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 Temple Church, Colchester..... 1 66
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 Pine Grove Church, instalment... 50 00
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 G. E. DAY.

Yarmouth, Dec. 20, 1880.

THE ANNAPOLIS COUNTY MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE

will hold its annual session with the Church at Pine Grove, Annapolis Co., (D. V.) on Tuesday, Jan. 11th, 1881, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

P. E. ISLAND BAPTIST S. S. CONVENTION.

The P. E. I. Baptist S. S. Convention will meet in its annual session, with the church at Alexandria, at 10 a. m., on Saturday, 8th January, 1881. A large representation is earnestly requested.
 M. G. MACLEOD, Sec'y.
 Charlottetown, Dec. 7th, 1880.

RECEIVED FROM WOMEN'S MISSION AID SOCIETIES.

Pereauz, —Mr. J. L. Sandford.....\$ 5 00
 Yarmouth, Temple Church, —Mrs.
 Joshua Huestis..... 11 50
 Per E. G. W. Greenwood, Esq.,
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 Mr. Fielding.....\$ 5 00
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 Great Village, —Mrs. M. P. Free-
 man..... 7 65
 M. R. SELDEN, Treasurer.
 Halifax, Dec. 28, 1880.

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THE SHELBURNE BAPTIST MINISTERIAL LAY CONFERENCE

will be convened at Shelburne, January 11th, 1881, at 2 1/2 o'clock, P. M. A public meeting will be held in the evening. As each church in the county is requested to send a delegate for every thirty, and fraction of thirty, of its members, we have reason to expect a large attendance. Brethren don't disappoint us this time.
 W. H. RICHAN, Sec'y.

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.

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.

AFRICAN BAPTIST CHURCH, CORNWALLIS STREET.—Lord's Day Services at 11 A. M., and 7 P. M. Pastor, Rev. Wilton R. Boone. Sabbath School in the vestry at 3 P. M. Prayer-meetings on Wednesday and Friday evenings at 8 o'clock.

WANTED.

Minutes of the New Brunswick Baptist Association, from 1822 to 1840, and 1845 and 1847.

Also, Minutes of the Eastern New Brunswick Association, for 1850, and of the 19th session held in 1866, also 1876 and 1878. Any person having these, or any of them would confer a great favor by sending them to the "Christian Messenger" Office, Halifax, N. S., or, by a postal card, naming terms for them.

FOR THE INFANTS' HOME.

A. A. Pineo, Esq., Church Street, Cornwallis.....\$1 50
 Ward Baker, Esq., Melvern Square, 1 bl. apples.

At this season when the benevolent are distributing their charities, I hope they will not forget the Infants' Home.
 M. K. F. SAUNDERS, Sec'y.

Moneys Received.

W. Cummings, \$2; A. McDonell, \$14; Mrs. T. Dickson, \$2; M. E. Marshall, \$2; J. B. McNutt, Esq., \$2; H. C. Sabean, \$2 & \$8 for For. Miss.; N. Rushton, \$4; I. D. Cook, \$2; L. McDonald, \$8; W. H. Sabean, \$2. Rev. W. H. Richan, \$5. P. W. Maskell, \$5. Rev. R. S. Morton, \$2. Rev. H. A. Charlton, \$3. M. Kinsman, \$10. R. Thomson, \$1.

News.

The New Market in Barrington St., between Bells Lane and Buckingham Street, is quite an imposing structure, ornamented with a handsome cupola over the centre. It was opened on Thursday last. It has large accommodation for storage, and fifty stalls on the ground floor. The whole design is not yet completed, when it is, it will be a very complete arrangement for all kinds of country produce.

The S. P. C. A. officials are actively looking after the neglected horses left standing in the streets by their unfeeling masters.

The barge *Chili* that recently brought a load of sugar to this port, being unable to reach Montreal, is to receive a load of grain sent from Montreal by I. C. R. This is expected to be the starting point of making Halifax the grain shipping port of the Dominion for the Winter.

A Lecture was delivered by the Hon. P. C. Hill, on Tuesday 1st, in the Y. M. C. Association Hall, subject—"The good old Times." His object was to show that with the many improvements and reforms of the present time, we are in a far better condition, and have far greater advantages than at any previous time in the world's history.

It is probable that some of the troops will be removed from the Halifax garrison for service in Ireland.

The Sailors' Home is doing a good work. The annual meeting of its friends was held last week. The Report showed a satisfactory state of affairs. The following named gentlemen were elected directors for the ensuing year: Messrs. S. M. Brookfield, J. Seaton, F. C. Sumichrist, Hon. P. C. Hill, Robt. Pickford, I. S. Murray, Rodk. Macdonald, W. H. Neal, Capt. Crowell, W. A. Conrod, T. F. Kenney and I. H. Mathers; W. S. Stirling, treasurer, and Dr. A. Lawson physician.

BAZAAR FOR THE POOR.—At a bazaar in aid of the poor, held at Cambridge House by Mrs. Dashwood's pupils, the sum cleared was \$112.63.

The fastest time on record in the transmission of the English mail from Halifax to Ottawa was made last week. The *S. S. Circassian* arrived at Halifax at 10.15 a. m. on Sunday, and at 10 p. m. Monday the matter was ready for distribution at the Ottawa Office. 36 hours from Halifax to Ottawa is pretty lively running. The mail reached Montreal at 3 p. m. on Monday.

On Saturday afternoon the proprietor of a Halifax livery stable was out driving with a friend on the St. Margaret's Bay Road, when he saw two young men in one of his teams, drunk. The team was broken down, so he stopped and repaired it. When he had made it so that the men could continue their drive, one of them drew a revolver and pointed it at him. He promptly took the weapon from the youth, and brought it to town with him. It had four chambers loaded.

A despatch to the owners of the *Hannah Morris*, states that she was spoken on the 8th of Dec., by Capt. Redding, of the schooner *Lucretia*, of Yarmouth, in lat. 33 and lon. 71, or about half way between Bermuda and Cape Hatteras. She was then ninety-three days out from Liverpool for Philadelphia, and had experienced some bad weather. The vessel and crew, however, were all right and required no assistance. As she was owned principally in Windsor, and the captain with several of the crew belonged here, the news was received with much satisfaction.

The Lower Horton Methodist church had a narrow escape of being burned on Wednesday last. Ashes put in a barrel had set the barrel on fire. On the previous day a fancy sale and tea meeting had been held, which realized the sum of \$142.

At Bridgewater, on Sunday afternoon about four o'clock the large building occupied and owned by Jasper Ernst was discovered to be on fire, up-stairs. Every means at hand were used to put it out, but of no avail, and this building, and also the one south, occupied by Simeon Ernst, and the Liverpool House, owned by S. Foshay on the other side, with barns and outhouses, together with Feindle's livery stables in the rear of the hotel were destroyed. Most of the furniture was saved. There were two little children in the room of Ernst's house, where the fire is supposed to have started, who were burned. Every effort was made to save them, but the fire raged too fiercely.

The schooner *Mediator*, Nickerson, master, from Halifax for Yarmouth, coal laden, when off Little Hope, at 2 o'clock on Tuesday morning, sprung a leak and sank. The crew landed at Lockport.

TEMPERANCE IN KINGS COUNTY.—A meeting was held on Monday of last week in the Wesleyan Church, Grand Pre, Kings County, for the purpose of bringing before the electors the advisability of adopting the Scott Temperance Act, in Kings County. Mr. A. McN. Patterson was called to the chair, and after an interruption by one of the audience, concerning the propriety or right of holding a temperance meeting in a place dedicated to God, and whose views were fully endorsed by the chairman, the meeting was formally opened by Mr. Henry Lovett of Kentville, who gave an address, showing the frightful misery which intemperance has caused, and who advocated the adoption of the Canada Temperance Act as a means to lessen, if not blot out entirely, this curse upon mankind. Similar meetings (over twenty in number) have been held and addressed by Mr. Lovett in various parts of King's county, and in all, much enthusiasm was manifested for the speedy adoption of the said Act.

A good purgative medicine is one of the absolute necessities of the age. This want has been supplied by Dr. C. Ayer & Co., whose celebrated Cathartic Pills are known to be the safest, surest, and best purgative medicine ever offered to the public. They are mild but certain in their effects, and keep the system in good condition.

At Stellarton, a young man named James Turner, unmarried, was instantly killed on Friday last, by a fall of coal while working in the Acadia Colliery.

The fire in the Cage Pit has been apparently checked. The openings into the Seam have all been carefully closed up. On Tuesday the injection of carbonic acid gas commenced. This process, known as "Gurney's," has been successfully tried in several similar cases in England, and has been commenced here at the request of the President of the company. The application of this system has already lowered the temperature of the workings, and it is hoped that the fire will be gradually smothered out. Should this fail, the river water can be turned in. The owners of the property hope that before many months they will resume their position among the coal producing companies of Pictou Co.

VENNOR is a bold man—prophet or no prophet. He now writes to the Montreal press as follows:

SIR,—The snow storms predicted tried to come, but the winds were adverse. They commenced in a number of points, but were brought to an abrupt termination. However, there is a great amount in store for us, and this we will get between the present date and New Year's Day.

Yours truly,
 HENRY G. VENNOR.

Montreal, 18th Dec.
 HALIFAX COTTON AND WOOLLEN MILLS COMPANY has published a prospectus. It is proposed to form a Company with a capital of £100,000. The following gentlemen are the Provisional Directors:

James J. Bremner, Esq.
 Adam Burns, Esq.
 Daniel Cronan, Esq.
 William M. Doull, Esq.
 George E. Francklyn, Esq.
 William L. Lowell, Esq.
 James A. Mann, Esq.
 John S. McLean, Esq.

It is estimated that cotton goods might be manufactured at a rate which would supercede the imported article. In 1879 there was imported into the Dominion as follows:

Nova Scotia..... 2,222,938 yards.
 New Brunswick..... 2,933,218 "
 Quebec..... 22,157,993 "
 Ontario..... 18,019,160 "

43,322,369

The public are invited to apply for shares. There is no reason why this should not be made a very practical and useful thing in our city.

Mr. Thomas Cook has resolved to honour the memory and perpetuate the earnest life work of his beloved daughter by building a memorial hall, in which good work of various kinds may be done both for the young and the aged. Provision for Sunday-schools will be the first and most prominent feature, with every facility for select classes, savings' banks, library, services of song, lectures, public readings, and other unforeseen works of mercy and interest. The property to be held as an adjunct to the Archdeacon-lane General Baptist Chapel.

Miscellaneous.

ENGLAND'S MONEY CONTRIBUTIONS TO FOREIGN MISSIONS.—We notice that Canon Scott Robertson has completed his annual summary of English contributions to the great missionary enterprise. Here are the figures:—

Church of England.....£449,886
 Joint Societies of Churchmen
 and Dissenters..... 156,985
 Nonconformist Societies..... 297,382
 Presbyterian Societies..... 174,313
 Roman Catholic Societies..... 8,112

Total.....£1,086,678

Compared with what the country spends on intoxicating drinks—£130,000,000—how small the sum! Compared with the value of our imports and exports—more than £600,000,000—the contributions are not large. We devote only a fraction of our profits on foreign trade to Foreign Missions. There is abundant room for increased liberality.—Still, our money contributions are not all we give for the evangelization of the world. England has given many of her best and noblest sons: Bishops Wilson and Pater-son; Dr. Carey and William Knibb; John Williams and Robert Moffatt; Dr. Duff, and others have been spent in this service. But what even are these when contrasted with the vastness of the fields and the millions of the unsaved?

ETERNITY.—I have lain upon a river bank above a cataract and fall, where waters were as yet unruffled, moving swiftly softly under willows, plaited in graceful curves about great roots, now foaming into laes around my immersed hand. Looking away down where the torrent becomes tumultuous, plunging, quivering, loudly shouting, and beyond where the lip of the fall meets the sky of mists, I dip up a handful of the flood, "Oh, drops of water, you realize nothing of what is before you. I wonder whether this drop, or this, will lie at the bottom of the unsunned caverns curdling cold and imprisoned long; and which will rise beaten into spray that the sun may make perpetual rainbows. I release you. Go back and go on to find your fate," and they are shaken from the finger tips. So goeth the race of man into futurity—eternity. Who realized what it was to have been born into this world? Who foresees the spectacles yet to be revealed along the existence line of the human soul, what excitements overpowering, what shock of splendours or of dreeds? Who dare go on alone? Yet we must go on and ever. How careless are the multitude who, filled with the diversions of the present, risk, thoughtless, the grand eternities!—"Are These Things So," by Emory J. Haynes.

AN EXALTED EXAMPLE.—Miss Helena Gladstone, a young daughter of the Prime Minister of England, is causing quite a sensation in England and on the Continent by the moral courage developed in her recent determination to enter an active and useful career, and give to the young women of England a very noble example. A London correspondent of the *Belgian Independent*, announces that this young lady has passed her examinations, and now returns to Newnham College to study for the position of preceptress in that institution. The idea of a daughter of the Prime Minister becoming a teacher, or, as some other authorities state, secretary and active agent, is something so new, to the aristocratic feminine world of Europe, that it is making an "epoch," as they say. The German journals hail it as an event of good omen to the large class of poor teachers in the boarding schools, and hope that the daughters of their official and commercial classes will take it to heart and follow copy, arguing that it will not be beneath their dignity to do what has just been done by the daughter of the first official gentleman of England.

The engagement is announced in Washington of the venerable Bishop Pinckney (Protestant Episcopal), of Maryland, to Miss Lucy Hunter. The romance of his married life is somewhat remarkable. His first wife was a lady twenty years his senior, who had made his christening robe when he was a babe. Her death occurred several years ago. The prospective bride is twenty years his junior, and for nine years has held the post of Matron in Louise Home in Washington. It is said that she refused some years ago an offer of marriage from W. W. Corcoran, the wealthy banker, giving as a reason for her refusal, that, if she accepted him, the world would say that she married him only for his money.

A society for Jewish studies has been founded in Paris. It will publish a quarterly review, with original documents, and will organise lectures to popularise a knowledge of Judaic history and literature.

MR. JUSTICE LUSH.—We learn with great pleasure, on the authority of the *Times*, that this eminent judge will succeed the late Lord Justice Thesiger in the Court of Appeal. Mr. Justice Lush, who was born in 1807, was called to the bar at Gray's-inn in 1839, became Q. C. in 1857, and was appointed one of the judges of the Court of Queen's Bench in 1865. Last year he was created a Privy Councillor. Judge Lush is a member of the Regent's Park Baptist Church.

The Archaeological Society of Athen, has purchased half of the village which is built on the ruins of the temple of Eleusis. New dwellings are to be built in another place for the villagers, and after their transfer to them, the evacuations will be commenced.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

THE PRIVATE SCHOOL FOR BOYS

AT

"The Woodlands," Wilmot,

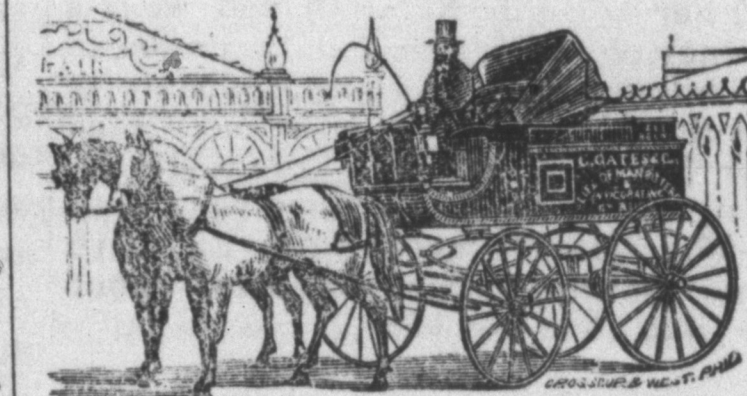
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January 5th, 1881.

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Dec. 29.



A MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND A

Happy New Year.

C. GATES, SON & CO. wish to thank their customers for the patronage they have extended to them during the past year, and from the numerous testimonials and letters of thanks received from all parts of the Lower Provinces during the year, they feel doubly confident that all their preparations are making the most remarkable cures and giving the most complete satisfaction, standing foremost among the many medicines before the public. If you would be healthy and free from the numerous diseases so prevalent, keep your blood pure, and system cleansed, by taking a few bottles of the best blood purifier, known as GATES' LIFE OF MAN BITTERS No. 2, and INVIGORATING SYRUP No. 1, during the winter and spring of each year. For dropsy no medicine has ever been found to make so complete a cure. It extracts the water and all impurities from the blood and brings the liver to its proper working order. Lung diseases are frequently cured by their use, in fact there is scarcely a disease that may not be cured entirely, or greatly benefited by these remarkably safe and good medicines. Their ACADIAN LINIMENT stands foremost among that class of medicines for pains, rheumatism, diphtheria, colds, &c., and is free from the opening ingredients so common in popular liniments which must invariably cause the patient to take cold after using them. Their NERVE OINTMENT for burns, scalds, bruises, cutaneous eruptions of the skin, &c. VEGETABLE PLASTER for boils, cuts, cracked hands, and lame back, and EYE RELIEF for sore eyes need only to be once tried to ensure their continued use as family medicines.

Hesslein's Building, Hollis St.

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Four times the effect of medicine.

TESTIMONIAL.

ACADIAN MINES,
 December 16, 1880.
 TO HOLMAN PAD CO.,
 119 Hollis St., Halifax.

GENTLEMEN, I suffered for many years from an impaired digestion, an evil which rendered me anything but an agreeable companion. At times, during an especially bad attack, the pain in the region of the heart would be terrific, causing me to become insensible in a moment. I tried many remedies, but without any permanent benefit; my last estate would be invariably worse than the first; until I concluded to try one of the Holman Liver Pads. During the first two weeks of wearing it, I thought it was like the many other remedies I had tried, unable to reach my case, but then I gradually began to grow better, a fact I realized in being able to lie upon my left side for quite a long time without inconvenience. I continued wearing the Pad, night and day, for nearly three months. I then felt so much better that I procured a second Pad, and wore it only in day time for two months longer; at the end of which time I ceased to be troubled with indigestion altogether, and spasms at region of heart are but of very rare occurrence, and these I have no doubt, will ultimately cease. Perhaps a little further information from you on this point would hasten this desirable end. Without troubling you with further details of my complaints and sufferings, I have only to add that I can confidently recommend the Holman Liver Pad and Remedies from personal experience of the benefits derived from their use. And I consider that I cannot overstate their value to those similarly afflicted as I have been.

Yours faithfully,

C. C. FRESTON.
 Price of Pads, \$2.50; \$3.50, Absorption Plasters and Salt. Orders payable to J. G. BENNET,
 Dec. 29.