

New Series of the Witness, FOR THE YEAR 1856.

From the beginning of the year the Witness will be published on a sheet equal in size to the Nova Scotian. While a larger proportion, than hitherto, of its space will be devoted to secular subjects, it shall be our earnest endeavor, that in all its departments, it shall be thoroughly pervaded with the spirit of christianity and true liberality.

From the Colonial Presbyterian. MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF ST. STEPHEN—THE HARVEY CASE.

At the meeting of this Presbytery held at St. Stephen on the 21st ult., Rev. W. Elder reported that he had visited Harvey in order to obtain the evidence required by the Presbytery in addition to the statements received, on application, from the Presbytery of Truro. The evidence had been taken in presence of the Rev. Alex. Smith, and the Rev. Mr. McKay of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia.

In the absence of any charge or complaint, beyond public rumour and statements in the newspapers, the Presbytery did not then see sufficient cause to investigate the matters in dispute, and did not feel called upon to express a tacit judgment on the case in the absence both of complaint and of proof, which the Presbytery or individual members would have done had they under the circumstances declined to enter the meeting house, and minister to those whom they found desirous of waiting upon their ministrations.

The traders who intend establishing themselves in the conquered town will be disappointed, and most now bid farewell to all ideas of cafes, restaurants, balls, theatres.—Meanwhile the firing from one side to the other still continues, but it is of the most ridiculous description.

A FALLACY.—The practice of giving large doses of medicine in order to cure diseases of the chest and breathing apparatus, is foolish and dangerous. Happily it need not now be resorted to, as GERRY'S PECTORAL TABLETS gradually dissolved in the mouth, exert at once, through the nervous system, a direct action on the lungs. They are agreeable to take, do not irritate the stomach, and are certain in their effects.

NOTICE. AT A MEETING. Persons desirous of promoting the Trade and Commerce of Nova Scotia, held on the 17th instant. It was resolved to establish a Bank in the Capital of the Province, to be entitled THE UNION BANK OF HALIFAX.

Correction.—We are most happy to correct a statement made in our last issue to the effect that Bishop Binney introduced a credence table into Salem Chapel.

Sudden Death.—Pugwash, 24th.—James Gilmore, of Pugwash River, while at work in his Saw-mill, dropped down dead. Coroner's inquest will be held to-day, the 26th.

FIRE.—Pugwash, 20th December, 1855.—On Thursday the 20th instant, at 3 o'clock, p. m., a fire took place in Mr. R. F. Bent's store, situated in Water Street; the inside of the upper story of which was partly consumed, a portion of the goods totally burnt up, the remainder destroyed by smoke and water.

HEAT SPOTS. PERSONS who suffer from heat spots, may be completely cured by the Balm of thousands of years, which imparts to the skin a delightful softness unobtainable by any other medical discovery.

BECKER'S MAP OF NOVA SCOTIA, INCLUDING THE ISLAND OF CAPE BRETON. NEW PUBLICATION.—Just Received, a New Work on the Intellect, the Emotions, and Moral Nature, by the Rev. W. Lyall, Professor Free Church College, Halifax, N.S.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC! As much inconvenience is felt when the Mails for Boston, &c. are made up on the arrival of the Steamers at Night, owing to their limited stay at Halifax, and the anxiety of the Mail Office to procure the Mails at once— NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN.