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The Mirror AND Colchester County Advertiser. SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1867.

Christmas day has come and gone, leaving only pleasing memories of a happy day. In Truro the day seemed universally to be kept as a holiday, and the general appearance of the place spoke of peace, plenty, and prosperity among the inhabitants, and the day being fine, and sleighing very good, we know to very many it was indeed a merry Christmas.

Such stated times stand out as milestones on life's highway, and are calculated to make us think of how time is passing away, and how we are getting along on our journey. On an average, some thirty-three of these stones have to be passed by people bound to eternity, and many have now reached the last one, and passed it without knowing that they will never see another, because changes must come to all. On taking a retrospective view of the past year we can see how very many changes have been on both sides of the Atlantic, but especially in British North America, which have caused some to rejoice, some to weep. Still such things must ever be till the sun ceases to shine on Christmas day. In Colchester many homes have been desolated by the cold hand of death, others been made glad by the voice of the marriage bells or the arrival of a new-born child.

It is the first Christmas the people of Truro have had a newspaper printed in their midst, and we trust, as it must be found a matter of great convenience to a multitude, that they shall support it; indeed, we have every reason to thank them for the large and increasing patronage which we receive; and it further encourages us to greater diligence, the flattering remarks we have received of our humble endeavors to produce a paper worthy of patronage. We tender our thanks, and again solicit articles, either original or selected, suitable for our columns; and hoping that our readers had a very pleasant Christmas, and that they may have a "Happy New Year," we promise our best endeavors to make the Mirror a welcome guest.

We are informed that a little child was run over on Saturday by one of these fast young gentes who are getting so common in Truro, and because they have managed to pick up a twelve year old girl, and borrow a horse and sleigh, they think they have nothing else to do but whip a horse and kill children.

Correspondence.

From our Halifax Correspondent.

FIRE AND LOSS OF LIFE IN HALIFAX.

A destructive fire occurred in Halifax on Thursday morning last. About half past four the alarm was given, but considerable progress had been made by the flames before the fire was discovered, so much so that a man named Jones, and his wife, were unable to make their escape, and were burned to death. Their charred remains were found in the ruins after daylight, when it was made known that they were missing. A woman named Hora was carried out of the burning buildings, but expired shortly afterwards. Several young persons were also injured by jumping from the windows. The fire or six houses destroyed, which were situated on Sackville and Barrack-streets, were filled with a number of poor families, who are thus thrown upon the charities of a benevolent public at a very inopportune season of the year. Owing to the delay caused by the want of a sufficient supply of water, it was thought at one time that nothing could save the whole block; but a brick gable in one of the buildings did good service in keeping the devouring element in check till the steam-engines got to work, which immediately set at rest the anxious anticipations of the multitude gathered at the scene. The Union Protection Company, as well as the Engine Company, worked well, and deserve the thanks of the community for their untiring exertions to save the property of their fellows. We haven't heard whether the properties were insured. Brown, however, whose livery stables were consumed, saved all the contents, although but little of the furniture of his dwelling-house was saved.

FIRE IN DARTMOUTH.—Early on Friday morning last, the alarm of fire was sounded from Dartmouth, which proved to be a barn belonging to Dr. Campbell of that place, who lost a valuable horse, sleigh, carriage, &c., with a large quantity of hay. As the barn door was open when the fire was discovered, issuing from the top of the building, it is natural to suppose that the hand of the incendiary has been at work.

—Christmas passed over rather quietly this year in Halifax. The usual services were held in the various Episcopal and Roman Catholic Churches, and beautiful baskets were distributed among the poor. The sleighing being excellent, large numbers took the opportunity of having a drive "up the road," and tandems and doubles pranced and capered to the music of the merry sleigh bells. Parties who were determined to "make hay while the sun shone," although it was not what is termed a GREEN Christmas—resorted to the lakes and ponds, which were crowded all day long, and enjoyed themselves as much as their hearts observe nothing worthy of note.

Mr. Editor.—Some weeks ago a false notice of a marriage said to be performed by me, appeared in your paper. Through your co-operation and kindness the party who handed you said notice has been discovered. And who should it be but the would-be married man, James Daniel McCallum. He thought he'd like to appear a bridegroom on paper, and look at himself in the Mirror. In his first note to me he denied it "black and blue," and offered to send "a written oath, if required," that he had nothing to do with the matter. Not only that, but he considered it an awful thing that his spotless character would be stained in the least degree by the opinion of any one. By his first account of himself you would be led to believe that he was the paragon of innocence and essence of all that was lovable and lovely.

I refused to accept his "written oath" (knowing too well how much it was worth), and told him that nothing would satisfy me but a certificate from you that he was not the person who handed you the said marriage. The poor fellow was thus cornered on every side, and didn't know what to do. After a moment's consideration he concluded to "drop the mask," and appear in his true colors. Henceforth he travels the world a self-made and self-acknowledged liar. He pretends to write from Halifax; but lies in New Glasgow. Any person wishing further information can apply either to the Railway officials at Riversdale or the Templars at Glengarry station. D. STEWART, Acadian Mines, 23rd December, 1867.

HALIFAX, December 20th, 1867. REV. D. STEWART. Sir,—In reply to yours of the 28th Nov., forwarded to me from New Glasgow P. O., I must again beg my pardon; not that I am afraid of the law; but I set from a feeling of sense and duty to you as a servant of the Divine Master. However, I have gained fortitude enough to acknowledge my fault. I am the person that ordered the publication of the marriage; and a still greater offence to endeavor to screen myself by flatly denying my error, and telling you a lie in my former communication, which, on my part, must appear still more repugnant to you, a minister of the gospel. But I declare it was only for diversion, and not from any spite or malice whatever I doze it. I know I have done wrong in meddling with the name of one of your high calling, which was very wrong on my part. I now ask forgiveness, and will make a faithful promise that you shall not have reason to complain in future. (Signed) J. D. McCALLUM.

We have been kindly furnished with the perusal of a letter received by a resident of this town from a friend who has just made the voyage to Charleston, South Carolina. Being the nursery of the late great rebellion, and the point where the first blow was struck, Charleston and its surroundings possess more than ordinary interest. We have been permitted to

make lengthy extracts from this letter, believing that the impressions made on our fellow townsmen, committed to paper, will not be uninteresting to our readers.

"It is my design in this letter to give you a short description of the place and points of interest in connection with events of the late war. Crossing the bar you are reminded of the attempts made by Northern ships filled with stores. This proved an entire failure, from the fact that no sooner was one passage closed than the force of the tide opened up another channel. Situate midway between two either shore, inside the bar, rising out of the water stands a very low island, six or seven miles long, and several miles wide. It is now a mere wreck, and with the exception of the face next the city, is very much battered with shot and shell, and its height reduced by one-half. Sullivan's Island, Forts Moultrie, Wagner, and several minor ones, were pointed out to me. Morris Island, which contained the favorite country seats of the wealthy citizens is covered with forts comprising an extensive range of water, the principal of which being Fort Wagner and Battery Gregg. Coming from seaward the landscape is not very inviting, it is a mere wreck of its former self, for what before the war its inhabitants contained, sixty thousand, the present population is about half that number. Of the present inhabitants the majority are blacks. I often wondered when walking along the Battery, and looking about the river and pack of thieves, part of the negro population held on the subject of the negro it seems to be the universal opinion that ere long there will be a war of extermination between the different races. The people generally are very much exasperated at the idea of negro suffrage, viewing it as a retaliatory measure on the part of the North.

I visited the rooms of the Young Men's Christian Association Prayer Meeting on two evenings this week, and on one occasion I got into conversation with a young man, the negro, not long before we got talking about the negro. He seemed to have a very strong opinion, but he seemed to have a soul at all; and I have since learned that this is the general opinion in the South. A work has lately been published in which the author has been engaged nineteen years in endeavoring to prove that he is an animal, and not a responsible being. (A work beside me suggests that the damned foul ought to have taken half an hour to prove that.) A friend to whom I have a letter of introduction (a Nova Scotian) kindly pointed out places of interest as connected with the events of the war. Here and there you witness the melancholy effects in the buildings partially destroyed with shot and shell. The great fire of 1861 made its desolating track through the centre of the city from the river on one side to the river on the other. The city is situated on a peninsula, similar to New York. Two small rivers bound it on either side, which join at the foot of the peninsula. There are some very fine residences in the city, though since the war they have been much neglected, probably for want of means to make repairs. The principal streets are lined with trees (all strange to me), some presenting a beautiful appearance. The palmetto, which more resembles a huge shrub than a tree, is much used in the construction of wharves, as it is the only tree which resists the worms for any length of time.

There are only three streets which run the whole length of the city—East Bay-street, Meeting-street, the latter being the chief commercial street, when all the banks, the principal offices, exchanges, and other establishments are situated. The street cars run in most of the principal streets, and I noticed that they run much easier than those of Halifax. The horses attached are all fine looking fat animals, and present a striking contrast to our Halifax teams. Few of the streets are as wide as those of Halifax. Though scarcity of money and dull times are much complained of, yet the merchants make a great display unequalled even in Granville-street. The market is well worth a visit. It is a long low narrow building, extending in one direction nearly a quarter of a mile, with an open passage from end to end, each side of which is divided into compartments of stalls. These are well supplied with substantial goods as well as luxuries.

Local and Other Items. Mr. Ghiesly's Canista, at the Temperance Hall on Monday evening last, was a grand success. Everybody was well pleased with it. Time and space prevents us from entering into details. We direct the attention of our readers to the advertisement of S. S. Nelson & Sons in another column. Lost.—On Sabbath evening the 22nd, in the vicinity of the Methodist Chapel, A Fur Glove. The finder will be liberally rewarded by leaving it at this office. The City Railroad Company have placed a number of handsome sleighs on the line of the street railway. Each sleigh will seat about sixteen persons. The sleighs were manufactured in Truro. On the night of the 7th inst., the engineer of a train on the Great Western Railway, when about ten miles from Windsor, Ontario, discovered a buffalo robe and a lady's fur cape on the engine. Backing up a couple of miles he found that a waggon containing a gentleman, lady and child, had been run over and all killed, even the horses.

An extra Gazette contains a proclamation summoning the Parliament of Nova Scotia to meet, for the despatch of business, on Thursday, 30th January, 1868.

A gentleman and lady were nearly drowned crossing the ice to Pictou on Saturday morning last.

—On Christmas day two young men belonging to the city hired a handsome tandem team and started "up the road." They stopped at the Four Mile House, to warm themselves we suppose, and unfortunately for them they remained there too long, for when they came out the tandem team could not be found, nor has it since turned up. Two men were seen in the sleigh when it left.—H. Chron.

ARRIVALS AT THE PRINCE OF WALES HOTEL. December 21.—H. C. Upham, Londonderry; T. E. Milner, London.

23.—Shepherd Boyd, Tatamagouche; P. C. McDonald, New Glasgow; A. Patterson, Tatamagouche.

21.—Len Hart, Hawkebury, C. B.; John Wood, Halifax; Mrs. McCumber and daughter, Matland, C. A. Jones, Londonderry.

25.—John C. Wilson, St. John.

26.—W. C. Graham, New Glasgow; Miss Graham, do; W. Blanchard, Halifax.

17.—Geo. B. Adams, Halifax; A. Grant, London, G. B.; Kenneth Sutherland, Tatamagouche.

Week of Prayer.

The British and Foreign Evangelical Alliance having again issued a Circular inviting Christians to make arrangements for, and observe a Week of Special United Prayer at the commencement of the New Year, the Halifax Committee, in pursuance of the Circular, respectfully invite Christians and Christian Churches in Nova Scotia to unite in earnest solemn supplications at the Throne of Heavenly Grace for the bestowment of the several blessings suggested in the Circular, and it is sent to the several Ministers throughout the Province, that time may be given for completing the necessary arrangements.

By order of the Committee, THOS. A. BROWN, Chairman, JAMES FAULKNER, Secretary. Halifax, December, 1867.

WEEK OF PRAYER THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. JANUARY 5th—12th, 1868.

The following is the document issued by the Alliance:

Our Gracious God lends an attentive ear to the supplications of His people. The records of individual, family, and church life abundantly prove that believing prayer is followed by results that call forth gratitude and praise, and encourage renewed requests at the Throne of Grace. In every land, and in most of the leading cities, the annual invitation of the Evangelical Alliance to observe the week of prayer at the commencement of the year has been largely and increasingly responded to. Multitudes have ascribed with one accord to implore, in the name and relying the merits and mediation of our Divine Lord, that the new year may be crowned with the goodness of God, and special blessings conferred both upon the church and the world.

The Evangelical Alliance, by its British and Foreign organizations, renew their invitation for the opening of the year 1868. In doing so, they express their profound conviction that special events are more than ever furnishing motives for a closer union among all true followers of Christ, and for the offering of faithful, importunate prayer for things pertaining to the sanctification and spread of the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ. Fellow-Christians of every land and language: In the prospect of the new year, let us again draw near to the Heavenly Throne, that common centre of universal prayer, and prove the Lord of Hosts according to His own word, wherein it is written: "See if I will not open you the windows of Heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

The following topics, amongst others, are suggested as suitable for exhortation and intercession on the successive days of meeting: Sabbath, January 5th.—Sermons. Subject: The person, work, and kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ. Monday, January 6th.—Thanksgiving for special and general mercies during the past year to nations, churches, and families; and confession of sin.

Tuesday, January 7th.—Prayer for nations: for kings and all in authority; for the observance of the Lord's Day; for the removal of obstacles in the way of moral and religious progress; and for internal and international peace. Wednesday, January 8th.—Prayer for families: for schools, colleges and universities; and for Ministers, clergies, and all engaged in Christian service, for God's ancient Israel, and for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Friday, January 10th.—Prayer for the sick and afflicted; for widows and orphans; and for the persecuted for righteousness' sake. Saturday, January 11th.—Prayer for the Christian Church: for increase of holiness and security, fidelity and love; and for grace equal to the duties and dangers of the times.

Sabbath, January 12th.—Sermons. Subject: Christian Unity, I Cor. XIII.

—A Massachusetts farmer says he can winter his cows on steamed food for one-third less expense than on dry food, and get one-fourth more milk. This is the result of five years' experience.

—The influence of food on the quantity of milk is very striking. A half-starved cow not only yields but little milk, but what it yields is miserably poor. On the other hand, the liberal supply of food rich in nitrogenous and phosphatic elements of nutrition tell directly on the milk. Nothing, therefore, can be more injurious than to stint dairy cows in food.

—To save his face from the whisking of his cows tails, while milking, a Hartwick county, N. Y., dairyman stretches a stout wire across the stable, immediately back of the cows. In the brush of each cow's tail he fastens a small iron ring. A hook upon the wire secures the offensive member out of the way of the milker. As soon as the cow is milked, the hook is removed from the ring, and the animal turned out of the stable.

BY TELEGRAPH.

News by the Atlantic Cable.

LONDON, Dec. 21st.

The Fenians are still active. The newest sensation is an effort made last evening to destroy the Gas works at Glasgow. Attempts had been made the night before to destroy the Gas works at Worthington, near Liverpool; in both places the efforts were unsuccessful. Two authorities in these cities are doubly watchful, and no further trouble is apprehended. Despatches received from various parts of the Kingdom report everything quiet to-day. Despatches received from Naples mention that the eruption of Mount Vesuvius is continually increasing in power and splendor. Immense sheets of white yellow and crimson flames rise hundreds of feet above the crater, and at night the Bay of Naples is lighted up. Etna, lava is pouring down the mountain side in immense quantities, and large stones are occasionally thrown out from the mouth of the volcano. A deep rumble, reverberating thunder is heard from time to time as in the bowels of the earth, and many of the people in the vicinity have left their houses, leaving an earthquake or some other calamity. No such eruption has probably occurred in Vesuvius for centuries, and the spectacle is regarded as one of the most magnificent and sublime ever witnessed in Nature.

—The Amherst Gazette says that Mr. John L. Harrison, of Maccan, already a cripple by the loss of a leg, met with a further misfortune on Friday night last, by falling on the road near the Baptist Chapel, in Amherst, and breaking an arm near the wrist.

It is stated, in connection with the recent execution of Fenians at Manchester, that the Sovereign of England no longer signs death warrants or exercises the pardoning power. The Queen has no more to do with the matter than the humblest of her subjects—not so much, for they can sign a petition for pardon.

A WIFE AND HER HUSBAND.—A Mrs. Smith, having lost her husband, thinks that the best plan is to advertise, which she does after this fashion: "Lost, strayed, or stolen—an individual whom I, in an urgent moment of loneliness, was thoughtless enough to adopt as my husband. He is a good-looking and feeble individual, knowing enough, however, to go in when it rains, unless some good-looking girl offers him her umbrella. Answers to the name of Jim. Was last seen in company with Julia Harris, walking up the plank road, looking more like a fool, if possible, than ever. Anybody who will fetch the poor fellow, and bring him carefully back, so that I can chastise him for running away, will be asked to stay to tea."—American Paper.

Prices Current in Halifax Markets.

Table with columns for date (Dec 27, 1867) and various market prices including Apples, Flour, Butter, Eggs, etc.

Truro, Nov 21st, 1867.

Mr. Gordon. Sir—I have received the most benefit from the use of your Rheumatic Remedy, that any one could receive. As I was taken very severely with Cramps and Cholera, I took about 40 drops of your Remedy, which cured me in less than one hour. Yours, respectfully, P. J. CROFTON.

Old Friends are Best.—Rev. D. R. Clements, Chicago, Ill., says in a letter: "I can add my testimony to the efficacy of Allen's World's Hair Restorer and Regulator, and say that I have great confidence in it, and would recommend them to my friends, and the public." Sold by all druggists. Depot: 153 Greenwich-st., N. Y.

—A gentleman (Rev. J. McMoray), who has been in Halifax, N. S., says: "Having spent several years with great effect, and with a telegram are especially suited, and having used various remedies, I have pleasure in giving my testimony as to the relief I have had in the discharge of my Sabbath labors from the use of 'Brown's Bronchial Troches.' They have been a great comfort. Others to whom I have recommended them have used them with advantage." For Coughs and Colds the Troches are equally efficacious.

Births.

On Christmas day, at Truro, the wife of William Cunningham, Esq., of a daughter.

Married.

On Wednesday, on the 16th instant, by the Rev. D. Stewart, Mr. Gilbert Stonehouse to Miss Susan Parry. On Christmas evening, at the residence of the bride's father, on Snow, by the Rev. D. W. Dimock, Mr. Edmund C. Munro, third son of Ebenezer F. Munro, Esq., to Janet G., fourth daughter of James MacNeil, Esq.

At Truro, on the 21st instant, by Rev. D. W. Dimock, William Wallace, Esq. of Gardner, Me., to Miss Catherine Forscher, of Wallace. At Lunenburg, on the 21st of December, by the Rev. D. F. Hutchinson, assisted by the Rev. P. A. Strubell, of Truro, N. Y., Mr. Joseph H. Selig to Miss Sarah Jane Adams, both of Lunenburg.

Deaths.

Suddenly, on the 14th inst., on board the str. Carlotta, at Portland, Thomas Collins, a native of Shenandoah, aged 35 years, leaving a wife and two children and a large circle of relations and friends to mourn their loss. On the 19th inst., at Old Barnes, after a long and trying illness, borne with christian fortitude, Jacob youngest son of Henry Nauflis, aged 23 years. (Maine and Canada papers please copy)

New Advertisements.

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