

third four, 15lbs.; that of the fourth four, 16lbs. I think this will make clear to any one, that the reverse of what is generally followed ought to be practised, namely, to plant crowns, or whole potatoes, in lieu of a plant with two eyes. This is even the second trial I have made, and found it the same; but I was not so particular in the first experiment as in the second, having determined by my eye, the difference was so obvious. I think this of the greatest importance to the agriculturist. If it hold good for an acre, what a difference in the produce! The object of a little extra seed bears no comparison to the extra produce; and besides, the labour of cutting is saved.

CHAPTER AND VERSES.—Certain that the article on our third page on "The perversion of Scripture" would commend itself to the good sense of every sober-minded and intelligent individual, we have inserted it in our columns. On one topic introduced in the piece it may be necessary to add a few observations. The design with which the present divisions in the English Bible were first used, was very different from that to which they have been applied. The chapters were first introduced into the Bible about the middle of the 13th century, and the verses about the middle of the 16th. Their history is this:—Cardinal Huse about the middle of the 13th century having projected a concordance for the Latin Bible, for the purpose of reference divided the whole into heads or chapters, without any regard to the sense, and then subdivided these portions into equal parts, to which he attached in the margin the letters A, B, C, etc. The chapters now continue throughout, exactly as he made them. The verses in the New Testament were invented by Robert Stephens. He made them while on a journey; but placed them in the margin, intending them only for reference. Their utility for this purpose, soon gained them a general reception. The translators of the English Bible unwarily gave a new appearance and authority to these divisions. In that published at Geneva, A. D. 1557, by the exiles in the reign of Mary, not only the chapters, as formerly, were separated, but the verses also. This unwise alteration soon became general. (See Nourse's Paragraph Bible). Admitting the correctness of this account, chapters and verses were adopted solely for the purpose of reference and yet owing to the modern mode of printing the verses separate, they have produced the very common but erroneous impression, that the Bible is rather a collection of apothegms, or disconnected sentences, than composed of regular histories and treatises of religion, which have their separate topics and connexions. It has induced myriads to read chapter by chapter, and then it is laid aside. Nay, so far has the *verse-mania* extended that we sometimes see systems of divinity built upon scraps of scripture, and doctrines founded upon verses. We are glad to find the Religious Tract Society of Great Britain has published a cheap edition of the Bible without these injurious partitions of chapters and verses, and we recommend to all our readers to procure a copy of it as early as possible.

We were obligingly favoured this forenoon with a Newfoundland Paper, the *Public Ledger*, of the 14th inst. It is filled with details of extraordinary proceedings of the House of Assembly of that Colony, of which, however, it is only in our power to give an outline.—*Gazette*.

On Monday, the 6th inst. Dr. Keilley, the Surgeon of the Public Hospital at St. John's, was standing near his house, alongside Mr. Kent, a Member of the Assembly, when he was applied to by a poor man for a ticket of admission into the Hospital, not on account of any bodily infirmity, but for want of proper sustenance—he referred him to Mr. Kent for relief—as exhibiting "one of those cases to meet which, perhaps, some Legislative enactment might be desirable." Mr. Kent then made reflections upon the dietry of the Hospital, and called the Doctor a cormorant, and robber of the poor, who retorted, and put his fist near Mr. Kent's face.

Mr. Kent proceeded at once to the House of Assembly—made a formal complaint of a breach of privileges of the House, and the Serjeant-at-Arms was ordered to arrest Dr. Keilley—he was soon taken in custody, but tendering bail, was released until the following day.

On Tuesday the House met, examined witnesses, declared Dr. Keilley had been guilty of a breach of the privileges of the Assembly, and called upon him to apologise: the form of the apology was read to him, but "he declared that to make the apology required would be contrary to his feelings, and to his own sense of honour." He was then committed to the custody of the Sheriff, and lodged in the common gaol.

On Friday Dr. Keilley appeared before the Hon. Judge Lilly, under a writ of Habeas Corpus, when his discharge was moved for by Bryan Robinson, Esq.

"The Judge, without entering upon the question of the authority of the House of Assembly to commit for the alleged contempt, upon which point he would give his judgment on an early day, ruled that the commitment was deficient in those essentials necessary to constitute it legal, and therefore discharged the Prisoner.

"On the following day the House of Assembly met, and the

Speaker, on motion, proceeded to issue warrants against Dr. Keilley—the High Sheriff who liberated him in obedience to the mandate of the Judge—and finally against the Judge himself! whereupon the Serjeant-at-Arms, with several others, repaired to the Judges' Chambers, where they found Judge Lilly, engaged with two of the barristers of the Court, when they laid violent hands upon the Judge, forcibly pulled him from the room, and Walsh, the door-keeper of the Assembly, seizing by the collar, dragged him in the most brutal and savage manner from the top of the stairs to the bottom, and thence through the lobby into the Speaker's room!! They then proceeded to the office of the Sheriff, and placed that officer under arrest, and both prisoners were paraded through the streets, amidst a mob of people, and taken out to the residence of the Serjeant-at-Arms, in whose custody they remained. Such was the savage violence with which the fellow Walsh conducted himself, that the Judge's hand was much hurt in the attempt to save himself from being thrown headlong over the stairs.

"Dr. Keilley was fortunate enough to find shelter in the house of a friend, and succeeded therefore in escaping the new indignity intended for him."

On Monday the 13th at 2 o'clock, His Excellency the Governor, attended by his Suite, proceeded to the Legislative Council Chamber and prorogued the Assembly with the following Speech:—

"Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Council.

"Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly.

"It having been represented to me that an Assistant Judge in the Supreme Court has been arrested by order of the House of Assembly in consequence of a decision made by him in his Judicial capacity; and that the Sheriff has also been arrested for having obeyed a mandate of his superior, the said Judge, founded upon that decision, I feel compelled to have recourse to prorogation for the purpose of putting a stop to proceedings which independently of any question as to their legality seem wholly unsuited to the character and condition of the Colony, and calculated to subvert that respect which is due and which is highly expedient that all classes of society should render, to the administrators of the Law in the exercise of their functions.

"Some inconvenience must result from the present measure, but to this it behoves us to submit for the avoidance of greater evil; and I trust that a short recess, by affording opportunity for reflection, may have the effect of producing calmer councils for the future."

It was then announced that the Legislature was prorogued until Monday next, the 20th instant.

The Prisoners were of course released.

Melancholy Accident.—The son of Mr. Henry A. Pnyzant of this town, whilst in swimming with a number of boys, unfortunately waded beyond his height, and before assistance could be obtained, was drowned. He was a very promising boy, ten years old, and an only son.—*Liverpool, N. S.*

Pictou, Aug. 21.—*The Coal Trade.*—The shipping employed in this trade, at our port, may be estimated from the facts that though there are 250 chaldrons of coal shipped daily, the demand at present considerably exceeds the supply. There are now we are informed, upwards of 10,000 tons of shipping at the loading ground. Considerable delay has been occasioned in consequence of the fire which occurred in two of the old pits last summer, to quench which the river had to be introduced. It has not yet been wholly pumped out; but as soon as that can be effected, and the Rail Road extended to the loading ground, vessels will not be subject to an hour's delay under ordinary circumstances.

LUNENBURG, Aug. 9.—The Crops in this quarter wear a promising appearance. The hay has already been safely housed in considerable quantities, and it is expected that the whole will far exceed the average of former years. The grain looks well, and so do the potatoes where the seed has not failed; but notwithstanding these partial failures we trust the general returns will be abundant. Let our thankfulness to the Almighty Ruler of the skies keep pace with his loving kindness to us his undeserving people.—*Colonial Churchman.*

PASSENGERS. In the *Acadian*, Rev. Dr. Twining, Miss Twining, Rev. Mr. Miller, Rev. Mr. White, Miss Shannon, Capt. Brockman and Lieut. Dering, 85th Regt. and P. Cunningham, Esqr. In the *Medea*, (steam ship) from Quebec, Sir Colin Campbell, Miss Campbell, Sir Edward Baker, and J. Leander Starr, Esq.

MARRIED,

In St. Paul's Church on Sunday evening last by the Rev. Archdeacon Willis, Mr. Henry Found, to Miss Phoebe Wier, fourth daughter of the late Ben. Wier of Newport, N. S.

At Christ's Church, Guysborough, on the 14th instant, by the Rev. Charles J. Shreeve, Rector, Mr. Styles Hart, Merchant, to Emeline R., only daughter of the late Captain James Marshall, of Guysborough.

Last evening, by the Rev. William Cogswell, W. Tremain, Esqr. of Montreal, to Anna Kearney, daughter of Richard Tremain, Esqr. of this place.

DIED,

On Sunday morning, in her 39th year, Mrs. Joanna Heffernan, after a long and severe illness, which she bore with the most pious resignation to the Divine will.

On the 20th inst. after a short illness, aged 4 years, Sarah Ann, third daughter of Mr. James Knoodle.

On the 16th inst. Simeon Smith, infant son of Mr. John H. Doane

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVED.

Friday August 24th—Schrs Two Sons, Barrington, and Favorite Pubnico—dry fish; Amethyst, Hilton, Yarmouth—dry fish and lumber; Hero, Nickerson, Labrador, 14 days, bound to Liverpool, N. S.; full fare of fish; brig Transit, Darvell, Ponce 20, and Turks Island, 15 days—sugar, to J. & M. Tobin; schr Brothers, Labrador, fish, bound to Lunenburg; brig Louisa, Abell, Kingston, 24 days—ballast, to Fairbanks and Allison.

Saturday, 25th—Schrs Providence, Port. Modway—lumber, etc.; Dee, Munro, Labrador, fish, bound to Shelburne; Mailboat Margaret, Boole, Boston, 4 days; brig Mary, Mosher, Lunenburg—fish and lumber, bound to West Indies.

Sunday, 26th—Schr Dove, Peuce, Labrador, fish, etc. sailed for Liverpool, N.S.; anchored below, Am. schr —, from Labrador, 12 days—sailed same day; schr Rifleman, Hancock, Montserrat, 20 days—rum and molasses to the master,—saw on the passage out, 11th ult. lat. 22 30, long. 54, a schr supposed to be the Trial, hence, for Demerara.

Monday, 27th—Schrs Dolphin, Prospect,—fish; Wm. Henry, and Enterprise, Barrington, dry fish; Stranger, Prospect, dry and pickled fish; James Clark, Beck, St. John, N. B. 6 days—limestone and cocoa, to the master; Gov. schr Victory, Darby, Sable Island, 3 days—materials and rigging of barque Granville; Rival Packet, Anderson, Liverpool, N. S. two days; Waterlily, McDonald, Barbadoes, 22 days and St. Thomas 18—to Fairbanks & McNab, 51 days on the voyage; Margaret Ann, Currie, trading voyage, dry fish to J. Isles and I. Wills, barque, Europe Davy, Cadiz, 47 days—salt, to McNab, Cochran & Co; brig Symmetry, Allan, Charleston, S. C. 15 days—timber to A. Murison.

Tuesday, 28th—Am. Packet brig Acadian, Jones, Boston, 50 hours, rice, naval stores, etc. to D. & E. Starr and co. Fairbanks & Allison, and others;—left schr Ellen, Burke, hence, arrived on 24th; packet schr Industry, Simpson, Boston, 3 days—naval stores, fruit, etc. to W. J. Long and others; brig William IV, Whidden, Kingston, Jam. 32 days—rum to J. Allison & Co. schr Speedy Packet, La Broton, Ponce, P. R. 18 days, sugar, to Creighton & Grassie and T. C. Kinnear;—brig Eliza sailed same day for St. John, N.B. spoke 20th inst. lat. 34 20, long 66, brig. London Packet, Harvey, hence for Jamaica, out 6 days;—left schr Trial, Williams, from Demerara and St. Thomas; on the passage hence to Demerara was boarded by a Shaver, which took from them a cask of water, etc; left at Demerara about 3d inst. brig Kate, Here, to sail in 10 days for Porto Rico. Schr. Gracious, Pictou, beef and coke; Star, Kelly, Magdalen Isles, 9 days—dry fish, etc. to D. & E. Starr & co.; Maria La Pique, Butnie, Gaspé, 6 days, dry fish to Creighton & Grassie, the Emily sailed the same day; the ship Victoria, of St. John, N. B. from Ireland bound to Quebec, ran ashore at Mall Bay, Gaspé, on the night of the 19th inst; Eagle, Wilson, Gaspé, 8 days, dry fish to Fairbanks & Allison; Isabell, Barto, St. Andrews, 6 days, lumber, etc. to the Master, the ship Joseph Porter, from hence, arrived on the 22d inst. in 4 days.

Wednesday, 29th—schr Flower, Nickerson, Bay Chaleur, 6 days—fish, bound to Cape Negro; Endeavour and Queen Adelaide, Canso fish.

Thursday, 30th—H.M. Steamer Medea, Capt. Nott, Quebec, 4 days; schr Carleton Packet, Landry, Montreal, 21 days, flour etc. to A. Murison, and M.B. Almon; William Cullerton, Labrador, —fish; Brothers, Bridgeport,—coal; Lively, Arichat—fish; Speculator, Young, Lunenburg; Mary, Morning Star, Bridgeport,—coal; schr Barbara, Gerrior, Sydney, coal, bound to Boston. Anchored near the Beach, schr Corsair, of Lunenburg.

Friday, 31st—schr Emily, Crowell, Gaspé, 6 days, fish, to Fairbanks & Allison; Trial, St. Mary's, salmon, oil, etc; Esperance, Nancy, Mary Ann, and Margaret, coal.

CLEARED,

25th—Schr. Jane, Wilson, Burin, N. F.—flour, etc. by G. P. Lawson; Will Watch, Cook, St. John, N. B.—sugar, etc. by W. M. Allan, M. B. Almon and others; Olive Branch, Buche, Fogo, N. F.—molasses, etc. by P. Furlong; brig Lady Chapman, Gilbert, Demerara—fish, by J. & M. Tobin; schr Mermaid, Caffery, St. George's Bay, N. F.—salt, by the master; Waterloo, Eisau, Richibucto—assorted cargo by Saltus and Wainwright; Victory, Banks, N. F.—assorted cargo, by S. Binney. 26. Collector, Phenlan, Boston. 27th—schr Favourite, Helm, St. Andrews, cordage, by T & L Piers; Breeze, Johnson, Gaspé, ballast. 28th—Maid of Erin, Kirkpatrick, B. W. Indies, fish, by J. M. Tobin. 29th—Margaret, Furlong, Burin, rum, etc. by the master.

MEMORANDA.

Quebec, 23d inst ar'd schrs Gaspé Packet, and True Friends, hence. Pictou, 25th inst ar'd brig Georgiana, Graham, hence. Montreal, 23d inst cleared, schr Albion, Belfountain, Halifax.

Arrived at Liverpool, Aug. 20th—brig Mermaid, Burnaby, Antigua, 24 days—to I. Campbell; brig. Caroline, Freeman, Antigua, 25 days, to F. Hay; schr Fly, McKenzie, Labrador, fish to T. Frith, Hannah, do. do. to L. S. Darron; Mary Collins do. do. to S. Collins.

Cleared, 21st, brig Dee, Rees, B. W. Indies, lumber, by I. S. Darron; 25th, brig Acadian, Mylie, Demerara, lumber, by I. and J. Barss. Liverpool, Aug. 25th—An Am. schr. laden with coals struck on a reef to the westward of this harbour, on the evening of the 15th inst—vessel total wreck. The schr's materials and cargo have since been sold.