

NEW BRUNSWICK.

We regret to observe in the *London Times* of the 14th ult., an announcement of the death of James Beatty, Esq., Civil Engineer. It will be recollected that Mr. Beatty had charge of the first Railway survey in this Province, made here for Messrs. Peto, Brassey, Betts & Jackson, and while so employed, he obtained the good will of all with whom he came in contact. He was afterwards employed for the same parties in Nova Scotia, and was latterly appointed by the British Government to construct the Railway from Balaklava to Sebastopol. While there, we believe, his health gave way from a too arduous attention to his duties, and he returned to London only to linger a few months and be added to the number of those who have fallen victims to the war.—Many were looking forward to the pleasure of having him again amongst us to take charge of our railways, and nowhere will his memory be held in more respect than in New Brunswick.—*St. John Courier*, April 5.

DESCENT OF THE BOSTON POLICE UPON A "GIFT ENTERPRISE."—A number of speculators, who, under the fictitious name and style of "W. M. Bliss & Co.," had located themselves at the Merchants' Exchange Hotel, Boston, where they were carrying on a brick business, in the way of deluding the unwary of their cash by brilliant but baseless "Gift Scheme," were visited in their apartment by the police on the 25th ult., who took possession of a partially-drawn scheme, together with a large quantity of circulars, tickets, drawings, and \$188 in cash, lists of prizes, schemes for further humbug operations, two or three bustles of quills (each quill enclosing a number,) &c., &c., and committed the parties, five in number, to jail, to await an examination.—*Ibid.*

TRINITY CHURCH AFFAIRS.—A meeting of Pew holders in Trinity Church was held in the School House connected therewith, on Friday, 29th ult., "to take into consideration the propriety of an application to the Legislature for an act authorizing an assessment of the Pewholders to meet the necessary expenses for the completion of the repairs to the Church, in accordance with a resolution of the Parishioners to that effect passed on Easter Monday;" when it was resolved not to proceed with the Bill at present, or at least until it could be ascertained how much of the required sum might be raised by voluntary subscription. A list was accordingly opened, and about £320 subscribed before the meeting broke up.—*Ibid.*

The Church Times.

HALIFAX, SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 1856.

MR. UNIACKE'S SECOND LETTER.

Mr. Uniacke has published a second letter, in which he reiterates the arguments of the first. The tone is still conciliatory, although we are at a loss to discover whether the sentiments are those of the majority, or only his own. We hope, however, that he will not rest short of attempting something that will settle existing difficulties, and restore a harmony that shall prepare the way for the united action of the Church.

Whoever takes a dispassionate view of the proceedings of the Parishioners at their Easter meeting, must, we think, be struck with the informality manifested in the mode of conducting its business. They were so ill considered and hasty, that they ought rather to be carefully revised, with a view to correct in them what is amiss, than to be made a point of progress, to involve further and greater difficulties. Although not very well versed in ecclesiastical law, we think it may well be doubted if the Parishioners either have power to appoint the Curates, or to dissolve the connection after it is made. And even so far as withholding the supplies is concerned, we doubt much if the present Parish officers have any power over these supplies, beyond the term for which they are appointed to manage them.

It will follow as a consequence, that the power of the Resolution terminates, just at the moment when the majority intended its effect to commence. Now, if this be correct, or there is a reasonable doubt upon the subject, the best thing for all parties is to get rid of its consequence, or want of consequence, and if this can be done without compromising the opinions of any party, so much the better: it ought, we think, to be a cause of rejoicing to all, that they can find escape from a proceeding that is not constitutional, and which is in fact an absurdity. If Mr. Uniacke speak the sentiments of the majority,—they already repudiate all intention of preventing the Cu-

rates from attending and taking part in the business of the Synod while in Session. On the other side, we certainly believe, that their right admitted, or a disposition manifested that its exercise shall not be interfered with, the remainder of the Resolution is so much waste paper, directed against an imaginary evil, and an intangible contingency.

Considerations like these ought to have their weight in determining a conciliatory procedure.—What then ought that procedure to be? The obvious solution of the difficulty is to bring matters to the state in which they rested previous to the unfortunate Parish meeting on Easter Monday. If this be Mr. Uniacke's desire he will find many eager to cooperate with him in all proper means, to compass that object. A meeting of the Parishioners at any convenient time, and a Resolution simply affirming that misapprehension has arisen respecting the scope and intention of the Resolution passed at the adjourned Parish Meeting on Easter Monday, and that it was not the intention to coerce the Rector and Curates of St. Paul's in their "determination" to attend the business of the Synod while in Session, but was solely directed against any attempt on their part to carry out canons and ordinances of the Synod in the Parish of St. Paul's, against the consent of the Parish—would be sufficient, we should think, for other parties interested to act upon, and would go far to bring about a return of that christian feeling which ought to prevail among all the members of one Communion. Had a Resolution like this, applicable only to the object sought, supposing that to be exactly as urged by Mr. Uniacke, been passed, there could have been no mistake about the intentions of the majority, and it would have been met in another way. The action of the Curates would then, we dare say, have proved that they understood its terms—and their replies would probably have shown how far they considered themselves bound by the acts of the Synod; and that it could be no part of their obligation as it could be no part of their function, to enforce canons and ordinances upon a Parish against its consent; that refused to acknowledge the authority of the Synod, or to be bound by its proceedings; or in any way in opposition to the law of the land.

We find in the New Brunswick papers a good deal of unnecessary comment upon the debate by which the Bill below alluded to was introduced, and no small display of that violent spirit against the Church and her ministers, which those of other communions, and even some who profess to be her children, whenever opportunity offers, think their especial privilege. If the Bill contains nothing more than is stated in the extract from the *Church Witness*, which upon such a topic we take to be good authority, it defines a principle which has been always recognized:

The *Church Witness* says—"The only subject of importance before the Legislature this week is the Bill brought in upon the petition of the Church Wardens and Vestry of the Parish of St. Marks, in this city, for defining the mode of inducting a minister into a benefice in the Church of England in this Province. The subject is one of much importance, but it is evidently misunderstood. The Bill leaves the right of presentation in the Governor, and, of course, institution in the Bishop, but declares that the Wardens and Vestry shall induct, being by law, invested with the temporalities of the Church. This course is in agreement with the advice of the Crown officers, tendered to his Excellency Sir Edmund Head, and the old practice in the Province. The Bill was taken up in the Lower House on Saturday, and after several amendments were proposed and lost, it finally passed by a large majority. We trust this measure will be agreed to by the Council, and this disputed question set at rest; for we are quite confident the laity will never surrender rights which the law, even as it now stands, gives them."

We understand that Colonel Butler and Mr. William Tupper, were elected as lay Representatives for the Parish of Aylesford, to the Diocesan Assembly, on Easter Monday.

The Rev. Mr. Robertson, of Wilnot, has received the honorary degree of D. D. from the University of Aberdeen.

The Steamship *Fersia*, left New York on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., for Liverpool, with two hundred and twenty-seven passengers.

We have received a number of Communications relative to the late differences in St. Paul's Parish; but we hope that they will be adjusted without any further necessity for parading our Church affairs before the public.

The government of Costa Rica, Central America, has declared war against Nicaragua, and calls upon its people to march on Nicaragua, and effect the redemption of their brethren from the iniquitous tyranny of the filibusters—it appears that Guatemala, San Salvador, and Honduras are joined with Costa Rica in the war. General Walker has accepted the declaration, and marched an army of 300 riflemen, under Colonel Schlessinger, across the Costa Rica frontier. It is said that a French frigate is at Puerto Arenas, the seaport of Costa Rica, and will act with a British naval force for the defence of that state,—but this requires confirmation.

The Legislature, it is said, will be prorogued on Monday. Some account of the proceedings in both branches will be found under the proper head, in our pages.

FOR THE CHURCH TIMES.

The Easter meeting of the Episcopal Church at Antigonish was held at Little River, on Easter Monday, 24th March. The Rev. the Rector being unable to attend from severe indisposition requested that one of the Churchwardens would preside at the meeting, and Mr. Ellisha Randall was accordingly proposed and took the chair.

After the usual business of the parish was disposed of it was unanimously resolved that a parsonage be immediately erected at Little River, (that locality being determined on as the future residence of the Rector), and that the Globe House in the village of Antigonish be rented in aid of the salary of the Clergyman.

Mr. Ellisha Randall gave a lot of two acres, on which to erect a parsonage; a Building Committee was appointed, and an adjournment of a week resolved on to receive the specification plan and report of the Committee.

Previous to adjournment Mr. Ellisha Randall, and E. H. Harrington Esq., were unanimously elected Lay Delegates to attend the ensuing meeting of the Diocesan Assembly. April 8, 1856. A PARISHIONER.

We regret to have to record the demise of an old and valuable member of the Community—HENRY G. FARISH, Esq., M. D. He expired on Tuesday evening. Dr. Farish has held several important public offices in this Town, has long been a Magistrate, and for the last 20 years Custos of this County—the duties of all of which he has discharged with ability, integrity and impartiality. He was the first Post Master appointed in Yarmouth—a situation which he has filled for half a century. As a medical practitioner, he was held in high esteem. His rare mental attainments and exemplary course are well known, and entitle his memory to respect.—*Yarmouth Herald*, April 3.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

A Coroner's Inquest sat yesterday upon the body of the late Mr. George Smith, of Barrington, N. S. aged about 18 years. It appeared that deceased had attended Divine service at St. Andrew's Church on Sunday evening previous, after which in attempting to go on board a vessel at Conway's wharf, North end, for the purpose of paying a visit to his friends, Mr. Crowell and others, he fell overboard and was unfortunately drowned. His body was found by his own friends. Mr. Smith was a young man of excellent character. The Jury returned a verdict of "Accidental death by drowning." It is said that cries of distress were heard by persons in the vicinity of the accident, but such being of frequent occurrence were unheeded at the time.—*Chron.*

The Annual Meeting of St. George's Charitable Society, took place at Masonic Hall, on Tuesday evening last. There was a large attendance of members. The President, Henry Pryer, Esq. took the chair. A number of new members were proposed. Resolutions were passed relative to a Procession, &c. on St. George's Day. A Resolution was proposed, that application be made to the Legislature during the present Session, for an Act of Incorporation for the Society. The following gentlemen were appointed as office-bearers for the ensuing year.—President, Henry Pryer, Esq. V. P., E. Binney, Esq. Aud. V. P., Henry Twining, Esq., Wm. Rennels, Esq. Treasurer, J. B. Bennett, Esq. Secretary, W. Gossip, Esq. Chaplains, The Venable, the Archdeacon, Rev. Wm. Bullock, Rev. H. Bullock. Physicians, Dr. Almon and Dr. Gilpin. Marshal, Mr. Shean. Committee of Management and Committee of Charity, same as last year. Royal Standard, Mr. Woodin. St. George's Color, Mr. Murray. The Society after other routine business adjourned to discuss an excellent Supper.

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