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In the House of Lords, the Marquis of Lansdowne moved for a committee similar in its objects and character to that proposed in the Commons by the Chancellor of the Exchequer. His speech was a re-echo of that delivered by Sir Charles Wood on the 30th. From the manner in which those members of the Government, who have spoken in these debates, it is evident that they are not favourable to the condemnation of Sir Robert Peel's Act, and that they leave to the committees which are to be appointed, whether it shall remain unrepealed on the Statute-book. The motion was agreed to without a division. A bill extending for two years, the
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...to state that on the 22d ult. the West India Bank were refused acceptance by their correspondents, the Union Bank of London. The large amount of paper drawn by Higginson, Scott, and Deane, of Barbadoes, on Barton, Irlam, and Higginson of Liverpool, alleged to be about £47,000, which the establishment in the West Indies had purchased and remitted, in spite of repeated warnings, has led to this step, which, if it should unfortunately force the parent institution in Barbadoes to suspend payment, will, it is anticipated, produce the most disastrous effects in that island, and at St. Kitt's, St. Vincent, Antigua, Tobago, Trinidad and Grenada, where the branches are established.

Among the private failures, Messrs. Lackerstreet & Co. East India merchants, and Messrs. Sargant, Gordon & Co. of London, Colonial brokers, are the principal. Messrs. W. Pemberton & Co. Canadian merchants, London; Mr. Andrew Rankin, West-India merchant, and Mr. Robert Buchanan, broker, of Glasgow, are among the list of bankrupts.

The Royal Bank of Liverpool re-opened its doors on the 1st Dec.

By a statement made by Lord John Russell, it is explained that the retirement of the Right Hon. James Stephen, from his duties at the Colonial-office, is only temporary, on account of ill health, and that Mr. Mirivale is only appointed *Assistant* Under-Secretary.

A circular has been issued from the Colonial Office, instructing the authorities in the colonies to address the Roman Catholic prelates in such colonies by the title to which their rank in their own church may appear to give them a just claim, officially styling them "Your grace," or "Your lordship," as the case may be.

It is now determined that three expeditions are to be sent to the Arctic regions in search of Sir John Franklin and his party. One will be despatched in the course of a few days to Behring's Straits; the second will sail early in the spring to Baffin's Bay, and will be under the command of Sir James Ross; and the third will consist of an overland expedition, to be placed under the discretion of Sir John Richardson. The boats, with their crews of twenty men, belonging to the last named expedition, went out to Hudson's Bay during the last summer.

The U. S. Mail steamer Washington, arrived at Southampton on the 3d Dec., having taken nearly fifteen days to make the run across—The packet ship John R. Skiddy arrived at Liverpool in 14 days and 13 hours from New York.

The Elector of Hesse Cassel expired at Frankfort on the 20th ult., in the forty-fourth year of his age. He is succeeded by Prince Frederick William, who has acted as co-regent since 1831.

Mr. Joshua Fielden, of the well known firm of Fielden Brothers, cotton and silk manufacturers, died on Wednesday, in the 71st year of his age.

We regret to state that crimes and outrages continue undiminished in Ireland. The state of Tipperary, Clare, Westmeath, King's County, Roscommon, and Limerick, is most deplorable.

The arms of the federal party in Switzerland have been almost everywhere triumphant. The campaign was opened by General Dufour, who first invested the city of Friburg, which speedily capitulated without striking a blow. He then crossed the country, compelled the cantons of Zug and Schwitz to surrender, and expelled the Jesuits from these places. A protocol was signed in London on the 26th, which it was hoped would bring about a reconciliation between the belligerent parties and stop the further effusion of blood.

FOOTHOLD IN THE MEDITERRANEAN BY THE AMERICANS.—*La Presse* publishes a letter from Syra, stating (as a report) that the United States had at length obtained a footing in the Mediterranean by the purchase of that island (Syra) from the Greek Government for a sum of money equal to the English portion of the debt of Greece, and which would be immediately discharged.

CHRISTMAS DAY.

This (says a newspaper contributor) is the day which professing Christian Churches generally observe as the day on which in the language of the Evangelical Prophet, "a child was born unto us, and a son was given," on which He whose name is Wonderful, Counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace," became an infant of days; when he who was in the form of God, and thought it not robbery to be equal with God—wonder, O Heavens! and be astonished, O Earth!—veiled his divine glory in human flesh, and was ushered into a life of poverty, reproach, and persecution, by being born in a stable and cradled in a manger, and finally, "though he had done no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth, became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." But wherefore this great mystery of godliness—"God manifest in the flesh"? "For this purpose," the Scriptures inform us, "the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil;"—that he might bear *our* griefs and carry *our* sorrows; that he might magnify that law which we had violated, and make it honourable, by fulfilling its precepts, and, finally, enduring its penalty, by bearing our sins in his own body on the accursed tree; thus redeeming us from the curse of the law by being made a curse for us, that whosoever believeth in him might not perish, but might have eternal life.

Christians need not be told why the sword was thus commanded to awake against Jehovah's shepherd; against the man that was the fellow of the Lord of Hosts. It was that divine justice might be satisfied, and that, by thus opening up a channel for the divine mercy to flow out to the guilty and perishing children of Adam, all the perfections of the Godhead might harmonize and be glorified. Well therefore may we exclaim with the apostle, "Herein is love not that we have loved God but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins;" and when we consider that because he loved us with an everlasting love, our blessed Redeemer gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity; surely this love of Christ should constrain us to live no longer to ourselves, but to him who died for us; to live a life of faith upon the Son of God, and adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.

But the wondrous event which the Sacred Scriptures record and true Christians commemorate, teaches us yet another lesson:—"Beloved," says the Apostle John, "if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another;" and again, "Whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion against him, how dwelleth the love of God in him." Surely no time can be so fitted to awaken warm and generous emotions, as that which calls upon us to reflect from what misery we were redeemed by the descent of the Son of God from heaven to earth! And if he for our sakes endured such wonderful degradation, such painful suffering, and such an ignominious death, surely it were but a light thing for us to contribute of the abundance with which God has blessed us, to mitigate, at this inclement season, the sufferings of our poorer brethren. But this is a subject upon which we shall not multiply words. Indeed if we believed that the single argument we have adduced could fail, we should blush to add another.

While therefore we are indulging, innocently we trust, in the festivities which are usual at this season, rejoicing at the mercy vouchsafed, yet with trembling at the danger to which unbelieving and unrepenting sinners are exposed, let us not fail to show our own gratitude by our solicitude to mitigate or relieve the temporal distresses and sufferings of others in less favoured circumstances,—remembering the promise, "If thou draw out thy soul to the hungry and satisfy the afflicted soul, then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noon-day: and the Lord shall guide thee continually and satisfy thy soul in drought and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water whose waters fail not."

We have been induced to offer these suggestions because we believe there are few among our readers who, whether they consider themselves bound to honour the day with any religious observances or not, do not regard it as a holiday; and surely if it is to be at all regarded as commemorative of that joyful day on which "peace" was proclaimed "on earth and good will towards men," such considerations as those now suggested cannot be otherwise than most appropriate.

☞ We heartily wish our friends and patrons a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New-Year.

CHRISTMAS MARKETS.—Notwithstanding the difficulty of travelling in the country, owing to a want of snow on the roads and a sufficient thickness of ice on the rivers, our Markets since Monday last have been well supplied with such edibles as are generally looked for at this season of the year. The prices, which must have been highly satisfactory to those farmers who took pains to produce prime articles, were not much affected by the dullness of the times and the scarcity of money in the city—the best Turkies selling for 9d. per lb., Geese for 3s. 6d. each, and Fowls for 2s. 6d. per pair. The proportion, however, of the articles which realized these rates was not large.

It affords us much gratification to state that Alfred Smithers, Esquire, late Manager of the Branch of the Bank of British North America in this City, has, in compliance with the request of the Local Directors, consented to defer his departure for London until the end of January, for the purpose of affording his successor the advantage of his long experience and thorough practical acquaintance with the interests of the Institution in this quarter—a circumstance which, while it cannot fail to be of great advantage to the Bank, must prove equally so to our community generally.

DIOCESAN CHURCH SOCIETY.—The annual Meeting of the Saint John Local Committee of this Society, comprising the Members resident in this Parish, took place last Wednesday evening—the Rev. the Rector Dr. I. W. D. Gray, presided. —The subscriptions were reported to amount to nearly £200, and the lists were directed to be kept open until 10th January next, for further contributions.—Beverly Robinson and Joseph Fairweather, Esquires, were appointed Lay Deputies to represent this Branch of the Society at the Anniversary Meeting to be held at Fredericton in February next. Robert Parker, jun. Esq. was appointed Secretary, in room of George Wheeler, Esq. who resigned, receiving the thanks of the Committee for his past services.—The meeting was opened and closed with prayer.—*Chron.*

ST. JOHN GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—The semi-annual Examination of the Public Grammar School took place on Monday last, in presence of the Rev. I. W. D. Gray, D. D., President of the Board, the Honourable the Chief Justice, His Honor Judge Parker, and the Hon. R. L. Hazen, Members of the Board, and Rev. Alexander Stewart, A. B., Major Poyntz, H. Bowyer Smith, Esq., Collector of Her Majesty's Customs, John M. Robinson, Esq., Geo. Blatch, Esq., and Mr. George Bedell, Student of Theology, Visitors. Two Greek Classes, eight Latin Classes, one French Class, and various Classes in Mathematics, Geography, and History, were examined. Various Exercises and some Maps, which had been executed by the Pupils, were also laid before the Examiners. The Books in which the Examinations took place were Demosthenes' Orations, Homer's Iliad, Juvenal's Satires, Cicero's Orations, Virgil's Æneid and Bucolics, Cornelius Nepos, Eutropius, Stodhart's Preparatory Latin Book, the Eton Latin Grammar, Porquet's Traducteur Parisien, Corner's Rome, Chambers's Solid Geometry, Euclid, &c.

At the close of the business the Rev. Dr. Gray stated to the Pupils that the Examination was upon the whole very satisfactory, and that especially the higher classes had acquitted themselves in a very creditable manner; and after a short but fervent address, tending to impress upon them the necessity of cultivating studious habits, and never allowing play or amusement to interfere with their hours of study, he announced the pleasing intelligence, that the Board of Directors had, in pursuance of a Resolution to form a Library in connection with the School, appropriated Ten Pounds towards the purchase of suitable books. The Christmas holidays were then given out, to continue till Monday, 10th January next.

The young gentleman who by his proficiency and good conduct is justly entitled to the Corporation Gold Medal this year, is Master J. F. Clinton Boyle.

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.—Last Monday evening, a very excellent and useful lecture on *Formation of Character* was delivered to a crowded house by the Rev. Mr. Lawson, of South Stream. This gentleman's qualifications entitle him to the highest rank which the Denomination to which he belongs can confer upon him.

Last evening Mr. Foulis lectured in continuation of his Chemical course, on *Attraction and Repulsion*, with some beautiful experiments.

Next Monday evening, D. S. Morrison, Esquire, of St. Andrews, will lecture on *Education*.

THE ROWE FAMILY.—The second Concert of this talented Family took place on Thursday evening last, and the performance was—if possible—more brilliant than on the first night. We were particularly delighted with Miss Millisent Rowe's singing of Handel's beautiful sacred song, "*O had Jubal's lyre*," and the duett, with her sister, "*Hear me, Norma*:" both were *encored*. The "*Governess*" also met with hearty and well deserved applause; nor can we omit to notice Master Barton Rowe's Pianoforte performance: the rapidity of execution and smoothness of the fingering in the solo of the trio, was worthy of Thalberg himself. Mr. Rowe afforded great amusement in the duett of "*The Little Farm*," and was warmly applauded in all his performances.

We perceive that "THE FAMILY" will give their next Concert on Thursday the 30th inst. and we wish them what they well deserve, a full house and the usual compliments of the season.

☞ We are happy to state that Dr. BOYD has so far recovered his health as to be able to resume his professional duties at the Provincial Marine Hospital.

ROBBERY AT THE PENITENTIARY!—We are informed that a few nights ago a Stable at the Penitentiary was robbed of sundry harness and some poultry; which it was concluded must have been taken by some of the persons whose term of service at the prison had recently expired, and search was accordingly made at the residence of one them named Clarke, and the missing articles, with some Buffalo Skins, were found. The thief, who is an incorrigible offender, has been sent back to his old quarter at the Penitentiary.

NEW PENNY PAPER.—"*The St. John Mail and Commercial Advertiser*," (published by Messrs. Bailey & Day,) made its first appearance on Tuesday morning. It is well got up, and promises to be a valuable accession to the Newspaper press in St. John. It has our best wishes for its success.

☞ Persons entitled to a Draft in the City Fishery must not forget to have their names registered in the Directors' books during the coming week.—*See advertisement.*

The Halifax *Sun* says that a short hand reporter, qualified to report the debates in the Nova Scotia Legislature, would obtain employment and fair remuneration in that city the present winter. The editor of the *Sun* will communicate with any party desirous of undertaking the work.

The Mail steamer Britannia sailed from Boston on the 16th December, with seven passengers for Halifax, and thirty-four for Liverpool. She had also on board $255,448 in specie—more than $100,000 of which came from Canada.

The Britannia arrived at Halifax last Saturday night in 72 hours from Boston. Capt. Charntey, Mr. J. Smithers, and two non-commissioned officers of the Royal Artillery took passage by her at Halifax.

The Steamer Unicorn arrived at Halifax on Saturday last, after a very stormy passage of four days from Newfoundland—during which she lost bulwarks, &c.

Incendiarism in Nova Scotia.—We learn that on Monday night last, the dwelling house and barn of Mr. John Harvey, Kennetcook, Hants County, together with their contents, were destroyed by fire, of which we may note, 23 head of cattle, 5 horses, 50 tons of hay, grain and other produce, together with farming implements, &c. Loss, about £350. Three men of the name of Sandford, have been arrested on suspicion, and lodged in the gaol at Windsor.—*Halifax Sun, Dec. 17.*

POST OFFICE DIFFICULTIES.—The recent disagreement between the British and American Governments with regard to their respective postal arrangements, has caused the detention at Burlington of an express which left Montreal on the 13th inst. with letters to go by the steamer Britannia from Boston on the 16th. The seizure was made in compliance with an order of the United States Postmaster General.

AN IMPORTANT CASE—CAUTION TO SEAMEN. —Yesterday, a case of considerable importance to the merchants and shipowners of this town was heard before Mr. Rushton. It appears it is the practice of many sailors to ship from this port to British America, and when there desert their vessel, and engage for the run home at higher wages. On reaching this port, by paying ten shillings to the customs, they are allowed another ticket. During the past week, a man named Neill Cook, who had deserted his vessel at Quebec, gave notice to the customs of his intention to apply for a ticket to enable him to re-ship on board another vessel. The ship which he deserted happened to be in port at the time, and the captain gave such information as led to the detection of the prisoner. Mr. Rushton having inquired what amount of expense the captain had been put to to procure a substitute, he was told £15 13s. 4d. The magistrate then spoke at some length on the dishonourable practices resorted to on the part of the men, and committed the prisoner to gaol for three months, saying the men might as well rob the vessel of her cargo as act in such a manner; he was determined to punish every man in the same way. Shortly afterwards another man was brought up under similar circumstances, and he also was committed for three months.—*Liverpool Merc. Nov. 4.*

Two seamen, named Joseph Wilkins and William Henry, who shipped at St. John on board the ship British Merchant for £7 per month, (which had been paid in advance,) and £7 extra if discharged in London, summoned the master, Mr. Robert Anderson, before Mr. Ballentine at the Thames Police Office on the 4th ult. for payment of the extra wages; the magistrate, however, decided against them in consequence of their being deserters from other vessels, which he presumed from the fact of their being unable to produce their register tickets or certificates of discharge from the vessels in which they had previously served.—Five other seamen who applied for summonses against the master of a Quebec ship, could not obtain them in consequence of not being able to produce their register tickets or discharges.

DISTRESSING CALAMITY.—*Island of Tobago.*—It will be recollected that some weeks ago we announced that a terrible hurricane had recently devastated the beautiful Island of Tobago, one of the British West India possessions, causing a great destruction of property and human life.—The New Orleans Commercial Times has a letter giving some details of this catastrophe, from which we learn that sixty-one large country residences, fifty-nine plantation sugar works, and six hundred and thirty-two dwelling houses, and other edifices, of which some were religious ones, churches, chapels, &c. have been swept into irretrievable ruin by this awful storm. Up to the latest dates, the names of thirty human beings have been ascertained, as having perished during the terrible war of elements; and it is believed, when full accounts are received from the remote parts of the Island, that number will be very much increased. The Jamaica papers say that the distress occasioned among the population by this disaster is so great, that a memorial has been addressed to the Home Government for aid and succour.

GREAT FRESHET.—There has been an immense freshet at the West. The telegraphic despatches of the 16th state that the Ohio river is as high as in 1832. The city of Cincinnati is inundated. A telegraphic despatch of the 17th from Cincinnati stated that business was entirely suspended, and *Steamboats were passing through the public streets!*

Five thousand families (so reported) are rendered destitute by this calamity. A public meeting has been called to devise means of relief.

All the lumber on the wharves, comprising nearly all in the city, is afloat.

A large portion of Alleghany City is under water.

There are eighteen inches of snow at Cincinnati.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—A protracted storm, of more than a week's duration, wound up last night with snow and sleet, that covered the ground for a few hours this morning. The month of December so far, with the exception of two days, has been mild almost beyond precedent.—The Sound steamers all lay in Cow Bay last night.—Nine fore and aft schooners are ashore on the East side of the Hart Island.

FROM MEXICO.—The New York Commercial Advertiser of Thursday evening has the following extract from a letter which it says is from an authentic and intelligent source. It is dated from the city of Mexico, Nov. 28th:

"Politically we are without any thing of interest to communicate, although the Mexican Congress and Executive assembled at Queretaro have hitherto come to no determination upon the question of peace. The pacific party is strongly exerting itself, and we have no doubt if they are once allowed to treat, peace will be made."

FROM THE PACIFIC.—*Revolution in Bolivia.*—There has been an arrival at New York from Santa Martha, bringing dates from Lima to the 7th Nov. There had been a terrible earthquake in Chili and Peru, destroying several towns. It occurred on the same day as that which destroyed the town of Ocatlan in Mexico. It appears to have come from the North.

The Lima New Era of the 7th Nov. says: There is a current report in the city, this morning, that a revolution has broken out in Bolivia, against Bolivian and in favor of Velasco.

☞ *The Meetings, in the Christian Chapel, on Lord's Day evenings, to attend to the ordinances of the Gospel, will in future, for the better accommodation of the members of the Church, be holden in the afternoon; and on next Lord's Day evening Mr.* EATON *will give a Discourse to show that in order for Christians properly to sanctify the First day of the week, they should on every Lord's day commemorate the Lord's death.*—Seats always free.

☞ The next Mail for England will close at the General Post Office in this City on Wednesday next, 29th inst. at three o'clock in the afternoon.

To Druggists and Dealers in Medicine.

Dr. Wistar's Balsam of Wild Cherry.

This celebrated and infallible remedy for the cure of Consumption, Asthma, and Liver Complaint, was discovered some six or seven years ago, in the city of Philadelphia, the residence of one of the most distinguished physicians that ever lived. Since that time it has, by its own merits, been rapidly, surely, and safely working its way through the opposition of quacks and counterfeiters, until by its true value, and intrinsic excellence, it has gained for itself a most enviable popularity, and established itself in the confidence of an intelligent and enlightened public from one end of the continent to the other. The testimony of thousands who have been relieved and cured by this valuable article will show that it stands unrivalled—at the head of all other medicines for the cure of diseases for which it is recommended. The genuine Dr. Wistar's Balsam of Wild Cherry is now for sale by duly appointed agents, and all respectable dealers in medicine, in all large cities and all important towns throughout the United States, Canadas, and British provinces.

Be careful and get the genuine and original Dr. Wistar's Balsam of Wild Cherry.

None genuine, unless signed I. BUTTS on the wrapper.—☞ For sale by PETERS & T... King-street, St. John.

A MEDICINE FOR ALL SEASONS.—*Wright's Indian Vegetable Pills* suit all complaints and all ages, and may be taken at all times, and under all circumstances with perfect safety. They are natural to the human constitution as food; and while they do not injure even the most delicate, there is scarcely a malady in the whole catalogue of human ills, but will yield to their influence.

Wright's Indian Vegetable Pills thoroughly cleanse the stomach and bowels from bilious and putrid humors, and purify the blood; and are, therefore, certain to drive pain and distress of every description from the body.

☞ *Beware of Counterfeits and Imitations.* The safest course is to purchase from the authorized agents only.

The genuine for sale by H. G. KINNEAR, Sole agent for St. John; W. T. Baird, Woodstock; Jas. Drake, Fredericton; R. J. McDonald, Grand Lake; Upham & Hallett, Hopewell; R. Wilson, Sackville; E. J. Smith, Shediac; J. Cutler, Cocaigne; A. Lockhart, Quaco; Thomas Barry, Magaguadavic; A. H. Thomson, Saint Stephen; T. Wilder, Milltown. In Nova-Scotia, by J. Crowley, Digby; D. Moore, Kentville; Parker & Fisher, Cornwallis; W. Hoyt, Bridgetown; F. S. Harding, Windsor.

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HALSEY'S SUGAR-COATED PILLS.

ONE year has now elapsed since this great and good medicine was first made known to the public, yet within which time thousands have experienced its good effects. Invalids who have been given over by their physicians as incurable have found relief and been restored to sound and vigorous health by this wonderful remedy. *HALSEY'S PILLS are unlike all others!* They act directly on those vital organs of the stomach, liver, kidneys, &c. which secrete the fluids and separate the impurities from the blood. While they purge from the stomach and bowels all bilious and morbid matter, they cleanse and renew the blood, thereby destroying the seeds of disease. HALSEY'S PILLS do not weaken, but give strength and animation to both body and mind. They neither cause griping or any inconvenience whatever. The patient is better able to attend to business while under their influence than before taking them. Their action is innocent, yet efficient; are mild in operation, yet powerful in restoring health. The great amount of good these Pills have done for the sick and afflicted have induced thousands to commend them to their friends and the public. Individuals of rank and integrity have testified to the world in favor of their extraordinary virtues.

Frankford, July 15, 1846.

Dr. G. W. HALSEY:

Sir;—During the last ten years, I have been dreadfully afflicted with the Dyspepsia and habitual costiveness. I was so bad sometimes that for nearly a week nothing would pass my bowels, which caused headache, dizziness, and at times partial insanity. The doctors could do nothing for me. Their medicine gave me much pain and griping, and after weakening my system very much left me worse than before taking it. I was at last induced to procure a box of your Pills, as they were recommended to me by the Rev. Mr. COLBURN of this town. I took them according to the directions which came round the box, and they affected me different from any medicine I had ever used. Their action was perfectly harmless and soothing, and appeared to animate my spirits. I had taken them but three times before my health began fast to improve, and by the time I had finished the box I was entirely restored from my protracted illness. It has now been four months since I left off taking them, during which time I have not had any symptoms of a return of the disease, and my health is as perfect as it was at the age of twenty, although I am now nearly forty.

Your's, &c. JAMES H. STONALL.

☞ For sale at the Store of the Subscriber, 8, Brick Buildings, North Wharf, at 1s. 3d. per box, and liberal allowance for wholesale purchases; and at the several Sub-Agencies in the Provinces—see Phœnix Advertiser, &c.

H. G. KINNEAR,
Sept. 5. *General Agent for the Provinces.*

MARRIED.

On Thursday evening, by the Rev. Samuel Robinson, Mr. Joseph Henry Ricketson, of Annapolis, N. S., to Miss Caroline, fifth daughter of Mr. William Steadman, of the Parish of Moncton.

On the 18th inst., by the Rev. Robert Irvine, John, second son of John Hunter, Esq. M. D., formerly of Letterkenny, (Ireland,) to Louisa, eldest daughter of the late Lionel Anderson, Esq., of this city.

On Wednesday evening, by the Rev. A. Stewart, Mr. W. H. Hallett, to Miss Phœbe Jane, third daughter of Mr. I. W. Doane, of this City.

At Annapolis, on Monday, the 20th instant, by the Rev. Edwin Gilpin, Mr. Michael Brown, to Martha Ann, only daughter of Mr. Alonzo Gavaza, of that place.

DIED.

On Wednesday the 22d inst. Mr. James C. Durnian, in the 32d year of his age, leaving a wife and five children to mourn the loss of a kind husband and parent.—Funeral this day (Saturday,) at two o'clock, from his late residence in Britain-street when friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend.

On Thursday, James, son of Mr. John S. Garrick, aged one year and seven months.—Funeral this day (Saturday,) at two o'clock, from Mr. G's residence in Water street, when friends and acquaintances are requested to attend.

At Portland, on the 12th inst. Thomas, aged six years, and on the 19th, Annabell, aged four years and five months, son and daughter of Mr. Robert Morrison.

At New Jerusalem, Parish of Hampstead, Queen's County, on the 7th inst. Mr. Benjamin Clarke, aged 36 years—leaving a wife and seven children to mourn their loss. His latter end was peace.

At Augusta, (Maine,) on the 15th ult. Joseph D. Emery, Esquire, aged 56 years—formerly Agent for the Saint John Mills and Canal Company—a gentlemen held in high respect by many of our citizens to whom he was known.

At Digby, N. S. on Tuesday the 7th inst. Annie M'Nab, youngest daughter of John C. Wade, Esq Barrister, &c. aged 10 months.

MARINE JOURNAL.

PORT OF SAINT JOHN—ARRIVED,

Wednesday, (15th)—Barque Nelson Village, Dublin, 40 days—to order, ballast.

Thursday—Barque Kate Kearney, Hue, Dublin, 48—Thos. Wallace, ballast.

Friday—Brig Corfu, Thorne, Boston, 10—J. & T. Robinson, assorted cargo.

Schooner Post-Boy, Crawley, Addison, (Me.) 7—Thomas McHenry, ballast.

Good-will, Dunn, Halifax, sugar, &c.—Master.

☞ Signals for a Ship and Brig, last evening.

COASTWISE.

Saturday—Neptune, Wells, Harvey, deals, &c.
Lavinia, Anderson, Sackville, dead meat & butter.
Crown, Parker, Annapolis, cattle and sheep.
Copy, Turnbull, Digby, sheep and fish.
Boreas, Hatfield, Parrsboro, deals, butter and oats.
Black Hawk, Vantassel, Digby, charcoal and cider.
Sunday—Exile, Hatfield, Parrsboro, deals.
Maid of Erin, (s.) Belyea, Annapolis, cattle, &c.
Grace, Cornwall, Petitcodiac, oysters and deals.
Zephyr, Hatfield, Apple River, deals. [poultry.
Sarah Jane, Dickson, Dorchester, dead meat and
Lark, Wood, Shepody, cordwood and grindstones.
Monday—Sardonyx, Merrian, Parrsboro, deals, &c.
Tuesday—Vanguard, Lake, Parrsboro, deals, &c.
Wednesday—Brothers, Howard, Apple River, deals.
Hillsboro, Steves, Hillsboro, deals and dead meat.
Betsy, Hardy, Shepody, railroad scantling.
Maid of Erin, (s.) Leavitt, Annapolis, cattle, &c.
Thursday—Richmond, Kyffin, Black River, deals.
Margaret, Carlisle, Petitcodiac, dead meat, &c.
Emma Johnston, Howard, Apple River, deals.
Friday—Harriett, English, Fishing Voyage fish.
Herald, (s.) Donehay, Annapolis, passengers, &c.
Dec. 18—Ann, Scott, Cork.

ENTERED FOR LOADING.

18—Lady Caroline, Martin, Cork.
20—Allen Brown, Shaw, Dundalk.
21—Jane Allison, Brown, Trinidad.
British American, Powell, London.

CLEARED.

Dec. 18th—Brigantine Fidelia, Small, Eastport, ballast—L. H. Waterhouse; Bream, Wiseman, New York, laths, grindstones, &c.—Wm. Garnett.

20th—Schooner Charlotte, Henneberry, Halifax, assorted cargo—G. & J. Salter.

21st—Barque Mungo Park, Leask, Cork, timber and deals—John Robertson.

22d—Ship Lotus, Watson, Cork, timber, &c.—R. Rankin & Co.

23d—Schr. Eliza Jane, Sharp, Boston, bo...&c.—James R. Sweet.

24th—Barque William Carson, Vaughan, Dublin, timber and deals—D. & T. Vaughan; Isabella, Phillips, Cork, timber and deals—John Robertson; Brig Lucy Ann, Scott, Cork, deals—John Robertson; Schooner Martha Brae, S... Kitts, fish and lumber—Hugh Davidson; Prov...ence, Flemming, Boston, plank—B. McRorry.

Brigantine Fashion, hen..., at Trinidad. 6th ult.

Brigantine Ida, Rober..., arrived at Kingston, (Jam.) on the 17th ult. ...18 days from this port, and sailed on the 19th for Falmouth.

The brigantine M...y Ann, Langley, of and for Halifax, 24 days from Kingston, Jamaica, went ashore on the 1... inst. on the south side of Cape Sable, and became a total wreck.

Cleared ...Boston, 17th, brig Fellowship, Armstrong, S...—At New York, 15th, brig Margaret E...beth, do.

At ...Holmes' Hole, 15th, schr. Peruvian, from ...Cork for this port.

Ne...—Arrived at Boston, 16th instant, brig F. L. Vail, ...St John; schooners Joseph Howe, and Messenger, do.; 17th, brig Metallak, and schr. Nelson, ditto; 20th, schr. L. O'Connor Doyle, Frost, do.

Packet Ship Louis Phillipe, from Havre to New York, with 164 passengers, got among the breakers off Nantucket on the 18th inst. and at the last accounts steamers had been to her assistance, but it was with great difficulty she could be kept afloat. The captain thought of beaching her to save the lives of the passengers.

Brig Falconer, of Belfast, (Me.) from Sydney to Boston, went ashore in Ipswich Bay on the 16th, and, melancholy to relate, seventeen lives were lost.

ARRIVALS FROM ST. JOHN.—*Nov. 17th—Lord Fitzgerald & Vesey, at Galway; 18th—Clyde, at Hull; Triumph, at Limerick; Diadem, at Gravesend; 19th—Mary Caroline, at Hull; 22d—Albion, at Liverpool; Oriental, at Hull; 23d—Lady Sale, in the Clyde; 24th—Fanny, at Londonderry; 27th—Favorite, at Gravesend; 28th—Commodore, at do.; 29th—Palander, at Dublin; Caroline, at Cork; Olive-Branch, at Wisbeach; Witch, at Liverpool; 30th—Douglas, at Dundee; David, at Galway; Dec. 1st—Snowden, in the Clyde; Pekin, at Belfast; 2d—Belmont, off Pill; 3d—David, at Liverpool; Defender and Lion, at Hull.*

VESSELS SAILED FOR ST. JOHN.—*Nov. 13th—Aurora, from Lancaster; 16th—Princess, from Dublin; 17th—Elizabeth, do.; 18th—Medium, and Lydia, from Bristol; 19th—Jeanette, from Warren Point; 20th—John S. DeWolf, and Queen Pomare, from Deal; 26th—Argo, do.; Charlotte, from Liverpool; 27th—Lady of the Lake, from Bristol; Lesmahagow, from Cork; 20th—Avon, from the Clyde; 21st—Rosalie, from Cuxhaven; Dec. 1st—Cranston, and Charlotte, from Deal; 2d—Great Britain, from Liverpool.*

Arrived at Port Talbot, Nov. 19, Sir J. Macdonald, from St. Andrews; at Cork, 23th, Sir C. Napier, do.; off Bristol, 27th, St. Lawrence, do. —At Liverpool, 21st, Stephen, St. Stephens, Sailed from Hull, 19th, Blue Nose, for do.

Sailed from Deal, November 20, ship Maranham, for New-Orleans; 26th, Ion, do.; Dec. 1, Susan, for Savannah.—From Gravesend, Dec. 1, ship Lord Wellington, for Charleston; 2d, Britannia, for Mobile —From Hull, 1st, Sea, New Orleans.—From Cork, Nov. 24, Unicorn, do.—From Liverpool, 26th, Emigrant and India, for New-York; 30th, Digby, do.—From Warren Point, 26th, Brothers, do.; 29th, Thomas, Savannah.

Loading at Liverpool, Dec. 4th, St. Clare and Edinburgh for St. John; Harmony and William Ward, for New Orleans.—Cleared, 3d, St. John for Mobile; Speed for Savannah; Jane Hammond, for St. John.

The wreck of the brigansine Napoleon, (so often reported) was again passed on the 14th Oct. in long. 10.

BRISTOL, Nov. 10.—The Lady of the Lake, for St. John, has put back with loss of sails.

CORK, Nov. 22.—The Lesmahagow, from Gloucester for St. John, has arrived here with loss of foresail, topsail yard, &c.

GREENOCK, Nov. 23.—The Lady Sale, from St. John, has been put under quarantine, the master and several of the crew being ill of fever.—The disease broke out two days after she left St. John.

Kinsale, Nov. 24.—The Asiatic, Caddell, from Dundalk to St. John, has arrived here with foremast-head sprung, loss of sails and other damage, having experienced a heavy gale, 20th inst. in lat. 52, long. 14.

LIVERPOOL, Nov. 25.—The Charlotte, for St. John, has put back with loss of sails.

GRAVESEND, Dec. 1.—The Argo, Waterbery, for St. John, has put back to-day with damage to hull and rigging, having been in contact in the Downs on the 27th ult. with the Eumore.

SURROGATE COURT,

CITY & COUNTY OF SAINT JOHN,
Province of New Brunswick.

To the SHERIFF of the City and County of Saint John, or any Constable within the said County —GREETING:—

YOU are hereby required to cite the next of kin and all persons interested in the Estate of JANE ANDREWS, late of the City and County of Saint John, widow, deceased, to appear before me at a Court of Probate to be held at the Registrar's Office in the City and County aforesaid, on Tuesday the first day of February, A. D. 1848, to shew cause why Letters of Administration should not be granted unto Robert Hannah, of the City and County of Saint John, one of the creditors of the said deceased, as by him prayed.

Given under my hand and seal of the said Court, this twenty-first day of December, A. D 1847.

ALFRED L. STREET,
Surrogate Judge of Probate.

New-Brunswick Auxiliary Bible Society.

BY appointment of the Committee, the Annual Meeting will take place, (D. V.) on Tuesday Evening the 18th of January next.

J. PATERSON,
St. John, Dec. 25th, 1847. *Secretary.*

Christmas and New Year Concert!

THE ROWE FAMILY

HAVE the honor of announcing to the public that their THIRD CONCERT will take place in the Hall of the Institute on *THURSDAY EVENING NEXT, the 30th Dec.* 1847. On this occasion a new selection of Music will be performed, of a light and joyous character, in accordance with the Season of "Merry Christmas and happy New Year," including T. Cooke's celebrated glee of '*The New Year's Welcome*.' From the vehement applause with which Mr. ROWE's Comic Songs have been honored, he will on this occasion sing four of his best, including the favorite Irish one '*Molly Carew*.' Miss MILLISENT ROWE will sing "*I'll make him speak out*," "*Thro' the Wood*," &c. The usual Instrumental Music will include a *melange* of favorite National Melodies and '*La Rosignole*,' with a whistle accompaniment *a la Savoyard* in imitation of the Nightingale, &c. &c.

Tickets of admission a QUARTER DOLLAR each, to be had at the Courier Office; of Mr. Steven, Germain-street, and of Mr. Wetmore and Mr. Rowe, Commercial Hotel.

Doors to open at 7,—Concert to commence precisely at 8 o'clock. Dec. 25.

TENDERS

WILL be received until Tuesday, the 28th inst. for building a 'SCHOOL HOUSE' upon the Ground adjoining the Orphan Asylum, agreeably to a Plan and Specification to be seen at the Office of WM. O. SMITH, Esq.

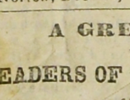
WM. O. SMITH,
HENRY CHUBB,
Commissioners of Orphan Asylum.
Dec. 25, 1847.

☞ NOTICE. ☜

ALL persons having any claims against the Estate of THOMAS PETTINGELL, late of the City Saint John, deceased, are hereby requested to hand in the same, duly attested, to James Pettingell, Shipwright, at his House in Prince William Street, within three calendar months from this date; and all persons indebted to the said Estate are required to make immediate payment to the said James Pettingell.

JAMES PETTINGELL,
GEORGE L. LOVETT,
St. John, Dec. 23, 1847.—3T *Executors.*

TO BE LET.



HILL SIDE COTTAGE and FARM, on which the Subscriber resides—situate in the Parish of Norton, about one mile from Hampton Ferry. The Farm comprises a large quantity of superior Marsh and excellent Upland, in a high state of cultivation.

For terms, which will be liberal to a good tenant, apply on the premises, to

JOS. A. SIEVWRIGHT.
Norton, Dec. 23, 1847.

A GREAT TREAT FOR THE READERS OF THE NEW WORLD.

THE proprietors of THE NEW WORLD take unusual pleasure in announcing that they have made arrangements, by which an Original Novel of the most exciting description, will appear in successive numbers of the New World. We are unable as yet to announce its title, but it is sufficient to say that is from the gifted pen of GEORGE LIPPARD, Esq. author of Washington and his Generals, or Legends of the Revolution, The Quaker City, Blanche of Brandywine, Herbert Tracy, &c.

The scene of this romance will be laid in New-York—a panorama by night and day of all the on-goings of this good and bad metropolis. The talented author has been for many years collecting materials for this great work, and it will be, he informs us, by far the best of his productions. The Massachusetts Review—the very highest authority—in speaking of Mr. Lippard, designates him as "a man of superior abilities, of a noble and generous nature,—showing a ready sympathy with justice, mercy and unaffected trust in God." "He never makes vice lovely." "The Quaker City" has scenes of great power and unexceptionable excellence."

The publication of this romance will be begun the first week of the New Year. It is time, therefore, for those who wish to receive it, to send in their subscriptions.

Subscribers for six months will be received for $1, paid in advance. The paper will be sent to Clubs of thirteen subscribers for $10 in advance. Such Clubs may easily be got up in every neighbourhood. Send early. Address

WILKINSON & CO.
105 Nassau-street, New York.

Central Fire Insurance Stock for Sale.

ON early application to the Subscriber,— Shares of the Capital Stock of "The Central Fire Insurance Company."

JOHN V. THURGAR,
Dec. 25. *North Market Wharf.*

Christmas PRESENTS and New Year's Gifts!

A VERY large and choice assortment of neatly bound and useful BOOKS, suitable for Presents, Prizes, Christmas and New Year Gifts, &c. may be had at the

VICTORIA BOOK STORE.

Also,—School Books of every description; Paper, Pens, Inks, Quills, Pencils, Pocket Books, Blank and Account Books, Memorandum Books; Miscellaneous Reading Books; Novels, Tales, Histories, Poems, Plays, Tragedies, Romances; Bibles, Testaments, Prayer and Psalm-Books;—a dozen best English Playing Cards.

The whole of the above, together with numerous other articles connected with the Book and Stationery trade, are offered for sale at prices unequalled for cheapness in British North America, many of the Miscellaneous works having been received on consignment, may now be had at their original prices,—cheap for cash.

300 reams Wrapping Paper, assorted.
Dec. 25. V. H. NELSON, King-street.

Buffalo Skins.

24 VERY SUPERIOR BUFFALO SKINS just received for sale low.
Dec. 25. J. R. SWEET.

Oolong Tea.

A LOT of Oolong SOUCHONG of superior strength and flavour, in catties of 14 lbs. each, at No. 10, King-street.
Dec. 25. FLEWWELLING & READING.

Corn Meal, Bread, and Biscuit.

Daily expected per Margaret Elizabeth, from New York—

100 BRLS. fresh ground Jersey CORN MEAL;
58 boxes SODA BISCUIT;
60 kegs and barrels Water CRACKERS.
Just received, per Corfu, from Boston—
25 barrels GROAT BREAD;
75 bags NAVY BREAD.—For sale by
WM. THOMSON,
Dec. 25. *Nelson Street.*

NEW-BRUNSWICK BENEFIT BUILDING SOCIETY AND SAVINGS' FUND.

Established under Act of Assembly 10th Victoria, Chap. 83, at a Public Meeting, held at the Hall of the Mechanics' Institute, Saint John, September, 1847.

Shares, £120; Monthly Subscriptions, 12s. per Share; Management Fee, 7½d per Share; Present Entrance Fee, 5s.

The Monthly Subscriptions are payable in Saint John on the first Monday in every Month, or at the Branch Offices, or Agencies, on the Thursday previous.

The First Subscription is due on the third day of January, 1848.

TRUSTEES—(with a Seat at the Board)— Wm. Wright, R. F. Hazen, and H. Chubb, Esqrs.

DIRECTORS:

Charles Drury,	George Wheeler,
Charles E. Raymond,	James Poyntz,
William C. Dunham,	John C. Littlehale,
John H. Gray,	Samuel Huyghue.
James Agnew,	

BANKERS—Bank of New-Brunswick.
SECRETARY & TREASURER—Mr. C. L. S...

THIS SOCIETY is established on a most simplified system—the most approved in England; and founded on a basis so sound as to afford the most effectual security to its members.

THE DESIGN OF THIS SOCIETY IS—

First—To enable persons to become their own Landlords, and purchase Freehold or Leasehold Property, by advances made by the Society. (*£300 positively advanced for £36 a year for eleven and a half years, which sum pays principal and interest. Other sums in proportion.*)

Secondly—To provide a safe and profitable Fund for SAVINGS, or Investments for small or large sums of money. (*This Society offers opportunities in this respect which no other Institution in this Province can do;—Savings Banks only pay 5 per cent., whereas this Society pays 6 per cent. Compound Interest.*)

THE OTHER IMPORTANT ADVANTAGES ARE—

1st—No money is lent but on security of Real Property.

2d—New Members are admitted up to the end of the Society will end, with equal proportionate advantages.

3d—Any Member may withdraw the amount of his Shares at any time after the first year, with the compound interest thereon. Shares may be transferred at any time.

4th—Members may invest their Money in Paid Up SHARES, which will necessarily be drawn —£60 at the commencement being worth £120 at the conclusion.

5th—Mortgages can be repaid at any time on proper notice.

6th—The Accounts and Bank Book are open for the inspection of members at every monthly meeting.

7th—Securities given by all Officers of Trust.

The Board of Directors in St. John have the GENERAL MANAGEMENT of the Society; for the purpose of accommodating persons residing in other parts of the Province, BRANCH OFFICES or AGENCIES, are formed—where Shares can be obtained, and all the payments made, in the various districts; and LOCAL BOARDS of Management will be established so soon as the number of Shares taken in any district render it advisable.

The Funds are procured from the Monthly Subscription of the Members, and also the Monies invested in *Paid up Shares*, which always ensure ample means for meeting the advances required.

The Profits are certain, because the interest is paid by the *borrower*, for an advance, which necessarily form the fund for paying the *lender*.

The Expences of the Society are small, as the Officers act gratuitously, with the exception of the Secretary and Treasurer.

The Fees and Fines form a Contingent Fund out of which the expences are paid, and the balance, which will be very considerable, will go into the General Fund, which will lessen the duration of the Society.

☞ Every information, with copies of Prospectus, Rules, &c. can be obtained on application at the Office of the Society; or at the Offices of the Agents. *By order of the Board*,

CHARLES L. STREET,
Secretary & Treasurer.

Prince William-street, St. John, N. B.
December 25, 1847.

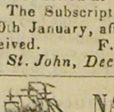
SOCIETY FOR THE PROMOTION OF THE Fine Arts in Scotland.

THE Subscribers and those interested in extending the views and facilitating the objects of the Art-Union of Scotland, are informed that the Council have determined to enlarge the advantages to Subscribers on this, beyond former years, in consequence of the rapid and permanent extension of the Society. The Engravings and Outlines will, exclusively, illustrate the History of Scotland, and for this purpose the talent of that country is employed to produce plates, which, independent of high artistic merit, must, from the associations they are sure to create, prove highly pleasing to the sons of "Old Scotia" in this Province.

Specimens of the Engravings already issued on exhibition at the Depository of Arts.

The Subscription-books will be closed on the 20th January, after which no names can be received. F. McDERMOTT, *Hon. Sec.*

St. John, December 18, 1847.



NAVIGATION! TAUGHT

In its different Branches by the Subscriber.

WHO respectfully announces that he is prepared to give instructions in Navigation during the ensuing Winter, to such young men as are desirous of acquiring a thorough knowledge of the various branches which are requisite to qualify them for the important duties of the sea. The course of Instruction will be such as to qualify pupils to undergo any examination in the science of Navigation.

☞ Private instruction given.

Apply at his residence, corner of Germain and Queen streets.

December 25. JOHN HARVEY.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—25 Bags Buckwheat Flour, received this day.
Dec. 18. THOMAS HANFORD.

Canada STOVES.

Received ex ship Hirundo, from the Clyde,

48 CANADA STOVES, 20 to 24 in. For sale Cheap.
Nov. 20. WILLIAM CARVILL.