

rage their sympathy and aid in so good and benevolent a cause.

We will suppose that Forty Clergymen, (we hope that more) shall insure, at an average premium of Three Pounds a year each. This will yield a yearly income of £120, to which must be added £50, the annual interest of the Thousand Pounds to be previously invested. This sum of £170 will provide annually for seven cases, nearly, at £25 each. Now the deaths among our Clergy within the Five years last past, have been, I believe, but two, viz., the Revd. Messrs. Weeks and Bartlett: the former alone leaving a widow and children. Had this fund therefore been organized five years ago, with Forty Clergymen insuring in it, the demand upon it would have been but £25 for each of the last three years, Mr. Weeks having died in 1852, while the accumulations would have been five times £170, i.e. £850, the interest upon which as the sum accrued would have more than defrayed the £75 chargeable upon it, and the fund would now have been increased by £850, in addition to the £1000 invested. These facts are, I think, sufficient to assure the most timid as to the security of this important object, especially when he sees that in the last five years we have lost nearly £1000 by delay in establishing the Fund.

In the Diocese of Fredericton, the plan proposed differs from our own. I send you a Prospectus of it for publication, in order to carry out my desire to extend every information upon the subject. There, each Clergyman pays annually £1, and takes up collections in his parish amounting to at least £2 more, thereby entitling his family to the payment at his death of £300 in one Capital sum. It is well perhaps that both plans should be tried. It is important also that every Clergyman should interest himself in making the above facts more generally known, which cannot, I think, be more effectually done than by an Annual Sermon and collection in every Parish and District in behalf of this object. The writer was present last year at a Service in New Brunswick, where the handsome sum of Nine Pounds was contributed after a Sermon setting forth the importance and the claims of the Fund.

Any correction of the above statements, or information additional thereto, will I doubt not be welcome to many of your readers, as well as to Yours,

AN INTENDING SUBSCRIBER TO THE FUND.

PROPOSALS FOR THE FORMATION OF A CLERICAL MUTUAL LIFE ASSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

For the Diocese of Fredericton, Province of New Brunswick. 1855.

- 1st. The number of the Clergy of the Diocese is 55.
- 2d. The number of Deaths among the Clergy in the last ten years is Five.
- 3d. From this it would appear that a death may be looked for every alternate year.
- 4th. The terms of Membership of the Association shall be the signing of a promise and engagement to pay an Annual Subscription of £1, and to cause a Collection to be taken up every year in every one of the Churches under the Member's charge to the amount of £2 and upwards.
- 5th. Those Clergymen who have not a Parish or Mission to pay an Annual Subscription of £3.
- 6th. Each Clergyman, who from the time of the formation of the Association, his coming into the Diocese, or his admission to Holy Orders, shall have paid every year, on or before July 15th, the above named sum of £1; or having caused one or more Collections to be taken up in every one of his Churches every year, shall on or before July 14th have paid the proceeds thereof to the amount of £2 or upwards; or if having no Parish or Mission, he shall have paid the above named sum of £3 every year, on or before July 15th, shall be entitled to the sum of £300 to be paid at his death.
- 7th. The parties to whom the sum of £300 shall be deemed payable, are the Widow, or if there should be no Widow, the member or members of his family to whom the deceased Clergyman shall have assigned his Policy: it being expressly understood that this sum of £300 shall not form any part of his personal estate, nor be liable for any debts or engagements which he may have contracted in his life time.
- 8th. If all the 55 Clergymen become members of the Association at the above rates, the certain annual income will be £165, while the probable excess of the Collections in the Churches above the fixed amount of £2, will be little less than £100.
- 9th. Thus the income of each period of six years will provide for the occurrence of five deaths within that time.
- 10th. It is proposed that while the Fund of the Association and the management of it should be kept separate, there should be such a connection with the Diocesan Church Society as would make the corporate powers and perpetual succession of the Society available to the purposes of the Association.
- 11th. In order to this a detailed account of the state of the Fund and of its management should be submitted to the General Committee of the Church Society after an audit by the Society's Auditors.

12th. The Association shall be managed by a Provisional Committee to be named by the Lord Bishop, until some permanent arrangement shall be made by the Association.

FOR THE CHURCH TIMES.

At a public meeting of the Inhabitants of Ship Harbor, County of Gas, held on the 3rd inst., Mr. Daniel E. Curry being called to the chair, and Mr. Jonathan H. Jamison chosen Secretary. The chairman having first stated the objects of the meeting, then called upon Mr. Jamison to submit to the meeting a draft of a memorial to the County Members, regarding the appropriation of £1000 to be borrowed by the Government for the continuation of the Harvey road towards Sheet Harbor.

It was moved by Mr. Fanning Stoddart, seconded by Mr. Charles Dean, and carried unanimously, "That the petition now read be adopted, and that this meeting consider their rights infringed upon by any attempt that has been, or may yet be made, to induce the Government to alter the plan originated by the Honourable Joseph Howe, when Member for this County, to extend the Road from Dartmouth along the Eastern Shore to St. Mary's, and that the Chairman and Secretary be authorized to forward the petition, and watch over its interests. And if necessary, to call another meeting of the inhabitants on the subject."

Moved by Mr. J. Cowen, and seconded by Mr. A. Siteman, "That this meeting deplore the want of a Mail communication between this place and the Capital, being 17 miles from the nearest way office at Musquodoboit Harbor." *Therefore Resolved*, "That the offer made by Mr. Tracy to carry passengers and the letters from and to Musquodoboit Harbor weekly, has our cordial approval. And further, that this meeting pledge themselves to support Mr. Tracy in the undertaking preparatory to an extensive system of Mail communication from Maria Joseph to Halifax, via Sheet Harbor, Pope's Harbor, Ship Harbor, and Musquodoboit Harbor, by which means the inhabitants of all the East-Shore could have letters sent to the Capital and answered in one week, and in many places in one day, at far less expense than by the present mode. And that a Committee be appointed to draw out a petition to, and otherwise urge the advantage of this route upon the attention of the Legislature, and Post Office authorities."

Committee here named. It was moved, seconded and carried unanimously, "That whereas much inconvenience has been felt by persons receiving communications in this place having their letters and papers sent to Sheet Harbor in Cape Breton." *Therefore Resolved*, "That the attention of the Post office authorities be called to the fact, that all communications addressed Ship Harbor, Nova Scotia, or simply Ship Harbor, should be sent here. There being no other Ship Harbor in Nova Scotia Proper. And only such letters as have Ship Harbor, Cape Breton, or Ship Harbor, Canso, or Ship Harbor, Inverness, should be sent to Plaister Cove, C. B." And persons corresponding with either of the places be respectfully requested to govern themselves accordingly.

After the transaction of business of a local nature, and tendering the thanks of the meeting to Mr. Curry and Mr. Jamison, the Chairman and Secretary, the meeting separated, gratified with the unanimity which prevailed, and the efforts for progress and improvement now evinced on the part of the people.

Editorial Miscellany.

The brig *Glide*, Ellis master, with railroad iron bound from Halifax to Windsor, is said to be a total wreck on the Murr lodges in St. Mary's Bay, where she struck on Sunday night the 2nd inst. The foregoing is the substance of information received, but as yet there is no certainty as to the vessel, and no certainty has been arrived at that all hands were lost. The brig wrecked had no boats about her, and it may be hoped therefore that the crew have escaped in them from a watery grave. The cargo of the *Glide* consisted of 5900 railway chairs, 12 casks spikes, and 867 bars of iron for the Windsor end of the railway.

A number of lots of land at Sackville, the property of —Lester Esq. were disposed of by public auction on Monday last, and realised fair sums considering the general depression that prevails in all kinds of business. Anticipations that the railroad will bring better times had a good deal to do with the transaction, and hopes of a thriving village at the Sackville depot influenced the speculators not a little. We trust that both conclusions will be realised.

The *Yarmouth Herald* comes to us now enlarged and improved. *Yarmouth* boasts two papers, and is in this respect ahead of all the country, Halifax excepted.

The *Pictou Chronicle* of Sept. 13 notices, that along the shore to the westward of the harbour, around Carriboo and Cape John, large quantities of fine herring have made their appearance; and that Pictou has been swarming with mackerel, and unusually large quantities of fine bass have also made their appearance. The visitors it would appear have not received that hearty welcome to which they were manifestly entitled.

**RAILWAY ACCIDENT.**—The half past ten morning train met with an accident yesterday, which might have been attended with serious consequences. Just at the sudden turn near the black settlement leading to the Three Mile House, a horse was discovered on the track, and was run into and killed, throwing the locomotive off the rails, by which the engineer was much hurt, and the fireman had a narrow escape with a few bruises. The engine also is considerably damaged. The accident we hope will lead to precautions against a similar recurrence.

**FIRE AT SYDNEY, C. B.**—The *Capo Breton News* details the uncommon occurrence at that place of a fire, which broke out from the house of Michael Fahoy, on the Esplanade, supposed to be the work of an incendiary—it was soon subdued with some damage to the building.

A new barque of 850 tons, owned by Geo. Lewis Esq. and named the *Miss Lewis*, was launched from the ship yard of Messrs. Archibald & Co. at the North Bar, Sydney, on the 12th inst.

The new brig *Arab* was launched from the shipyard of Mr. Connors, Bedford Basin, on Wednesday last. She is owned by Messrs. Esso & Boak, who gave a lunch to a party of friends upon the occasion. Shipbuilders are beginning to realise that there is no part of the Province better adapted for their business, than this locality.

Two destructive fires took place in St. John N. B. on the 12th and 13th inst.—the first between Waterloo and Exmouth streets, which destroyed a number of houses—the second on Friday morning, supposed to be the work of an incendiary, broke out in Germain street, rear of the stone cutting establishment of Mr. McKim, and before it was got under, some four or five dwelling houses and several out-houses were burnt down, and others damaged. The Mayor of the city has offered £100 reward for the discovery of the incendiary.

The troops encamped at Point Pleasant, returned to town on Saturday last, and again occupy their respective barracks.

ONE WEEK LATER FROM EUROPE.

(By Telegraph to Merchants' Reading Room.)

The American Steamer *Baltic* arrived at New York on Wednesday night, Dates from Liverpool to the 8th Sept.

Consols quoted at 90½ and 90¾. Money Market tight. Bank rate of interest has been advanced ¼ per cent, making the rate 4 per cent.

Operations in the Crimea unimportant. Siege operations progressing very satisfactorily. Russians have been defeated at Kars.

Rumour prevailed that England would shortly take hostile measures against Naples. Russians are bridging Sebastopol harbour, and fortifying North side.

Cotton declined 1-16. Sales of week 56,000 bales. Flour in better demand—held firm, and prices will probably advance. Wheat advanced 1d. to 2d. per bushel. Corn market advanced 1s. per quarter.

Weather favorable for Agricultural purposes, and the crops secured promised a full average.

Moderate business in Provisions. Bacon advanced 1s. per cwt. Sugar Market firm with a speculative demand. Coffee in demand—held firm for advanced rates.

WHAT THE NEW YORK CITY FOLKS SAY OF DR. M'LANE'S CELEBRATED VERMIFUGE.

NEW YORK, AUGUST 25, 1852. This is to certify that I am well acquainted with a man fifty years of age, for many years a resident of this city, who has been at times extremely ill, but could not tell from what cause, unless it was worms. He told his attending physician his suspicions, but the physician at once ridiculed the idea, and refused to attend him any longer. His son then mentioned Dr. M'Lane's Vermifuge, and asked him if he would take it, his reply was—I must take something to get relief, or die.

They at once procured a bottle of Dr. M'LANE'S CELEBRATED VERMIFUGE, and took one half the dose. The result was, he passed upwards of three quarts of worms, cut up in every form. He got well immediately, and is now enjoying most excellent health; and, like the good Samaritan of old, is endeavouring to relieve his unfortunate neighbors. He makes it his business to hunt up and select all cases similar to his own, that may be given over by the regular physicians, and induces them to try Dr. M'LANE'S VERMIFUGE. So far he has induced more than twenty persons to take the Vermifuge, and in every case with the most happy results. He is well satisfied that Dr. M'LANE'S VERMIFUGE is far superior to any other known remedy, and that if more generally known would not fail to save many valuable lives. For further particulars inquire of Mrs. Hardie, 124½ Cannon street, New York City P. S.: The above valuable remedy, also Dr. M'LANE'S celebrated Liver Pills, can now be had at all respectable Drug Stores in this city.

Purchasers will please be careful to ask for, and take none but Dr. M'LANE'S VERMIFUGE. All others, in comparison, are useless.

Sold in Halifax, by Wm. Langley and John Taylor.