

The reports that some of the Halifax and other newspapers published of drunkenness in the House of Commons at Ottawa on the late all-night session, it appears, were to a large extent untrue. The St. John Freeman had an article a few days since, evidently written by the speaker of the House of Commons himself, in which he says:

"The scene in the House of Commons on Friday night and Saturday was sufficiently painful and humiliating, but some of the newspapers have described it as in one respect at least much worse than it really was. Ontario papers speak of what occurred in such a way as to create the impression that there was much drunkenness on that occasion, and that extensive indulgence in the use of stimulants was one of the chief causes of the tumult and uproar of that remarkable night. Nothing could be more at variance with the facts than this belief."

Probably there is not in the world another representative body of the same size, and drawn from so many different races and classes, who if they were kept together all night in a state of extraordinary excitement, would indulge so little as those two hundred gentlemen did in the use of alcoholic liquors.

It is bad enough to have to report such things when they do occur, but for one to invent such scandals indicates the existence of a low standard of morals.

We commend the following statements to the parties concerned, and hope to hear that some effectual steps are taken to put a stop to such abominable doings. It is a great shame that benevolence should be so abused and its channels closed up by such characters.

On Saturday, April 14th, New Glasgow was visited by two individuals hailing from Hantsport, one giving his name as Lewis Borden, claiming to be a member of a Christian church in that place, having in charge a blind young man called Charles Holmes, claiming to be a graduate from the Blind Asylum, Halifax. Borden said he was collecting funds for Holmes to set him up in broom-making, and bottoming chairs. He presented documents purporting to be from the two clergymen of Hantsport, also one from a prominent clergyman in Halifax. Armed with these and other names probably fraudulently obtained he drove a good business among the benevolent and unsuspecting people of New Glasgow and Stellarton for about a week. During that time he attended several meetings and spoke on religion, thus helping on his fraud. Their business flourished and their cash became plenty. On Saturday, April 20th, both parties were lodged in jail for drunkenness. On Monday, April 22nd, they were tried before the Stipendiary Magistrate and paid for costs and fines each \$4.50—in all \$9.00. They acknowledged that they had collected upwards of \$150, and that they divided the spoils between them. They were ordered to leave the town immediately. But for the documents they bore they would have been committed to trial for obtaining money under false pretences. Probably they should have been thus committed. Seldom has such rascality been perpetrated amongst us.—Communicated.

New Glasgow, N. S., April 24, 1878.

The Baptist Outlook, a lively little paper published by Dr. J. D. Fulton, pastor of the Centennial Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N. Y. A copy of No. 2 of the New Series is received.

Dr. F. formerly published "The Outlook" and sold it out to Dr. Bright of the N. Y. Examiner & Chronicle.

Notices.

HALIFAX BAPTIST CHURCH DIRECTORY.

GRANVILLE STREET CHURCH.—Lord's Day Services at 11 A. M. and 7 P. M. Pastor, Rev. E. M. Saunders. Sabbath School in the New Vestry Spring Garden Road at 2.45 P. M. Prayer-meetings in the same place on Wednesday and Friday evenings at 7.30.

NORTH BAPTIST CHURCH, GOTTINGEN STREET.—Lord's Day Services at 11 A. M. and 7 P. M. Pastor, Rev. J. W. Manning. Sabbath School at 2.30 P. M. Prayer-meetings on Wednesday and Friday evenings at 7.30.

TABERNACLE, NORTH BRUNSWICK ST.—Lord's Day Services at 11 A. M. and 7 P. M. Pastor, Rev. J. F. Avery, now on a visit to England. Sabbath School at 2.30 P. M. Prayer-meetings on Tuesday and Friday evenings at 7.30.

DARTMOUTH BAPTIST CHURCH.—Lord's Day Services at 11 A. M. and 7 P. M. Pastor, Rev. John Clark. Sabbath School 9.30 A. M. Bible Class at 3 P. M. Prayer-meeting on Wednesday evening at 7.30.

The next Session of the Hants County Pastor's meeting will be held at Walton, on Monday, May 6th.

J. A. McLEAN, Sec'y.

RECEIVED FOR HOME MISSIONS.	
From Bap. Ch. Shelburne.....	\$ 4.00
" Mrs. J. K. Ryerson, 1st	
Yarmouth Church.....	20.00
" 1st Cornwallis Church.....	
per Rev. S. B. Kempton.....	8.25
" Acadia Bap. Ch. Yarmouth.....	5.34
Bap. Ch. West Sherbrook.....	
per Thomas A. Wilson.....	8.62
" Good Will" for Feh. Miss.....	5.00
Wm. W. Hamilton 1 Yar. Ch.....	5.00
	\$56.23

J. C. ANDERSON,
Treas. H. M. B.
Yarmouth, April 26th, 1878.

THE BAPTIST MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE OF COLOCHESTER AND CUMBERLAND COUNTIES will meet (D. V.) at Acadia Mines, Londonderry, Monday, May 20th. Preaching in the evening at 7½, to which the public are invited. Pastors and Licentiates take notice.

J. E. GOUCHER,
Sec'y. of Com.

April 20th, 1878.

SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The Colchester and Cumberland Counties Baptist Sabbath School Convention will meet at the Acadia Mines, Londonderry, Wednesday the 22nd of May at half past two P. M., at the close of the Ministerial Conference.

A paper will be read by Rev. J. F. Kempton on the "Relation of the Sabbath School to the Church," and a paper by Rev. D. W. Crandall on "the relation of the Sabbath School to the Community."

One of the above papers will be discussed at the afternoon, and the other at the evening session. Printed forms will be sent to all the Sabbath Schools in these two counties to be filled up and sent to Convention by the delegates or by mail.

A. J. WALKER, Sec'y.
Truro, April 20th, 1878.

Rev. A. Chipman wishes us to correct a typographical error which appeared in his letter from Tryon, P. E. I., in which it appears as if he had written: "The merciful Lord has again prompted me to pray," &c., whereas he affirms that he wrote—and we believe him,— "prompted us," &c. The other parts of the sentence would show any one that the personal pronoun should be the plural and not the singular. We would just say on behalf of our compositors that when a Postal Card is filled with close writing and the P. O. stamp covers a number of words almost obliterating them, they sometimes find it difficult to decipher those words.

Acknowledgments.

I think it was on the night of the 22nd of January last, that my friends at Westport came to the parsonage with their usual good cheer, and made the heart of their pastor glad with their kindly greetings, and generous offerings, amounting to over forty dollars. The weather was unfavorable, keeping many back, who feign would have been there; but we accept the will for the deed, trusting that they shall receive their reward.

L. B. GATES.

Westport, April 19, 1878.

Letters Received.

Rev. G. B. Titus, \$1. W. Simpson, \$3.50. Rev. Dr. Tupper, \$3.25.

Local News.

It is gratifying to find that benevolence is still flowing forth to the Frederick's Annuity Fund. The latest total given is \$918.26.

On Wednesday last H. M. S. 'Sirius' arrived from Bermuda. On board was Major Montgomery, R. A., who had been in Bermuda several months for the benefit of his health. On his arrival here he was to have been married to a Halifax lady. On the morning before his arrival he was found dead in his berth—having broken a blood vessel during the night.

The Reform Clubs of Halifax and Dartmouth are having a visit from Lieutenant Geo. W. Caffey, (late of U. S. Army) of Boston. On Saturday he addressed the Halifax Club and shewed himself a fine orator, earnest and well posted in his subject.

He addressed a mass meeting in Dartmouth on Monday night. He will probably appear in some of our large assembly rooms during the week.

The Berwick Star tells of an accident on Sunday week. Robert Ross, son of Capt. Ross, of Canning, fell from the foremast head of the schr. 'Pereaux,' off Cape Elizabeth, upon the deck, breaking his arm and receiving other injuries. The vessel ran into Portland and put him in an hospital, and hopes of his recovery are entertained.

Notwithstanding the want of business at our city wharves there are several of them that have been, or are being, rebuilt and lengthened.

On Friday last a middle-aged woman, who lives in Lower Water Street, fell in front of Keith & Sons brewery and broke her leg.

On Saturday last a man named Fay was painting a window on the roof of a house in Birmingham Street, when the ladder slipped and he fell to the ground. His wrist was broken and he was otherwise bruised and shaken.

The Colchester County Temperance men held a Convention at Truro on Thursday last and resolved by a vote of 19 to 9 to bring out three prohibition candidates. Mr. W. Cummings was nominated for the Dominion House of Commons.

At Brookfield on Monday of last week a sad accident occurred by which Mr. Joseph Graham was killed by the machinery of his mill. An inquest was held and a verdict returned of accidental death.

DARTMOUTH FINANCES.—The receipts of the Municipality from all sources, for the year ending March 31, 1878, were as follows:—

Balance on hand from last year.....	\$4,212.21
Assessment—1874-5, 1876, 1877.....	12,440.72
Poll Tax.....	373.05
Dog Tax.....	175.00
School Tax (outside district).....	123.03
Licenses.....	1,026.97
School House and Hall Debentures.....	2,490.00
Schools, Government grant.....	1,108.76
Police and Civil Court Fees and Fines.....	1,076.23
Other Revenues.....	726.86
Total.....	\$23,746.83
Total Expenditures.....	20,824.80

Balance on hand..... \$2,922.03

Amount estimated to be assessed for current year \$12,200; incidental revenue (estimated) \$4,000. The bonded debt of the town is as follows:—

Old Town Hall Debentures.....	\$ 4,200
Water Debentures.....	10,000
New Town Hall Debentures.....	1,500
New School House Debentures.....	1,000
Total.....	\$16,700

LOTTERIES.—We see by two illegal advertisements in the Truro Sun that there are now two "Gift Enterprise Lotteries" in full blast in this province. One is in Guysboro. The individual who is so dishonest as to adopt this method of raising the wind has succeeded, tramp-fashion, in obtaining a "character" from a parish priest, two Methodist ministers and a number of J. P.'s which he publishes below his advertisement. This document must have been obtained under false pretences, and we are sorry that these deceived men have not published a retraction of their opinions of the character of the gambler. We trust there is honesty and public morality in Guysboro to render the enterprise a financial failure.

We are very much surprised that the town of Truro, from which the public had a right to expect better things, is countenancing one of these dishonest attempts at Lottery swindling. We hear that men who call themselves pillars in some of the churches endorse the affair. Indeed we have heard that the originator of the Lottery is a member of the Presbyterian Church. We hope this is not true.—Witness.

On Wednesday next there will be an important sale of thoroughbred Devon Cattle at Colonel Laurie's place, Oakfield. This is an excellent opportunity to obtain some of the best stock in Canada, and should not be neglected.

Pictou will hold its Civic elections on Tuesday next. There are four candidates for the Mayoralty—Charles T. Irving, Richard Tanner, David Matheson and Charles E. Davis.

The Grand Division Sons of Temperance held its Quarterly Session at Amherst last week, Rev. R. A. Temple presiding. The reports were satisfactory shewing that during the past quarter there had been three new Divisions organized and three others revived. There are at present one hundred and seventy in operation. Active members about nine thousand. Six hundred public meetings were held last year and fifteen thousand tracts distributed.

The Grand Division expressed strong opinions that the Local Acts of the Province for suppression of liquor traffic are far in advance of the Ottawa temperance bill.

The April Number of THE COMPLETE PREACHER opens the third volume of this valuable sermonic magazine. The present is a very interesting number, containing the following sermons in full: (1) Why Christians Believe the Doctrine of Future Everlasting Punishment, by Henry J. VanDyke, D. D., late Moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly. This sermon meets most ably Canon Farrar's challenge to prove the doctrine of an Endless Hell, independent of the words "Hell," "Damnation" and "Everlasting," as contained in our English translation of the Bible. (2) The Judgment Day, by H. P. Liddon, D. D. (3) The Misery of Man, by Adolphe Monod, D. D., translated by J. E. Rankin, D. D. (4) Aaron's Death—Life's Review; A Plea for Earnest Self-Examination, by Theodore Christlieb, D. D., translated by A. C. Wedekind, D. D. (5) The False Light—A Reply to Canon Farrar, by Justin D. Fulton, D. D.

Published by The Religious Newspaper Agency, New York. Price 25 cents. Per year, \$2.00.

From Newfoundland we learn the seal fisheries by steamers have been less successful than in some years. Six steamers are reported as having taken near 27,000 seals. It is held that sailing vessels might be more profitably employed than steamers. The steamer 'Mimac,' was totally wrecked at White Bay, Nfld. on the 18th inst., having been crushed in the ice. She had secured only 1,000 seals and was considered an "unlucky" vessel. The vessel and outfit were valued at \$60,000. She was owned in Newfoundland.

NINE NOVOROD FAIR.—The great market of the eastern world has been held at this junction of the Volga and Olga Rivers, in Russia, every summer for hundreds of years. Here the nations of Europe and Asia meet with their products for trade. Cossack, Chinese, Turk and Persian meet the German and the Greek with every variety of merchandise that mankind employs, from sapphires to grindstones, tea, opium, fur, food, tools and fabrics, and last but not least, medicines. J. C. Ayer & Co.'s celebrated remedies from America were displayed in an elegant bazaar where the Doctor himself might sometimes be seen. They are known and taken on the steppes of Asia as well as the prairies of the West, and are an effectual antidote for the diseases that prevail in the yaurts of the North as well as the huts and cabins of the western continent.

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Solicitors of Patents and Attorneys-at-Law, LeDroit Building, Washington, D. C. May 1.

Notice to Contractors.

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed "Tender for Post Office, Saint John, N. B.," will be received at this Office until MONDAY, the 20th day of MAY next, at noon, for the erection and completion of the above buildings.

Plans, Specifications, &c., can be seen at this Office, and at the Office of Matthew Stead, Esq., Architect, Saint John, N. B., on and after MONDAY, the 29th inst., where forms of Tender, &c., and all necessary information can be obtained.

Contractors are notified that Tenders will not be considered unless made strictly in accordance with the printed forms, and—in the case of firms—except there are attached the actual signature and the nature of the occupation and place of residence of each member of the same.

For the due fulfilment of the Contract, satisfactory security will be required on real estate, or by deposit of money, public or municipal securities, or bank stocks, to an amount of FIVE PER CENT. on the bulk sum of the Contract.

To the Tender must be attached the actual signatures of two responsible and solvent persons, residents of the Dominion, willing to become sureties for the carrying out of these conditions, as well as the due performance of the works embraced in the Contract.

This Department does not, however, bind itself to accept the Lowest or any Tender.

By order,
F. BRAUN,
Secretary.
Department of Public Works,
Ottawa, 24th April, 1878.

POST OFFICE, HALIFAX, N. S., 27th APRIL, 1878. NOTICE.

ON and after Monday, 29th instant, Mails will close at this office daily, as follows:

For St. John, N. B., Prince Edward Island, the Northern and Eastern Counties of Nova Scotia, Cape Breton, and all places along the line of Intercolonial Railway, at 7.15 o'clock, a. m.

For the United States, the Upper Provinces, and second mail for Amherst, Dorchester, Sackville, Moncton and St. John, N. B., at 5 o'clock, p. m.

The second mail for Truro, New Glasgow and Pictou, at 4 o'clock, p. m.

As Collections will be made from the street letter boxes at 9.45 a. m., 2.45 p. m. and 9 o'clock, p. m.

H. W. BLACKADAR,
May 1, 31. St. John's Postmaster.

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SMITH BROS.

April 17.

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April 17.

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Wolville, King's Co., N. S.

April 15th, 1878.

April 17.

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A WORD TO AGENTS.—One agent assures us that he can clear \$50 per month. He sold two hundred books in four days. Another agent tried it six weeks, and then refused a school at \$45 per month, board and washing included, and is now selling. A lady in Battle Creek, Michigan, sold fifty-seven books in one afternoon, and sold three hundred in a short time.

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April 17.