

Mr. Parsons was unanimously elected to the office of Grand Worth Patriarch, and we doubt not he will bring his usual zeal and energy to bear upon this office, and be very useful at the head of the organization during the present year.

The quarterly meetings for the year 1873 are located in Cornwallis, January; Hillsburg, April; Port la Tour, July; Halifax, October.

The Prize Essay for which Bro. Jost offered a Prize last year, had been agreed to by the judges, and it was resolved by the Grand Division to print 2000 copies, but the name of the successful writer had not then been ascertained.

The public meeting was not so largely attended as usual, probably from its not being so generally advertised as it has been heretofore.

Send on early the names of New Subscribers for 1873, so that they may have the benefit of the remainder of 1872 for nothing.

We have received the following communication from the Rev. A. McBean, Superintendent of the British American Book and Tract Society:—

COLPORTAGE.

Twenty-five Colporteurs were employed during the last twelve months,—the whole or part of their time.

The aggregate time of their service amounts to 16 years 6 months. They made 32,796 family visits, conversed on personal religion or prayed with 14,128 families, took part in or conducted 979 religious meetings, distributed religious publications to the amount of \$18,081.12—\$980.27 of which were given away gratuitously.

Since the Society commenced operations five years ago, 42 Colporteurs have been employed, whose terms of service in the aggregate amount to 40 years, 2 months, 29 days. They made 93,940 family visits; conversed on personal religion or prayed in 44,456 of those visits; they held or took part in 2,810 religious meetings, and distributed religious publications to the amount of \$41,969.37—\$2,085.44 of which were given away gratuitously.

The total circulation during the above period, from the Society's Depository, through various channels, including colportage, amounts to nearly \$90,000, including more than 60,000 Bibles and Testaments, 8,000,000 pages of tracts and nearly 900,000 religious periodicals. Bibles, books, tracts and periodicals to the value of \$6,737.63 have been given away gratuitously.

Colportage and gratuitous distribution of books and tracts are sustained by donations from the benevolent.

Mr. Gardner Tufts, the Society's faithful Colporteur for Annapolis and Digby is authorized to receive donations in aid of the above objects. Will pastors and friends of the cause generally kindly co-operate with him.

A. McBean,

Superintendent of Colportage.

Halifax, Oct. 1st, 1872.

MR. PARSONS.—The regret at the dismissal of Mr. Parsons from the Inspectorship of Schools in Halifax Co., appears to be pretty general. An address has been presented to him with expressions of high respect and sympathy from upwards of seventy of the Halifax Teachers. There are four or five teachers only whose names do not appear on the address. The following is a copy of a Certificate also given to Mr. P. by the Board of School Commissioners for the City of Halifax.

[COPY.]

OFFICE OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS,

49 George Street, Halifax.

This is to certify that J. F. L. Parsons Esq., B. A. holding Provincial License Grade A, held the situation of Principal of the Brunswick Street School from the time of its opening, in 1867, till August, 1868; during which period he fulfilled the duties thereof to the satisfaction of the Commissioners and with credit to himself.

He resigned his situation in consequence of being appointed by the Government Inspector of Schools for the County of Halifax. While employed in the latter sphere of duty the Board of Commissioners have found him faithful and earnest in the discharge of the important trust in which he was engaged, and have much pleasure in bearing testimony to the ability and zeal manifested by him in his desire to improve the schools within the city of Halifax—dated this 21st day of October, 1872.

(Signed)

A. M. UNIAKKE, Chairman School Coms.

JOHN R. WILLIS, Sec'y. School Coms.

These are high testimonials. We also learn that a number of Trustees have given similar expressions of confidence in Mr. Parsons, and regret at his dismissal.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM ROME, ITALY.

ROME, ITALY, OCT. 8th, 1872.

Mr. Editor,

Though I have not the privilege of knowing you personally I venture to

write those few lines and offer them to you, hoping they may prove acceptable to yourself and the numerous readers of your valuable paper.

What a change two years of free Government have already effected in this city, once "the mistress of the world and the Mother of nations." Two years ago it was not possible to publish a newspaper in Rome, nor was it possible to receive here those published elsewhere, for then the Papal Index, so exclusive and intolerant, had force of law, and the city was encircled by walls for some purpose. Free government has changed all that and brought in a flood of light.

The enormous revolution wrought in the social and religious habits of Rome since the entry of the Italian troops begins to tell. The contrast between the old and the new is sufficiently striking. Under the Pope, the modern spirit was considered an evil spirit and therefore every particle of it managing to squeeze itself into the city was immediately bottled up at the Vatican and laid aside on shelves, lest it might escape from those Sacred precincts and interfere with the mediæval amusements in the streets. That epoch of gorgeous ceremonies and amusing doings may be regretted by tourists and pleasure-seekers. Then everybody's chief business was to have none. Life was one whiling away of time as agreeably as possible. The confessional was more closely patronized than the worship, and most of the days were festal. It was difficult to hit upon a work-day. Eating, drinking and much merriment were inculcated as a healthy and chief manner of life. Much laughter and dancing and piping filled the streets along with bright costumes, curious processions of monks, and that frequent going to and fro of lumbering cardinals' coaches so charming of effect with their three valets on the footboard and red umbrellas on the coachman's box! Occasionally, the Pope himself, preceded by the usual mule, and followed by the glittering squadron of noble guards (how christian like!) drove through the streets. These various pageants drew thousands of visitors, and it did not then seem at all amiss to put on exhibition a whole city, inhabitants as well as ruins. Now under Italy, the festive seasons have gone out of fashion. The aim in view is no longer to keep a whole city full of people as show men, and work is the order of the day. That is the great and useful improvement undergone by the citizens, and the mere material outside of the city itself has also been modified. Far from being so dingy, it actually begins to look newish and comfortable—a fact which broadly stares the legion of artists and archaeologists in the eyes. Our Roman revolution looks more like a miracle than anything shown in that line at the shrines of winking madonnas and moving saints prior to September 20th, 1870, and indeed the liquefaction of the blood of St. Januarius, which occurred on the 19th ult., at Naples, is nothing by the side of what we now see in Rome.

The people, not being any longer forced to attend mass, as was the case during the Pope's reign, are now free to manifest their religious opinions—if they have any. According to a leader in a Naples journal, "The great majority of the country is Catholic—Catholic after the Italian model—that is of that tepid faith, seasoned with an abundant sauce of scepticism, or sarcasm, of indifference, of supineness; it is Catholic from habit, from hearsay, from doubt that the religion may be true—few, or less, perhaps, than one in a thousand from conviction!" How important it is that we, whose souls are lighted should present to the poor benighted Italians the Gospel of the Son of God, the Light of the world. May we all have a share in this blessed work. Stations have been opened at Bologna, Modena, the Waldensian Valleys, Bari, Civita Vecchia, and Rome. Souls are being brought to the truth, but in this city the work suffers from want of a suitable place of worship. In fact we have found it impossible to secure a central room or hall for our feeble and struggling church. Driven from one point to another, we have been subject to great annoyance and the work has suffered much in consequence. Our appeal for fifty thousand dollars for the purchase of a building in this city in which to lodge the whole belongings of the Baptist Mission has not, as yet, been responded to so fully and promptly as the urgency of the case requires. We must plant our banner firmly in this city of the Popes, and establish our Mission upon a permanent basis. Would not

our dear brethren in Nova Scotia esteem it a privilege to have a share in carrying out this important project? Many of them would be glad to add a brick to the walls of the building and thus take part in what seems to be the final victory over the Man of sin and the Son of perdition. Will you not consent, dear brother, to receive and acknowledge in your paper whatever sums may be sent you for this purpose, and which you may transmit either to our Secretary, Rev. Dr. Tupper, of Richmond, or Rev. Dr. Lorimer, pastor of the Shawmut Avenue Baptist church in Boston, or directly to myself. Oh come to our help. Our Blessed Lord invites you to become his co-workers in the noble enterprise of rescuing this city from the unlawful reign of the usurper. Let a collection be taken in every church, and the aggregate will go far towards attaining the end in view. May the Lord himself through His Spirit dispose your hearts in favor of your brethren in Rome who now stretch forth their hands for help.

I recall with great pleasure the visit we had last winter from your genial townsman Hon. Dr. Parker, when he was here in Rome.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

W. N. COTE.

Please address

CARE MAGUAY & HOOKER,

Rome, Italy.

We shall have much pleasure in forwarding to Mr. Cote any contributions from friends in these provinces. Mr. C. has some bonds connecting him with this country. If we mistake not, he is a native of Canada and may therefore be regarded as having some claims to consideration on that account, in addition to the higher claims for the cause he presents in his letter.—Ed. C. M.

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Notices, &c.

ACADIA ATHENÆUM.

The next lecture before the Acadia Athenæum will be delivered in the vestry of the Baptist Church, Wolfville, on the evening of Nov. 15th, by Rev. J. Hogg, of Canada:—Subject "The False Prophet" To commence at 7½ o'clock. Admission 10 cents.

J. H. ROBBINS,

Cor. Sec'y.

Acadia College, Nov. 2nd, 1872.

Rev. T. M. Munro has accepted a call from the church at MacKenquah, N. B., and wishes all correspondence for him to be addressed to Sunbury, Lower Line, York Co., N. B.

RECEIVED FROM WOMAN'S MISSION AID SOCIETIES.

Windsor Road, Mrs. Edw. Card, per Rev. I. J. Skinner, \$1.00.

M. R. SELDEN, Sec'y.

November 5th, 1872.

LETTERS RECEIVED.

D. Archibald, Rev. J. L. Read, \$4. Mrs. M. Bigelow, P. Delaney, Mrs. M. L. Cox, 1 sub. \$2. Rev. H. Morrow, 2 subs. Chas. Marr, A. G. Musgrove, \$6.40. H. Roshton, 2 subs, Rev. T. M. Munro, \$4.00. A. Marshall, Esq., \$2. Rev. E. Whitman, \$2. Z. A. Hubley, \$3.

News of the Week.

CIVIC.—At the City Council on Friday last, the following Aldermen were chosen to be Commissioners of Schools in place of the six retiring ones: Aldermen McCulloch, Smith, Ackhurst, Blakadar, Graham and Vanx.

The following gentlemen were appointed Firewards for the ensuing year:

WARD 1—Ald. Neal, Jas. Finlay, Geo. Thompson.

WARD 2—Wm. Murray, W. G. Harrington, Simon Cummins.

WARD 3—Wm. McDonald, J. B. Smithers, Martin Flynn.

WARD 4—M. Kearney, Jr., Ald. M. J. Power, R. Sutcliffe.

WARD 5—J. J. Scriven, C. J. McDonald, Thomas Power.

WARD 6—Ald. Nisbet, Thomas J. Bentley, J. K. McDonald.

A resolution passed fixing the salary of Mr. Bell, Clerk of the Board of Works, at \$1200 per annum, and notice of reconsideration was given.

APPOINTMENTS.—Robert D. Dodd, of Cape Breton, and J. M. Mack, of Queen's County, have been gazetted Notaries and Tabellions public.

DAIRMOUTH.—On Friday morning the steamer Hope, formerly the Boxer, lying at Mill Cove, was nearly destroyed by fire. It is supposed to have originated from carelessness on the part of some wharf-builders who had a fire on board the previous day. She was insured in the "Royal" for \$7000.

STOCK SALE.—The Grand Parade, on Thursday last had all the appearance of a Cattle Fair. The fine animals all around and the number of persons indicated that some important business was being transacted. The stock was well sold by Mr. Duggan and comprised

One Horse, which sold for \$500.
21 Bulls and Bull Calves which brought from \$225 to \$80.

Four Cows brought from \$185 to \$150 each.

About thirty rams and ewes brought from \$55 down to \$12. Most of them brought about \$30.

Three potato diggers were sold for \$17 \$18 and \$20.

The Agricultural Societies of the province were pretty generally represented and became purchasers.

It may be regarded as a very successful operation of the government.

LO, THE POOR INDIAN!—It is seldom that we hear of any violence being offered by an Indian, but on Monday night of last week in the vicinity of Folly River Railway Bridge, a man named Totten was relieved of his purse and its contents, by two Indians who stopped his horse and demanded money or life in highwayman style. He gave them his purse and followed them to Truro, where he reported them to the authorities. A constable arrested one of them on Tuesday morning at the depot, and conveyed him to Mr. King's office, where he left him to go in search of the other. In a few minutes after, however, the wily Mic-mac made good his escape to the woods. Both are still at large.

BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.—The Central Board met on Wednesday in the Province Building, Mr. Longworth, Vice-President, presided in the absence of Mr. Joseph Northup who was ill. Several new societies have been formed. Arrangements were made in connection with the sale of improved stock. The following resolution proposed by Dr. Hamilton, was adopted:

Whereas, the Act for Encouragement of Agriculture provides for the holding of every third year or oftener, in some central and suitable locality, a General Provincial Exhibition, and no such Exhibition has been held in the Province since 1868, and whereas such Exhibitions are now considered a necessity in all farming countries.

Therefore Resolved, that this Board take the necessary steps, in accordance with the Act, and make arrangements for the holding of a Provincial Exhibition during the month of October, 1873, some central part of the Province.

Resolved also, that the Board apply to the Legis lature at its next session for the necessary funds to enable the Board to carry out the contemplated Exhibition.

EASTERN COUNTIES FRUIT GROWERS' ASSOCIATION.—A Fruit Growers' Association for the Eastern Counties was organized at Truro on the 24th ult. Col. Laurie, President, Dr. D. H. Blair, Secretary and Treasurer. The following gentlemen Vice Presidents—for Colchester J. B. Calkin; for Pictou David Matheson; for Cumberland C. J. Stewart; for Hants, Nelson Murphy; for Antigonish Robt. Trotter; for Cape Breton Lieut. Col. Crews Ried; for Halifax G. A. S. Crichton; and the following are members of the Council—for Hants H. L. Yeomans; for Pictou Dr. George Johnson; for Colchester Major Blair, J. F. Blanchard and Wm. Kent.

YARMOUTH.—The "Herald" reports that a colored man named Allan McLeod, of the name "Lively," was arrested on Wednesday evening and committed to jail, charged with stealing two trunks filled with rubber boots and shoes, from the barn of Mr. John McLeod, hotel proprietor, at Annapolis. When arrested he at once acknowledged his guilt to the constable, and begged hard to be let off.

BRIDGE.—The barn of Mr. Elias Jefferson, Brwick, together with its contents consisting of hay, grain and farming implements, valued at about \$300, were destroyed by fire on Monday morning, 28th inst. The fire was set by children who were carelessly playing with matches.—Kentville Star.

THE AIKINS HISTORICAL PRIZE at King's College for next year is to be for the best Essay on the history of the County of Digby.

The object of this prize is to preserve, as far as possible, the local records and traditions relating to the commencement and progress of the settlements in the several counties, including biographical sketches of leading persons connected with the early colonization of the county.

The prize is open for competition to the whole Province.

The essays must be sent on or before the first day of June next.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The King of Barnab, it is reported, has recently degraded one of the ablest and most powerful men in his dominion—Yan Atween Wom—for drinking wine, taking bribes, and speaking ill of His Majesty. He has also placed a legal ban upon the sale of intoxicating liquors in his dominions.—Alliance News.

The new temperance law of Illinois, recently introduced to Connecticut, provokes such advertisements as these in the journals of the former State:

NOTICE.—All women who do not wish their husbands to frequent my house for the purpose of drinking, will oblige me by leaving a note at the Post Office, Box 83. (Signed)

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

TEAS, COFFEES, AND GROCERIES.

E. W. Sutcliffe

HAS just received per steamers and sailing vessels from Liverpool and London, PICKLES, SPICES,

FRUITS, CHOICE TEAS,

CONDIMENTS, &c., &c.

Purchasers will do well by leaving their orders for Groceries at

Old Number, 23 Brunswick St.,
Opposite foot of Coyswell St.

Tea & Coffee

Consumers will effect a great saving by calling at the TEA AND COFFEE MART,

CORNER OF BARRINGTON AND BUCKINGHAM STREETS.

Good Family TEA selling at 35s., 40c. and 44c. per lb. Sutcliffe's COFFEE not to be equalled in the city. Remember the address.

E. W. SUTCLIFFE.

Nov. 6.

99 GRANVILLE STREET 99 DRY GOODS.

AUTUMN

WINTER STOCK COMPLETE.

The attention of both Wholesale and Retail Buyers is respectfully requested to this stock, embracing the largest and best variety we have ever offered.

MANTLES & MILLINERY.

All orders for these shall have, as usual, our most prompt and careful attention.

N. B.—A large stock of MANTLE CLOTHS AND MANTLES on hand.

SMITH BROS.

Oct. 30.



GOVERNMENT HOUSE, OTTAWA.

Monday, 7th day of Oct. 1872.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the Governor General in Council.

On the recommendation of the Hon. the Minister of Customs, and under the Provisions of the 6th Section of the Act 31st Victoria, Chap. 6, intituled: "An Act respecting the Customs," His Excellency has been pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, that South Star, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, and the same is hereby constituted and created into an outpost of Customs, and placed under the survey of the Collector of Customs at the port of Sydney.

W. A. HINSWORTH,

Clerk, Privy Council.

3 in.

Oct. 30.

HOUSE TO LET.

No. 73 Granville Street.

CONTAINING fifteen Bed rooms, two sitting rooms, two Kitchens, and Cellar, well adapted for a

First Class

BOARDING HOUSE,

Newly fitted up with Gas, and Water to the third floor, also a new furnace arranged for economically warming the whole house.

Apply to

S. SELDEN,

No. 71 Granville Street.

Oct. 9.



NOVA SCOTIA RAILWAY.

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,
Halifax, 25th September, 1872.

NOTICE.

UNLOADING OF CARS.

Consignees are hereby notified that owing to the increasing demands for CARS it is indispensable that all Freight be promptly taken delivery of and UNLOADED FROM THE CARS, towards the management to meet the requirements of the traffic. And demurrage at the rate of two dollars per car per day will be charged on all freight not unloaded from the Cars thirty-six (36) hours after arrival—which must be paid before the goods are removed—in accordance with conditions of General Freight Tariff.

Oct. 2.

GEO. TAYLOR,

Gen'l Superintendent.