

or St. Croix rum for flavor, alum, aloes, and prune juice.

Stock ale or porter is diluted with oil of vitrol, stychnine, and aqua fortis to make it keep. New ale is diluted with oil of vitrol and damaged molasses. Lager beer contains a little malt, plenty of water, some inferior hops, rosin, tar, saleratus, soda, with four different chemicals to make it keep after brewing.

These developments of the traffic, and this is by no means the worst representation we have seen of what men drink in intoxicating beverages—show it is an evil thing and only evil, and that continually, and it should help to fix in the minds of Christians the incompatibility of the thing with the law of love under which they live. The efforts to rescue the dealers from destruction have never been so remarkably blessed as within the past few months. In the absence of Prohibition Total Abstinence from the sale and use is what we should seek to promote, with all our power and influence, and by so doing, we may be conferring blessings on the community which will be second only to the gospel of Christ itself.

MUSICAL TEACHING.

Much has been done in late years in England to popularize the study of musical notation. Besides the common staff notation, a method of using the initial letters of the syllables given to the tones of the scale—called the Tonic sol-fa method—has obtained no small amount of attention. The fact of its author competing with Mr. Hullah who is patronized by government, in teaching music in public schools in London, has greatly extended its reputation. This method has been applied with much success to all the details of musical notation, by Mr. John Curwen, and his son Mr. John S. Curwen, and taught to large classes.

Although this one line, or sol-fa method, is not adopted generally by musical composers, yet it is found of great service in giving the masses a certain amount of musical knowledge which may afterwards be applied to the study of music in the common method, and has been the means of awakening large numbers to musical study. We learn from *The Tonic Sol-fa Reporter* that some attempt is being made to introduce the method into this Province. We copy the following paragraph:—

GUYSBORO, NOVA SCOTIA.—Rev. J. P. Beel who is in charge of three congregations, is about to begin sol-fa work here. He has a large field and there is much need for psalmody improvement.

From the same publication we copy the following taken from *The Psalmist*:—

It has just been resolved to have music taught on the Tonic Sol-fa method in the High School of Dundee. The teaching of music on right methods is finding its way into Normal Schools in spite of Mr. Hullah, and ere long this will tell on the musical capabilities of our schoolmasters. The study of the higher branches of music is on the increase. Ten preceptors now, for one formerly, know at least the elements of harmony; and wherever there is a music-master teaching music in schools, there is also a class for instruction in harmony and composition, at which preceptors, and others in the locality, can attend.

Comin' thro' the Rye.—The name of this song is derived from the "Rye" water at Dalry, in Ayrshire. The old ballad begins—

Jenny's a' wat pair bed-e,
Jenny's seldom dry,
'She drags' it a' her petticoat
Comin' thro' the Rye.

The common idea of this song is that a rye field is meant, but whoever saw a Scotch lass walking through a field of rye or any other grain, wet or dry? Before the days of bridges it was often no easy matter to cross rivers without paying such a penalty as has immortalized poor Jenny in the old ballad. Burns happily modernized the ballad—the lass only smiled as they saw their sweethearts fording the Rye. The air is an old Strathspey. "The Miller's daughter," perhaps the veritable Jenny of the original ballad—it is nearly pentatonic—the only f which occurs in the melody being very characteristic and effective.

HIGH CHURCHISM.—We copy the following from one of our London exchanges:—

"A High Church paper, incensed at the success of the Bunyan celebration, refers to the hero of Elstow as 'one of those sectarians who managed to disobey most effectually one of the plainest and most explicit commands of the Gospel, and which refused to suffer little children to come unto Christ—a sect as mischievous and repulsive as it is possible to be'; and further suggests that 'a handsome statue in blackened bronze' should next be erected 'for the person who is said to have contended with St. Michael for the body of Moses.' After so singular an exemplification of Christian charity on the part of

our Ritualistic censor, one need scarcely feel surprised perhaps, at finding in its advertising columns the following gem:—
"Birettas.—We import these direct from Rome, and are thereby enabled to sell them at about half-price. Priests' stocks; now so universally worn. They are the only correct collars that should be worn by a priest. Zuchettas, made from correct Roman models, and are most worn by priests at funerals."

What shall we call this? Protestantism? No. Is it Christianity? No, it cannot be. We find nothing in the New Testament that breathes any such spirit. It looks very much like a mixture of heathenism and bigotry.

McVICARS APPARATUS FOR TEACHING ARITHMETIC. We had an opportunity last week of examining this very excellent arrangement for saving the time and labor of teachers in this department of their work which is so often imperfectly attended to. It consists of a simple frame with twelve sliding pieces and a blackboard on each side. Behind the slides are large cards with figures for examples.

By its use properly managed, copying is effectually prevented, and independent calculating by each member of a class is secured. An immense saving of the teacher's time is effected, and good order secured.

The inventor, Dr. M. McVicar, is the Principal of the New York State Normal School, at Potsdam, New York.

Dr. McVicar was in Halifax on his way to pay a visit to the Normal School at Truro, and was proceeding thence on to Pictou and home by the St. Lawrence route, and took the opportunity of taking with him one of his frames. We doubt not the Normal School Teachers will use their endeavours to get this Apparatus into the Schools of this province, and so utilize the time of teachers and scholars to the best advantage.

John Bright is an eminently practical man. There is much of truth and wisdom in his utterances. The following letter of his on Temperance is thoroughly English. Moral reforms in England come from the people rather than from the law makers, and not until a law can be enforced and carried into full effect, is it usually enacted. Mr. B. writes to Mr. W. H. Gregory, of Bradford, Yorkshire, as follows:—

London, June 5th, 1874.

DEAR SIR.—I cannot write you a long letter on the temperance question and my views upon it. I am sorely troubled with letters, and am obliged to omit answers to very many of them. I may say, however, that in my opinion appeals should be made to all members of Christian Churches, in the hope of creating a great public opinion among the thoughtful and religious classes in favour of the temperance movement, and of offering through them to the view of the nation a grand example of abstinence from the use of articles which are so seldom useful and so often pernicious. If the professing Christian people would take this matter in hand the great work would go on prosperously, their example would tell rapidly upon public opinion and upon the customs of the nation, and a great reform would be in process of certain achievement, and, as this more rational opinion was created, would enable the Legislature to assist in it by such reasonable restrictions as the case may require, and as the constituencies would be able to sustain. At present a few persons clamour for legislation which the country is not prepared for and which it will not bear. The consequence of this is failure, there being much contention and no result. The friends of temperance should leave Parliament to form an opinion, trusting that when an opinion is formed whatsoever is judicious in legislation will naturally and easily follow. In a great reform of this kind Parliament can do little, but that portion of our people which cares for religion can indeed do all. The ministers of religion and the multitudes of good men and women who listen to them from week to week, can make that reform you seek. Without their zeal and co-operation it is impossible and a dream. If I had time and opportunity I could say more, but this may be sufficient for a moment as a reply to your note. I am, very truly yours,

JOHN BRIGHT.

Mr. Van Meter, who for a number of years was engaged in the work of the Home for Little Wanderers in New York, but more recently has been operating on the youth of the city of Rome in Italy, has lately made a visit of a few weeks to the United States. He has just gone back to Rome to carry on his work of education among the masses of that ancient city.

The meeting of farewell held in New York was a most enthusiastic one. From one of our exchanges we learn that when Mr. Van Meter appeared, a hearty round of applause went up, and was repeated

again and again. It was a genuine ovation from genuine friendships, as deep and strong as love and life. The speaker made no effort whatever at oratory or sensation, but in a clear voice, and with a straightforward manner, set before the people the history and character of his work in Rome and Italy. He was frequently applauded, and often we could discover tears pouring down flushed faces while hands were clapping.

A noticeable feature of the meeting was the number of young men and women, and even little children, who regarded him with a filial affection; nay, more, who loved him as a spiritual father—as indeed, he is to so many rescued from poverty and shame. He has a wonderful love for children, and therefore exerts a wonderful fascination over them. And such a man is sure to win the confidence and love of older people.

He spoke about an hour, and at the close, although he has addressed so many audiences here who have given liberally to his work, a free-will offering of four or five hundred dollars was subscribed. After the benediction, there was a rush to the platform by old and young, to grasp his hand once more, and with tearful eye, but joyful heart, give him a parting blessing. I could not think of that scene in Paul's experience at Miletus, when his friends "wept sore, fell on his neck and kissed him."

The object for which he returned to America, namely, to inform the people concerning his work, and to secure their endorsement of it by raising \$10,000 to carry it on for another year, has been accomplished.

Notices.

EXCURSION PIC-NIC.

The Annual Pic-nic of the NORTH BAPTIST SABBATH SCHOOL will be held on *Woolnough's Grounds*, MacNab's Island, on Friday next, 23rd inst. The steamer *Micmac* will leave Hutchin's wharf, near foot Cornwallis St., at 9:30 A. M., and 2 o'clock, P. M., and the City wharf, at 10 A. M., and 2:30 P. M.

Persons not members of the School can secure return tickets for 25 cents. If Friday prove stormy the Pic-nic will take place on Saturday.

RECEIVED FROM WOMEN'S MISSION AID SOCIETIES.

Sydney.—Miss M. M. Hill. . . \$ 8.10
Pereaux.—Mrs. J. L. Sanford. . . 9.00
Falmouth.—Mrs. Burpe Shaw. . . 6.00
Summersville.—Miss Sarah E. Masters. . . 12.00
Amherst.—Miss E. Freeman. . . 25.00
Ohio, Yarmouth.—Geo. Crosby. . . 8.40

M. R. SELDEN, Sec'y.
Halifax, N. S., August 25, 1874.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

Dear Brother Selden,—
I would hereby gratefully acknowledge the kindness of friends who at the time of the Association at Parrsboro gave me about thirty dollars including a collection taken up at a Temperance Meeting held at that time. I am still suffering considerably and gaining in strength very slowly, if any. I feel that "the earthly house of this Tabernacle will soon be dissolved, but I trust, I have a building of God, a house not made with hands eternal in the heavens," and that grace that enabled me to preach the gospel to others is sustaining me in all my sufferings. I have moved to Lower Economy where I wish my letters sent. It rejoices my heart to see so often in the *Messenger* accounts of God's reviving His cause in the world. Although I am not permitted to labour in his Vineyard, yet I feel to rejoice in the prosperity of Zion.

May God bless you in your arduous labors.
Yours in the Gospel,
SAMUEL THOMPSON.
August 22nd 1874.

Marriages.

On the 3rd inst., by the Rev. Jos. Murray, M. A., Mr. Simon Michener, and Alberta, daughter of William Davison, Esq., all of Hantsport.

On the 12th inst., by the same, Mr. Thomas Morgan, and Matilda, daughter of Mr. James Rupert, both of St. John, N. B.

On Wednesday, the 29th ult., West River, Meadow Brook, by the Rev. Mr. Ross, father of the bride, William E. Hyde, Esq., of Halifax, N. S., to Isabella J. Ross, of West River, P. E. Island.

On the 20th inst., at the Canning Baptist Church, by the Rev. S. J. Neely, assisted by the Rev. D. Freeman, A. L. Wood, Merchant of Halifax, N. S., to Julia J., daughter of L. C. Woodworth, Esq., Canning, N. S.

On the 20th inst., by the Rev. E. B. Corey, assisted by the Rev. J. J. Armstrong, A. G. Purdy, Esq., Merchant, of Spring Hill, to Miss Maggie Peers, of Wallace Bay, Cumberland Co.

Deaths.

On the 15th July, at Mount Pleasant, West River, Pictou, Duncan McKenzie, aged 60 years.

At West River, Pictou, on Friday, 14th inst., Isabella Fraser, aged 67 years.

At West River Road, Pictou, on Tuesday, 11th inst., Mary Bell, aged 32 years.

On the 18th inst., Timothy Cadigan, aged 68 years.

At the Poors' Asylum, on the 18th August Thomas Dwyer, aged 30 years.

On the 19th inst., John Hogan, aged 64 years.

Saturday, Aug. 22nd, 1874, James Forbes, son of Robert and Margaret Forbes, aged 2 years and 2 months.

Sunday, Aug. 23rd, Howard S. Roaste, aged 10 months.

On the 22nd inst., B. Idget Lefevre, wife of John McNaughton, in the 47th year of her age.

At Dartmouth on Sunday 23rd inst., Henry James, son of James and Mary Horne, aged 49 years.

At Upper Stewiacke, on Tuesday, August 18th, Alexander M. Lydiard, aged 69 years.

At Bedford on Tuesday 18th, James Flinn, aged 59 years.

At Hillsboro, on the 18th ult., Eliza, wife of James H. Gains, aged 62 years.

At Hantsport on the 18th ult., Louisa McKinnon, aged 8 years.

Shipping List.

ARRIVED.

TUESDAY, August 18th.—Schrs. Charles P. Thompson, Roberts, of and from Gloucester, Mass.; schrs. Mary (of Arichat), Boutou, Boston; Golden Light, Teed, Freeport, N. S.; Regent, Croft, Labrador bound to LaHave; A-la-Mode, Himmelman, North Bay; Eliza Bell, Bel. do.; Agie, Himmelman, do.; C. Everett, Selig, do.; Days' ring, Conrod, do.; A. J. Hill, Port Caledonia; Agility, Fougere, North Sydney; Amateur, McDonald, do.; P. Walsh, Cann, Cow Bay via Louisburg; Havelock, Dickson, Louisburg; Vegeta Harpwell, Arichat; Elizabeth, Logan, Pictou; Lord Bury, Griffin, do.; Rival, Arnold, Sheet Harbor; Anna May, Corkum, Bridgewater.

WEDNESDAY, 19th.—S. S. Sidonian, Edwards, Glasgow via Liverpool, G. B.; schrs. Henrietta, Messervy, Bay St. George, Nfld.; Ida Ann, McDonald, Bay of Islands, Nfld.; Havelock, Jackson, Louisburg; Frankia, Myers, Pictou; Albertina, Friday, Chester; Leader, Doyle, Cow Bay.

THURSDAY, 20th.—S. S. Newfoundland, Mylius, Pictou; Bark Sesti, Stevens, Genoa; brig, Julia E. Scott, McLeellan, Ponce, P. R.; Woodcock, Neilson, do.; General Canrobert, McDonald, Pictou; schrs. John Norris, Morgan, Inagua, P. I., via Louisburg; Emma, Hartling, North Bay; Scar, Venotte, Mahone Bay; Swan, Jamieson, Cape Canso; Banner, Thomas, Brington; Amelia, Gerrior, Pictou.

FRIDAY, 21st.—Brigt. Zimoni, LeBlanc, Portland; schrs. Spring Bird (Am.), Low, Beverly, Mass.; Quickstep, E. nat., North Bay; Bertha, Hammett, Inagua; H. B. Lewis, Keating, Ship Harbor; Foam, LeBlanc, Pictou; Matilda Ann, Publicover, Gt. Son's Cove.

SATURDAY, 22d.—Am. steamer Athabra, Duane, Ch'ow, via Port Hawkesbury; schrs. Ida E. Watt, Dalhousie, N. B.; Medway Belle, McPhee, Pictou; Olivia, Buckler, Port Medway; Switcher, Publicover, Gt. Son's Cove; Friend, Lantz, Mahone Bay.

SUNDAY, 23rd.—Stmr. Hibernian, Archer, Liverpool, G. B.; Am. steamer Falmouth, Colby, Portland; brig, Bacallieu, LeVache, Cow Bay; schrs. Sturgeon, Cook, North Bay; Smiling Water, Wentzell, do.; May Lily, Conrod, do.; Two Sisters, Landry, Pictou; Josephine, Farrell, South Bar, C. B.; Rose, Grimes, Cow Bay; Hector, Townsend, Pictou; Wm. Kandie, Hooper, Fougere, C. B.; J. Fraser, Sault, LaHave; Cygnus, Geldert, Lunenburg; Neptune, Keefe, Prospect.

MONDAY, 24th.—Steamer Caspian, Trocks, Montreal and Quebec; Am. steamer Carroll, Wright, Boston; steamer Staruck, Guldorf, St. Peter, via Sydney; Topal, schrs. Zingra, Seale, Swansea; Am. schrs. Carrie F. Butler, non Beverly, Mass.; schrs. W. H. Lohes, Lohes, North Bay; Maria, Curry, Bay Chaleur; Merlin, Mouser, Cow Bay; Triumph, Wilcox, Louisburg; W. B. Hatfield, McChesney, Pictou; New Dominion, Mullins, Port Hood; Herald, Cunningham, Guysborough; Italia, Hemlow, Liscomb; Good Templar, Cropley, Torbay; Petipas, Pelrine, Torbay; Lord Lyons, O'Hara, New Harbor; Princess Alice, Hartia, Salmon River; Highland Jane, Hartia, Sheet Harbor; George Parney, Shelburne; Palm, Parhall, Port Medway; Three Brothers, Eisenhaur, Martin's River.

CLEARED.

TUESDAY, August 18th.—Stmr. Falmouth, Colby, Portland; Virgo, Barchin, Sydney and St. John's, N. F.; schrs. John Thomas, Curry, Chatham, N. B.; Matilda Hopewell, Ormiston, Glace Bay; Morning Light, Fraser, St. Peter's; May Alice, Smith, Sheet Harbor; Rival, Arnold, do.; Nina Keen, McKenzie, Bank Quere; C. Everett, Selig, Port Medway; A-la-Mode, Himmelman, do.; Emily, Cook, do.

WEDNESDAY, 19th.—Brigt. D. W. Hennessy, Hennessy, Pictou; schrs. Lois Jane, Gillis, Charlottetown; Four Brothers, Muggah, Sydney; Charles Valentine, Ormiston, do.; Zephyr, Pose, Main-tail, Nantux, Burke do.; Morven, Fougere, River Bourgeois; Ellen, Shelburne, Strait of Canso; Comet, Reeves, Port Hawkesbury, and Harbour Bouche; F. A. Scholtz, Scholtz, Liverpool, N. S.; Albertina, Fredry, fishing voyage.

THURSDAY, 20th.—S. S. Sidonian, Edwards, St. John, N. B., and Liverpool and Glasgow; schrs. Providence, Albert, Tracadia, N. B.; Emma, Hartling, LaHave; Caroline, Perry, Cape Canso; Vivid, Stewart, Sheet Harbor.

FRIDAY, 21st.—Bark Swift, Jean, Providence, R. I.; brig, Nancy Ross, MacLeellan, Moser's River; schrs. Sea Slipper, Perry, Shelburne; British Pearl, Hadley, Guysboro; Quickstep, Ernst, Mahone Bay; Star, Vineau, do.; Mary, Farrell, Little Glace Bay and Port Caledonia; Mary, Bagnall, Cow Bay; Mary, Boubin, Sydney; Ontario, McCully, do.; Banner, Thomas, Port Caledonia.

SATURDAY, 22nd.—Stmr. Athabra, (Am.) Doane, Boston; Newfoundland, Mylius, Pictou; barque Sesti Ponce, (Nog.) Svendsen, St. Margaret's Bay; brig, Zancini, LeBlanc, Arichat; Randolph Payson, Jones, Liverpool, N. S.; Leader, Doyle, Sydney; schrs. Henrietta, Messervy, Bay St. George, Nfld.; Young Brothers, Young, Codroy, Nfld.; Spring Bird, (Am.) Low, Grand Banks; Mary Lois, Dauphney, Aspy Bay; Maggie, Barrett, North Sydney; Iris, Barrett, Sydney; Rebecca Ann, Florion, do.; Amateur, McDonald, do.; via St. Peter's; Zebra, Rhodenizer, Glace Bay; St. Agnes, B. Montaine, Port

Hood; Lord Bury, Griffin, Pngwash & Pictou; Mary Star of the Sea, Routillier, Harbour-a-Bouche; Hareza, Mitchell, Sheet Harbor.

MONDAY, 24th.—Steamers Hibernian, Archer, Montreal; Carroll, (Am.) Wright, Charlottetown via Port Hawkesbury; M. A. Starr, Smith, Western ports; briet Conde de Farrobo, (Port) Costa Pinto, Quebec; brig Premier, Wilson, Demerara; schrs. J. Frankia, Lake, Fortune Bay, Nfld.; Matilda Ann, Publicover, North Bay; Switcher, Publicover; Cygnus, Geldert, Banquereau; Havelock, Dickson, Cow Bay; Amelia, Gerrior, Arichat; Swan, Skinner, Port Hawkesbury, Lettie, Parker, Pictou; W. H. Lohes, Lobnes, LaHave; Smiling Water, Wentzell, do.; Sturgeon, Cook, do.; Lily, Conrod, Lunenburg.

POSTPONEMENT.

AFTER due consideration of matters with reference to Drawing of "BOOK SALE" on 20th of August, we, this day, notify all our Agents and friends that, for the following reasons, we are obliged to

Postpone "Distribution of Prizes" until Thursday, the 16th day of December, 1874:

1st. When commencing in April we anticipated getting the Agency organized and at work much sooner than we did.

2nd. Publishers with whom we had made the Contracts, through some unforeseen accidents in bindery and printing, could not fill orders for several weeks, hence, causing a serious delay.

3rd. Owing to the inactivity of trade and business of the money market during past Winter and Spring, the people generally were slow to subscribe, and in any instances could not fulfil their promises to Agents. Hence, our Agents did not do all that we anticipated of them in the time given.

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Yours respectfully,
ROGERS & BLACK.

Amherst, N. S., Aug. 10, 1870.

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