

STAR LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY, OF LONDON.

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THE Agency of the above Company has been in operation in this Province about 4 years, has made considerable progress, without yet having a claim, the rates are generally lower than any other London or Scotch Company, and the proportion of profit divided among the assured greater by far than any other, being 96 per cent, 10 per cent only to the Stockholders, rendering it at once both a Stock and mutual Society without any risk to the assured; their first Bonuses declared in May last were in some cases over 300 per cent on the amount of Policy, and on two Policies at this agency on which three annual premiums only had been paid, the Bonus added was over 62 per cent, on the amount paid in, the mortality among the lives assured by this Society were found to be 21 per cent, less than had been calculated for. The above are facts in favour of the "Star" which cannot be controverted, and should recommend it to the favourable consideration of all parties intending to insure. Policies effected on the participating principle allowed to come in on the payment of 3 annual premiums. Thirty days allowed for the renewal of Policies after becoming due, and Policies expired can be renewed within six months, if the parties health is not impaired and the payment of a small fine—a credit of one half the premium when amounting to a certain sum, may be obtained for the first five years. No extra charge made for crossing to and from England in Steamers or first class sailing vessels at any season, by advising the Agent of the parties, after arrival of Brokers. The attention of the Public of this Province generally and of Westlegans in particular, is requested to the favourable terms and privileges offered by the "Star" as above enumerated. It is admitted by all that it is the duty of every person having others dependent on them to provide for them while they have it in their power so to do, and in no way can this be done so effectually or cheaply as by paying according to their means a sum annually on a Life Policy. It has often been proved even here to be of much benefit to widows and orphans, and so very uncertain as to both life and health, of which we have recently had many sad proofs, that delay in these matters is exceedingly dangerous, the only time to apply is while in Health. Applicants will receive every information and attention to their requests by the Agent in Halifax, who furnishes all necessary Blanks, and Medical Examiner attends free of expense to the applicant. All communications by mail must be prepaid.

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Jan 5, 1850.



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Dec 15.

GLEANNINGS FROM ENGLISH PAPERS.

COLONIAL APPOINTMENTS.—Sir Christopher Rawlinson is appointed Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Madras, in the Room of Sir James E. Gambier, who retires, after a very long service on the bench in India. William Jellott, Esq., succeeds Sir Christopher Rawlinson as Recorder of Pulo Penang, and C. E. of Judge in the High Court of Criminal Judicature for that island and Singapore. James K. O'Dowd, Esq., is appointed Solicitor-General for the Island of Tobago. Mr. Fran. Ellis is appointed a Stipendiary Magistrate at the Bahamas. Mr. John Lawless is appointed her Britannic Majesty's Consul for the island of Martinique.

SCULPTURE IN EDINBURGH.—Mr. George Sutherland, painter, of High-street, on Tuesday precipitated himself over the parapet wall of the North Bridge. He was observed by two or three individuals who were passing, first to lean over the wall, and then to throw himself head foremost into the vegetable market below—a height of about eighty feet. In his descent he was noticed to turn completely round, so that he alighted on his feet instead of his head. He fell, however, with such violence that both his legs were broken, while his body was otherwise dreadfully mangled, and life quite extinct. The melancholy event is ascribed, by those who knew him most intimately, to the grief in which he has been silently indulging ever since the death of his wife, about 18 months ago. He was an elder in South College-street United Presbyterian Church, and for some years held the office of police-commissioner. He was about 45 years of age.

THE NEW ARCTIC EXPEDITION.—We understand that there are several volunteers for the command of, and for other positions in, the new arctic expedition to be organised to proceed, via Behring's Straits, in search of Sir John Franklin; but the whole affair is in the hands of the Treasury, and nothing is expected, will be done before April next, or until intelligence is received from the *Plow*, now in Behring's Straits.—*United Service Gazette*.

REDUCTION OF THE ARMY AND NAVY.—Information has reached us that it is intended that a reduction shall be made in the number of soldiers and sailors required for the ensuing financial year, 1850-51.—*United Service Gazette*.

A Scotch youth resident in New York is said to have invented a printing machine capable of completing 18,000 impressions per hour.

DRUNKENNESS, THE VICE OF SCOTLAND.—A committee of the General Assembly of the Established Church has issued a report on the drinking habits of the country. We copy the following comparative statement.—In England the consumption of spirits in 1842 was 7,956,054 gallons; in Ireland it was 5,290,650; in Scotland, 5,595,186. The population of England in 1841 was 14,995,138—of Ireland, 8,175,124—of Scotland, 2,620,181, showing that the proportion of gallons consumed to population is more than double in Scotland, one-third less in Ireland, and one-half less in England. This report is based on returns made by four hundred and seventy-eight kirk sessions.

DOMESTIC.

TEMPERANCE.—We understand that it is in contemplation to hold monthly public Temperance meetings, under the auspices of "the Sons," during the winter; that the entertainment to be provided will be of an intellectual and pleasing character; and that the arrangement of the minutiae is in the hands of a competent Committee of an old and acceptable caterers for the public amusement. Determined that there shall be no paucity of meetings for the exposition of their principles, and the advocacy of the Temperance cause, and that their efforts shall not be stigmatised as selfish, and confined to their division rooms—the Sons have appointed a portion of their body for the purposes of developing their plans.—These meetings are to possess such a diversity as well render them interesting and free from wearisomeness, and essays, speeches, recitations, and music will be respectively attended to by individuals of acknowledged ability.—The order now has among its members many of the most respectable and talented of our citizens—and we cannot but entertain the most sanguine expectations of these gatherings being well supported, and of their affording the public many excellent opportunities of gaining much desirable information. The first of these meetings, we are informed, will take place about the middle of the ensuing month.—*Guardian*.

CASUALTY.—One of the crew of the R. M. Steamer *Ibernia*, was shockingly injured by the timely discharge of a signal gun on coming up the harbour this morning. The man was employed in re-loading the gun, which had been just fired, but not properly sponged, when a sudden explosion took place, and the charge striking him, wounded and shattered him so badly as to put his life in danger. He was brought on shore to be placed in an hospital, but, alas! our city cannot boast of such an institution for the relief of sufferers of any class.—*Recorder*.

BARRATROUS.—An old woman named Harris, reported to be a barmaid, was committed to jail yesterday, charged with having caused the death of an infant only three weeks old, and injuring another, aged three months, as to endanger its life. She forced two half-pence down the throat of the one that has died, and nearly choked the other with cinders and tobacco. The victims of the crazy old crone belong to a colonial woman residing in the neighbourhood of Barrack Street.—*Id.*

EXCITING LAW CASE.—Yesterday, the much talked of case of *Carten vs. Walsh*, the

Roman Catholic Bishop of this Diocese, came before the Supreme Court for trial. J. W. Ritchie, Esq., opened the case on behalf of the plaintiff. The witnesses on the part of the prosecution were examined; after which Wm. Young, Esq., made a speech of several hours length on behalf of the defendant, when the court was adjourned till Wednesday morning at ten o'clock. The Honble. Judge Halliburton presided.—*Colonist*, 1st.

PICTURE ACADEMY.—The semi-annual examination of this Institution took place according to announcement on Friday last. There were present, besides the Trustees, the Revs. Messrs. Elliot, Herdman, and Patterson, and a number of other gentlemen. The first part of the day was occupied by a long and close examination of the classes under the care of Mr. Jack in the first department. Mr. Jack's system is a good one, and his diligence and assiduity in attending to his severe labours, are deserving of the highest praise. The pupils seemed to be well grounded in every branch of their education, and acquitted themselves creditably.

The classes, studying Logic and the Languages, under Mr. Bell, also acquitted themselves well.—*Eastern Chronicle*, Dec. 26th.

A fearful malady exists in this town resembling the influenza. Since Sunday, three persons have died in one family, and two others in the same house are at the point of death.—*Sydney, C. B. Com. Herald*, Dec. 22.

WRECK.—The Brig *Thalia*, Patton Master, in coming into this Port on Friday afternoon, went ashore at Sandy Point, and became a total wreck. She was owned by Captain John Cann and Son, of Milton, and was partially insured in the Marine Association of this Town.—*Yarmouth Herald*, Dec. 24.

Report of the Directors.

Extracts from the Report of Proceedings at the third Annual General Meeting of the Colonial Life Assurance Company, held within the Company's Head Office, 1 George Street, Edinburgh, on Thursday the 1st day of November 1849.—

On the motion of JAMES HAY, Esq., Merchant, Leith WILLIAM STUART WALKER, Esq. of Rowland, was called to the Chair.

The CHAIRMAN stated that the Meeting had been duly convened. The secretary read the Minutes of last General Meeting, the Balance-Sheet, Auditor's Report, and Report of the Directors.

In the Report by the Directors, it was stated that during the year from 25th May 1848 to 25th May 1849, 205 New Policies had been issued, assuring sums to the amount of £129,958, 15s., yielding annual Premiums to the amount of £4635, 10s. 9d.

That the whole amount of Assurances offered to the Company, from the commencement of the business in November 1846 when the first Policy was issued, till 25th May 1849, is £505,855, 3s.; and of this amount, after deducting Proposals rejected and Assurances forfeited, there was in force, at the date of balance, the sum of £353,476, 9s., yielding Annual Premiums to the amount of £14,379, 9s. 6d.

That the amount of claims which the Company have required to meet since its establishment is £2070, 15s. 3d., that the Directors are happy to be able to state that they have made good investments with that portion of the Funds which was available for the purpose.

That the expenses of the Institution are kept within the narrowest bounds, compatible with proper management and the extended field which the Company's operations embrace.

That the constant attention of the Directors has been given to the extension of the business, and the Company have formed new important connections during the past year in different quarters.

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J. & C. J. STEWART, Agent.

LETTERS RECEIVED.

Since our last notice, letters on business have been received from the Rev. W. Temple, Rev. W. Wilson, Rev. R. Knight (with remittance 200s.), Rev. G. O. Huestis (with remittance 20s.), Rev. R. A. Chesley, Rev. J. McMurray, Rev. J. B. Strong, and A. Henderson, Esq.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Barrington: Circuit parcels not yet arrived. Liverpool: The Paper has been regularly mailed. In consequence of absence we could not attend to the business in time, and have deemed it prudent to withhold the publication until we hear again. Bologna: The Paper has been regularly mailed. The reason of its mis-carrying we cannot assign. Please enquire.

ERRATA.

In the absence of the Editor last week a few errors were overlooked. In the Editorial, for "respector," read "respector"—for "practical science," read "practical science." In the poetry on 196th page—for "age" read "eye." The Poetry on the first page, being handed in, in MS. was supposed to be original, and was by mistake headed "For the Wesleyan." It was selected from a small volume of choice poetry, entitled "Scenes in the West Indies, &c., By Adeline."

The reader will also please correct as follows a typographical error that occurred in the Rev. E. Evans's Letter which appeared in the number for Decr. 22nd.—After the words—"The Rev. John Wesley's Four Volumes of Sermons, and his Notes on the New Testament," in the 2nd column of the 187th page, place a *period*, instead of a comma, making the sentence end with those words.

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SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVALS.

Monday.—Schr. *Atlanta* Bruce from Shelburn, to John Strachan. Tuesday.—Schr. *Royal Miner* Balin, P. E. Island; schr. *Three Sisters*, Allen, P. E. Island, to W. & C. Murdoch; schr. *Vine*, Campbell, from P. E. Island. Wednesday.—Brig *Nancy*, Taylor, 5 days, from N. Y. to J. Esq. & Co. J. Esq. & R. M. Esq.—representing, Matland, Keany, to sail same day for this port; Brig *George Washington*, bound to Liverpool, returned from sea; schr. *T. G. F. Muggish*, from Sydney, C. B.; to Ashbell Dickson & Co; schr. *Catharine* and *Elizabeth*, Phelps, from Antigua to B. Wier & Co; schr. *Enterprise*, Swain, Sydney, C. B.

CLEARED.

Dec 29.—R. M. S. *Ibernia*, Stone, Liverpool, G. B.; S. Consul; Packet *Arg Boston*, Laybold, Boston, B. Wier & Co. Fairbanks & Albions. Dec 31.—Schr. *Mara*, Goodin Jamaica, G. & J. Mitchell & Co. Jan 2.—Brig *Commodore Hall*, Porto Rico; brig *Halifax*, Lyell, Boston; schr. *Imperator*, Smith, Managua Bay, Jamaica; brig *Mary Sophia*, Parker, Philadelphia.

MEMORANDA.

At Sydney, C. B.—Brig *Brothers*, Eager, hence. The brig *J. H. Braine*, Robbins, from Yarmouth, out 8 days for Fortune Bay, went ashore at Owl's Head 23rd Dec, crew saved—resal and cargo sold. The schr. *Maxflower*, Bigelow, from Boston for Horton or Cornwallis, went ashore on Bear Island 21st Dec, and was totally wrecked,—no insurance. The brig *Selle*, (new,) Brain, from St. John, N. B. for Liverpool, G. B., was totally wrecked on Bear Island on the night of the 21st Dec. Captain Fook of Brig *Hustons*, arrived at Yarmouth, reports that on Nov. 16th, schr. *Lady Ann*, Bolton was at Dominica, sailed for Monrovia. At St. Thomas, Antigua, Capt. Allen—Brig. *Lady Ogle*, Donalson, sold cargo of fish—brig *Nauticus*, Oakey, cargo not sold—schr. *Sirius*, Bowyer, bound to Fort St. Louis, schr. *Irish*, Whiney, for Demara, brig *Coburn*, McNeill, arrived at Barbadoes Nov. 15th.

MARRIAGES.

On the 6th ult by the Rev. Jarvis Ring, Mr. Jephthah Elderkin of Apple River, to Miss Nancy C. Youngest daughter of Aaron Cleveland, Esq. of Blissfield, Cottage Clarence. On Monday evening by the Rev. John Martin, Mr. John Sterling of Newport, to Miss Anastasia McKean, of this city. On Tuesday evening by the Rev. John Martin, Mr. William Coghill, to Miss Cecelia Lank both of this city.

DEATHS.

At Port Mouton, on the 5th Decr. Nancy, wife of Mr. Thos. Leley, aged 40 years, during 40 of which she has been a worthy member of the Wesleyan Society of that place. On Wednesday, the 2nd inst. Ellen Hodges, youngest daughter of John Tempest, Esq., aged one year and 7 months.

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