THE MINING DISASTER AT STELLARTON has been under investigation during the past week. The jury have had before them, the men who escaped from the mines, and other officials connected with the operations, and have made very careful enquiry into the practices of miners, and have sought to ascertain if all due care is observed by the workmen. Very full reports are published of what is stated by the parties examined, but nothing at all satisfactory has as yet appeared, to account for the explosion by which so many lives were sacrificed.

Steam fire engines from Pictou and New Glasgow had been pouring water into the mine, from Sunday the 14th to Thursday. Trenches were dug to carry water into the mines. It is said that it was being poured in at the rate of 20,000 gallons a minute. The smoke had ceased on Thursday, shewing that the flames had been subdued. It was decided to open up the Cage pit, which is connected with the Foord pit, on Saturday last. About 12 o'clock, a board was taken off the Cage pit mine mouth and the furnace pit, when it was found that the air took its natural course, going in the mine and returning at the furnace. It was then deemed advisable that a small opening should be re-opened, which connected with the furnace, which was done by means of a door, but the choke damp coming out pretty strong, John Douglas, assisted by John Dunbar and Jos. Hudson, went down to open it. Douglas had to have reins from the horses tied round him, and a woollen cloth over his face before he could open the door, as it was known there would be a good deal of choke damp come out. He succeeded in doing this, and got out safely. This made a much better opening for the air. It was then decided to let the air course round until Monday morning. There is every reason to believe that the Cage pit is all right, and that the fire has not extended into the North side working.

It is said that it will be a long time before the Foord pit can be re-opened.

Efforts for the relief of the sufferers have commenced in all the principal cities. Halifax, St. John, and Montreal are actively collecting and remitting funds for their benefit. About $2,000 have been already raised in Halifax, a similar sum in Montreal, and nearly as much at St. John, N. B. It is likely that sum will be doubled in each place.

The workmen at Spring Hill Mines will give one day's pay, and each man will do his utmost to earn big pay on that day.

The following appeal from a meeting held at Stellarton on Monday of last week has been sent to the Mayors and Wardens of the various towns through Canada and the United States.

"A terrible calamity has happened in this place. Two disaster in succession have been the means of killing fifty men and boys, and leaving thirty three widows, and one hundred and ten orphans. Seven hundred men, representing a population of two thousand people are thrown out of employment in the face of a Canadian winter. We appeal to a generous public for immediate help. Contributions may be sent to any of the undersigned:

James Hudson, Manager, Albion Mines.
Robert Simpson, Manager, Drummond Mines.
Henry Poole, Manager, Acadia Mines.
John Greener Manager, Vale Mine.
H. L. Angel, Manager, Nova Scotia Mines.
Rev. Wm. Macdonald, P. P.
Rev. D. C. Moore, Rector Christ Church.
Rev. Chas. Dunn, of the Church of Scotland.
Rev. Thos. Cumming, of the Presbyterian Church.
Rev. I. E. Thurlow, of the Methodist Church."

A public meeting was held at Stellarton on Thursday. Dr. Lewis Johnston was appointed chairman, and Mr. Jas. McDonald (station agent) Secretary, for the purpose of appointing a Central Relief Committee, for receiving and distributing contributions in aid of the distressed families of the miners.

The following named were elected such committee:—Henry A. Budden, Vice-President of the Intercolonial Coal Co., Montreal, chairman; James Hudson, Manager of the Halifax Co., and Henry Poole, Agent of the Acadia Co., Vice-Chairmon; James W. Carmichael, Agent of the Bank of Nova Scotia, New Glasgow, Treasurer; George T. Carritt, Cashier of the Halifax Coal Co., Albion Mines, Secretary; and Robert Simpson, Manager of the Intercolonial Coal Mining Co.; Rev. Charles Dunn, Stellarton; Dr. Lewis Johnstone, do.; Rev. Mr. Thurlow, do.; Rev. D. C. Moore, do.; Roderick McDonald, Cashier Intercolonial Coal Mining Co.; Rev. Mr. McDonald, P. P., Albion Minas; H. Angell, Superintendent Nova Scotia Coal Co.; John Greener, Manager Vale Coal Co.; Rev. Thomas Cumming, Stellarton; and D. M. Fraser, Agent of Pictou Bank, New Glasgow, Committeemen.

All contributors are requested to send their communications and subscriptions to the Secretary of this Central Committee.

Rev. Mr. Moore handed in a statement of the sufferers, showing that there were 25 widows, 9 aged parents, and 102 children, independent of the number left from the breaking through of water.

GRANVILLE ST. BAPTIST CHURCH has a new, bright and cheerful appearance in its interior, since its late renovation. The committee have done their work well.

Rev. J. W. Manning will exchange with the pastor next Lord's day morning.

REV. JOSEPH F. KEMPTON writes from his new field of labor—Freeport, Digby — Hope to having something cheering to communicate occasionally.

We hope to hear soon that a successor to Mr. Kempton is engaged at Parrsborough. Here is a long stretch of country, with a good church at each end, Advocate and Parrsborough. If it were possible to make each one a centre of operations, they might perform the labor in the stations around, and fill up all the time of two ministers to advantage but they are too much for one man to faithfully compass.

We were glad to learn last week that the health of Rev. S. B. Kempton had decidedly changed for the better. We trust it may prove a permanent improvement.

THE ACADIA ATHENÆUM, WOLFVILLE.—Mr. Egbert M. Chesley, Principal of Yarmouth High School, (recently from Boston,) delivered a lecture on "The Universal Order" in the Academy Hall on Friday evening last. It was an ambitious subject, dealing with great questions, and the treatment was scholastic and dignified, as became his theme. It was certainly one of the best lectures of the course before the Athenæum this year, and shows the unwisdom of importing lecturers at a heavy expense when we have better talent at home.

Rev. Dr. Patterson of New Glasgow is preparing a Memoir of Rev. Dr. Geddie, and will, we understand, incorporate with it a general outline of the other contemporary Foreign Missionary operations sustained in Nova Scotia.

THE ORGAN FOLIO: CHOICE SELECTIONS FOR REED AND PIPE ORGANS, by H. P. Danks, large quarto, pp. 128. Price $2.00. Published by Biglow & Main, 76 E. Ninth St., New York, and 73 Randolph St., Chicago.

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BIBLE THOUGHTS AND THEMES for Young Men and Women, by Geo. A. Lofton, D. D., pastor of the 3rd Baptist Church, St. Louis, published by Chancy R. Barns, 215 Pine Street, St. Louis, Mo. Price cloth $2.00, Leather $2.75.

This is a valuable series of discourses on subjects of deepest interest to young men and women. Not only are they such as would be listened to, but such as would be carefully read, and they must benefit those who read them. They are full of striking thoughts that would not be easily forgotten.

The author informs us they were delivered to the young people of his charge in the spring of 1880.

Until suggested by a number of brethren and friends who listened to their delivery, no thought of publication had ever occurred to his mind. They are beautifully descriptive as well as historical.

They are given under 24 titles:—"The offerings of Cain and Abel." "Lot's temptation." "Lot's Punishment." "Isaac's Marriage." "Jacob's Vow." "Joseph's Virtue." "Moses' choice." "Joshua's decided religion." "Samson's lust." "The divine pastoral of Ruth," &c., &c.

The last section is a curious and clever chapter, on what the author has shewn in a diagram of "Circles of Religious Belief." Here he shews the relation in which all the various religions of the world and forms of Christianity stand to each other, and to the star of Truth.

THE NOVEMBER SCRIBNER is having an unually large sale in England, notwithstanding the advance in price from one shilling to one shilling and four pence, which began with this number. The English publisher telegraphed, on two successive days of last week, for additional copies, increasing his original order by 3,000 and making the English edition of SCRIBNER this month 15,000 copies. It is thought that the extraordinary beauty of the illustrations in this issue with the biographical paper on Mr. Gladstone, and the masterly essay by Mr. Stedman on Walt Whitman, have caused this unusual demand.

The December Number of the *International Review* contains the first part of an article upon "State Support of Denominational Schools in England," by Rev. R. W. Dale, D. D., of Birmingham, England. Dr. Dale has recently been in the U. States and examined their school system and he rightly says, that "a knowledge of some of the difficulties and troubles incident to the English denominational system may save some American educationists from disastrous and ruinous mistakes. The author places the English educational system before the reader in a clear light and in a most entertaining way. The article is a valuable one, and thoroughly deserves a careful reading by all who have been, or are, interested in the relation of church and schools, either in England or America.

BELCHER'S FARMERS' ALMANAC FOR 1881 comes forth, like its predecessors, full of all that is required in such an annual. It is got up in its usual good style, by McAlpine & Barnes, Halifax. Every house should have an Almanac.

Notices.

CUMBERLAND AND COLCHESTER MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE.

The next meeting of the Cumberland and Colchester Ministerial Conference, will be held at North River, Colchester Co., on the 14th day of December, 1880.

The brethren will meet at Ænon Chapel, at 7 o'clock, P. M., Rev. M. P. Freeman is to preach the first sermon.

C. H. MARTELL.

Onslow, Nov. 19, 1880.

THE DIGBY COUNTY MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE

will meet at Saulnierville, on Tuesday, the 30th November, at 10 o'clock, A. M. There will be a public meeting in the evening. The Deacons of our churches are members of the Conference; they with other members interested are especially invited to attend.

J. H. SAUNDERS, *Sec'y.*

CASH RECEIVED TOWARDS FUND FOR REBUILDING ACADIA COLLEGE.

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Wolfville, Nov. 20, 1880.

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Yarmouth, Nov., 22, 1880.

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The Secretaries of the W. M. A. Societies in N. S. will oblige by sending in Reports and contributions for this year, before, or not later than the last week of December.

M. R. SELDEN *Treasurer.*

Halifax, Nov. 23, 1880.

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 Bible studies on 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. 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. Sabbath School at 3 P.M. Prayer-meeting on Wednesday evening at 7.30.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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ST. NICHOLAS, the charming magazine for boys and girls, edited by Mrs. Mary Mapes Dodge, has increased so much in size and number of pages during the year past, that the publishers have been obliged to issue the yearly volume in two parts, instead of one as heretofore. As to its circulation, they report a gain of 10,000 in the average monthly edition of 1880 over 1879. The announcements for the coming year include a capital serial story for boys, full of exciting adventure, "In Nature's Wonderland," or, Adventures in the American Tropics; Stories of Art and Artists by Mrs. Clara Erskine Clement, a faithful outline of the history of European Art, with many illustrations; "Phaeton Rogers," a delightful and humorous serial by Rossiter Johnson; "Mystery in a Mansion," a six months' serial; The Treasure-Box of Literature, directing and encouraging young people in the best reading; The Agassiz Association, fully explained in the November number; "Two English Queens," by Mrs. Oliphant; "The Land of Nod," a children's operetta, with music,—full of charming tableaux and effects; A series of beautifully illustrated Ballads for Young Folks, beginning with the Christmas number; A Special Budget of Fairy Stories by Frank R. Stockton—the first of which is in the November number; An Indian Story by "Bright Eyes," the Ponca Indian maiden; a splended holiday story, "A Christmas with the Man in the Moon," by Washington Gladden. Open-air Papers, stories of sports, and games, will be continued, with all the popular departments.

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