, that it "left nothing to be desired."

BISHOP WHIPPLE, of the Episcopal Church of Minnesota, has declared his intention of licensing two women as lay readers because men are not to be had.

News of the World.

A bill has been introduced into the House of Lords for the purpose of excluding atheists from both Houses of Parliament.

Mr. Forster has made a visit to the disturbed districts in Ireland and addressed the people. He concluded by saying "as soon as we can fairly say that the outrages have ceased, that men are not ruined, not maimed, not murdered for doing their duty, or what they have a legal right to do, the suspects will be released."

The address was listened to with attention. It created a profound sensation in the audience, and will make doubtless an equally profound and universal sensation throughout the whole of Ireland.

McLean, the Queen's assassin, has been committed for trial on the charge of high treason. On being arraigned he said he would reserve his defence. The evidence confirmed the statement that his pistol was sufficiently elevated when he fired for the ball to have struck Her Majesty.

A telegram from Constantinople says it is feared in official circles that war between Russia and Austria is inevitable. The question of calling out reserves is being seriously discussed.

Russia has made some more arrests of very important nihilists at Odessa. A secret press has been discovered.

Spain has been under some new sensation by the report that Don Carlos has abdicated his claims to the Spanish throne in favor of his infant son.

A telegram from Tunis reports that nine Europeans journeying from Tunis to Gafsa have been murdered between Tunis and Kairwan.

The destruction by floods still continues in various parts of the Western and Southern States, all down the Mississippi valley. On Wednesday last a man giving his name as Charles C. Cunningham was arrested, charged with black-mailing—sending letters to Harvey D. Parker, proprietor of the Parker House, demanding \$25,000 under penalty of shooting the latter or burning his hotel. Cunningham declares his innocence of the charge.

An extensive cave-in took place on Thursday afternoon at the Falkmore Mines, Pennsylvania. Over two acres of ground went down and the gap is widening considerably.

The Senate at Washington, has passed the anti-Chinese bill.

Two hundred medical students of New York University graduated last week, ten of whom were from Nova Scotia.

Mr. E. T. Clements, of Yarmouth, N. S., jumped from the second story of the Niagara House early on Tuesday last, and broke both his legs. Temporary abatement was the cause.

David Navarro, the fat boy, weighing 720 pounds, died at Pittsburg, on Tuesday last, of small-pox.

The finding of the court-martial in the case of Sergeant Mason, on trial for attempting to shoot Chas. Guiteau, is that he is guilty, and the sentence pronounced is that he be dishonorably discharged from the service of the United States, with loss of all pay and allowances now due, or to become due him, and that he be confined at hard labor in such penitentiary as the proper authorities may direct for eight years.

A Memphis despatch states that the whole country from Cairo to Vicksburg is submerged, and thousands of negroes are living and doing their cooking on the roofs of their cabins.

Home News.

Nova Scotia.

The Roman Catholics are proposing to rebuild St. Patrick's Church in Brunswick Street. At a meeting in St. Mary's Cathedral on Sunday last a subscription list was opened, and \$8,000 was subscribed. It is to be a handsome structure.

Walter C. Manning, connected with the press of Halifax in former years, passed away last week. He has been prevented by age and infirmity for several years from following his chosen avocation.

A couple of salmon were caught at Mill Village, Queens, last week. One of them weighed eighteen pounds.

The Sugar Refinery is to resume shortly under the new manager, Mr. John Turnbull, who has had much experience in this line in Scotland.

About \$50,000 of the additional stock of the Halifax Cotton Company has been disposed of at par, notwithstanding the distrust engendered by the mismanagement of Refinery affairs.

Large fields of drift ice are on the North East coast of Cape Breton.

The Railway Department fully exonerates Mr. Harris from blame in the late railway collision, and advise the withdrawal of the prosecution. The case is adjourned till to-day.

The House of Assembly passed the City Assessment Bill, with the amendments recommended by the Attorney General—the clauses making real estate assessable on the owners being struck out.

A RESPIRE!—Upon a re-examination of the question Prof. Proctor says that, instead of being in danger of destruction fifteen years hence, the earth is likely to exist fifteen millions of years.

Mr. A. A. McGillivray, the County Treasurer of Antigonish, charged with embezzling \$5,000, has made his escape.

The canal which is being cut on the Isthmus of Panama is drawing large numbers of negro men from Jamaica as laborers. These are in many parts of the island ripping shingles off their dwellings and selling them to pay their passage from thence to Aspinwall, which costs \$6.25.

Mr. Plunkett, on behalf of the Railway Company, having made the offer of \$50,000 towards the expenses of a commission of experts to enquire into and report on the resources of the Province of Nova Scotia, the Government are to seek the co-operation of the Dominion Government in the appointment of such Commission, with the hope that English capital may be largely attracted and employed in the Province.

HANTS COUNTY.—Entertaining societies have been recently held at Falmouth and Windsor. One at the latter place was quite successful. Music, readings, and addresses by Capt. Davidson, Mr. Nalder, and others, afforded much pleasure to all concerned.

Officers of Chelsea Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, organized at Chelsea, Lunenburg Co., on 6th inst. —Master, Bro. Wm. Faulkner; Overseer, Bro. Henry Kelly; Secretary, Bro. James Kelly; Treasurer, Bro. Wm. Butler; Lecturer, Bro. Ulysses Faulkner; Chaplain, Bro. James Snare; Steward, Bro. Cornelius Leary; A. S., Bro. W. J. Ward; Gate-keeper, Bro. Jas. Fisher; Ceres, Sister Mrs. W. Butler; Pomona, Sister Frances I. Wile; Flora, Sister Laura M. Kedy; L. A. S., Sister Emma Faulkner.

From the Annual Report of the Central Board of Agriculture for 1881 there were in Annapolis County 7 societies, with 392 members; in Antigonish 4, with 347 members; in Cape Breton 6, with 319 members; in Colchester 9, with 449 members; in Cumberland 5, with 287 members; in Digby 4, with 253 members; in Guysborough 3, with 132 members; in Halifax 4, with 202 members; in Hants 5, with 237 members; in Inverness 7, with 449 members; in Kings 6, with 456 members; in Lunenburg 4, with 233 members; in Pictou 6, with 507 members; in Queens 4, with 231 members; in Richmond 3, with 137 members; in Shelburne 2, with 106 members; in Victoria 4, with 232 members; in Yarmouth 3, with 325 members; making a total of 86 Societies, with 5,293 members. They contributed \$6,186.12, and received grants in aid amounting to \$6,827.00.

New Brunswick.

There appears to have been some strange work in the balloting for the Scott Act in St. John. A petition is presented for a scrutiny of the election. This petition is accompanied by statements with regard to both voting and counting the votes, which make the result extremely doubtful. After hearing the statements on Saturday week, Judge Watters granted the prayer of the petition, and appointed the 28th of March for commencing the scrutiny.

The shipping of smelts from northern ports to Boston has been less profitable than in some past winters. One dealer shipped from Chatham thirty five boxes, weighing 1,891 lbs., and costing \$66. The fish sold for \$17.91, and the expenses were—freight and cartage \$11.82, commission 84 cents; making the net proceeds \$5.20. Loss, \$61.

The expenditure of the Province of New Brunswick for the past year was \$598,843, and the revenue \$607,445. New Brunswick's Subsidies amount to \$378,717. There was expended upon education \$152,529, and upon public works and by roads \$197,281. The expenses of the Executive Government were \$38,380, and the Legislature cost the people \$27,399.

Dominion of Canada.

The movement westward has commenced. A train left Ottawa on Wednesday last for Manitoba and other places.

It is reported that the Grand Trunk Railway Company purpose operating in the west, and have purchased the charter of the Souris and Rocky Mountain Railway, and commenced the work of construction.

It is understood that on and after Saturday, the 4th of March, no more stamps are required on bills.

In the House of Commons on Wednesday last Sir S. L. Tilley, in reply to a question from Mr. Charlton, said the public debt of the Dominion on July 1st, 1880, was \$155,395,780, and on Jan. 1st, 1882, \$104,085,913, the reduction being \$51,309,873.

The total amount of Dominion notes in circulation on Feb. 28th was \$14,807,504. The excess of specie and guaranteed debentures was \$1,693,998, and the excess of unguaranteed debentures, \$882,833, making a total excess of \$2,576,831.

The total amount to the credit of depositors in Government savings banks on November 30, 1881, was \$10,580,736.

Sir A. J. Smith asked whether the bounty of \$150,000 a year to the fishermen is intended to be permanent or only to continue as long as the Treaty of Washington is in force, and whether the fishermen engaged in the salmon, shad, and river fisheries are to participate in the benefit of such bounty.

Sir S. L. Tilley said full particulars as to the intention of the Government would be made known when the vote for that purpose is before the House.

A large number of petitions for Acts of Incorporation for trading and commercial companies have been before the House of Commons.

On Thursday Mr. Domville introduced an Act to make lawful the erection and maintaining of certain mills, mill dams, wharves, ways, sluices, fishways, and works between high and low water mark, upon and near to certain streams that flow into the Bay of Fundy, in the Province of New Brunswick.

On Thursday a bill was introduced to amend the Act relating to banks and banking, to provide for a Government inspector, and to provide a system of fines and penalties for banks lending directly or indirectly on bank stocks.

At the Department of Railways and Canals there were received several pieces of timber from the docks both at Digby, N. S., and New Brunswick, which were forwarded to the Department to show the destruction to the docks in those localities caused by the borer worm, the specimens being entirely perforated with holes.

The electric light tower at Ottawa was completed on Saturday, March 9.

Mr. Costigan has been selected to bring before Parliament the resolutions adopted by the Irish Societies in Canada, expressing the opinion that Ireland should have a Local Government such as this country possesses, and that the Canadian Parliament should adopt an address to the Imperial Government asking for the relief of the political suspects. A meeting of the Irish members of Parliament and Senators was held March 9th to consider the matter.

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SPECIAL NOTICE.

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How TO ESCAPE DIFFICULTIES.—An old minister in Scotland had the habit of teaching his people of expounding the Scriptures by book and chapter by chapters, and of course the good man sometimes came to passages hard to be understood. His way of getting over a difficulty was very convenient, to say the least of it. He would say, "No doubt, my Christian brethren, there is a great difficulty here, as all the commentators are agreed upon that; so let us look the difficulty boldly in the face and, and—pass on!"

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Review of Books.

THE BREAKER BOY OF LANSFORD, by Rev. Edwin McMin. Philadelphia, Am. Baptist Publication Society, pp. 288. Price \$1 25.

An excellent narrative of life in the coal mining districts, showing how God blesses a faithful persevering devotion to His service in a calling, both physically and morally hazardous.

The name conveys no idea to the uninitiated; a "Breaker boy" being known among miners, as one who works in a Breaker, an immense building near a railway depot into which the rough coal is thrown, and is there sorted by men and boys into the different sizes in which it reaches the consumers.

THE SHELTERED STRANGER, by Helen Pearson Barnard, Am. Baptist Publication Society, pp. 352, price \$1.50.

A most entertaining and instructive narrative, illustrative of the blessings which follow upon consideration and kindness shown to the feeble, and those who are left alone in the world. The hero of the story, a poor deformed boy, is kindly sheltered by a family who, being themselves in straitened circumstances at the time, might naturally have been excused from taking such an additional burden; but a blessing follows their benevolent acts, and all becomes bright and beautiful. The characters are varied and well drawn, and the interest of the reader never flags. For the Sabbath School library, or as a present, it will find its own welcome.

The Maritime Literary Review and Book-buyer's Guide; is a bright little four-page sheet, 15 x 10 1/2 inches, published monthly by Mr. D. McGreggor, at 30 cts. per annum, for the purpose of advertising books he has on sale, and literature generally.

SEED CATALOGUES are now made up in the most beautiful style of pictorial art. We have one from D. M. Ferry & Co., Detroit, Michigan, with a lovely display of the finest flowers, vegetables, and everything in the shape of garden ornament.

Wm. Rennels, of Toronto, Ont., also presents us with a tempting Catalogue of seeds of all kinds and other garden requisites, which he supplies to his customers. Either of these would send a copy on application, for the price of the postage.

Easter tide brings forth its appropriate pictorial and artistic gifts. We have received copies of two or three of these from the publisher, A. D. F. Randolph & Co., 900 Broadway, New York. One of these is DAY BREAK, an Easter Poem, by Julia C. R. Dorr, price 60 cents. Another is the VOICE OF ST. JOHN, or the story of the first Easter Day, by Mrs. Wilberforce Newton, price 60 cents, both of these are on thick paper in the highest style of the printer's art. And another is an Anchor-shaped book with its beautiful exterior, and various poetic selections in the interior. All adapted to the season. The price of this is 35 cents.

Notices.

WANTED. Our Secretary of Home Mission Board wishes for a copy of Convention Minutes for 1868. We have not a copy, or would be glad to supply him.

TAKE NOTICE.—To any person who has a copy of said Convention Minutes, 1868, and will send it to the "Christian Messenger" Office, Halifax, we will send a copy of the Baptist Year Book, 1881.

INFANTS' HOME. Mrs. J. Chaloner, Digby.....\$5 00 E. D. Shand, Esq., Windsor..... 5 00 M. K. F. SAUNDERS, Sec'y.

THE DIGBY COUNTY MINISTERS' CONFERENCE will meet at Hillgrove, on Tuesday the 28th March, at 2 P. M.

J. H. SAUNDERS, Sec.

CONVENTION FUNDS RECEIVED. Clyde River Church.....\$10 60 D. G. MACDONALD, Fin. Com. Charlottetown, March 2, 1882.

Mrs. W. McConnell, Yarmouth.....\$ 1.00 Port Williams S. School for H. M. per Miss S. A. Bishop..... 6.00 Ohio S. School F. M. Society..... 14.45 North Church, Halifax..... 45.00 \$66.45 G. E. DAY, Yarmouth, March 10, 1882.

FOREIGN MISSION RECEIPTS FOR FEB., 1882. Con. Funds, per Dr. Day.....\$200 00 " " J. March..... 62 50 Legacy late Matt. D. Newcomb, per O. Chute, Up. Stewiack..... 115 00 St. Martin Sab. School, per Asa Smith..... 25 00 Star of Hope Mission Band, Weston, N. S., per Union R. Sanford. 37 50 C. F. CLINCH, Treasurer. Clinch Mills, N. B., March 8th, 1882.

RECEIVED FROM WOMEN'S MISSION AID SOCIETIES. Bear River, —Mrs. M. Miller.....\$12 50 M. R. SELDEN, Treasurer. Halifax, March 14th, 1882.

YARMOUTH CO. MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE. The Yarmouth Co. Ministerial Conference will meet in the Vestry of the 1st Yarmouth Baptist Church, on Tuesday, April 4th, at 10 o'clock, A. M. Several papers on important subjects will be presented, and it is hoped that there may be a full attendance. H. N. PARRY, Sec.

HALIFAX BAPTIST CHURCH DIRECTORY.

GRANVILLE STREET CHURCH.—Lord's Day Services at 11 A. M., and 7 P. M. Pastor, Rev. Alex. McArthur. 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. Pastor Rev. E. J. Grant.

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

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Acknowledgments.

The many friends who came to our home a few evenings ago, and left us richer and happier, have our sincere thanks. It is pleasing to us to know that all present spent a very agreeable evening. Before separating an appropriate address was given by Bro. John Barnes, who presented us a donation of \$92.50. A few evenings later our friends in Shules presented us with a purse of \$43. We hope each donor will be rewarded.

ISAAC R. SKINNER.

PARSONS.—Rev. W. J. Stewart writes, March 10, 1882.—We had a very pleasant donation at the parsonage last evening. A large number of friends, composed of the members of the Baptist church and congregation, and members of other churches and congregations, assembled at our home, and, after spending a very pleasant evening, presented us with \$70, nearly all cash. May the Lord bless the generous donors.

Moneys Received.

- A. T. Rice, \$10; Mrs. A. McDonald, \$2; J. M. Parker, Esq., \$4; Mrs. Dugwell, \$2; Mrs. T. Forrest, \$4; Rev. J. C. Morse, \$4; Edw. Mason, \$2; J. Soley, \$5; Rev. I. R. Skinner, \$8; Mrs. Lent, \$2; N. R. Westcott, \$2; Rev. W. E. Hall, \$2; Rev. J. C. Morse, \$2; A. J. Leadbetter, \$2.



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CARD. THE SUBSCRIBER is about to re-engage in the practice of DENTISTRY at Halifax. His rooms will be at No. 70 Granville Street, over the office of the Hon. Dr. Parker, where, on and after the tenth of January, he will be prepared to make appointments. Dec. 28. J. E. MULLONEY.

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