

it perches on his hand, and picks at his fingers with great familiarity. When Mr. Smith goes out to the garden, though accompanied by strangers, the robin will if called upon, descend from the top of one of the beautiful poplars of Lownsdale; but when evening approaches, he finds his way homewards to Puddockstone, enters the house by a small aperture that has been made in one of the windows, and after partaking of supper, sings his "wood notes wild" until the family retire to rest.

## THE PEARL.

HALIFAX, SATURDAY MORNING, AUGUST 15.

### TO OUR READERS.

The Editor of THE PEARL is reluctantly compelled to announce, that the present is probably the last number of that periodical which will be issued. He has tried the experiment, as he conceives, fairly; if not with as much ability as he could wish, perseveringly, industriously, and with a desire to please; but his efforts, hitherto, have not been crowned with that degree of success which renders it safe for him to continue the paper longer. The time may come—and he hopes it is not far distant—when the Provinces will support a paper devoted to literature alone; but he fears it has hardly arrived—when it has, he may be tempted to revive The Pearl, or perhaps some more able caterer for the public taste may occupy its place with a miscellany of greater value. In the meantime, he would return his best thanks to those who have cheerfully sustained The Pearl, and more particularly to those whose pens have from time to time enriched its pages. Should any person feel disposed to purchase the copyright of the paper, every information will be frankly afforded—should it not be sold, its list will probably be incorporated with that of The Novascotian, to which paper his exertions will be devoted.

The Pearl accounts will be made out up to the 15th August, and rendered without delay; and it is of importance to the proprietor that they should be promptly paid.

DICKENS.—In our last we concluded some extracts from the last received number of Master Humphrey's Clock. In a former number of the Pearl we alluded to a report of the derangement of Mr. Dickens' mind. Since then we have seen a notice on the same subject, stating that he had been seriously ill, but was recovering, and that perfect and speedy convalescence was expected. The same paragraph intimated that the first numbers of the Clock were written for Dickens, and the latter by himself. We trust that the information, as regards health, is correct, and that so bright an intellect is not to be shrouded at its highest noon. As to the intelligence respecting the Clock, it is to the last degree unlikely. Dickens' inimitable vein runs through the whole,—it is richest and fullest in the early numbers, and uniform, like the rays of the sun through a crystal vase,—it is broken and confused, although still occasionally beautiful, in the later numbers,—like the rays on the fragments of the same vase. The exquisite introduction of Master Humphrey and his visitors, and the legends of Guildhall, gave promise of a work of much beauty, although not closely connected in its parts; but the predominance of the Messrs. Weller, and of the Curiosity Shop, to the almost entire exclusion of the original features, give very ominous intimations,—the anomalies, however, have beautiful peculiarities which in a great measure redeem the outline, and sustain the reputation of Dickens' pencil.

REGATTA.—From ten in the forenoon, to about five in the afternoon, on Thursday, the harbour was rendered unusually animated and picturesque, by the competitors in the various races, and by the spectators. The Sir Charles Ogle steamer gave fine opportunities to large parties. She took passengers, at a quarter of a dollar each, for the day, and cruised up and down the harbour, putting in once an hour to admit of landing and boarding. The Dock Yard presented a very lively appearance. Several tents were erected, and a military band added to the attractions of the scene. One consideration which has repeatedly given pleasure, was again experienced on Thursday: The citizens of all classes congregated,—hundreds of the garrison, off duty, moved about at pleasure, interspersed by sailors from the shipping, but no appearance of angry feeling or word sullied the amusements, and very few symptoms of intemperance of any kind. This is very creditable to the town.

On our eighth page, to-day, are some very pleasing lines, by a lady whose pen is known through the Knickerbocker, and other U. S. periodicals.

A couple of melodies by J. McP. also, grace the present number of the Pearl. We have had much pleasure in being the medium, from time to time, of laying the very sweet effusions of our correspondent before the public, and hope that he will, by and by, be induced to collect and present them in a more convenient form.

ENTERTAINMENTS.—Mr. White, late from Canada and the U. States, has been singing and lecturing on Music,—Signior Blitz proposes an exhibition of legerdemain and ventriloquism,—and the arrival of a theatrical company from St. John, is announced.

THE YOUNG MEN.—A meeting of young men of the town took place last evening, according to notice, for the purpose of arranging means of presenting the brave Peloso, who rescued two Novascotians from pirates on a late melancholy occasion, with some mark of respect. A gold medal was voted, and a sum of about £15 subscribed at the meeting. Particulars will appear in subsequent papers. The Juniors have done well,—the Seniors next, who should be happy to see the younger part of the community bestir themselves in so public spirited and laudable manner.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FETE.—The Rev. Mr. Uniacke gave his annual festival on Thursday week. The children and teachers met in a field near the North West Arm, partook of refreshments, and joined in singing and other of the delightful recreations of this very charming mode of celebration.

TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.—A Monthly Meeting of the Halifax Temperance Society, was held in the Old Baptist Meeting House, on Monday evening last. The audience, especially the military portion of it, was ably and affectionately addressed by the Rev. Dr. Twining; and, after interesting discussions on the general topics, a Committee was appointed to devise means for arousing a greater interest in the community in behalf of the cause of Temperance; and the Rev. Dr. Twining, with the President, Secretary, and Mr. M. Herbert, were appointed to prepare an address to the mercantile community, on the necessity and advantages of opening and supporting a boarding house for seamen, on Temperance principles. Prior to the dissolution of the meeting, 18 members from the military in the garrison, and 14 civilians, were added to the society.—Guardian.

SURVIVORS OF THE BRIG VERNON.—The survivors of the crew of the brig Vernon arrived here yesterday in the ship, Mercy Jane from Havana. Six of the Pirates were to be shot this morning that vessel left—one had escaped; the officers and men who had the Pirates in charge were imprisoned, where they were to be kept until his re-capture. The Spanish Captain, by whose spirited and noble conduct the Pirates were captured and the survivors rescued, has been promoted to the rank of lieutenant in the Spanish navy. We are glad to hear that the Merchants of the town intend to present him with some testimonial of their respect for his praiseworthy conduct on the occasion.—Journal.

### NEWS BY THE GREAT WESTERN.

A slip from the St. John Courier office furnishes the following items:

The steamer Great Western, arrived at New York on Sunday morning, in fourteen days and a half from Bristol. The news was brought to Boston, by Harnden's express, in eleven hours.

The Great Western brought about one hundred passengers, among whom were Jerome Napoleon Bonaparte, Prince Ravel, Mr. Miles, M. P. &c.

She brings London and Liverpool papers of the 24th. Colonel Thornton, who went to London for the purpose of negotiating a loan for the State of Illinois, of one million dollars, has succeeded and returned in the Great Western.

The weather had been very unsettled throughout Great Britain and Ireland, and some anxiety prevailed as to the crops. Business and manufactures were dull.

Oxford, who attempted to take her Majesty's life, had been tried, and a large amount of evidence was produced to prove his insanity. The jury returned a verdict to the effect that he was insane, and he was sentenced to the Bedlam prison for life.

Prince Albert had been made Regent of England, which is said to have displeased the Duke of Sussex.

The Canada Government bill, having passed both houses of Parliament, received the royal assent on the 24th ult.

The tabular statements of the British revenue show an increase of 147,133 dollars on the year ending July, 1840, as compared with the last year.

The Duke of Wellington had, on the 15th July, another of his attacks of illness. He had, however, so far recovered as to resume his place in the House of Lords.

The new steamer President, which was to leave Liverpool on the 1st of August for New York, made an experimental trip to Cork and Dublin, and proved herself to be a first rate sea boat.

There is nothing new in China. The second division of the English squadron was to sail on the 13th May from the Cape of Good Hope.

Sulphur Question.—In the Chamber of Peers, M. Thiers stated that the mediation of France between England and Naples had been successful, and that the differences were finally concluded. The sulphur trade is declared free, but a reasonable indemnity has been granted to the Company previously in the enjoyment of the monopoly.

SPAIN.—Cabrera, overpowered by the superior forces of the Queen, has been compelled to take refuge in France. A vast number of the Carlist forces have followed his example, and only a few chieftains, with a miserable handful of men, now remain in the field. The Queen's forces having got rid of the enemy, are now in hostility among themselves. Espartero had quarrelled with the Queen, and was in disgrace.

ALGERIE.—The French have met with some partial success in Algiers—but the Arabs seem determined to carry on the war to the last extremity.

TURKEY.—No settlement whatever has taken place between Mehemet Ali and the Porte. A serious insurrection has broken out in Syria.

The envoy of Egypt was detained at quarantine at Constantinople, May 10th, in spite of a promise to the contrary.

Hafiz Pacha, the Turkish Admiral, whose fleet was so long detained by Mehemet Ali, has been sentenced to degradation and banishment. The fleet has been given up.

Italian letters represent the Pope as still unwell, and mention that several arrests had taken place in the Roman States, of persons connected with the Society of the Young Italy.

### POOR'S ASYLUM.

The Commissioners of the Poor, being desirous of giving every facility to the Medical Professors of the Town of Halifax, of access to the Asylum, at a recent meeting passed the following resolution, which is published by request.

It having become necessary, by the regretted decease of the Honorable W. B. Almon, late Surgeon and Physician to the Asylum, to appoint some person to fill the vacancy, and Doctor W. J. Almon having been so appointed, the Board deem it necessary to renew their former Resolution, to make the Asylum, as far as practicable, consistently with due order and regularity and the comfort of the inmates, under the Surgeon, a Medical School, and that all regular Practitioners shall be at liberty to attend during all operations, and to visit the Asylum as often as they may deem proper under the regulations of the Commissioners, and that the Surgeon be requested to give every facility for that purpose.

PASSENGERS.—In the Kate from Demerara, Mr. Lewis Jacobs. —In the Dahlia from London, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Baker of the Commissariat Department, Mr. Hill, 8th Regt. Lieut. Altee. Messrs. Jones, Allan, and 12 men of the Royal Artillery. —In the Abraham Thorne from New York, Mr. and Mrs. Murdoch, Miss Ross, Mrs. Dermody and child, and Mr. Sweetman. —In the Mercy Jane, from Havana, James McLeod, mate, B. Peach and G. McKay, seamen, late of the brig Vernon.

Post Office, Halifax, 10th August, 1840.

A Mail for Boston will be made up, and forwarded by the ACADIA, in three hours after her arrival from Liverpool. The Postage must be paid at the Post Office, upon all Letters so transmitted.

### MARRIED.

At Dartmouth, on Sunday last, by the Rev. A. Parker, Mr. William Henry Kain, to Miss Louisa Jane Boyd, eldest daughter of Mr. Spencer Boyd, of Preston.

On the 13th July by the Rev. Mr. Manning, Mr. Peter Rogers, to Miss Sarah Ann McInemia. —By the same on the 22d July, Mr. Benjamin G. Weaver to Miss Susannah Weaver, all of Cornwallis.

At Cornwallis, July 23d, by the Rev. E. Manning, Mr. J. M. Harris, of Maine, to Miss Eunice E. Chipman, of Cornwallis.

### DIED.

On Saturday morning last, Mary Ann, wife of Capt. E. Abell, and eldest daughter of the late Thomas Hollihan, in her 23d year.

At Rio de Janeiro, on the 30th April last, in the 26th year of his age, Mr. James William Montagu, son of the late Dr. James Montagu, of this Town—a young man much and deservedly regretted.

Suddenly, on Friday night last, Stephen James, youngest son of Mr. Stephen Studley, aged 2 years and 7 months.

On Sunday evening last, John Burton, infant son of Mr. J. E. Woodworth, aged 4 months.

Monday morning, Ann Maria, third daughter of Mr. John Wellner, aged 24 years.

At Wilmot, on the 17th June last, Mr. William Elliot, in the 47th year of his age, after a protracted illness which he bore patiently, leaving a large family of sons, and five daughters, and a numerous circle of friends and relations, to lament his loss.

### SAINT MARY'S SEMINARY.

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Spanish.....Rev. L. J. DEASE.  
French.....Rev. W. IVERS.  
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Writing, Book-keeping, and Arithmetic...Mr. E. J. GLEESON.

Theology and Scripture.....Rev. R. B. O'BRIEN.  
Moral Philosophy and Mathematics. Rev. W. IVERS.  
English Composition, Reading and

Elocution.....Rev. R. B. O'BRIEN.  
In addition to these enumerated above, the Classes already advertised occupy a due portion of attention.

The French Class has just been opened, and persons wishing to avail themselves of the advantages which it affords, would do well to make an early application.

Pupils for the Spanish Class will please to have their names entered at the Seminary within the next ten days.

The Philosophy Class also has been opened—Latin is the language of this Class.

Terms for Boarders—£33 per annum.

The Library of the Seminary contains very nearly 2000 volumes of the most select authors, in Theology, Canon Law, and Ecclesiastical History. There is also a good collection of Scientific and Classical Books, all of which are at the service of the Students of the Establishment.

None but Catholic Pupils are required to be present at the religious exercises or religious instructions of the Seminary.

June 20.

### ST. MARY'S SEMINARY.

BOARDERS will furnish themselves with a Mattress, 2 pair of Sheets, Blankets, a Counterpane, one dozen shirts, half dozen towels, a knife, fork, and spoon. Uniform for Summer: Blue Jacket, Cap, &c. light Trowsers.

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