

dying. My last hopes are blighted. As for fame, it is a bubble that must soon burst. Earned for others, shared for others, it was sweet; but, at my age, to my own solitary experience it is bitter. Left in my chamber alone with myself, is it wonderful my philosophy at times takes fright; that I rush into company, resort to that which blunts, but heals no pang; and then, sick of the world and dissatisfied with myself, shrink back into solitude?" Perhaps few literary contrasts are sharper than that presented by the first great success of Alexandre Dumas, at the Palais Royal, albeit that success was of a questionable kind. The Duc de Orleans (Louis Philippe) was there, accompanied by twenty or thirty princes and princesses. Completely unknown before the representation of his "Henry Trois," he was next day the most famous man in Paris. As soon as his success was assured, and he had received the congratulations of his friends, he hurried off to see his sick mother. "How many envy me this evening," he writes, "who little think that I passed the night on a mattress by the beside of my dying mother."—*Frederick Arnold.*

THE Rev. J. Page Hopps, one of the members of the Glasgow (Scotland) School Board, has been addressing a meeting of his electors, and giving an account of his Stewardship. We know of a School Board, the members of which never give an account of themselves at all.

"CONVERSION" OF A SCOTCH PRESBYTERIAN SEAMAN.—A Scotch Presbyterian sailor in the hospital of the Pelligrini at Naples has been rather forcibly made to enjoy such spiritual benefits as the Church of Rome has to offer. He was visited several times after his reception at the hospital by the Scotch minister, Mr. Gowin, but one day that gentleman, on going to visit his patient, found the bed surrounded by priests, and the rites of the Romish Church in the act of performance. Mr. Gowin was told he had nothing to do with the man, who had become a Catholic; but having obtained, two days later, an order of admittance from the Pre-

fect, Mr. Gowin saw the sailor again, and was assured by him that he was totally unconscious of what had been done.—*Echo.*

Union in Cumberland County.

This whole County seems to be strongly in favour of the Union of the Churches. Our congregation in Pugwash has spoken out decidedly. The Free Church congregation in the same place is also in favour of the measure; and as one result already, the two congregations are to have an Union Sunday School. A similar happy state of things prevails, we understand, in Wallace. Much of this is, doubtless, owing to the late minister of the two charges, and to the present minister of Pugwash. In Spring Hill also, the people have gone ahead of the Churches, and formed a local union in anticipation of the general one. They are realizing the blessed influences of such a Christian spirit, for there is a religious quickening in the place that is producing much fruit to the glory of the great Head of the Church.

NOTICES AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

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An excellent way of doing good has occasionally been adopted in Scotland by persons possessed of the requisite means. Certain books which are fitted to be very useful to ministers, students and S. S. teachers, are offered to one, or perhaps all, of these classes at a greatly reduced price. Desirous of accomplishing the same result here, in the measure permitted by his limited resources, a gentleman has made an arrangement by which clergymen of this Church can obtain from the British American Book and Tract Society's Depository, 133 Granville Street, Halifax, the memoir of that Apostolic missionary, the late Rev. Wm. C. Burns, M. A., for 44 cents, half its usual selling price. It is requested that all who desire to take advantage of this offer will do so as soon as possible.

YOUNG MEN'S BURSARY FUND.

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Legacy by the late John McLeod, Mt. Thom, paid by his widow Mrs. Mary McLeod	20 00
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W. C. MENZIES, Treasurer.
Halifax, May 4, 1874.