

them felt himself, for some time, quite unable to make his report, and refused to go down any more, preferring to leave again for England. The livid faces with their eyes open and fixed, look all the more frightful, as the glass in the diving bell and the diving helmets is so constructed as to magnify, and consequently to distort, the objects examined through it. Attempts to raise the vessel will probably not be made before next year.

Editorial Miscellany.

☞ We have commenced to send our Statement of Accounts for this Paper, to the Agents in the Country, and earnestly ask them to exert themselves for the collection of the various amounts due. We have large obligations on account of the Paper to meet at the end of the year, which nothing but the prompt payment on the part of the Subscribers will enable us to fulfil.

☞ A proclamation in the Royal Gazette summons the Legislature to meet for despatch of business on Thursday February 4.

☞ Perhaps the following paragraph may contain a suggestion to our own road and street makers, which they may improve to the advantage of country and city:

"William Howitt points out how much we are behind our neighbours in road-making; throwing on loose stones three or four inches in depth, adding fearfully to the labour of horses at a time of year when they are notoriously faint. In France, he says, they have a simple and effectual method of saving their road-metal, their horses, their carriages, and their tempers, by passing a stout roller down by a stout team of horses over the new material the moment it is laid down. By this method the metal is at once equally pressed down into its place, as soon as it is once laid level, and the roller is passed and repassed over it till it is nearly as solid and as smooth as the old road. Mr. Howitt suggests that the matter should be taken up by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Another correspondent says that it would pay the London Omnibus Company to do it themselves. We think the hint, however, need not be confined to London."—*London Guardian*.

THE E. INDIA RELIEF FUND, &c.

Monies collected in the Parish of St. Paul, Halifax	£54 8 9
Viz:—	
In St. Paul's Church, on Friday the 30th Oct. 1857 (The Fast Day)	24 17 9
In St. Luke, (Friday the Fast Day being a very stormy day) the collection was made Sunday 1st Nov.	29 11 0
	£54 8 9

☞ The new Harmonic Society met at Harmonic Hall on Tuesday evening last, when Office-bearers were chosen for the ensuing year, after which the Society had a first practice, with very gratifying result. The Society meet every Tuesday evening. We wish the organization every success in their endeavors to introduce a good musical style amongst us, and hope that the public generally will consider it a duty to give the Society their countenance and support. We will warrant the assertion that the new Society are not behind that of the old one as regards the musical talent employed, and hope that it will not be long ere they favor the public with a performance.

☞ The North British Society celebrated the Festival of St. Andrew, by dining together at Masonic Hall, in the evening. The dinner was provided by Geo. Nicholls, and is said to have been a very creditable affair. The usual amount of toasts and speeches were delivered upon the occasion, which is said to have been a very merry one.

Yesterday being the 84th birth-day of the Ven. Chief Justice Halliburton, the Judges and many of the members of the Bar waited on him at his residence, when the Hon Attorney General addressed him on behalf of his brethren in a neat congratulatory speech, which was feelingly responded to by the veteran Chief. We were glad to see that he appeared as bright in intellect and as vigorous in his bodily health as on his previous anniversary. May he long be spared to fill the exalted position he now holds, and when he does fall to the ground, like a "shock of wheat in its season," he will be mourned, not only by the members of his own profession, but by all classes and creeds in the community where he has so long resided.—*Journal of Friday*.

☞ Samuel Gray, Esq. has been appointed a Coroner for the County of Halifax, in the place of Hon. W. Grigor, deceased.

(From the Sun, of Wednesday.)

PUBLIC MEETING IN BEHALF OF THE SUFFERERS BY THE SEPOY MUTINY.

A public meeting, in pursuance of a call by his worship the Mayor, took place at Temperance Hall, yesterday, (Tuesday) at 2 o'clock, to consider the subject of raising means towards the relief of sufferers from the inhuman mutiny in India. Among the persons present, we observed his Worship, his Honor the Chief Justice, the honorables the Attorney General, Provincial Secretary, Receiver General, the Deputy Post-master General, honbles. Messrs. Young, Howe, Almon, Collins, Kenny, Judges Bliss and Wilkins, Ven. Archdeacon Willis, Rev. Messrs. Bullock, Stuart, McGrigor, Churchill, Hannan, McNutt, Ginnison, and others; W. Murdoch, W. Annand, A. M. Uniacke, James Corwell, T. Haliburton, jr., J. Haliburton, T. C. Kinnear, B. Wier, Esq., and others; Alderman Barry, the Recorder, and others who belong, or recently belonged, to the municipal government, and many other citizens.

His Worship took the chair and called to order. P. S. Hamilton, Esq., was appointed Secretary. The Chairman read the documents which suggested the call of the meeting at that time; he also briefly addressed the meeting, speaking of what had been effected elsewhere, towards expression of sympathy, and relief of suffering, and of the propriety of Nova Scotia responding to the call then made.

The Chief Justice rose to move the first resolution. He spoke eloquently and briefly, of the affairs to which the consideration of the meeting was called, and of the peculiar interest which he took in the question. He would forbear, he said, making many remarks, in consequence of his feelings, and would read the resolution committed to his charge, and which he had no doubt would be generously responded to.

Resolved, That this meeting, commiserating the unhappy sufferers by the mutiny in India, admiring the heroism and fortitude of their fellow countrymen and countrywomen under appalling trials and calamities of fearful character, and abhorring the atrocities to which they have been exposed, surpassing even heathen and savage barbarity, is happy to avail itself of the occasion now offered to the citizens of Halifax to give public utterance to their feelings of deepest sympathy, and expresses its hearty concurrence in the measures adopted throughout the Kingdom for the relief of those who have suffered by this wide spread and indiscriminating desolation.

The Chief Justice remarked, in conclusion, that it would not be expected of one on the verge of 84 years of age to occupy time on that occasion, and with his feelings, he would therefore leave the question to younger and abler hands.

The Attorney General rose to second the resolution. He said that younger, but not abler, speakers might continue its consideration. He spoke of the difficulty of making any remarks on the question, which had not already been suggested to intelligent minds, still something in common with the general sentiments of the empire might be expressed, there and at that time. He referred to the vast consequence and great interest of the question, and of the very eventful page which it would furnish to history. He spoke eloquently and clearly, of the state of India previous to the mutiny, of the strange security and confidence that influenced the British authorities there, when this fearful outbreak burst on them; of the energetic rule which marked British dominion in India in former years, and of the similarity which appeared to mark the history of persons and of nations—in prosperity they seemed to slumber almost forgetful of the means by which prosperity was gained.

He spoke of the supposed settled state of India, on Lord Dalhousie leaving the country, on the subjugations that had been effected, and the security that seemed to be established. But the elements of confusion and of trouble were below the comparatively calm surface. He then spoke of committing the keeping of India to the Indians themselves; of the few small bands of British soldiers which were there when the revolt took place; and of the wonderful endurance and the extraordinary triumphs which those bands had exhibited and achieved. He spoke eloquently of Delhi, and of Lucknow, and of the Nova Scotian who commanded at the latter place, on which so many anxieties were centered. The Attorney General went on in impassioned eloquence to speak of the British soldier, the British civilian, and their conduct during these dreadful scenes in India—but chiefly he spoke of the British women who had set such examples of Christian heroism, and of British courage and patriotism. He then alluded to the interest which Nova Scotia should take—the share she should expect—in the great events of the empire, as regarded honor and aid, and zealously recommended the purpose of the meeting to the Province generally.

The resolution was again read, put to vote, and passed unanimously.

Hon. Mr. Young rose to propose the next resolution. In a very calm and impassive manner, this gentleman reviewed the question of the mutiny, as regarded the obsequy which invested its causes and objects; he spoke of the spectacle presented by the resisting band of British troops, and the triumphs accomplished, as the most extraordinary which the world had witnessed for centuries. He then adverted to the strange mistakes made by the British, concerning the native population, and by the Indians respecting the British character—of the warnings that should have been taken—the cry for vengeance that had been excited, so different from the usual christian impulses—and of the fearful atrocities which had caused that cry, and changed the usual conduct of the British soldier

and which had influenced persons of all ranks, and women as well as men. He then alluded in very eloquent and graphic terms to Lucknow, to the Nova Scotian who commanded there, to the hopes for deliverance and triumph of the garrison, and to the honors that might be expected to be conferred on Col. Inglis, by her Majesty, for his conduct amid such accumulated suffering and danger. Mr. Young alluded to the fearful change that had occurred in Indian affairs in a brief time, and to the deliverance from these troubles, and the accomplishment of victory and peace. He recommended the resolution which he had in charge, and spoke confidently of the response which would be given.

Resolved, That subscriptions be forthwith entered into for the purpose of giving assistance and relief to the sufferers by the rebellion in India; and that a committee to consist of one alderman from each ward, with power to add to their number, be appointed to collect such subscriptions.

Hon. Mr. Kenny intimated that he did not consider himself called on to add any remarks to the eloquent addresses that had been addressed to the meeting. He seconded the resolution.

The resolution was put to vote and passed unanimously.

The Chairman announced that a note had been handed to him, from the Rev. Mr. Higginbotham, stating that he was prevented by circumstances from attending the meeting, but presenting a subscription of £1 towards its purposes. The Chairman said that this was the first subscription he had to announce.

William Murdoch, Esq., was appointed treasurer of the subscriptions.

Rev. Mr. Hannan presented, for Archbishop Walsh, a subscription of £10.

Expressions of general applause were repeatedly given during the remarks of the speakers.

Hon. Mr. Kenny took the chair.

A vote of thanks was passed to his Worship, who acknowledged the compliment.

☞ It was unanimously resolved at the Monthly Meeting of the Committee of the Halifax Library, held on the 2nd of December, that the Library do at once discontinue Harper's Magazine, on account of the scurrilous article toward Her Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria, which appears in the November number of that periodical.

Donald Murray, Esq. has been chosen Chairman of the Fire Department, in room of G. A. S. Creighton, Esq., resigned.

☞ It is understood that the Admiral takes his departure for Bermuda this day in *Indus*, 78, Capt. Hay. We feel assured that there is not one person in Halifax who does not wish all on board a pleasant passage to the "Sunny South," and a speedy return to "Old Chebucto."—*Chron.*

☞ It is with feelings of the deepest melancholy, we record to-day the loss of the schooner *Seraph*, of Cornwallis, Capt. Gilliatt, together with the passengers and crew, 17 in number. We have not heard the particulars of the sad occurrence, farther than that the *Seraph* was on her way to St. John, N. B. with a cargo of produce, and when off Cracow was capsized, and all on board perished.—*Bridgetown Examiner*.

☞ His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, in Council, has been pleased to appoint the following Gentlemen to be High Sheriffs for the ensuing year, in the several Counties set against their names respectively:

Halifax—John J. Sawyer. Hants—Joseph Allison. King's County—John M. Caldwell. Annapolis—Peter Bonnett Digby—John K. Viets. Yarmouth—Joseph Shaw. Shelburne—Andrew Barclay. Queen's County—John W. Scott. Lunenburg—John H. Kaulback. Colchester—Charles Blanchard. Cumberland—Roderick McLean. Pictou—William H. Harris. Sydney—Henry P. Hill. Guysborough—Murdoch McLean. Richmond—John F. Fuller. Inverness—George C. Lawrence. Victoria—Jacob S. Ingraham, Esqrs.

His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, by the advice of the Executive Council, has been pleased to re-instate and appoint Cornelius White, Esq., to be a Justice of the Peace for the District of Shelburne, with the rank and precedence he enjoyed under the previous general commission.

His Excellency has also been pleased to make the following appointments:

To be one of the Coroners for the County of Halifax—Samuel Gray, Esq., in the place of the Hon. William Grigor, deceased.

To be Commissioners for taking Affidavits, Recognizances of Bail, and for relieving Insolvent Debtors in the County of Lunenburg—Daniel Dimock, Chester, John Harley, Bridgewater.

To be Notaries and Tabellions Public—Joseph Creighton, Esq., of Lunenburg, Joseph Norman Ritchie, Esq., of Halifax.

☞ We have been requested to notice the following erratum in the communication of "An Obstractive—so called," in "Church Times" of Nov. 21. For "Of what value will these efforts be," read "of what nature" &c.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

We have referred the letter of our Shubenacadie River correspondent to the Postmaster General, who will doubtless do what in him lies to remedy the evil complained of.

LETTERS RECEIVED.

Rev. J. Ambrose, with rem. for Mr. J. C. Dauphinee and Mr. J. Redman. Rev. J. Brading. Rev. A. Gray with rem. for Mr. Ann Porter. Mr. Thos. Taylor—will be attended to. Telegraph Jas. P. Ward—have written