

education and in providing for its supply; he holds that in the present condition of society with us, compulsory legislation and the use of public funds for the support of common schools are justifiable on sound principles of political economy, and admits that the present Common School system of Canada, in which the expense and the control are both divided between the Government and the people, is probably the best that is attainable by us. While he would leave the earlier stages of education under the control of the Common School, for academical and collegiate training he would have schools and colleges built up, endowed and managed by religious bodies.

To the common objection that the "Sectarian College," as its adversaries love to call it, is necessarily a feeble institution, the following answers are made:

1. Great wealth is indispensable for a great university, but not for an efficient college. "As a matter of fact fine buildings, great libraries and costly museums and laboratories never yet made a great scholar, though a few, sometimes even one or two, well qualified instructors have often done so."

2. No great institution of learning was ever created at a stroke. "It is by no means clear that many denominational colleges do not to-day show as much vitality, as much capacity for growth, as much promise of great attainments in the future as any State College."

3. Quantity is of as much value as quality. It is better that twenty-five per cent. of the whole people should receive even an inferior education, than that ten per cent. should be highly educated and the rest left uneducated. The denominational colleges will attract to their halls a larger number of students than a State University.

In reply to the objection that the denominational college promotes sectarianism, it is pleaded that such a college, where all is open and above board, and yet which is so managed as to draw to itself representatives of various denominations, is not only the only college really at liberty to cultivate religion as power, but is actually the freest from sectarian narrowness.

It is reported that \$2,000,000 have been added to the property of Princeton College within the last nine years. Voluntary gifts to this amount have been made to one denominational college in so short a time. Surely a denominational college can have as strong a hold upon the people as any state college. Indeed, there are cases in which the question is beginning to be discussed whether, as in a certain instance of ancient time, it is not necessary to restrain the people from giving; for the property is accumulating so rapidly that the authorities having charge of it, are tempted to improper expenditures, and luxurious habits are cultivated by teachers and students, as a consequence. It is unnecessary to add that none of these cases are found in Nova Scotia. The accumulation of property by our colleges may go on for a long time before any of the evils of a plethora of wealth will be known.

The social problems that confront us are many and formidable. Let the Government labour to its utmost, let the Legislature spend days and nights in your service, but after the very utmost has been achieved, the question whether the English father is to be the father of a happy family and the centre of a united house, is a question that must depend mainly upon himself.—W. E. Gladstone.

Notices.

We expect to dedicate our New Glasgow Vestry the second Sunday in December (8th). Rev. J. C. Bleakney, of Hantsport, is expected to preach the dedication sermon. We shall be glad to see any other ministerial brethren who can attend with us on that day, and remain for a few days, or any other brethren who can attend.

D. FREEMAN.

THE MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE OF COLONIST AND CUMBERLAND will meet (D. V.) at Brookfield, on Monday, the 17th of December. Missionary Sermon by Bro. D. A. Steele, at 7 o'clock, P. M. The evening meetings are open to the public.

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Rural News.

SAD FATALITY.—Martin Barron, son of James Barron, of South Rawdon, Hants Co., who has been for some years in the employ of Wm. Canavan, Esq., Somerville, Mass., died suddenly on Thursday night, the 8th inst. After retiring to bed, he was relating an incident to a fellow-laborer, and room companion when suddenly he ceased to speak, and before his friend could get a light he was dead. His body was brought home by his brother William who is doing business in Cambridge Port, and was buried in Rawdon on Thursday the 15th inst. The funeral was attended by a large circle of relatives and friends who feel that they have sustained a severe loss and received a direct warning "Be ye also ready." A discourse was delivered on the occasion from Psalm xxxix. 4.

The deceased was a young man thirty years of age, respected by all who knew him bright prospects adorned his pathway and a life of prosperity was open to his view when lo! his sun went down at noon. He was to have been married to a young lady in Somerville on the 29th inst. "Man proposes, but God disposes and His thoughts and ways are not as ours." We sympathize deeply with the afflicted ones and pray that God will enable them to pass beneath the rod with calm humble resignation.—Com. by Rev. M. W. Brown.

MAYFLOWERS have been induced to bud and blossom during the spring-like days of the past week in the Dartmouth vicinity. They will have to go into winter quarters shortly and reserve their fragrance for a few weeks "under the snow."

The Amherst Gazette gives us another case of untimely blossoms:—"In May last, Moses Hatfield, Esq., of Fox River, transplanted a young apple tree in his orchard which put forth neither leaves nor blossoms—dead to all appearance—until the last of September, when it leaved and blossomed."

The Antigonish Election is becoming somewhat mixed up. Cards are out from Angus MacGillivray and Joseph McDonald, both professing to be independent of party, which seems to admit of some question. John S. D. Thompson goes as the representative of the Opposition.

BRIDGETOWN.—Mr. Dutcher lectured on Temperance in the Baptist Chapel in Bridgetown on Saturday and Sunday evenings, the 17th and 18th inst. A Reform Club was organized, and some four hundred of both sexes became members. On Sunday evening the house was crowded to excess, and the gallery which is held up in front by iron rods from the ceiling, gave way on the west side and settled some five or six inches with a loud noise. Of course a panic ensued, and many rushed, terror-stricken, from the building. After the gallery was cleared the people returned, order was again restored and the proceedings of the meeting were continued.

The Dutcher Reform Club of Wolfville was organized by the election of the following gentlemen as its officers:

President—Dr. K. J. Munro.
Vice-Presidents—Mr. A. C. Borden;
Dr. A. D. W. Barss; Mr. James Elder.
Chaplain—Rev. Dr. Sawyer.
Sec'y.—Mr. A. K. Barss.
Asst. do.—Mr. A. S. Murray.
Treas.—J. W. Hamilton, Esq.
Marshall.—Mr. D. O'Brien.
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365 had signed the pledge here under the labors of Mr. Dutcher, Mr. Burrill, of Yarmouth, and other good temperance men belonging to the place.

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TEMPERANCE HALL narrowly escaped being burned down on Thursday last, from a defective gas pipe. The inside was almost wholly destroyed by the water. The shareholders are considering whether it would not be better now to sell it.

The North Baptist Church Sale and Tea on Thursday evening was a pleasant sociable affair making \$150, for the funds.

The Halifax County Agricultural Society will hold its Annual Meeting in the Library, Old Province Building on Tuesday, 4th December, at 12 o'clock, noon, in accordance with the Act for the Encouragement of Agriculture.

A gang of young burglars was caught the other night attempting to open the door of Messrs. Theakston & Angwin's with a false key. On searching them a number of other keys were found in their possession. Other robberies have doubtless been committed by them.

Rev. James Trimble, a Baptist Minister, who until recently lived in New Brunswick, and is now a resident of Maine, has fallen heir to £40,000 stg.—Amherst Gazette.

REV. J. H. SAUNDERS, the popular Baptist minister of Digby, moves into his new residence this week. The house commands a magnificent view of Digby Gut and the Basin, as far as Annapolis.

OXFORD, CUMBERLAND COUNTY, was visited on Tuesday of last week by a deputation of about thirty ladies and gentlemen belonging to the Amherst Reform Club. In accordance with arrangements previously made, a meeting was held in the Methodist church. Dr. Nathan Tupper in the Chair. After prayer by Rev. D. A. Steele, lively speeches were made by Messrs. Casey, C. R. Smith, Rev. D. A. Steele, F. Donkin, J. S. Hickman, H. Black. W. Oxley and Dr. Howard gave the deputation a hearty welcome, and stated that the people of Oxford had hitherto held firmly to the practice of Temperance, and were warmly in favor of the Reform movement.

Rev. Mr. Steele introduced the pledge and commended it to the company present, when 120 persons came forward and signed it. A Reform Club was formed with the following as its officers:

William Oxley, Esq., President;
Henry Reid, Secretary; N. B. Blair, Asst. Sec'y; Jas. B. Thompson, Treas'r; Revd's Messrs. Corey and Johnson, Chaplains; George W. Gilroy, John G. Wells and R. L. Black, Vice-Presidents; Welden Wood, Marshall.

Mr. W. Wood, Mrs. G. Hewson, Mrs. H. Reid, Mrs. T. Thompson, Mrs. W. Oxley, Messrs. J. W. King, Dr. Howard, Dr. Carter, W. E. Oxley, J. J. Hingley, and J. Roby, Executive Committee.

The officers were installed by Dr. Tupper, President of the meeting.

Rev. Mr. Corey closed the meeting by prayer.

The party returned highly gratified with the result. The Oxford people too were greatly pleased with and thankful for the fraternal visit of the Amherst people.

The Berwick Star gives us some account of Temperance operations at Kentville. Mr. Dutcher was lecturing there on Friday of the previous week. At the close of his address 188 persons signed the pledge and organized a Reform Club with the following officers:

President—L. De V. Chipman.
Vice-Presidents—Judge Blanchard, William Grierson and B. H. Dodge.
Secretary—H. B. Webster, M. D.
Asst do—B. W. Cochrane.
Treasurer—Henry Lovett.
Marshall—J. A. Cogswell.
Asst do—C. F. Cochrane.

A committee of twelve, six gentlemen and six ladies, viz: Rev. J. B. Logan, Rev. I. E. Thurlow, Rev. Mr. Welton, Messrs. John L. Beckwith, Barclay Websters and A. D. Foster; Mrs. J. Carroll, Mrs. B. Webster, Miss Annie Eaton, Miss Alice Webster, Miss Mary Lovett and Miss Clara Calkin.

A meeting was held on Saturday evening in the vestry of the Baptist Meeting House, which was well attended. Speeches were delivered by Revs. J. B. Logan, and I. E. Thurlow; Messrs. Wm. McDonald, G. E. Marsters, G. A. Davidson, B. W. Cochrane, L. De V. Chipman, H. Lovett, and Wm. Grierson. At the close of the meeting it was announced that twenty-five had signed the pledge as the result of the meeting.

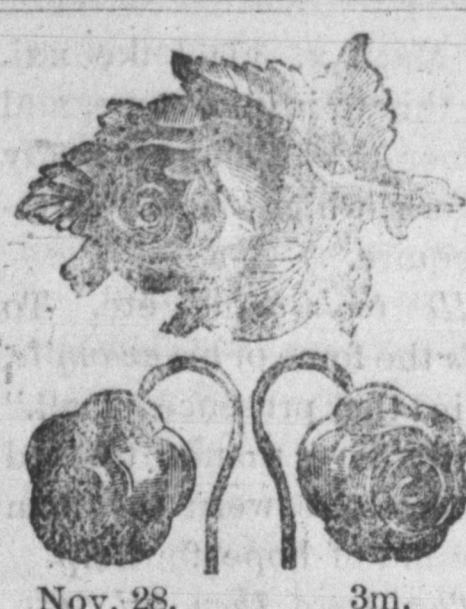
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