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Calendar for April

- 12th. Low Sunday. 19th. 2nd. Sunday after Easter. 26th. 3rd. Sunday after Easter.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Some articles are crowded out this week, by reaching the printer's hand too late...

Rev. E. R. Wilson. Letter came when space was filled, but we make room to say...

"Wingham," too late for this issue. "In Memorium," Nova Scotia, received.

Acknowledgments of remittances received during the last few days, will be made in due time.

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The Church Herald.

TORONTO, THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 1874.

SEASON OF EASTER.

First, some remarks on the physical season: Thursday, 2d of April, wind and dust whirled in clouds...

Actinism! what is it? No man has seen it, nor has science got devised an instrument to gauge it...

seen it, nor has science got devised an instrument to gauge it, the actinograph registers its force...

The materialist refuses to believe in miracles, or in the grace of God which performs miracles...

Such were some of our thoughts at Easter suggested by the conditions of physical nature.

IMPERIAL DEFENCES.

Every movement of Imperial Britain in changing, augmenting, or proposing to augment her national defences...

An extraordinary degree of activity has characterized the British Naval Department since the accession of Mr. Disraeli to power...

LOUIS RIEL, M. P.

This person is the subject of public thought in Canada to a painful degree at present. He is ordered to appear in his place in the House of Commons in Ottawa on Wednesday...

position of insurgency would become equivalent to a species of loyalty to the Company and to the Imperial Government. We do not urge that supposition as any excuse for the insolent atrocity of Scott's murder...

BOOK REVIEWS.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION, Twentieth Annual Report. Halifax: William Macnab. 1874.

This report sets forth a favorable account of the christian philanthropy of the Nova Scotian metropolis...

NOVA SCOTIA HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE. Sixteenth Annual Report. Halifax, N. S.: Printed by the Citizen Publishing Company. 1874.

The Superintendent is James R. De Wolf, M. D., of the Faculty of Physicians, Edinburgh. The report embraces the year 1873, and records in words of

tenderness the death of the Assistant Physician, Dr. McKenney, who has been succeeded by Dr. Fraser of Halifax, formerly of Antigonish.

In discriminating as to the reception or refusal of so large a number it was our misfortune to incur the ill-will of many whose disappointment was unavoidable.

The Doctor proceeds to say, there was less difficulty in satisfying the friends of applicants who visited the Hospital, and saw its over crowded condition.

In some instances," continues Dr. Wolf, "the friends of wealthy but hopelessly insane patients, offered high prices for board as an inducement; but they were told their abundant means would readily obtain for them accommodation elsewhere...

Then follows a painful disclosure, not specially Nova Scotian in locality we grieve to say:

Not unfrequently an embarrassing question was asked by friends of the unmanageable Epileptic and Idiotic patients of the poorer classes, namely: "We cannot keep them at home any longer, and where to send them we don't know; what can we possibly do with them?"

P. E. ISLAND AND BERMUDA.

Dr. Wolf with all those Nova Scotian difficulties had also applications, necessarily uncompleted with, from Bermuda and Prince Edward's Island.

This is an exceedingly interesting pamphlet when read through the literary spectacles which have faced Hanwell and Colney Hatch in England; and which, accompanied by the pen, scrutinized and many years ago protested against...

Improvements are in progress in beautifying the grounds outside and purifying the atmosphere within. Enlargement is urgently demanded. The Province which amazed Europe with the model of its column of native Nova Scotian gold cannot, in honour, longer demur to build a capacious abode in which all the insane of the poor, of the destitute, and of the affluent families may be scientifically, medically, and effectually treated.

THE PARISH MAGAZINE; St. Mark's Church, Port Hope. April, 1874.

This is No. 2. It comprises twenty-four pages of general reading matter, some wood cut illustrations; and several pages of local information relating to the religious services, and Church business of St. Mark's.

THE HOME JOURNAL ALMANAC for 1874. A. McLachlin, Proprietor.

This illustrated annual has only now been received. It is an illustration pictorially—it is an illustration commercially as evidencing the enterprise and aptitude of the establishment for supplying the requirements of the country.

CHURCH MUSIC AND CHURCH ORGANISTS IN THE U. S. AND CANADA.

(PART II.)

It is not to be understood that where the boy choir system does not exist there can be no good music. (Happily there are) hundreds of cases in the U.S. where choirs of mixed voices under the direction of christian organists (I use the word christian advisedly) perform excellent, and at the same time, devotional and suitable music.