

va Scotia, as well as in Sydney, there will be "some persons so unreasonable as to think that such wholesale massacres are not only inconsistent with the faith of which Bishop Patteson is a minister, but with the honour of the country under whose flag they were perpetrated."

PRESIDENT JOHNSON.

THERE has been no one of the leading political characters of the day, who have so thoroughly falsified almost every prediction of his probable conduct in a most difficult position, than President Johnson. Certain deficiencies reported in his moral habits, highly inconsistent with what ought to distinguish the Ruler of a great nation, even under the most ordinary circumstances, seemed at the time of his unexpected advancement to the Presidential chair, to forbode little good to the country. He has, however, thus far, and under difficulties of the most grave and trying nature, administered the high trust committed to him with a prudence and energy which, in our view, implies high ability and an enlightened zeal for the good of his country. Two great questions at present engross the thoughts and tax the resources of American statesmen. The one is the reconstruction of the Union and the terms on which the Southern States shall be re-admitted to a share in privileges and power; and the other more difficult still,—what measures are to be finally adopted for the management of the *Four Millions* of emancipated slaves, or Freedmen as they are now termed. Contrary views and interests involve the question in much perplexity. The leading abolitionists of the North are calling loudly for thorough emancipation and the admission of the freedmen to all the rights and immunities of citizens. A middle party are for keeping them in a state of pupilage, as it were, until they shall be better fitted by education and intelligence for the enjoyment of such privileges, while the Southern proprietors and many who sympathize with them, are very naturally desirous of conceding the smallest possible portion of rights or of power to their late slaves. Amid these contending elements, Mr. Johnson has no pleasant or easy task upon his hands. He is evidently desirous of steering some middle course by which to shun the rocks and breakers which seem to threaten on either hand. His steps are marked so far with caution, and an entire absence of that rashness by which most thought they would have been characterized. His conduct also as regards the relations of the Union with foreign Powers, appears to be wise and conciliatory, and we sincerely trust that our neighbours may find in him a Pilot well qualified to conduct them to a safe and honorable termination of their difficulties.

The Week of Prayer was observed in several of the towns and villages of our province by Union Prayer-meetings being held. We trust the blessings sought may be received, and that we shall shortly hear of a revived state of religion. Let it not be forgotten that prayer has been offered; there should be now a waiting for the answer.

WANTS IN THE CHURCHES.—A paragraph in one of our exchanges says:—

"The one thing which our churches and our country now needs more than any other, is such an outpouring of the Holy Spirit as will bring Christians within the influences of a quickened spiritual life, and sinners to the acknowledging of Jesus Christ as their Saviour and Lord."

Another one adds:

"Next to the coming of the Spirit as the reviver and sanctifier of the churches, we know of nothing more urgently needed in our denomination than a universal increase of the salaries of our pastors. The thing has been done, wisely and nobly done, in many churches. But in many other churches, as we have reason to fear, there is a distressing discrepancy between the advanced cost of living, and what pastors receive to live upon. No such discrepancy should be suffered to exist, if it be possible for a church to remove it. A half supported pastor is not more than half a man, in the pulpit or out of it—especially when he knows that his support might be adequate. Pecuniary embarrassment is a consumer of physical, intellectual and spiritual strength; and no man can preach so well with bills in his pocket that he knows not how to pay, as with the same amount of greenbacks in his purse out of which to 'pay as he goes.'"

PRINCIPAL BENEVOLENCE.—At the late annual dinner of the Alumni Association of Amherst College, the Treasurer of the college, stated that he had just signed a receipt for \$100,000 from the estate of the late Dr. Walker, and expects soon to receive another \$100,000. He estimated the college property to be worth one million of dollars.

DECLINE OF INFANT BAPTISM.—The Minutes of the Congregational Association of Connecticut contain some suggestive statistics. In 1864, the number of children sprinkled was 123 less than in 1863, and a smaller number than has been reported since 1857; 82 churches, with 7,421 members, sprinkled no child.

The Archbishop of Halifax has written a significant letter to the Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick, which has been published in most of the papers in the two provinces, expressive of the loyalty of the Roman Catholics, and their desire for Confederation. He denounces Annexation with the United States, and pronounces it madness to entertain such a thought. He shows that the Roman Catholics have their fair share in government affairs in the Provinces, but has yet to "learn that one President, Vice President, or any member of the General Government, at Washington, was a Catholic; and not more than two or three of that faith (as far as I could ascertain) have reached the Senatorial dignity, since the days of Charles Carroll of Carrollton." He adds:

"Our people, therefore, have nothing to expect from change of any kind but increased taxation, diminished incomes, a decided fall in the social scale, the scathing contempt of their new rulers, as was ever the case in New England, and with these, perhaps, the horrors of a devastating war. The great Government of the United States has nothing more tempting to offer; and what have we to expect from the so called Fenians, that pitiable knot of knaves and fools, who, unable to degrade themselves, are doing all in their power to add another Ballygarry to the history of Ireland, and to make the condition of our poor country more deplorable than before."

CONFEDERATION OR ANNEXATION.—A late number of the *Evening Express* contained a letter from a Boston correspondent which places in strong contrast what we might expect to gain and lose by going into Union with the great Republic. He says:

"Well then, you would gain
1. Free trade for your fish, coal, minerals, and other produce in all parts of the Union.
2. A Republican form of Government.
3. Two Senators and about as many Members of Congress as the State of Delaware.
4. Perhaps a half a dozen of Federal offices.
5. A paper currency, worth, just now, about two-thirds of your own.
6. A liberal share of our national debt, which, on the authority of our great Financier, Mr. Jay Cook, would confer upon you a great public benefit.

Now for these inestimable blessings of Self-government, Yankee Free Trade, and paper money, what would you have to pay? Well, you would have to pay:—

From five to ten times higher duties on all imported articles than you now pay.
Three times as much for clothing, and the necessities of life as you now pay.
Three per cent. on everything you manufacture.

Ten dollars a year to keep store, or to sell Spruce beer.

A dollar a year for a gold watch.

Two dollars a year for a piano.

A dollar a year for a carriage.

A stamp duty on all receipts, notes of hand, bills of Exchange, contracts, Deeds of Sale, Will, &c., &c., according to amount or value.

Five per cent. on all incomes exceeding six hundred dollars a year.

Every dollar of import duties and "Internal Revenue" would find its way, not into *your*, but into Uncle Sam's Treasury.

All the revenue that you raise at present to pay expenses of government, interest of public debt, public works, schools, roads and bridges, and what not, you would have to raise in addition to the above, by direct taxation.

Your share of the public debt of the United States, could not possibly fall short of fifty millions of dollars, the interest of which you would have to pay in gold, derived from imports."

HALIFAX AND DARTMOUTH SABBATH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.—A public meeting in connection with the above Association, will be held in the Gratton Street Wesleyan Church, on Monday evening 22nd inst. Chair to be taken at 7½ P. M..

An address will be delivered by Rev. Dr. Pryor, and several other ministers are expected to take part in the exercises.

Officers and Teachers of Sabbath Schools, and friends of Sabbath School instruction generally, are invited to attend.

A collection will be made to defray necessary expenses.

Notices, &c.

Cape Breton Quarterly Meeting.

The Cape Breton Quarterly Meeting and Ministerial Conference, will be held (D. V.) with the Baptist Church in Sydney, commencing on Saturday, Feb. 24th, at 2 o'clock, P. M. A full attendance of ministering and other brethren is requested. A *Missionary Meeting* will also be held in the Chapel on the previous evening, on which occasion, the attendance of the Brethren is also solicited. W. B. BOGGS.

Sydney, C. B., Jan. 4, 1866.

The following acknowledgments were omitted two weeks since:—

Mrs. S. T. RAND desires thankfully to acknowledge the receipt of the following sums, collected on Thanksgiving Day.

Rev. Mr. Curries congregation, Maitland, \$10.15
Poplar Grove congregation, 28.00
St. Matthew's congregation, 27.00
Meadie Cottage, Hantsport, Dec. 14th, 1865.

ERRATA.—C. M. Jan. 10th, "Put them in mind," &c., par. 3rd. for "fasten infidelity," read *foster*, &c. 1b. for "immortality," read *immorality*.

Notice.

The Foreign Missionary Board will meet, (D. V.) in Tremont, Aylesford, on Tuesday, the 23rd day of January. A full attendance is desirable. As it is intended to make a remittance to Burmah soon after, those who purpose to forward money for this object will please do so without delay. C. TUPPER, Secretary.

Aylesford, Dec. 23rd, 1865.

Letters Received.

W. J. Gates,—Exchange for \$131.60 sent.
Rev. A. Shields, \$4. G. Whitley, 1 sub. Rev. W. B. Boggs, L. Blakeney, J. Desbrisay, Esq., \$13, 1 sub. C. H. Whitman, \$2 30. J. Falt, \$4. W. S. Raymond, Esq., \$10. A. Marshall, Esq., \$8. W. Chipman, Esq., \$4. D. V. Dimock, \$5 50. J. DeWolf, Esq., B. L. Telfer, \$4. Rev. N. Vidito. Dr. Woodbury.—Letter with \$10 25, Dec. 10th, omitted. Rev. P. F. Murray, \$10. Rev. Chas. Randall, \$4, 1 sub. Rev. J. C. Morse, 50cts. Jas. Greeno, Esq., \$5.

FALL STOCK OF HATS AND CAPS.

WE have just received per *S. S. Cuba* and *Aleppo*, part of our FALL STOCK, which comprises all the latest novelties of the season as well as the staple articles of the trade.

We have also received and shall have open for inspection in a few days a large stock of LADIES' FURS, which we shall sell as low as at any establishment in the city.

OUR STOCK OF WINTER CAPS

Is larger this year than ever before, and as we manufacture them all on the premises, buyers will find them CHEAPER and of BETTER STYLE and FINISH than any imported.

We have on hand a good stock of UMBRELLAS, TRUNKS, VALISES, and LEATHER HAT CASES, at moderate prices.

SILK HATS made to order by CONFORMATEUR MEASURE and a PERFECT FIT warranted.

We think both Wholesale and Retail Buyers will find it to their advantage to give us a call.

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N. B.—Balance of FALL STOCK will arrive in next Mail Steamer.
Oct. 4

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Cures all diseases of the SKIN, and is not only a cure, but a preventative from taking any humor that is contagious by rubbing a little of the Ointment on the hands when exposed.

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Davis' Pain Killer will cure it.



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The great unequalled Preparations for
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Rendering it soft, silky and glossy, and disposing it to remain in any desired position; quickly cleansing the scalp, arresting the fall and imparting a healthy and natural color to the Hair.

IT NEVER FAILS

To Restore Grey Hair

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Its Original Youthful Color

It is not a Dye,

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For Ladies and Children

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VERY BROWN & Co., Halifax Agents.
June 22. 1 yr.

Vaux Brothers,

152 GRANVILLE STREET.

HAVE received per Commerce from Boston—Wool Breakfast Shawls and Capes, Ladies and Misses Wool Hoods, Water Proof Mantle Cloths, Scarf Serge, White do, Rubber Buttons, American Scatfitts, Wadding, Batting, &c., &c.
Dec. 6. GLASGOW HOUSE.

NOTICE.

TO be sold at private sale TWO FARMS, with Houses and Barns, and Out Houses, Wharves and Stores, Blacksmith Shop and Carpenter's Shop, with orchards and never failing well of Water. Nineteen acres and a half in one farm, and one hundred acres of wood land. The other about fifteen acres of plough land, and thirty acres of pasture land, with a beautiful Grove of hard wood, not one quarter of a mile from the house and other lots of timber land.

Farther particulars apply to James C. Mason, Esq., Head of St. Margaret's Bay near the 21 mile house.
Dec. 6. 6m.

JUST PUBLISHED, AND FOR SALE AT THE "CHRISTIAN MESSENGER" OFFICE.

Price 20 cents.

A CATECHISM OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM, By REV. J. M. CRAMP, D. D.

Part I.—What Baptism is. Part II.—What Baptism is not. Part III.—The duty of Christians with regard to Baptism.
Nov. 8.

THE NOVA SCOTIA SERIES OF READING BOOKS

May be obtained at the "Christian Messenger" Office. First, 5 cts.; Second, 12½ cts.; Third, 15 cts.; Fourth, 25 cts.; Fifth, 30 cts.; and Seventh or Advanced Reader, 62½ cts.

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Nov. 8.

Alfred H. DeMill,

Barister and Attorney at Law, Notary Public, Conveyancer, &c., &c.

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June 28. 1 yr.

BOARDING HOUSE.

MRS. T. W. DEWOLF having removed to Halifax, invites the patronage of her friends and acquaintance from the country to a comfortable and quiet BOARDING HOUSE, near to the centre of business.

No. 30 JACOB STREET,
Upper corner of Starr Street,
and nearly opposite Temperance Hall.
Dec. 6. 3m.

Always keep DAVIS' PAIN KILLER at hand.

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A Lithographic View of Halifax City and Dartmouth, N. S.

The Subscriber begs to inform the Public that the above view, 4 feet long, 2½ feet wide, is to be Lithographed in England, and published under the patronage of His Excellency Sir W. Fenwick Williams, Bart, &c., &c., by J. R. Woodburn, of Glasgow, Scotland, and will be issued on or about the month of May next. Any person from any part of the City or Province wishing to subscribe can do so by sending in their names, Post-paid, to R. T. Muir, London Bookstore, Halifax, at any time before the 15th May next; after that time the subscription list closes, and the price advances. Price to Subscribers \$5.

D. McALPINE, Agent.

P. S.—Those that want a nice Picture of the City had better send in their names immediately.
Dec. 13. M. McA.

BOOKS, BOOKS AND STATIONERY.

JUST received a very great variety of New and valuable Books. Also, Family and Pocket Bibles, Prayer Books, Hymn Books, School Books, Music Books,

Photograph Albums, Pictures, &c. &c. Which are offered wholesale and retail on the most reasonable terms. Agents wanted.

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REV. A. F. PORTER can cure them. His method is simple, quick, and easy. He has cured a great many. If he fails he will make no charge.

Oct. 18. 6 mths.

The Young Reaper

For 1866 will be published Semi-monthly.

It is published at Philadelphia, at 75 cents a year, for single copies. The Editor states that "The Reapers" will not only be profuse but of the finest character. And six of the best writers for children are engaged as regular contributors for its columns."

As this is the periodical for Youth, published by the Baptist Publication Society, we are willing to supply it to our friends at the following rates:—

Single copies, every other week, \$0.50 a year.
Three copies, do, 1.00 "
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This charge barely pays for the freight of parcels and the expenses of mailing and postage, but rather than have our young friends deprived of their paper, we are willing to supply it to them when paid for strictly in advance.

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Oct. 18.