

The *Times* suggests subjects for two companion pictures, "McClellan waiting for his boots" and "Burnside waiting for his boots."

McPHERSON'S POEMS, just received, we shall further notice next week.

The Lecture commenced in our last week's issue, and continued in our present number, contains an enumeration of facts in English History not wholly new to many of our readers, and will possibly be considered by them somewhat less interesting on that account, but when it is borne in mind that there is in our schools, generally, as we believe, too little attention given to English History and British Institutions, and that even many adults do not think of these so much as is desirable, we may conclude that the subject is not out of place in a family newspaper. Mr. Hall remarks in a private note respecting the publication of this lecture. "It may be of some interest to your youthful readers, besides it may increase their attachment to English Institutions." These are objects it is very desirable to secure, and we therefore invite attention to the facts there presented. They will bear more than a single perusal.

News Summary.

The chief news of the week has been the resignation of President Lincoln's Cabinet, in consequence of the disastrous battle of Fredericksburg. It resulted, however, in their withdrawing their resignations, and the Federal Ministry remains as before. Under present circumstances, when the members of Congress just elected, and who it is now known, will form a Democratic majority, we cannot see how Mr. Lincoln could reconstruct his Cabinet without an entire change of policy, which, while the present Congress remains, would place him in an awkward dilemma. The late battle has probably been the most destructive of human life, of any during the war. The accounts of loss in killed and wounded are various, but the numbers have been very large. Congress is in Session at Washington, but not much business of importance seems as yet to have been commenced, except the formation of a new State of the Union out of the western portion of Virginia, under the name of Kanawha.

Our latest London dates are to the 13th inst. It is said that the English Ministry have intimated to the Provisional Government of Greece that Prince Alfred will not be allowed to accept the Greek throne. His election, however, appears to be still going on, and will probably be all but unanimous. It is also reported that England, France and Russia have agreed in selecting the father of the king of Portugal, who is a cousin of our Queen, as the future Sovereign of the Greek Peninsula.

The Lancashire distress is still unabated, or rather is on the increase. Vast contributions, however, are still being made from all quarters to meet the emergency as far as possible. Great distress also exists from the same cause among the French Operatives engaged in the manufacture of Cotton. Another fatal colliery explosion has occurred at Barnsley in England, by which upwards of fifty lives are said to have been lost.

Notices, &c.

Letters Received.

W. McEwan, 12th. David H. Jenks, 19th. 25. J. E. Wells, Jun., 16th, \$2.—received all right. Ward Eaton, Esq., 26th, \$2. Ch. Jost, Esq., 20th, \$4. Rev. B. Scott, 19th. W. H. Haley, R. G. Freeman, 22nd, 20s. Rev. Jas. Reid, 24th, 20s. Rev. J. C. Morse, 22nd, 20s. Dr. W. L. Bent, 22nd, 20s. Geo. Hubley, 23rd, 25s. Rev. A. F. Porter, 17s. 6d.—Yes. J. Wellner, 26th. Weston Hall, 23rd, 20s. Jos. P. Kempton, 22nd. Jas. Ross, 20th. Rev. T. H. Porter, Jun., 25th. Rev. P. F. Murray, 22nd, \$2. D. J. Taylor, 24th, 20s.—Yes, all right. Nelson Miller, 23rd, 20s. J. Moser, 25th. Can get M. M. for you. Luke Harpell, 25th, 1 sub. Miles Sears, 22nd, 20s. Weston Hall, Esq., 23rd, 20s. B. McLearn, 26th.—Too late. Handley Starratt, Esq., 24th.—Yes. G. V. Rand, 29th, 1 sub. Rev. Jas. L. Reid, 26th, \$2 10s., 2 subs. Rev. Dr. Tupper, 26th, \$5. L. Smith, 26th. B. B. Moses, Esq., 23rd, \$2 10s. Rev. E. M. Saunders, 26th. T. H. Rand, 27th. W. S. Raymond, Esq., 25th, 20s., 1 sub. W. J. Gates, \$3, 1 sub. Rev. T. C. Delong, 26th. Rev. J. J. Skinner, 24th, 20s. Albert J. Hill, T. M. King, 27th, \$2 10s. Rev. A. S. Hunt, 27th.

CONNECTION.—Rev. A. F. Porter informs us that in the Eastern Minutes the money contributed by Christopher Jost, Esq., is not placed in the proper column. The \$4 in the 1st column he intended to be in the 2nd under Foreign Missions the remaining \$6 he intended for Home Missions. We have referred to the manuscript and find that the Minutes were printed correctly according to copy.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—We have several communications on hand received too late for our present issue, which will appear in our next.

Associated Alumni of Acadia College.

The fourth lecture for the season before this society will be delivered in the Vestry of the Baptist Meeting house, at Wolfville, on Friday evening, Jan. 9th, by Professor Howe, of King's College, Windsor, commencing at 7 o'clock.

Subject:—"The Chemistry of Air and Water." Tickets 5 cents; for the season 25 cents; to be obtained at the store of Mr. G. V. Rand.

ALBERT J. HILL, Cor. Sec.

The members of the Foreign Missionary are respectfully requested to meet in Tre Aylesford, on Tuesday, the 13th day of Jan., at one o'clock, P. M.

CHARLES TUPPER, Secretary.

Tremont, Dec. 13, 1862.

General Intelligence.

DOMESTIC.

A LEVEE will be held at Government House on Thursday, January 1st, at 1 o'clock.

CIVIC.—At a meeting of the City Council last week the following gentlemen were elected to serve as Fire Wardens during the year. Ward 1—J. D. Nash, J. B. Smithers and Aid. Compton; 2—S. R. Caldwell, J. Reeves and Aid. Dunbar; 3—T. Walsh, Jas. Duggan and W. C. Moir; 4—J. Isles, M. Kearney and Aid. Pallister; 5—H. B. Reid, P. Hogan and Aid. Ackhurst; 6—Jos. Northup, J. Mumford and B. Davis.

After the election Ald. Ackhurst asked leave to retire. Having served in the Fire Department six years he considered he had done his share of duty. Robt. Taylor nominated by Ald. Ackhurst and elected. Several Members of Council bore testimony to the assiduity of the late Chairman of Fire Wards.

DISTRESSING ACCIDENT.—We regret to learn that a young man named Alfred Grant, who belongs to New Brunswick, lost both his hands from an accident while blasting at the Renfrew gold diggings on Monday last.—*Col.*

PERSONAL.—We are very much gratified to hear that Mr. John Willis, Principal of the National School, of this city, has been elected a corresponding member of the "Liverpool (G.B.) Natural History and Microscopical Society."—*Rept.*

The *London Times* says that the late failure in England of the firm of Janvyn, Grassie and LeLisle was owing entirely to the misappropriation of the funds of the firm by one of the partners—M. Janvyn—who absconded, and not to transactions at Lloyds, as has been currently reported. The good faith of the remaining partners is entirely unquestioned.

GOLD.—Twenty-six tons of quartz from Mr. Hewitt's claim on the Blue Lead, Sherbrooke, crushed the other day, yielded 116 ounces of gold, besides specimens estimated to be worth \$800, making the total value \$3,091. This was the result of two months' work of nine men or of one man 18 months.

NOVA SCOTIA LAND AND GOLD CRUSHING AND AMALGAMATING COMPANY.—We understand that the first issue of 30,000 shares, 10s. deposit on each share, and a further sum of 10s. on allotment, were all taken up previous to the sailing of the *Europa*. No further issue of shares, it is said will be made until after midsummer, as the amount subscribed is sufficient for the present, and it is not thought advisable to call up any more money that can be profitably invested.—*Chronicle.*

Messrs. Annand and Wier have written a letter to the Lieutenant Governor in reply to that of Dr. Tupper, mentioned in our last and denying the truth of his statements.

OUR MARKETS have been very poorly supplied during the past week. The week before Christmas usually brings large quantities of produce, but we presume the bad roads deterred the farmers from leaving their homes. There had been a good supply the week or two previous, and the sale was very slow and prices very low, but the day before Christmas day we were asked 1s. per lb. for turkeys; they were selling in other places however for 7d. and 8d.

COASTING.—We learn from the *Reporter* that one day last week, a boy received serious injury from his sled coming in contact with a telegraph post. It is surprising that more accidents do not occur from the dangerous practice of coasting down the streets of our city.

LECTURES.—A lecture was delivered on Wednesday evening last, by Peter Lynch, Esq., in aid of the Mayflower Rifle Company Fund. His subject was—Sights and scenes in England, particularly at Chester, and Stratford-upon-Avon. S. L. Shannon occupied the chair. The band of H. M. 17th Regt. attended and played some fine pieces at intervals during the evening. The *Witness* remarks "the audience was ridiculously small."

F. W. Passow, Esq., is expected to give a series of Dramatic Readings for the same object on the 6th of January.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE LANCASHIRE FUND.—We were pleased to receive the following list from a friend:

WOLFVILLE AND VICINITY.	
Wolfville,	\$168 00
Gaspereaux,	24 00
Lower Horton,	56 00
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Horion Academy:—	
Male Department,	20 78
Female Department,	8 25
Wolfville Sabbath School,	72 00
	2 00
	\$322 00

Something more may yet be expected.

The *Church Record* of the 24th Inst., informs its subscribers that "there is a probability of the *Church Record* being continued."

TEMPERANCE.—W. Silver Esq., addressed the Halifax Temperance Society, on Saturday evening last, on "The drinking usages of Halifax thirty years ago."

Prince Edward Island.

A correspondent of the *Reporter* says in reference to a lecture on "Schism" given before the Charlottetown Young Men's Christian Association by the Rev G. M. Grant: the title would have better expressed the lecturer's thoughts had it been "Church History." The audience was one of the largest ever assembled in Charlottetown and the inconveniences attending a crowded house were amply rapid by the excellence of the intellectual treat so ably laid before the auditory. I cannot pretend to give an outline of the lecture, but I must say that, considering the general bias which addresses delivered before the above named Society have hitherto taken, Mr. Grant is worthy of the highest commendation for the manly position he took on some points which he must have known were distasteful to many of the leading members of the Association. I more particularly allude to what he advanced regarding the credit which he considered was due to the Roman Catholic Church for its actions in the early stages of christianity. The politics of this colony have had so much of the misnamed religious element mixed with them, that any Protestant minister who expresses what he thinks and believes on the "Catholic Question" contrary to the received opinions of the majority of his brethren, deserves as I have said before, the highest commendation for his manly independence, and this I say without asserting my belief or disbelief in Mr. Grant's views.

The same writer adds,—"For many years past, the trade in grain has never been so brisk as the last season. I know of one firm which has shipped 147,000 bushels of oats and barley to the States, for the whole of which cash was paid."

Canada.

SNOW.—There was snow two feet deep in several parts of Canada West as early as the 10th inst.

A QUICK TRIP.—The shortest time ever made between Montreal and Glasgow, was by the steamship "St. Andrew," Captain Dutton, on her latest voyage from this port,—occupying only 10 days and 20 hours.

FRIGHTFUL SCENE AT AN EXECUTION IN WOODSTOCK.—Yesterday a horrible occurrence took place at the town of Woodstock, at the execution of a man named Cook. The criminal was a blind man, aged 70, and had been convicted of the murder of his wife, which he alleged he had perpetrated under the influence of liquor; making very little defence of any other kind. The usual grim apparatus of executions, and the crowd common to such occasions, were on the ground: but the last finisher of the law had constructed a part of his machinery so badly as to add double horror to the usual disgusting character of the spectacle. He employed so long a rope that the man fell much further than is usual, or than was required, and the jerk of his body was consequently so great, as to completely sever the head from his body. This was more than the crowd had bargained for, and it produced a sickening effect upon all who witnessed it.—*Montreal Herald.*

SINGULAR COINCIDENCE.—Under the above heading, the *Courier de St. Hyacinthe* draws attention to the following fact:—"John Mawn, a private of the 16th Regiment, recently executed for murder at Montreal, committed the crime on the tenth day of July last. He was found guilty and sentenced on Friday the tenth day of October, just three months after the murder, to be executed on Friday, October 31st, exactly three weeks after his conviction. But stranger still is the fact that, while Edward Quinn was the name of Mawn's victim, Edward Quinn was also the name of the forman of the Grand Jury at the term during which Mawn was convicted!"

FALL, 1862.

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