

Calendar.

Table with columns for days of the week and dates for January 1880, including phases of the moon and quarter times.

Miramichi and the North Shore, etc.

FISH.—Mr. Nicholas Barlow offers a nice line of fish for sale—See his advt. MISC.—Hereafter a stock of the new sheet music will be kept at the Miramichi Bookstore.

PERSONAL.—Messrs. Snowball, Muirhead and Harris, of Chatham, reached England on Sunday last, having left Halifax the Saturday previous.

1879-80.—By an oversight of both printers and proofreaders the date "1879" was left in the ADVANCE of last week.

A HANDSOME specimen of color and gold printing reaches us from St. John Globe office in the form of a Carrier's New Year card.

"LAW CLUBS"—The Sackville Transcript says that Annapolis has a law club. Chatham has two. Policemen Wilcox and Reynolds carry them.

THE ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETINGS take place to-day. Secretaries will oblige us by forwarding, as promptly as possible, short reports of the meetings in the different districts.

FISH SHIPMENTS.—Our thanks are due to the Custom House of Chatham and Newcastle for statistics of the fish shipments from the Miramichi for 1879, which will appear next week.

IMMANUEL R. E. CHURCH.—Rev. Mr. Howell is expected to arrive in Chatham this week and hold the regular services in Immanuel R. E. Church, morning and afternoon, on Sunday next.

THE QUADRILLE ASSEMBLY which was arranged in the regular order to take place this evening at Masonic Hall is postponed until next Thursday evening, this being the "Week of Prayer" observed by many who are also interested in the assembly.

SHIPPING.—The number of vessels on the registry of the port of Halifax is less than a year ago, and the registered tonnage is 139,700 tons less. Obviously this important branch of our national industries is not booming under the N. P.

LABRADOR HERRING.—A few barrels of those prime Labrador Herring brought here by Capt. Boucher of Newcastle last fall are for sale by A. D. Shirreff, Esq. Parties requiring a first class article should apply at once as the supply is limited. There are both barrels and half barrels in the lot.

A SOIREE AND DANCING ASSEMBLY is to be held on Tuesday evening next under the auspices of Chatham Head Lodge, U. T. A., at the new Hall of the Lodge. Dancing to commence at half past nine. The object is a good one—viz., to assist in clearing off a balance due on building account and the price of the tickets—twenty five cents each for ladies and fifty cents for gentlemen—ought to attract a large number of patrons. Should the weather be unfavorable the Soiree will be postponed until Wednesday evening.

"FOREST AND STREAM"—Charles Hallock, Esq., founder of Forest and Stream, New York, has severed his connection with that excellent paper after having succeeded in establishing it in the foremost position among journals of its class. He is engaged in writing a new book and will spend much of his time in travel. While we join with him in wishing Forest and Stream continued prosperity, we also wish our old friend, himself, all the enjoyment of his future life to which his usefulness in the past has so well entitled him.

TRAINS DELAYED.—The day train from St. John on Friday afternoon last was delayed several hours by the breakdown of a cattle train for Halifax near Coal Branch Station. On the same day an accident occurred on the Intercolonial at Oakfield, N. S., by the break down of the engine of the English small train, and the Express from Halifax was delayed the same day by the last named breakdown, and the Eastern bound train from St. John was delayed waiting for the Halifax train to cross it—It is out of the way, now that Mr. Brydges is in all the right.

REV. MR. BENNET'S LECTURE.—The Rev. James Bennett, D. D. of St. John will deliver his famous lecture on "This Country of Ours" in St. John's Church, Chatham, on Thursday evening next week, beginning at 7.30 o'clock. Admission to the lecture will be free, but a silver collection will be taken up at the close. All who wish to get a clear idea of what our country and its resources are ought to hear this lecture. Dr. Bennett is one of the best thinkers in the Maritime Provinces and cannot fail to give an interesting and instructive lecture.

CAPT. H. F. PERLEY of the New Brunswick Engineers, being removed to Ottawa by the Government, had farewell to his Company at St. John on last Friday evening, when he was presented with a memento, consisting of photographs of all the members of the Company, in a frame—a well arranged and valuable souvenir of his connection with that efficient and creditable organization. Other presentations were also made as our column show. By Capt. Perley's removal St. John loses an excellent citizen, the Active Militia a first class officer and the Province its ablest civil Engineer.

ATTRACTIVE LECTURE.—It will be seen by advertisement that Rev. Jas. Mackie, M. A., formerly of Scotland but now assistant Minister of one of the largest Presbyterian Churches of Montreal is to lecture on the subject of "Robert Burns," in Masonic Hall, Newcastle, next Monday evening, commencing at 8 o'clock. Mr. Mackie is personally acquainted with the birthplace of Burns, as well as places which the great Scottish bard has immortalized. He was also identified at home with several of the domestic incidents in honor of Burns' memory and is, therefore, in a position to place many things before his audience in connection with his subject, that they will hear for the first time. The lecture is delivered by request of a number of prominent citizens of Miramichi. The tickets had been placed at a low figure and there should be a large attendance. If the evening is fine Chatham should contribute a large proportion of the audience. Tickets are for sale at the Miramichi Bookstore and Mr. John Brown's store Chatham and at Mr. Street's drug store Newcastle.

DISCIPLINE ENFORCED.—It is gratifying to know that the rules of discipline for the government of pupils conduct at St. Michael's Commercial and Classical College, Chatham, are not a dead letter, as such rules are, practically, in some educational institutions. Last week a student was expelled. He was sent to the in-

stitution from York County by his parents and soon gave evidence of a disposition to break the rules. He was detected in having smuggled intoxicating liquors into the College and was in the habit of not returning to the College at the proper time when permitted to go out of it. His conduct was considered a dangerous example and finding that he could not be reformed without his presence and conduct having a tendency to affect other students injuriously the Director Dr. Louis, was obliged to expel him. It is to be hoped that the young man will learn and profit by the lesson he has received and make a strenuous struggle against inclinations which threaten to wreck his future prospects. Life is still before him and he should strive to profit by his experiences of last time and opportunities for good that have been wickedly neglected.

Acknowledgment.

Mrs. J. A. F. McLean has received the following letter which explains itself— To the Secretary of the Miramichi Ladies' Auxiliary Bible Society.

LONDON, E. C. 22nd Oct. 79. DEAR MADAM.—Your esteemed favour of Oct. 9 reached me this morning and this afternoon an advice from Messrs. Williams & Co. tells me that your free contribution of fifty pounds has come to hand. Kindly convey to the Ladies' Auxiliary at Miramichi the assurance that our Committee value the support afforded to their general operations, which comes with such unflinching regularity from Chatham. Please mention when next writing whether the supplies of Reporters and Gleamings at present sent are adequate. I am, dear Madam, yours very truly, CHARLES FRISCH,

Secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, London.

Week of Prayer.

Owing to an oversight, which we are assured was unintentional, none of the clergymen interested thought of furnishing us with the programme for the present "Week of Prayer," during which, we understand, some of the church organizations are combining for united effort with a view, we presume, of making up for neglected duty in the matter. The subjects for the week are—

Thursday, Jan. 8.—Prayer for Christian education; for the family, and institutions of learning; for Sunday schools, and Christian Associations. CHARLES FRISCH, George Howard, Lulu Howard, Amanda Flegler, Watson Searle, Bertha Pallen, Melbourne Goggin, Stafford Goggin, James Green, Willis Green, Robert Coulson.

After the scholars had received their prizes, the Rector presented G. A. Blair Esq., who has lately been obliged to sever his connection with the Sunday School, with a handsome volume, in recognition of his long and faithful services as a Sunday School teacher. Mr. Blair made a suitable reply, expressing his assurance that any unworthy efforts he had made to be useful had called forth any recognition such as the volume wherewith he had been presented, accompanied with the Rector's kindly expressions. He had endeavored to perform his duty without anticipating any such reward as had now been presented to him and which he highly prized. He hoped that his humble efforts would not be without advantage to those whom he had endeavored to instruct, and it had always been a pleasure to him in the past, and had not circumstances prevented, it would have given him satisfaction as it was his desire to have continued to devote himself to the all-important work of educating and establishing the children of the Church in their Holy Faith. He thankfully accepted the testimonial with which he had been presented.

The National Anthem was then sung and the proceedings of this highly enjoyable Festival were brought to a close.

Off The Track.

A special train running from Campbellton to Moncton got off the track yesterday afternoon about a mile above North Cold Branch. There was a consequent delay, and the regular accommodation train coming along got off the track also, a short distance from where the special went off the rails. Five cars of the accommodation went off of lolly, and it was probably late last night before they were got on the rails again. The special, however, did not fare so badly, and the passengers, baggage etc., were transferred thereto from the accommodation, and it then proceeded on its way, the passengers thereby arriving in St. John about 40 minutes late. The special was bringing seven or eight cars of cattle through from Campbellton to Moncton. Nobody was hurt, but little damage was done, the most serious being that to the van of the special, which was pretty badly smashed, and was run off on the siding. The box alone was broken. The cause of the accident is unknown, but it is thought it was caused by a bolt or bolts working loose, and the rail turning over, as the iron on one side was turned over for a distance of about 300 feet.—Sun.

Poultry Show.

The St. John Poultry and Pet Stock Association announces its second annual Exhibition, which is to be held in Berryman's Hall, St. John, on January 20th, 21st and 22nd. It offers four premiums on every variety of poultry named in the American Standard of Excellence. Pigeons, Cane birds, Rabbits, and other Pets will have their places in the Exhibition and receive premiums. The Officers of the Association are: L. Col. Blaine, President; R. M. Magee, Vice President; W. Snider, Treasurer; H. W. Wilson, Secretary. The Executive Committee is composed of Messrs. W. Drake, L. A. Wetmore, W. A. Jack, Alfred LeVelly, Robert Magee. Miramichi should send some contributions to the Exhibition. The Secretary, Mr. H. W. Wilson will be glad to answer any enquiries from intending exhibitors and any person interested may see the prize list, rules etc. at the ADVANCE Office.

Festival.

On Tuesday evening the teachers of St. Mary's Church Sunday School, assisted by members of the congregation, held a Festival in their School House, Chatham. The attendance was large, the children presenting numbering about eighty. A table extending from the platform down nearly the whole length of the building was filled with the little ones who seemed to enjoy the good things provided, to the fullest extent. After tea they were allowed a half hour for play and they crowded a great amount of romping and childish fun into the time, their sport becoming infectious and their proceedings being limited, to some extent, by the "children of a larger growth." As soon as the table could be removed a magic lantern exhibition was given accompanied with music, the little ones seeming to be delighted with the whole programme.

Before the close of the entertainment the scholars whose names are given below were presented with prizes for regular attendance. Preceding the presentation of rewards, the Rector gave a short address, expressing his hope and confidence that the zealous endeavors of all who had pro-

vided for the success of the festival had resulted in a general happiness and enjoyment. He trusted that the scholars would always look back with pleasure to the present festive occasion, not chiefly because of the bountiful provision for their enjoyment, made by their parents and teachers, for which they should indeed be thankful, but because so many had merited the prizes they were about to receive. He assured them that they could not have deserved these rewards in connection with the discharge of a higher duty than that of faithful attendance upon religious instruction. This they should esteem as one of the foundations of their happiness in time and in eternity. So he hoped they would prize their rewards, not according to their value in themselves, which might not be great, but that they would esteem them as mementos, of their success in the discharge of a great and important duty. He would urge upon all the great importance of making a faithful use of the special advantages of their position, which supplies many reasons why scholars should be not only regular in attendance to instruction, but faithful in the preparation of their lessons, and why parents should be careful that both these duties are attended to. He earnestly desired that each one would endeavor to form habits of faithfulness in connection with the duties of the Sunday School, and in after life influence and adorn that christian profession and its doctrines which they ought so highly to value, and which was so full of blessings, for all who are faithful, both in time and in eternity.

General Notes and News.

THE PALM DELEGATE.—The Most Rev. John Baptiste Scamella, of Gibraltar, whom His Holiness Leo XIII. has chosen as successor to the late Monsignor Conroy, will leave Rome about the first of April for Canada and Newfoundland. Dr. Baptiste Scamella was born in Gibraltar on the 13th of Sept. 1821, was educated in the Propaganda, Rome, and was raised to the Episcopacy 28th April, 1857.

WHAT IT COSTS.—The Toronto Globe has stated that the tariff increases the cost of a thousand ton ship \$300, the Yarmouth Tribune remarks—

"The ship may be correct for Quebec, where ships are built principally for sale, and after the cheapest fashion, but in the case of Yarmouth, where ships are constructed in the most thorough manner, and carefully finished, the increase in cost, under the present tariff, of a 1000 ton ship, will not be less than \$1,800."

HONOR TO ST. JOHN BOY.—Mr. Geo. Stewart, Jr. has just been elected an associate member of the L'Association Literaire Internationale de Paris. Victor Hugo is President of the Society, and its other members, it is stated, include the following: Tennyson, Beaconsfield, Gladstone, Emerson, Longfellow, Bancroft, Vann Latta, Castellar, the Prince of Wales, Grevy, (President of the French Republic), Froude, Anthony Trollope, Leslie Stephen Blanchard Jerrold. The society next meets in Madrid.—Transcript.

AN ANSWER.—The Toronto Mail, a few days ago, propounded the following question:—"There is just one point on which we ask for information, viz: had the free trade party been sustained in September, 1878, what would they have done?" The London (Ont.) Advertiser furnishes our contemporary with the following pithy and pertinent answer:—

To answer this properly would require a large space, but our estimate of contemporary opinion is that there is one thing they would not have done—they would not have levied that millions of additional taxes to collect two millions of revenue.

LITTLE'S LIVING AGE.—The number of The Living Age for the week ending January 3d has the following valuable contents: The Letters of Charles Dickens, Fortnightly Review; "He that Will Not when he May," by Mr. Oliphant; "The Development of the Color Sense, Macmillan; St. John's Eve, by the author of "Patty"; First Impressions of the New World, by the Duke of Argyll, Fraser; A Deadly Fever, a Tale from France, by Rudolph Lindau, Blackwood; The Literary Calling of the Future, by James Paine, Nineteenth Century; A Hindu Alms, Saturday Review; Some Victims of French Diplomacy, Pall Mall Gazette; together with the usual choice poetry and miscellany.

This number begins a new volume (the 144th) of this standard weekly magazine. Two new serial stories, one by Mr. Oliphant, and the other by Mrs. Parr, the author of those thoroughly charming stories "Dorothy Fox" and "Hero Cartwright," have been recently begun in The Living Age, from advance sheets, and the publishers present to new subscribers for 1880 the six numbers of 1879 which contain the opening chapters of both these serials. The present is therefore a favorable opportunity for subscribing.

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Correspondence.

Who is Responsible?

NEWCASTLE, JAN. 2nd 1880. To the Editor of the Miramichi Advance. SIR:—There is quite a little tempest prevailing here over the withdrawal of the grant of \$300 in aid of our High School. Of course there is a good deal of froth and foam in the whole matter and the matter will, in the end, be satisfactorily settled. I write not for the purpose of entering into the particulars of "the outrage," as most of our frothy friends tend, but to direct attention to the how raised in the Advocate against Dr. Rand, who is Chief Superintendent of Education and an employee of the Government in which the Advocate's pet representative of the County holds a portfolio. Now we know that the Board of Education is composed chiefly of the members of Government. Mr. Adams is a member of that Board. Why hear abuse on Dr. Rand and make no mention of Mr. Adams' responsibility for the alleged "outrage"? Is the Advocate afraid to speak out honestly and place blame where it belongs? Is the servant to be considered more responsible than the master in a world of command the Advocate publishes poor Dr. Rand after the following fashion—

We find by a School circular issued by the Board of Education, or which probably means Dr. Rand, that it is his intention to destroy our High or Grammar School at our School and Public Schools working under the present law, a change which came into force the 1st Nov., last, which indicates that our High School has the varied necessities of each and every school in the various localities of our Province is more than we can understand, but the fact exists that he is and has been for a long time doing this. It is likely to air his pet theories for some time yet, even accepted, unless a superior power is shortly brought to bear. It is well known that Dr. Rand's official propensities were not approved in Nova Scotia, and we think that our Government should have been charged of him, that is if our Government were really as anxious about these matters as they pretend to be.

In the meantime under this Policy—our pupils are left in the predicament of, five numbers of the Advocate, and the various legislative on the subject. This is rather a strange proceeding, when his legislation on the subject is not in advance

of his intentions and the necessary school requirements. We have hopes that there is more spirit in the Ratepayers and Parents of children in this community than to allow Dr. Rand to deprive us of this boon, insignificant though it may appear in his eyes. By this legislation, he has taken away the grant of \$300, which was the government allowance to the Principal of this School by his holding a Grammar School License.

Church of St. John the Evangelist.

MR. EDITOR.—This handsome little church at Bay des Veux does not need a great deal of decorating to make it look beautiful. The decorations for Christmas were as follows:—The windows in the Nave were hung with wreaths of fir and hemlock. At the entrance to the Chancel a temporary rood screen was erected upon which was the text, in evergreen letters on a white ground "O Glory to God in the Highest." The reading desk was dressed with festoons of hemlock. The Lectern—an oak eagle on a plain standard—was also festooned with hemlock, the standard having a spiral above it. The base of the Lectern was covered with white wool, with small pieces of evergreen upon it. The pulpit was dressed with a double row of festoons, and the pillars of it with spiral trimmings. The top of the Font was surmounted with white wool and green sprigs, while the sides were hung with festoons and spirals of hemlock.

The service on Christmas day began by the congregation singing from Hymn A and M No. 61, "Christians awake; Venite, Gloria, Te Deum (Helmere) and Jubilate by the Choir. "O, come all ye Faithful, let us sing to God in the Highest." While Shepherd's Angels sang an eloquent sermon to a large congregation from Luke 2d Chap. 9 and 10, "The Carat, Rev. P. F. Flewelling preached an eloquent sermon to a large congregation from Luke 2d Chap. 9 and 10, "The Carat, Miss. Russel of Douglastown was organist on the occasion and she deserves more than a word of thanks from the congregation, as she contributed to make the service on Christmas morning a real hearty one such as has not been heard in this Church since the days of the late lamented Rev. James Hudson. This Church has never been decorated at Christmas since the days of Mr. Hudson a period of not less than 15 years. TRAZER.

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of his intentions and the necessary school requirements. We have hopes that there is more spirit in the Ratepayers and Parents of children in this community than to allow Dr. Rand to deprive us of this boon, insignificant though it may appear in his eyes. By this legislation, he has taken away the grant of \$300, which was the government allowance to the Principal of this School by his holding a Grammar School License.

Church of St. John the Evangelist.

MR. EDITOR.—This handsome little church at Bay des Veux does not need a great deal of decorating to make it look beautiful. The decorations for Christmas were as follows:—The windows in the Nave were hung with wreaths of fir and hemlock. At the entrance to the Chancel a temporary rood screen was erected upon which was the text, in evergreen letters on a white ground "O Glory to God in