

sides of the gently-heaving waves, their shoen, as it varied in shades of brilliancy, was like a picture torn out of a book of enchantment. Another correspondent says that the water had a fiery tinge occasionally, although for the most part it wore a silvery appearance. This he accounts for by saying that the beautiful spectacle was caused by insects whose bodies were partially red, but chiefly a glistening sort of white.

By later letters from Burmah we learn that:—

Six Karen young men who have recently graduated at Rangoon Theological Seminary have offered themselves for the Siam Mission and have accompanied our missionaries to Tavoy. Four of them are employed in giving instruction in Karen to the Missionaries; the other two are engaged in evangelistic labors in the Tavoy District. They will all accompany our Missionaries to Siam when the time comes to enter that country.

Further Missionary Correspondence on the 5th page.

Educational Record.

HORTON ACADEMY.

The Executive Committee have observed that in his Annual Report to the Government for the year ending October 31, 1873, the Superintendent of Education takes occasion to enlarge on the superior merits of the Pictou and Yarmouth Academies, and he asserts that "from the locality of these two Institutions and the fields for educational effort by which they are surrounded, it is greatly to be desired that they should be made yet more decidedly the institutions for higher class instruction, for the Eastern and Western Sections of the Province."

The Executive Committee deems it desirable to place before the public the fact, that in Horton Academy, which is not mentioned by the Superintendent, and which has been more than forty years in operation, the range of studies, as well as the attendance, compares very favorably with the other Academies:

Academy.	Population of County.	No. in attendance.	Studying Latin.	Studying Greek.
Pictou.....	32,111	149*	43	5
Yarmouth.....	18,550	42	33	3
Horton.....	21,610	92	62	32

*In all the departments.

The Executive Committee congratulate the friends of the Institution on the success which has attended it for so many years, and that it now occupies so high a position among the educational arrangements of the Province.

The Superintendent of Education remarks as follows:—"In this connection I have to state that those Counties where Colleges are situated are by law deprived of free Academic Institutions. It may be suggested that the law may be in some way modified, so as to provide a remedy for this defect in our School System. Counties having Colleges should assuredly have Academies, which, as Collegiate Schools, may become feeders to the Colleges. I cannot but think that such Counties have a first claim to Academic Institutions. I would instance the Counties of Halifax, Hants, and Kings."

Acadia College is in Kings County, and so is Horton Collegiate Academy, which has been a "feeder to the College" from the beginning. But it is not, like the County Academies, a free Institution.

The Executive Committee have to state that if provision is to be made for free education in the higher branches it will be but fair and according to law that suitable buildings or a sum sufficient to pay for rent and maintenance of buildings be furnished by the county. When that is done, or guaranteed, Horton Academy will supply free tuition in the higher branches to all residents in the County, male and female, of suitable age, who shall be found qualified, on examination, to avail themselves of these advantages.

At the same time it is proper to observe that there has been no expression of dissatisfaction with the existing state of things in this County; and that as many youths from Kings County were in attendance at the Academy last year, in proportion to the population, as were in attendance at Pictou and Yarmouth, in proportion to the population of those Counties, respectively.

J. M. CRAMP,
Chairman of Executive Committee.
S. B. KEMPTON, Sec'y.
April, 24, 1874.

The Report of the Board of Trustees of the Public Schools of St. John prepared by the Secretary, Mr. J. March, presents many interesting and encouraging facts. That community is provided with a system of education, which grants equal privileges for all the children and youth of the city to gain a thorough acquaintance with those branches of study that will fit them to discharge the duties of life in an efficient manner. The schools have been graded from the lowest to the highest according to the most approved plan. The course of study has been arranged in accordance with the principle of mental development and growth. The city is provided with a staff of teachers, whose mental and moral standing entitle them to the confidence and esteem of the whole community.

For \$81,830.23 the Trustees have carried on the schools of the city for two years, giving instructions to 6444 pupils, at an annual cost of \$6.35 per pupil. This expenditure covered the rents of buildings, the payment of teachers' salaries, the care of school-rooms, the cost of wood, coal, water, light, books for indigent pupils, insurance of property, payment of interest on bonds and loans, and salaries of the Secretary and City Superintendent.

During the last term of the year, ending Oct. 31, 1873, there were 137 in attendance in the Girls' High School, and in the Grammar School, the high school for boys, 101. The Report of the Commissioners of the Halifax Schools makes the expense for this city the past year to be \$12.50 for each pupil enrolled, and that too while the city is deprived of the privileges of a High School. We are a patient people. We congratulate the citizens of St. John on having brought their schools into such a prosperous condition in so short time. With the numbers and wealth of that community, they have only to persevere in the way they have begun, to make their schools equal to any on the continent.

It appears from the General Catalogue of Newton Theological Institution, published in 1869, that between 1831 and that date, there were enrolled on the register the names of twenty-three students from the eastern British Provinces. Six of this number have deceased. Of the remaining seventeen, nine are now in the Provinces, and the rest are in the United States.

The system of post-graduate study is the feature that holds out the promise of great prosperity to Yale. Lawyers in full practice, clergymen with years' experience, physicians and teachers whose schooling days are long past, with the younger men of recent classes, are engaged in their course, covering in their studies all branches of learning. Sanscrit and the philosophy of linguistics under the well-known Whitney, history under Prof. Wheeler, political philosophy, higher jurisprudence, and economics under the venerable Woolsey and Prof. Sumner, English philology and literature with Prof. Lounsbury, and all the higher departments of science under the direction of the professors in the Sheffield School—all these are going on together on a plan that makes the student rather a co-worker with the professor than a learner of mere lessons. It is the nearest possible approach to independent and original investigation.—*College Courier.*

The Christian Messenger.

HALIFAX, N. S., APRIL 29, 1874.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.—We beg to remind those of our Subscribers who have been accustomed to make their payments in advance—but have omitted to do so for 1874—that three months of this year have now expired. We tender our best thanks to those who have already paid, and hope that other persons, who have not yet done so, will make it convenient to forward their subscriptions without further delay. We need all that is due to meet pressing claims. To each of such subscribers it may be a small sum, but to us the aggregate is large and the want of it causes us much inconvenience.

EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE.—We take the earliest opportunity of announcing the publication of the Proceedings of the Evangelical Alliance held last year in New York: they are contained in a ponderous volume, large octavo, nearly 800 pages, double columns, and in small type. It is a work of great value. There is, first, an historical sketch of the meetings of the Alliance. This is followed by the papers presented, in the following order: 1. Reports on

the State of Religion in various Christian countries—fourteen Reports. II. Christian Union—twelve Essays. III. Christianity and its Antagonisms. Theological Section, seven Essays: Philosophical Section, eight Essays. IV. Christian Life: 1. Personal and family Religion, seven papers. 2. Education and Literature, three papers. 3. The Pulpit of the Age, four papers. 4. Sunday Schools, four papers. 5. Christian Associations, one paper. V. Romanism and Protestantism. 1. Modern Romanism and Protestantism, ten papers. 2. The Old Catholics, four papers. 3. Evangelization of Roman Catholic countries, two papers. VI. Christianity and Civil Government. 1. Church and State, six papers. 2. Christianity and Liberty, two papers. 3. Ministerial Support, three papers. VII. Christian Missions—Foreign and Domestic. 1. Principles of Mission Work, six papers. 2. Particular Missionary Fields, nine papers. VIII. Christianity and Social Reforms, eight papers.

A number of valuable documents are given in an Appendix. There are also biographical notices of the Rev. Messrs. Proneir and Carrasco, who were lost in the *Ville du Havre*, with their portraits, and of the Rev. Emile Cook, with his portrait.

The Roll of members gives the names of 516 delegates. The representatives from the Halifax Branch are thus reported:—Revds. J. M. Cramp, D. D.—John Forrest—George W. Grant—George W. Hill—John Lathern—John Munro—Robert Murray—John Read—E. M. Saunders—and Henry B. Webster, Esq.

The volume is published by Harper and Brothers, New York, price six dollars. It is worth double the money. We bespeak for it a wide circulation.

A letter has just been received by Rev. J. F. Avery from Rev. J. Clark, who was about leaving England for Nova Scotia. He says:—

GODMANCHESTER, HUNTS, April 4, 1874.
My dear Brother,—

I am just penning a line to say that, all being well, I leave Liverpool on the 21st by ship *Nestorian*, Allan line; so you will know when to look out for me. On Wednesday I had farewell to Eng. The friends presented me with a Testimonial in the shape of a purse containing £30. To God be all the praise. Mrs. C. and myself have been exceedingly busy of late, as you may imagine. I will pray for us, I am sure. May the Lord bring us safely over and open a suitable sphere of usefulness. I shall be able to offer the highest and best testimonials. To a gracious God I leave the future. When carrying home my child last night she said, "You know the way, don't you father?"—and this is my strong consolation now. My Father knows the way. Hoping to see you soon, with warmest christian love.

Yours very truly,

J. CLARK.

The letter of Dr. Day last week mentioned Mr. C. as under appointment for Onslow. We trust our brother may come in the fullness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ.

The London *Freeman* contains a communication from Wolfville, N. S., signed "J. M. C." giving an account of the revival in various churches in this province, and more in detail of the work at Wolfville. The writer gives an account of the reception of the newly baptized into the church. Of the reading of the Church Covenant, he says:

"That part of the exercise is to me very interesting. I love the quaint, grave style of the covenant, and gladly join in renewing it, which is always done on such occasions."

Our "Covenant" is quoted by the *Freeman*.

"J. M. C." in his last paragraph remarks:

"Nineteen years ago we had a similar blessing. Sixty-nine baptisms were reported to the Association that year by this church. We are hoping now for accessions to the ministry, which are very much needed, the vacant churches being quite numerous. Ministers raised up among ourselves are generally preferred, as they understand the characters and habits of the people, and can adapt their instructions accordingly."

THE TEMPERANCE CRUSADE.

We have said but little comparatively in our pages about the great Temperance reform which has been for some weeks past going on in the Western States, and in a more limited measure nearer home. We frankly confess, that whilst we have rejoiced in the results so evident, we have not been fully persuaded of the means employed being such as would make the work so permanent as we have thought

it must be to become a lasting triumph of temperance principle. Perhaps however, we are mistaken, and the evil being more one of self-interest, and of appetite and feeling, than one of principle and conviction, it may be met and overcome more frequently by appeals to the feelings and fears than by calmer and cooler appeals to the sense of right. The greatest slave to his appetite will often confess that he well knows he is doing wrong whilst he contemplates to drink and drink till he dies. Many of those who too are becoming rich day by day by taking the fool's pence, know they are not doing a legitimate business, and detest and denounce a drunkard, but say that some one else will sell the debasing beverages if they do not, and by that means hush their consciences into a sort of slumber which permits them to live on and continue in the business of destroying men and women, and ruining their families, and ultimately of killing the drunkards.

The following brief expression with regard to the movement from the *Watchman and Reflector* is to the point, and one to which we would give our hearty amen:

"The woman's movement against rum-selling we regard as among the most significant of the age. We care not that cool men can see faults in it. Imperfection marks every thing human. We have no sympathy with those who would stand back for fear of a possible reaction. No mighty movement ever occurred without reaction, a reaction with more or less of harm. It is enough for us that it is a grand uprising of woman against the direst evil that ever crushed her in heart and home, and in all the holiest relations of life; that it is such an uprising in the name of God and in the conscious sense of Divine support. Weak as water in herself, she goes forth to it strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. We say to our brethren, who pride themselves on their ice-cold judgments,—let them be careful how they seek to take this work out of her hands."

We give on another page some late accounts of the work in the United States.

THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION last week had several exceedingly interesting meetings on the occasion of opening the new and handsome building in Granville Street, just completed for their use and accommodation.

On Tuesday the whole building was lighted up from basement to cupola and presented a magnificent appearance; whilst inside the dedicatory services were being held. After devotional services the President gave an account of the financial position of the building:

Cost of the building. . . . \$35,000
Amount of subscriptions. . . 18,000

Amount of debt. . . . 17,000

A number of addresses were subsequently given.

On Thursday evening a Mass meeting of Young Men was held.

On Friday evening a Conversation by invitation. P. C. Hill, Esq., read an excellent paper on "Our Philanthropic Institutions." Several other gentlemen spoke most effectively, closing by Rev. Mr. Grant, who made a speech of great point and power. At the close he called on the audience to offer contributions towards removing at least \$7000 of the remaining debt. This he did in the most pleasant and humorous strain. The responses came one after another in sums varying from \$500, \$250, \$100, \$50, to \$20; until over \$5000 had been contributed. This "Home" for young men is one of the finest buildings in Halifax—the lower flat is rented to the Bank of Montreal.

Our list of deaths contains that of Rev. A. W. MacKAY, who died at Dartmouth on Wednesday last, at the early age of 42 years. He has been an invalid and has not exercised his ministerial office for some time past. He has left a widow—the eldest daughter of the late Rev. Dr. Forrester—and three young children. The *Witness* truly remarks: "It is exceedingly sad to see a man of Mr. McKay's attainments cut down in the prime of life, and his young family left desolate and helpless." We most sincerely sympathize with the bereaved ones.

NOTICES.

THE LUNenburg and QUEEN'S CO. MINISTRIAL CONFERENCE will meet at Bridgewater on Tuesday, May 26th, at 2 o'clock P. M., (postponed to that date by request.)

Introductory sermon by Bro. Gates. Essays by other brethren as previously announced. Outlines of sermons expected from each member.

J. A. DURKEE, Sec'y.

"Thoughts of the Past" are not quite up to our standard. To write verses, and to publish them to the world, are two very different things. The former may be very harmlessly indulged in, but to get them ready for the latter is a far more serious matter. The request often sent with such effusions to "correct all the errors" is easily made but in order to effect such corrections they are sometimes like repairing the Irishman's gun, they need a new stock, lock and barrel.

There are many requisites for making poetry, such as may properly be put into print and challenge the inspection of the world.

The monthly meeting of the Evangelical Alliance, will be held in the Young Men's Christian Association Building on Monday next, 4 o'clock. A paper will be read by Rev. E. M. Saunders.

YARMOUTH, April 25th, 1874.

Dear Editor.—Please acknowledge in the *Messenger*, the following sums received from a Friend, per Rev. D. W. C. Dimock, Biltown:

Home Mission, . . . \$10 00
French Mission, . . . 2 00

\$12 00

Yours truly,

SAM. BROWN, Treas.

NOTICE.

The Foreign Missionary Board will meet at the Mission Room, No. 17 King Street, St. John, N. B., on Monday, May 4th, at 3 o'clock.

By Order,
W. B. BOGGS, Sec'y.

CORRECTION.—Article: "That Pill", *Messenger* of the 22nd inst.—After "promise" in 4th paragraph, read: For, if I forget, no doubt Mr. Gaetz well remembers, that while his "dipping brethren" told the truth, but not the whole truth, he was going to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth."

LETTERS RECEIVED.

Rev. H. Achilles. Rev. J. Murray. W. G. Parsons. Rev. Chas. Randall. L. Macdonald. D. Archibald. All correct—thanks. W. Wellesley, \$1. J. Wheelock, \$2. M. Kinsman, \$5. J. P. Dodge, \$4. Rev. Dr. Tupper, \$1. Rev. J. L. Read, J. P. N. Swan, J. Ham, \$2. Charles Bacon, \$12. Rev. Jas. Parker, Rev. J. H. Saunders, \$2. I. Thurber, Esq., 2. W. A. Morse, \$4. J. F. Page, \$1. Rev. G. F. Miles. R. D. Rice, \$4. J. B. Page, \$1. E. Layton, \$2. Dr. J. Woodberry, \$20. Rev. G. O. Gates. D. Whitman, \$6. W. D. Carter, 2 subs., \$4. Rev. J. M. Parker. N. A. Stewart, \$2.

News of the Week.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—On the 28th March, a party of four men went to the barrens between this place and St. Anns, to hunt caribou. After three or four hours travel into the forest one of the party having hold of his gun within a few inches of the muzzle across his shoulder, a switch or a stick caught the hammer and exploded the cap driving the ball into the hip of Hugh G. MacDonald, much to the sorrow of the party. He was a corpse in a few minutes. The above was the only son of the Rev. Ronald McDonald of this place aged 16½ years. His parents are truly to be pitied their son being an amiable, promising youth, their only hope of support in their declining years. Visiting the family shortly after their dear boy was taken home dead it was truly a house of mourning. The words of Job in his affliction came vividly to recollection, "Have pity upon me, have pity upon me, O my friends for the hand of God has touched me."

He was buried on the 1st day of April. A very large concourse of people attended Revd. Mr. Robinson, Wesleyan Minister preached an able and appropriate discourse from the words, "Prepare to meet thy God O Israel." Much sympathy is shown to brother MacDonald in his sad bereavement. May the Lord give him grace and comfort in this mysterious providence.—*Com.*
N. E. MARGAREE, C. B.

The enterprising firm of OLIVE, RANKIN & Co., Yarmouth, publish the *Exchange Journal and Advertiser*. It is a large sheet and well filled for our Western capital to sustain.

COUGHS AND COLDS.—If taken in time are easily cured, it allowed to continue will result in incurable consumption. Allen's Lung Balm has the confidence and support of the medical faculty, and it is recommended by all who are acquainted with its virtues.

DALHOUSIE COLLEGE.—The Medical Department closed its session on Thursday last. The closing exercises were held in Argyle Hall. Four students were prepared for graduation—one of these was too young by six months he consequently could not have the honor conferred before the next term.

On Friday the closing exercises of the Arts Department were held in the same place. Six students had completed their 4th year. There were also seven of the 3rd year. Eleven of the 2nd year, and fourteen of the 1st year.

A number of prizes were given to the students.

A large whale was seen in Louisburg harbor last Thursday. It was nearly captured, but escaped.