

party in misleading your readers and the public in reference to the said letter.

I beg leave to inform your readers that a letter, which I have shewn to one of your firm, and which has some resemblance to that you have published, but with a number of passages of a far more virulent character, and without any name appended to it, was received at the *Christian Messenger* office a week or two since. But to say that "the above letter" was sent to the *Christian Messenger*, is plainly an untruth.

The fact of the letter being without a name led me to suppose that the writer was unwilling to let the public or myself know who he was, and that he himself ought to be ashamed of the scurrility which was in it,—the original letter,—but which he thought well to keep out of the one he sent you for publication over his signature. Either the absence of the name or the language it contained would have been quite sufficient reason for refusing said letter.

I would just take the liberty also of correcting another error into which the writer has fallen; the Rev. D. O. Parker to whom we were indebted for the letter which has given Mr. Bent so much trouble, is not the same person as "the Rev. Obed Parker," he names in his communication. The next time he wishes to reprove a minister of the gospel we recommend him to take care and charge upon the right person.

With the facts of the case before the public, I am well satisfied to leave the matter to their decision, as to whether we could justly have taken any other course. After a respectable gentleman—the pastor of the Liverpool Baptist Church—had sent for publication, over his own signature, valuable and we believe truthful information, we could not fairly give publicity to anonymous abuse of him and unauthenticated contradictions of his statements.

Those who suppose they can serve the cause of truth and righteousness by practices such as that related by Mr. Parker or that subsequently adopted by Mr. Bent have, we believe, something yet to learn.

Yours very respectfully,
EDITOR OF *Christian Messenger*.

Instead of this appearing in the *Sun* on Monday morning, we find an editorial paragraph giving his readers further inaccuracies, and stating that "if the Editor of the *Messenger* wishes to take us to task he has a journal at his command." This we think not only unfair, but unmanly. He says we refused Mr. Bent's letter "on the ground that it contained an attack on the letter of a clergyman, whose statements we believed to be untruthful &c." It will be seen by the above that that was not at all the ground of our refusal. The *Sun* further strives, but in vain, to make straight his friend's crooked statements. He persists in misquoting Mr. Parker. He says: "turning to the manuscript of Mr. Bent's letter we find the name written—'David Obed Parker.' So that Mr. B. is not mistaken in the man, if he is on other points."

If he had read the above carefully, as he might have done, we think he might have seen that there are two Baptist ministers, whose names are respectively, the Rev. David O (not Obed) Parker, and the Rev. Obed Parker.

Having placed the facts before our readers we leave our contemporary to settle the matter with his honorable correspondent and those of his readers who may choose his taper for their instructor.

THE WESLEYAN METHODIST INSTITUTIONS AT SACKVILLE, N. B.—Our contemporary the *Provincial Wesleyan* in giving an account of the Sackville Academy, remarks:—

"In this connection, the subject of our Theological Institution becomes prominent. If we have an educated people, it has been tritely observed, we must have an educated ministry. Religion must be adapted in its mode of exhibition somewhat to the state of society; if not, it will be unheeded and despised. This is not the only argument for an educated ministry. Infidelity comes before the world in a new guise. Christianity is now, to say the least, respected by the world; and the scoffer is discountenanced. But revelation is rudely assailed, and the guardians of the truth, must be armed not only with the panoply of faith, but with well burnished weapons, for the defence of the gospel.

Bro. DeWolf our Theological Professor, has had eight students under his care, for the most of the time during the year, who have with few interruptions gone through the general course of Theology, Homiletics, and Sacred History. He has had too, a class in Hebrew. There is every encouragement for the success of this department of education. The Endowment Fund however, it is to be regretted, falls short of what is required for the maintenance of the Professor, and we opine that the Committee will appeal to the wonted liberality of our people for its augmentation.

We have given a large portion of our space for Religious Intelligence to the melancholy tidings lately received from the South Sea Islands. The work of our Presbyterian brethren has met with a sad reverse there. These misfortunes will awaken deep sympathy in the hearts of all Christians. Although it appears mysterious and difficult to account for such visitations yet doubtless it will be seen, hereafter that this is but one of the storms and part of the plan by which a glorious harvest will be reaped of the seed of the Kingdom which has been cast into this, at present, unfruitful soil. Nevertheless, the

promise, "my word should not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it;" still remains, and must be fulfilled.

THE METHODIST CONFERENCE of Eastern British America is still in session in Halifax, and will probably continue through the week. The ministers from New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Prince Edward's Island, Bermuda and Nova Scotia, to the number of eighty, are in attendance. As the work of adjusting their salaries and fixing their stations for the future are essential parts of the work done by the Conference, it is important that all should be present. The financial as well as the spiritual and benevolent affairs of the denomination, we understand are all under the supervision of the Conference.

Their deliberations on these matters are, of course, not open to the public or even we believe to any but to ministerial members of the body.

The Temperance Aid Association purpose holding a Public Temperance Meeting this evening, for the purpose of securing the services of some of the advocates of Temperance in this body. The whole of the Ministers, we are informed, have resolved to attend.

News Summary.

It is some years since a number of months have passed with so little to excite public attention or feeling in the affairs of Europe, as within the six months past. One very peculiar and highly gratifying feature, however, in the general course of events in many of the Continental States has been the strong tendency they have indicated in the advance of popular and constitutional government. In France, Italy, Prussia, and even Austria and Spain, evident progress is making in the knowledge and working of self-government among the people, and in general among their rulers a growing sense of the necessity of conceding pretty largely to the demands of popular rights appears to prevail.

The French Emperor has very much reduced the garrison at Rome, and strong indications are not wanting of his intention of leaving *Pio Nono* to settle the question of his temporal power with his own subjects. When that time arrives, there can be little doubt that the *Successor of St. Peter* will have to confine himself exclusively to his spiritual avocations, as no Catholic Power in Europe would dare to assume the protection which France shall have relinquished.

In the British Parliament on a motion expressing the necessity for public retrenchment, and which took the character of a vote of want of Confidence, an overwhelming majority sustained the Palmerston Ministry. The true meaning of the vote, however, was, that a contrary decision would have led to an immediate dissolution of Parliament, for which neither side of the House were prepared.

American affairs appear to be assuming a little more activity than for some time past. It will be seen by the latest despatch in another column that a severe battle has been fought before Richmond. We may perhaps take the account given of the contest and its result as an approximation to the truth, but must wait further developments as to whether it is wholly reliable. The effects of the summer heat must render the operations of the armies on either side very difficult.

Notices, &c.

Associated Alumni of Acadia College.

The Secretary of the Associated Alumni of Acadia College begs leave to acknowledge the receipt of the following monies which he has paid over to the Treasurer of the Society since June 4th:

For subscriptions for the year ending June, 1862:—
A. S. Chase, Rev. E. B. DeMill,
Professor J. deMill, Rev. A. H. Munro,
Professor D. F. Higgins, Rev. Dr. Knox,
Dr. J. L. Bishop, J. W. Nutting, Esq.,
Rev. J. E. Balcom, Rev. C. Randall,
Rev. J. Baneroff, Rev. G. Armstrong,
Rev. D. M. Welton, Rev. Dr. DeWolf,
Mr. B. Eaton,

For subscriptions for the year ending June, 1863:—
Rev. D. Freeman, Rev. N. Vidotto,
Mr. H. N. Paint, Mr. G. M. Burton,
Mr. A. Chipman, Rev. J. Spencer,
Rev. T. A. Higgins, Dr. Parker,
Mr. Brenton Eaton, Mr. S. Selden,
J. W. Nutting, Esq.,

Also the following donations:—
Miss Longmaid, \$4 00
Miss Hays, 2 00
Miss Duval, 2 00
A Friend, 0 12½

It may also be proper to state that there are still due for the year ending June, 1862, \$80; and for the year ending June, 1863, (due since 15th ult.) about \$308, making in all, \$388, besides what sums have been subscribed for on the lists of those who are acting as agents of the Society, no intimation of which has been sent in.

ROB. L. WEATHERBE, Sec.

The Foreign Missionary Board is to meet, (D. V.) in Tremont, on Tuesday, July 15th, at 2 P. M. A full attendance is requested.

C. TUPPER, Secretary.

Tremont, Aylesford, June 27th, 1862.

Letters Received.

Caleb Longille, 3rd, 20s.—All right; will let you know when they arrive. A. B. Parker, Esq., M. D., 9th. W. J. Gates, 24th, 25s. Richardson Harris, Esq., 16th, 20s. Isaiah Thurber, Esq., 14th, 25s.—Will write.—Much obliged. Samuel McCready, 23rd.—Have not a copy of the C. M. of that date. Adam E. Durland, 20th. Geo. V. Rand, 23d. S. Wheelock, 11th, 37s. S. L. Chipman, Esq., 12th, 32s. 3d., per Rev. W. G. Parker. Oliver Haley, 9th. Joseph Dimock, 16th.—Will send soon as come to hand. F. Bowen, 9th, 10s. W. Armstrong, 7th, 20s. Asaph Marshall, 4th, 25s. Joseph D. Masters, 12th, 12s. 6d. Rev. T. H. Porter, 13th. J. T. Eaton, 15th. Rev. H. Eagles, 18th. J. Cutten, 12th. J. Moser, 14th. S. Weare, 3rd, 12s. 6d. Jacob Spicer, 13th, 20s. M. Kinsman, 27th. Rev. W. Chipman, 26th. W. F. Cutten, Esq., 26th, 1 sub. Rev. Dr. Tupper, 28th. Joseph Read, Esq., 27th, 20s.

General Intelligence.

DOMESTIC.

THE NATIONAL Division of Sons of Temperance is to be held at Halifax in 1863.

The Half Holiday movement was inaugurated by a few of the merchants of the city on Saturday last closing their stores in the afternoon.

Quite a number of our citizens left in the steamer for England last week. The International Exhibition offers great attractions this season.

The City was without a supply of water on Friday evening last,—the 15 inch main pipe burst near the N. W. Arm. It was repaired before morning.

A DRILL-SERGEANT for Volunteers, shot himself at Windsor on Thursday last. When discovered he was quite dead. The cause of the act is attributed to temporary insanity.—*Rec.*

The half of two claims at "Renfrew Diggins"—Nine Mile River—which originally cost \$20, were sold yesterday for \$500. The party who sold out is our informant.—*Id.*

There will be a public examination of the pupils of the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb in the Temperance Hall, on Friday evening next, July 4, at half-past 7 o'clock. Admission 5 cents.

ENCENIA OF KINGS COLLEGE.—The 71st Anniversary of this institution was held at Windsor on Thursday last. The procession, President's address, number of students, and all are spoken of as a brilliant affair.

ANNAPOLIS.—At the recent sitting of the Supreme Court the Hon. Chief Justice remarked that he feared the crime of perjury was increasing. A complimentary address was presented by the Grand Jury.

HONORS TO COLONISTS.—Dr. Dawson, Principal of McGill College, Montreal, has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Society.

The Rev. D. Honeyman is made a Fellow of the Geological Society.

PICTOU.—The frequent heavy showers of the past week have revived the crops wonderfully, and lightened the farmer's heart. It is now thought that the hay will produce at least an average yield. Such a shower as that of Sabbath afternoon, we think was seldom seen before.—*Pictou Chronicle.*

NOVA SCOTIA AT HOME.—A late number of the *Illustrated London News*, in an article on the Industrial Exhibition, has the following:

"From our colonies we have Messrs. Brockley & Co., of Halifax, Nova Scotia, who send a cottage piano made of native birchwood; and Messrs. Frazer & son, of Halifax, N. S. who exhibit a cottage piano of native maple-wood, elegantly carved, and really a very creditable instrument.

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Halifax, June 24th, 1862.

APPOINTMENTS.

To be a Notary Public,—William H. Hill, Attorney at Law.

Halifax Co.—To be a Justice of the Peace—John Stairs.

Guyborough Co.—To be Master in the Supreme Court—Samuel R. Russel.

Cape Breton Co.—To be one of the Commissioners for the Common of Sydney—Henry Davenport, in place of P. H. Clarke, resigned.

Sydney Co.—To be a Justice of the Peace—Donald Chisholm, in place of Alexander McIntosh, deceased. To be a Surveyor of Shipping—Edward Corbet, Harbor au Bouche. To be a Notary Public—Edward Corbet.

His Excellency, by the advice of the Executive Council, has also been pleased to grant to the district of Antigonish the privileges of a Free Warehousing Port, and to sanction the use of the South end of the store owned by Duncan Chisholm, as a Bonding Warehouse.

Prince Edward Island.

THE ACADIANS.—We learn that the Emperor Napoleon has, at the solicitation of M. Rameau, presented 2,000 francs the Acadians of Rustico, Prince Edward Island, towards supplying books and maps to a literary institute lately founded at Rustico.—*Col.*

New Brunswick.

GOLD, LEAD AND COPPER.—A specimen of quartz from Tabusintac, Miramichi, has been received in the City, in which small quantities of gold can be plainly seen. It is said that lead has been found in the same locality. Mr. Hutchinson, recently tested some copper ore which he received from Bathurst, and obtained from it quite twenty-five per cent of pure copper.—*News.*

GOLD QUARTZ.—We have seen several specimens of quartz with the gold as large as peas sticking in the sides, which have been taken out of a locality near Smith's Creek, King's County; and the indications are that gold in any quantity may be had there. Persons are hard to work taking out the quartz. Steps are about being taken by certain enterprising persons residing in King's, to get up a company, to go to work in earnest.—*Id.*

Canada.

A Montreal paper says: "The scarcity of moisture is causing daily irreparable injury to our farming community. We fear there is no chance of a fair hay crop now. The effect already is to reduce the price of cattle, which are selling at from four to five dollars a head lower than a week ago, the owners selling them to avoid the cost of keeping them." Since then heavy rains have fallen.

Mr. John Rose, of Glenmorrie, has three Merino sheep on his farm, which this year produced 19½ pounds of wool, selling for 3s. a pound.

SHOCKING AFFAIR.—"At a raising in Lobo about eight miles from Stratbrody, a quarrel arose between the men engaged, when a 'bent' was allowed to fall to the ground and killed eight men on the spot.

Hunnewell's Cough Remedy excels in one of the most important characteristics, namely that of containing no materials of opium or antimony, which are so debilitating to weak constitutions. When by its perfect simplicity it is done with the Cough or Lung Complaint its splendid Tonic qualities exhibit themselves in giving strength to weak systems, weakened by disease, a peculiarity very important, but often lost sight of. In a preparation like the Universal Cough Remedy may be found a great necessity for every medicine chest, or counting room, and from infancy to age it may be used with perfect impunity. See advertisement and read pamphlet.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.



Railway Office.

HALIFAX, 26th June, 1862.

Excursion Trains for Sunday Schools.

PICNICS AND PLEASURE PARTIES.

EXCURSION Trains will be provided to convey pleasure parties to Bedford, Scott's Road and the vicinity at reduced rates. Leaving Richmond at 11 A. M.

To Bedford. To Scott's Road.
Price of an Engine and Single Car, \$3.00 \$10.00
do. 2 Cars, 12.00 15.00
and at same ratio for further distances. Passengers to return by regular Evening down Trains.
The Scenery around Bedford and Rocky Lake is beginning to assume its loveliest aspects. Scott's Road is but two miles from Laidlaw's, Waverly, and where Gold Mining operations are being conducted with great vigor. It is a delightful stroll from Scott's Road to the diggings along the borders of Lakes fringed with saplings. Bowers may easily be improvised at any part of this romantic locality, for picnic operations.

J. McCULLY.

July 2. 1 in. pd.

"EMPRESS OF INDIA."

W. & C. Murdoch & Co.

Have the pleasure to announce to Wholesale Buyers, that their

Spring Stock of Dry Goods,

Purchased by one of the firm,

IS NOW COMPLETED.

As respects value, all will equally compare with any previous season, and they invite the early attention of friends. Their

LONDON AND PARIS STOCK,

Per *Empress of India*, now landing, will consist chiefly of

Straw Bonnets and Hats, Artificial Flowers, Ribbons, Cap Fronts, Gloves, Parasols, Gros de Naps, Summer Mantles, Dresses and Dress Goods in large variety.

Also, a full assortment of

Ready-made Clothing.

And Men's, Women's, and Children's

BOOTS & SHOES.

CASES OF LINING,

Nutmegs, and Cleaver's & Gibb's Fancy Soaps.

STATIONERY,

And English Wrapping Paper.

Chests and half chests superior Congou Tea.

May 14. 6 in.