

It is now the dry season, and there is scarcely any change in the weather week after week. You never hear people remark that "it is a fine day," because every day is fine. Occasionally there is a foggy morning which brings the mercury down to 75d., but it does not remain there long. And this is winter: about March the warm weather commences.

The *Visitor* and *Messenger* are now coming pretty regularly, though several back numbers are wanting. You may be sure their visits are eagerly looked for, and their pages scanned with deep interest, since everything concerning home, and the religious history of our people is especially dear to us. Our missionaries have been industriously seeking to acquire the two languages which they will in all probability use in their life work. Those in Burma have been hard at work in the Karen and those in Bangkok at the Siamese, and they have so far advanced that they can read the Scriptures, and converse somewhat freely with the people. And we are looking forward to the early selection of a place in which to establish ourselves for actual work. Only let our people be patient with us, and pray without ceasing for us.

Brethren, "have faith in God," the God who guided Israel by the cloudy pillar, and who marks the sparrow's fall. Remember the promise attached to the great Commission under which we believe we have come out here, "Lo I am with you always." And bear us ever in mind at the throne of grace.

EDUCATIONAL RECORD.

The entire number of graduates of Brown University is 2540. Of this number 654, or about one fourth, have become ordained ministers; one hundred and ten have received appointment as officers in various colleges; nineteen have been members of the U. S. Senate; twenty-five have been governors or lieutenant-governors; and thirty have held positions in the judiciary of the country. This is the record of an institution that began its career one hundred years ago with one instructor and one student.

The brief account of the life of Faraday presents some suggestive facts. This great student of nature believed the want of judgment to be the great intellectual disease, and that all success in true study must depend on the habit of forming clear and precise ideas. Right education can be effected only by patience and labor of thought. He was continually surprised to find how much ignorance existed among the highly educated, as they were coming to him again and again to ask the simplest questions. He had learned by observation, that the possession of high mental powers does not always insure high moral sense. We ought to remember that Faraday's life is a convincing illustration of the harmony between true piety and the noblest labors of the scientific mind.

It was Faraday's opinion that one fifth of the time occupied in a boy's education should be devoted to the sciences. As a lecturer, this philosopher's example is deserving of study by all teachers. He made it a rule to inform the eye, as well as to instruct the ear. He went over in his mind every point of the lecture again and again, before he ventured to appear before his audience.

We name a few words of frequent use in mathematical language, a majority of which are mispronounced by a majority of pupils and by a large minority of teachers. These are some of them:

Alternate—the first syllable often pronounced *awl*, and the accent placed on the first instead of the second syllable.

Area—has its accent on the first, not on the second syllable. *Equation*—the *t* incorrectly pronounced like *z* in *azure*. The second syllable is like *tion* in *nation*.

Exponent—accent too often put on first instead of second syllable. *Column*—Not to be pronounced as if spelled *yum*.

Height—should be pronounced *hie* and not with the sound of *th* at the end.

Root—oo long as in *foot*, not as in *foot*.

The teacher should not pull down in his arithmetic or algebra class what he has taken great pains to build up in his grammar class; for if he allows

the incorrect use of language in any recitation, the habit will become too strong for any battery of grammatical rules to demolish. Insist, therefore, pertinaciously upon the correct use of mathematical language, and do not allow the expression "a equals to b," nor a^2 , a^3 , etc., and a , a' , etc., to be read as if they were the same thing. We wish to call especial attention to the adverb used above—"pertinaciously." We mean by it, all that can be found in its definition in Webster and Worcester put together. Nothing short of this "eternal vigilance" can be set as the price of "freedom" from a bad habit.—*Professor Quinsby.*

One of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools, the Rev. G. Steele, reporting this year on Lancashire, states that in regard to reading it is his custom to examine the first class in the newspaper of the day. The children stand in a semi circle, and pass the newspaper round, and he requires them to read in such manner that he and all present can both hear and understand, and then he asks questions. He does not generally enter much into politics, but contents himself with the children's understanding who such persons as Mr. Gladstone, Mr. Disraeli, Mr. Forster, and Mr. Thiers are. Accidents, fires, and suicides excite the keenest interest, but he often gets very far answers to such questions as these: What is a telegram, a locomotive, an iron-clad, a telescope? What do you mean by Prime Minister, Judge, Coroner, M. P., M. D.? Once to his question, What do you mean by P. M.? a little boy sharply answered, "Past morning," which was not bad.

It showed far better teaching and learning than that mere mechanical system of which inspectors so often complain as only an exercise in sound and not in sense. One inspector notices how very rare it is to find dictionaries among the stock of elementary school books. Another, Mr. Renouf mentions that in a paper written by a sixth-standard girl, it was stated that one of the provisions of Magna Charta was that the rights of the Church should be preserved, "in violet." He is afraid that many even of those who wrote "involute" did not know what they were writing about. It was a word for explanation in an examination. Mr. Steele observes that he never gives a first-rate report unless the children show general intelligence as well as accurate knowledge.

The following petition was circulated among the Catholic citizens of New Brunswick, preparatory to the movement that has been inaugurated in the Dominion Parliament to bring about a change of the Act of Confederation, so far as it relates to Education. There is evidently something in the spirit of the Catholic church that prevents its members from cherishing any community of interest or feeling with any body outside of that organization. The children of Protestants can be invited to attend Catholic schools with the assurance that nothing will be done to interfere with their religious convictions, though the very air such children and youth must breathe in these schools is heavy with the odors of Rome. The Catholic leaders tell us that children of their church cannot attend a school with Protestant children without having their religious faith perverted, even if every thing of a sectarian character should be carefully excluded from the books and exercises of the school; but that no Protestant need feel conscientious scruples against sending a child to their schools, since no attempt will be made to affect his religious belief. We fear that very few Nathaniels rise to eminence in the church of Rome. But it is astonishing that so many Protestants can be misled by the specious sophistries of her advocates.

It appears from the petition that the purpose is to bless these eastern provinces with the system that has been fastened on Ontario and Quebec.

The petition of the undersigned humbly sheweth

That the experience of the past two years has proved all their apprehensions as to the practical working of the Common Schools Act of 1871 to be well grounded.

That your Petitioners can not send their children to the Schools established under this Act without a violation of conscience, as they regard it a most sacred duty to secure for their children a Religious Education and they believe that this can only be done effectually by sending them to Schools in which such Religious instruction as they approve of is regularly given and proper care is taken to imbue their minds and hearts with the knowledge and the love of God.

That it is most unjust to compel them to contribute to the support of Schools from which, as is now known, their children are "practically expelled," or excluded by the Schools Act of 1871 and the Regulations framed by the Board of Education to give effect to that Act.

That your Petitioners respectfully ask that the Common Schools Act may be so amended as to confer on the Catholic minority in this Province the same right and privileges with regard to education that has been so freely and readily accorded to the Protestant minority in the Province of Quebec.

That thus justice will be done, conciliations will be quieted, peace and concord good will and harmony will be restored, and the welfare of the whole people of the Province will be greatly promoted.

Notices.

MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE.

The Colchester and Cumberland Baptist Ministerial Conference will hold (D. V.), its Quarterly Session with the Church at Macdon on Monday the 15th inst. Preaching at 7 o'clock P. M.

J. E. GOUCHER, Sec'y.

Truro, March 5, 1875.

MINISTER WANTED.

The Greenfield, Middlefield and Chelsea Baptist Churches are now without a Minister to preach to them the gospel of Christ, and as the above named Churches are anxious to procure the labours of a good and zealous Minister of the gospel of Christ, at once, it is hoped that God will direct some one this way immediately to labour with this people, in the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom.

(Signed.) In behalf of the Churches,

ROBERT HARLOW, Church Clerk.

Greenfield, March 2, 1875.

RECEIVED FOR WOMEN'S MISSION AID SOCIETY.

Truro.—Mission Band. For the education of a little heathen girl. Mrs. D. Nelson. . . \$20 00
Amherst.—Miss F. A. Page. . . 15 00
Canard.—Lower Canard Mission Band. . . 19 00
Mrs. Laleah Eaton. . . 4 00
Mrs. E. B. Hubley, Margarets Bay. 1 80
Sydney.—Miss M. M. Hill. . . 5 00

M. R. SELDEN, Sec'y.

Halifax, March 10th, 1875.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

Dear Brother,—
I beg through the *Christian Messenger* to acknowledge with many thanks the receipt of \$10.00 for the Baptist Meeting House in Chester, from Mr. J. W. Rhuland of Halifax. Yours truly,
I. J. SKINNER.

Allow me through the *Messenger* to say that our Kempt donation tree planted some sixteen years ago is still thriving. It has been my privilege this year to gather from its prolific branches fruit worth \$144. Long may it flourish and be watered with the dews of heaven. G. A. WETHERS.

Donation to Rev. D. A. Steele. The Amherst Church and congregation met at the Parsonage on the 17th ult., and gladdened the inmates of their presence, and by tokens of their goodwill to the amount of \$175.00. Others had previously sent in their donations, making the total upwards of \$200.00. The pastor and his wife beg to thank the friends at Amherst for their invariable kindness during the past seven years.

Allow me to acknowledge the kindness of my friends of Great Village and vicinity who assembled at our house on the evening of the 15th ult., bearing gifts, most timely and acceptable, to the amount of \$30.00, including what was afterward sent us,—upwards of \$67.00 being cash. The Ladies of the Sewing Circle had, last autumn presented us with \$45.00. Such tokens greatly endear us to this people. May they have rich spiritual returns.
M. P. FREEMAN.

LETTERS RECEIVED.

Joseph Ham, 1 sub., \$3. Rev. D. A. Steele, Rev. M. P. Freeman, \$2.36. J. Bigelow, Rev. P. F. Murray, \$6. Abram McDougall, \$2. B. Mood, \$2.21. Rev. I. J. Skinner, \$6. Rev. G. N. Ballentine, George Crosby, Esq., \$2. Rev. Dr. Tupper, \$5. N. R. Morse, M. E. Marshall, \$2. W. R. Doty, D. Nichols, \$4.40. W. C. Hankinson, \$2.59. T. M. King, Esq., 1 sub., \$20. Rev. J. E. Goucher, W. M. McVicar, \$4. R. Harlow, D. Archibald, 1 sub.

Local News.

HALIFAX HARBOR stands in striking contrast with the harbors of other cities further south on this continent. We were told on Wednesday, when our harbor was clear, that on the previous day "an unsuccessful effort was made at Philadelphia to break the ice bridge by means of gunpowder."

RAILWAY DELEGATION.—Our City Council have decided to send a delegation to Ottawa to represent the views of the late public meeting respecting the location of the Railway terminus in Halifax. Messrs. Cathcart Thomson, Alderman M. J. Power and Vaux are the delegates. They are expected to leave to day for Ottawa.

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

Halifax, 26th February, 1875.

APPOINTMENTS.

Inverness Co.—To be members of the Board of Health at Port Hawkesbury: John A. Reeves and John Stapleton, Esqs., in the place of Dr. L. P. Tocco, removed from the District, and Peter Paint, Jr., Esq., resigned.

Halifax Co.—To be a Justice of the Peace: John James.

Digby Co.—To be Commissioners for giving relief to Insolvent Debtors, &c.: George Henderson, and Wm. H. Taylor, Esqs. To be Justices of the Peace: John G. Nowlan, John Hood and Lovelin Hilton.

In Great Britain.—To be a Commissioner for Scotland for taking affidavits, &c.: Alex. Patterson Purves, Esq., of Edinburgh.

SUDDEN DEATHS.—James B. Oxley, Esq., of this city went to bed quite well on Friday night, was taken ill about one o'clock and at three was a corpse, supposed to be from heart disease.

The wife of the Hon. T. D. Archibald, married from Dartmouth last summer, died at Ottawa on Saturday night last. Several others have been called away suddenly from active life within a few days past.

Our last issue mentioned the illness of John D. Nash, Esq. Before we had gone to press he was dead. But few of our citizens have had a more public character than Mr. Nash. He was much esteemed by a very large circle of friends. His rooms being next to our office we feel it a close intimation that there is but a step between us and death.

It is said that potatoes are in good demand in Halifax. Supplies will doubtless soon come.

DARTMOUTH.—The Ferry Company offer to sell out, to the Town Council, their property, including three steamers and buildings, together with the wharves and about 600 feet frontage on the Dartmouth side, for \$120,000.

Messrs. J. Simmonds & Co., have obtained the contract for supplying the street oil lamps for the town.

There are two or three candidates for the office of Councillor vacant by the death of Mr. W. H. Murray. The names of Benjamin Russell, George Adams and others are mentioned.

YARMOUTH.—On Friday last as William Varremberg and James Morris were out gunning Morris' gun went off prematurely, and the charge lodged in Varremberg's arm. Doctors Webster and Kelly amputated the arm, but the loss of blood had been so great that he sank and expired immediately after the operation. He was an honest, industrious man, and leaves a family.

TRURO.—An effort is being made to secure steam navigation between this and St. John.

Judge McCully last week released a witness here who was arrested by a capias issued by the Stipendiary, because he had started for home. The Judge ruling that a witness must be free to come or go from court.

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Yarmouth, N. S., March 1st, 1875.
March 10. 1 mth.

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Feb. 10.

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