

Obituary Notice.

Died at Sackville, Westmoreland, New Brunswick, on the 6th instant, in the 55th year of his age, Mr. FERDINAND C. SCURRY...

Provincial Wesleyan

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Confidential.

We do not see any just cause why editors may not have occasionally a little confidential conversation with their readers. They require to unobscure their minds at times...

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The Annual Examination

OF THE WESLEYAN ACADEMY, MOUNT ALLISON, SACKVILLE, N. B. To the Editor of the Provincial Wesleyan—Rev. and Dear Sir, The Academic year of our progressively efficient and industrial Institution...

In addition to the elementary branches of English instruction, to which just importance is practically attached in the systematic course, the examination embraced classes in the Latin and Greek Classics, in the Greek Testament, and in French.

On Tuesday no regret was experienced from a paucity of attendance, but much in the contrary, from the total inadequacy of the spacious Lecture Room to afford comfortable accommodation to more than one-half of those who felt the restless attractions presented by the declamatory powers and original compositions of the youthful aspirants to literary honour...

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Thus closed the exercises, so far as the students were concerned, of the late Academic Anniversary, leaving an impression upon the equality and the heart of all who witnessed them, equal to the most successful of any similar exercises...

An approved address, on "The Responsibilities of Educated Men," was then delivered by the Rev. John Allison, of this City. It will be seen, from the notice in our advertising columns, that the next Term is to commence on Thursday, the 4th of August next.

The late Riots in Lower Canada. The Montreal Witness concludes an able article on the recent fierce attacks on Gavazzi and his followers. Many intelligent Roman Catholics, and some Protestants, lay the blame of the disastrous events of the past week on Father Gavazzi, and those who countenanced him...

The Height of Folly. An exchange paper says, "it is the height of folly for parents to live hard, and die hard, to give their children a start in the world."

A Bird-Beast-Fish Reptile. The duck-billed platypus (Ornithorhynchus paradoxus), seemed on its first discovery to be a creature which was wonderful as every animal.

Colossal Figure of Bavaria. Stigmayer, the originator and director of the Bronze Foundry, died in 1844, just before the casting of the Bavaria began.

Newspaper Letters for a Penny to the Colonies. Many persons imagine that the mail matters between Great Britain and countries beyond the sea must be increased to a large and inconvenient bulk, in order to produce, under an Ocean Penny Postage, the amount of revenue derived from the present rates.

A Word in Season.

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