

THE ACADIAN.

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The Press Slighted.

At the recent exhibition held in Windsor the representatives of the press who attended complained bitterly of the absence of all the facilities and courtesies usually provided for and extended to them.

A Grand Life Ended.

By the death of the Hon. J. B. Finch, of Illinois, which occurred suddenly in Boston, on Monday the 3d inst, the temperance cause in general and Good Templary in particular loses one of its ablest advocates.

Mr Finch was born in Chenango, New York, in the year 1852 and from early youth has been engaged in temperance work, having been selected as lecturer of the Grand Division of New York at the early age of fourteen years.

Dr S. H. King, of Nebraska, has written of him as follows:—"John B. Finch is undoubtedly the ablest temperance scholar in America. A thorough anatomist and physiologist as well as political economist, he brings the whole range of literature to his assistance, and was to the man who opposes him on the platform."

By provision of constitution the office of R. W. G. T. devolves upon the R. W. G. Cr. W. W. Turnbull of Glasgow, Scotland, and not on the Rev. George Gladstone, as stated by the Halifax Herald.

Let there be Light.

At the risk of being called a crank, a hobbyist, or other pleasant names, we must again call the attention of our readers to the great need of our streets being lighted in some way. Dark nights are again the order, and it is often difficult for even those acquainted with the neighborhood to find their way—especially on Sunday evenings when the streets are not lighted.

In this matter of lighting our streets we feel that there is much need of agitation, and we appeal to our business men and those who are interested in the welfare and prosperity of our town to use their efforts towards accomplishing this much-to-be-desired end.

PURNER'S EMULATOR.—Highly endorsed by the Medical Profession for its wonderful curative effects produced in cases of Pulmonary Consumption, Chronic Cough, Bronchial and Throat Affections, Asthma, Scrofula, and Wasting Diseases of Women and Children.

Something to Begin On.

A QUASI-RELIGIOUS DISQUISITION.

The above quoted phrase is taken from a discourse lately preached by a dignitary of the church in more than one Nova Scotia parish. As it has since been published either at the request of the preacher or without remonstrance, it is public property and might fitly be subjected to public criticism, if it was thought deserving of such treatment.

The phrase had its origin on this wise. The subject of the sermon was "Infant Baptism, as understood by the Church of England." I have no disposition to charge the preacher with an intention to mislead, but the language employed is highly misleading and in two ways.

The exact words of the preacher, as reported in different newspapers, were these—"Christian parents—in the grace given in baptism you have something to begin on in seeking to train your children to the right way."

There are two "Offices" in the Prayer Book, one for the "Public" the other for the "Private Baptism," so called, "of infants." The first does not prescribe expressly the age for the observance of the rite, but the understanding on all hands is that it shall take place as soon after the birth of the child as practicable.

In the "Office" for the Private Baptism of Infants we learn that "the people" are to be "admonished that they defer not the Baptism of their children longer than the first or second Sunday after the birth, or other holy day falling between, unless upon a great and reasonable cause, to be approved by the curate."

In the "Office" for the Public Baptism of Infants it is directed that "the child shall be dipped in the water" of the font "discreetly or warily," that is "if the priest be certified that the child may well endure it."

In the "Office" for the Private Baptism of Infants there is no other alternative—"the minister shall pour water" upon the child.

But, as with the Scriptures, which are habitually interpreted on the principle that black is white, so here the words dipping and pouring are made to mean sprinkling or even less. The infant is not "dipped," though the Prayer Book says that "the font shall be filled with pure water" for the purpose, nor is water "poured" upon it, although this is the sole substitute allowed by that authority.

The next stage in the performance is that the child is "signed with the sign of the cross," which is, as the Prayer Book tells us, "in token that he shall not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, &c." It will be noted that the infant made no such engagement and had no conception of it or of anything else.

In the case of the "Private Baptism of Infants," the rite is very short, only long enough to secure the salvation of the recipient; if the child should not die the observance omitted will be after

wards supplied; or as the Prayer Book has it—"If the child who is after this sort baptized do afterwards live, it shall be brought to the church," when the service shall be completed.

One of the parts omitted was what related to "godfathers" and "godmothers," or as they are also termed "sponsors" or "sureties."

In the case of a male child there are two godfathers and one godmother; in the case of a female child, two godmothers and one godfather.

Before the infant is by a fiction "dipped in the water," these sponsors are required to promise for him and "in his name"—or, as it is otherwise expressed in the "Office" by an unheard-of use of language—"the child! faithfully promises by them!! that he will renounce the Devil and all his works and constantly believe God's Holy Word!!!"

One cannot but ask how these surities propose to bring about these results! They could not promise as much for themselves; and if they did, they have no security that they would perform it.

While all the streets of this town are well kept, that of Cedar Avenue is the most inviting, being as its name indicates an avenue of cedars. The surroundings of the town are exceptionally fine, and here are to be seen the residences of the elite of Bermuda.

As at St George, so in Hamilton, an able and active corporation manages—under the presidency of a mayor—the affairs of the town with much competency. Formerly this town could boast of the silk industry, but that has fallen into disuse, and the only factory that gives Bermudians any claim to a place in the list of industries is one that is used for the manufacture of ice.

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In passing from the town our attention is drawn to a tree under which the saintly Whitefield preached, and as we pursue our journey west we see in the Presbyterian church of the parish of Warwick the place of most of Whitefield's ministrations.

In EVERY CASH PURCHASE of 3s and upwards, a CERTIFICATE OF PURCHASE will be enclosed in parcel of goods, entitling the holder to ONE COUPON in our CUSTOMERS' PREMIUM PRIZE DISTRIBUTION, good for three months from October 1st.

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For further particulars apply to H. S. DODGE, Kentville, Oct. 7th, 1887.

Old Sydney Mines Coal. To arrive at Wolfville about 1st October, Cargo Old Sydney Mines Coal of Messrs Fullerton.

top, 14 ft; height from gallery to the centre of the light, 11 ft; from centre of light to top of the vane, 17 ft; total as above, 134 ft. The light is open for inspection every day but Sundays and holidays and must be reached one hour before sunset to see the lantern.

From Wreck Hill and Cedar Hill at the west of Somerset Parish we have a continuation of the fine views that are to be gained only from such elevations. We should have mentioned here this Fort Hamilton glacis, Clarence Hill (residence of Admiral), Mt Langton (residence of Governor) in Pembroke Parish; Prospect Hill in Devonshire Parish; Knapton Hill in Smith's Parish; Cottage Hill in Hamilton Parish, and the St George Barracks, from all of which may be seen some most striking and dissimilar views.

The dock is secured in position by three iron girders each 112 ft long, fitted so as to rise and fall with the dock. The dimensions of the dock (which have already been given) are as follows:—Length over all, 381 ft; length between caissons, 330 ft; breadth over all, 124 ft; breadth inside walls, 84 ft; depth, 75 ft; total weight, 3240 tons. There are three millions of rivets in it which alone weigh 800 tons.

It is divided longitudinally into eight water-tight compartments and transversely into six water-tight compartments, so that it contains, irrespective of engine rooms, pump, wells &c., forty-eight distinct water-tight compartments, by means of which the position of the water required for working the dock can be regulated.

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Wolfville, Oct. 14th 1887.

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