

desirable for the colonial churches, and as likely to create an amount of business which her own courts could not be expected to undertake.

3. With reference to ministers settled in the colonies, who have been ordained by or received licence from the Church of Scotland, she cannot and does not abandon her jurisdiction over them individually. The exercise of such jurisdiction will be suspended while they continue members of, and subject to a church judicatory in the colonies recognised by the Church of Scotland. But as such persons still retain the status of ministers or licentiates of the Church of Scotland, whose commission they hold, and in virtue of whose commission they exercise their functions, they can never be absolutely freed from the jurisdiction of her courts; and accordingly, whenever circumstances arise which call for its exercise—as, for instance, when such ministers throw off subjection to the church court to whose oversight their own Church had been willing to intrust them—the powers suspended in exercise, but not abandoned, may again be called into operation, not merely to cut off from connection with the parent Church, but, if necessary, to depose, and so deprive of that character and office which the church of Scotland has bestowed, and which she must ever retain the power to take away."

SELF DECEPTION.

There are two tests, equally fallacious, by which men are apt to try themselves, when judging of their spiritual state. First, comparing themselves with themselves—what they are, or fancy themselves, now, with what they were, or imagine themselves to have been, at some former period; unconscious, perhaps, that the vices of youth have merely been relinquished for those of more advanced years. Secondly, contrasting themselves with others, who are, or whom they suppose to be, lower in the scale of moral excellence; which, at the best, is but the pharisaical boast, "Lord, I thank thee that I am not—as this publican;" and forgetting that there never was but one living exemplar whom, in all respects, we might safely follow; one being, clothed with humanity, whom we might propose to ourselves as an unerring standard by which to estimate our growth in grace.

Do you then enquire, "How are we to satisfy ourselves on this momentous subject? How obtain an answer to the important question, is my heart right with God?" We reply, by comparing yourself neither with yourself, nor with others, but with the requirements of the infinitely pure, and perfect law of God; for, in practical as well as doctrinal religion, this is the test, "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because they have no light in them." Do you then "delight in the law of God after the inward man"—"walking in newness of spirit and not in the obscurity of the letter"—"laying aside," not this or that particular sin, while you are rolling some other, as a sweet morsel, under your tongue, but "every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset you," and "perfecting holiness in the fear of the Lord?" Are you sensibly "growing in grace, and in the knowledge of your Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ;" while your, "hearts desire and prayer to God is that you may be saved"—that your path may be that of the just, "which, as the shining light, shineth more and more unto the perfect day?" If to these questions, and such as these, your conscience returns a satisfactory response, then, indeed, are there tokens for good; but even then, such is the tendency in human nature to self-deception; such the danger that we may have only flattered ourselves into the belief of what we wished to be true, that we have reason to prefer the prayer of the psalmist, "Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts; and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."

The steam ship Great Western arrived at New York on the 3d inst. in 144 days from Bristol. We are indebted to our attentive Correspondents for New York papers to the 4th, and Boston to the 6th inst; and London to the evening of the 17th ult, by which we are enabled to lay before our readers a copious summary of the news brought by that vessel, and which we are happy to find is of a much more pleasing nature than previous advices had given us reason to expect.

The grain crop throughout England and Scotland had been nearly all secured, and it was generally believed would prove a fair average one; in Ireland however, it was feared there would be a deficiency. The potato crop was abundant. An improvement had taken place in the monetary affairs of the country, and trade was reviving.—Journal.

MEETING OF THE LEGISLATURE.—By a Proclamation in yesterday's Gazette, the Legislature is summoned to meet for the dispatch of business, on the 31st December next. This early meeting is understood to be in consequence of the difficulties which have arisen out of the constitution of the existing Grand Juries.—Novascotian.

NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY.

On Thursday evening the 7th inst. the Annual Meeting of this flourishing and useful Benevolent Institution was held at Mason Hall, when the accounts for the past year were audited, a number of new members proposed and admitted, and the following persons elected Office-bearers for the ensuing year:

- Alexander Prinrose, Esq. President.
Charles W. Wallace, Esq. Vice President.
Mr. John McLean, { Assistant Vice Presidents.
" John Fraser, {
" Samuel Gray, Secretary.
" George P. Mitchell, Assist. Secretary.
" John Watt, Treasurer.

Committee of Charity.

- Mr. Adam Esson, Mr. John Fraser,
" Robert D. Clarke, " John Rhind.
" William S. Moore,

Committee for Collecting back Dues.

- Mr. William Murray, Mr. Joseph G. Ross.
" Alex. McKenzie,
" John Robb, Messenger.

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His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, has been pleased to appoint the following Gentlemen to be High Sheriffs for the ensuing year, viz:—

- For the County of Halifax, John James Sawyer, Esq.
Hants, Charles J. Wilkins, Esq.
King's County, William Campbell, Esq.
Annapolis, Edward H. Cutler, Esq.
Yarmouth, John Bingay, Esq.
Shelburne, Cornelius White, Esq.
Queen's County, Robert Roberts, Esq.
Lunenburg, Henry Kaulback, Esq.
Cumberland, Joshua Chandler, Esq.
Colchester, George Grassie, Esq.
Pictou, John Harris, Esq.
Sydney, Edward H. Harrington, Esq.
Guysborough, Murdoch McLean, Esq.
Cape-Breton, Joshua W. Weeks, Esq.
Richmond, John Fuller, Esq.
Inverness, George C. Lawrence, Esq.

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.

This institution was opened for the season on Wednesday last, with an able and appropriate address from JOSEPH HOWE, Esq. in which he traced the progress of the Institute from its origin, amidst doubts and difficulties, to the confidence and security of its present standing, and suggested various measures for increasing its efficiency, and disseminating its benefits; one of which was to give greater publicity to the gratuitous admission of persons from the country, to the lectures. A discussion of some interest followed, in which G. R. Young, Esq. took a prominent part, on the subject of an initiatory school. The matter was left to the discretion of the committee. Mr. Howe's address is to be published.

FIRE.—On Thursday afternoon an alarm was occasioned by a fire having broken out in Mr. W. Donovan's Spruce Beer Brewery, at the corner of Phillips' hill. Fortunately the fire occurred at a time when a multitude could readily assemble and act in concert, so that it was prevented from extending to the dwellings almost adjoining the Brewery.—Rec.

OFFICE OF ORDINANCE, Oct. 10.—Royal Regiment of Artillery Major General Sir J. H. Caracross to be Col. Commandant vice Sir J. MacLean, deceased.

ROYAL NAVY.—Lieutenant Courtney Hayes, 1835, late of the Inconstant, is advanced to the rank of Commander.

THE GARRISON.—His Excellency the Lieut. Governor reviewed the 8th Regiment on Monday at 11 o'clock, and the 37th on Wednesday on the Exercising Ground. Though but a short time in this Garrison, the hale appearance of both regiments strikingly exhibits the effects of a wholesome climate, whilst their discipline is nothing short of perfection. We understand that the masterly style in which the 37th executed a variety of novel and intricate manœuvres, especially echelon movements, induced Sir Colin to pass a very high eulogium upon Colonel Smelt and his excellent regiment.—Recorder.

MELANCHOLY ACCIDENTS.

Mr. James Leonard, of this town, carpenter, was drowned last evening while crossing the harbour.—The deceased and two others, Thorp and Smith, were going over to Mr. Fairbanks's Farm in a sail boat; about three hundred yards from the wharf they were shifting the sail, when one of their hats fell into the water; on attempting to get it the boat upset.—Thorp and Smith were saved. Leonard we understand was a very good swimmer, but had on a heavy over coat.—Recorder.

A fine little boy, of three years old, son of Mr. E. Duckett, was so severely burnt on Thursday last, at the house of a relative, as to cause his death on the following day. The servant girl only left the room where the child was playing, for an instant, and on her return he was found enveloped in flames—they were immediately extinguished, and assistance procured, but the result, as stated above, has been fatal. Several other accidents to children, from the same cause, have occurred during the past week.

LAUNCHED, at Liverpool, N. S. on the 6th inst. the new brig "The Honourable Samuel Cunard," built by Mr. Nathan Randal, for Messrs. Campbell & Roberts, of this place, 296 tons burthen, The Hon. S. C. is a beautiful vessel, copper fastened, and built and rigged of as good materials as could be procured in this Province, and the workmanship reflects great credit on the builder. May she prove successful to her owners.—Journal.

PASSENGERS.

In the Acadian from Boston—Mr. and Mrs. Darcey, Messrs. H. Lawson, C. P. Tropolet, Chandler, Dennet, Gay, Dicket, and four in the steerage.

In the Great Western, at New York, from Bristol—The Bishop of Toronto and the Hon. J. Cunard.

The October Packet from Britain has not yet arrived, but is hourly expected.

We intend to publish in our next, and in succeeding numbers, several valuable communications on Education, on Missions, and on the claims of the Colonial Church.

MARRIED.

On Thursday evening, by the Rev. Mr. Martin, Capt. EDWARD LEWIS of Barrington, to Miss CHRISTIAN SUTHERLAND, of this place.

On Friday evening, by the Rev. John Martin, Mr. HENRY WILSON, to Miss HANNAH REYNOLDS, both of this Town.

On Tuesday evening the 5th ult. by the Rev. Mr. Churchill, Mr. MAURICE BOWEN, to Miss ANN, third daughter of the late William Bower, Esq. Postmaster of Windsor.

On Monday evening, by the Rev. John Martin, Mr. THOMAS DAVIS, to Miss JANET YOUNG, both of this Town.

At Chester, on Thursday the 31st October, by the Rev. Dr. Shreve, Mr. GEORGE KAPUSE, to Miss ELIZABETH SHEFFER. On Saturday evening, Nov. 2d. by the same, Mr. EDWARD WHELAN, to Mrs. ELIZABETH NEAL, widow.

At St. Andrews, on the 27th ult. by the Rev. Mr. Archibald, Captain JOHN M'ALPIN, of Inverness, to MARTHA, youngest daughter of ——— Rainnie, of Aberdeen.

At St. Andrews, on the 27th ult. by the Rev. Mr. Archibald, JOHN A. UNDERWOOD, Esq. Lieutenant United S. A. McLean, Service, to Miss MARY, daughter of the late Mr. George Cane of West Isles, Charlotte County.

DIED.

On Thursday morning, RACHEL, wife of Qtr. Master Sergeant Shean, Royal Sappers and Miners, in the 33d year of her age leaving a husband and large family to mourn the loss of an affectionate wife and tender parent.

Friday evening of apoplexy, aged 55 years, Mr. DANIEL BUCKLEY, a native of Cork, Ireland, and for many years a respectable inhabitant of this town.

Friday, EDWARD, eldest son of Mr. Edward Duckett, aged three years and 10 months.

Suddenly, on Saturday night, in the 60th year of her age, MARY, relict of the late Mr. Henry Hill.

Early on Sunday morning, EMMA MARY, only daughter of the Rev. Dr. Twining, in the 17th year of her age.

At Annapolis Royal, on the 30th Oct. at the residence of his father, JAMES LOVETT, Esq. Barrister at Law, aged 25 years. By this bereavement, his sorrowing parents and afflicted relatives are called deeply to deplore their loss—society a member graced with many virtues—and the country a friend, who for sweetness of temper, urbanity of manners, together with natural and acquired abilities, bade fair to be among its brightest ornaments. Amidst protracted and painful sufferings, he met his death with unshaken fortitude, and calmly resting his soul in the atonement of Christ, his end was peace. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord; even so saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labours.

On the 6th instant, of consumption, in the 23d year of his age, at the residence of his uncle, (Mr. William Loudette,) in Digby, Nova-Scotia, GEORGE, fourth son of Mr. Jas. McKenzie, Merchant, Thurso, County of Caithness. Though far removed from his home and the pious care of his fond parents, yet their place was amply supplied by his affectionate uncle and aunt.

On his passage from Havana, GEORGE A. JOHNSTON, aged 14 years, son of Alexander Johnston, quarter-master, half pay of the 60th Regt. fact.

Drowned, on Friday evening last, by the upsetting of a boat, in crossing the harbour, Mr. JAMES FORMAN LEONARD, in the 26th year of his age, a worthy and industrious young man.

For Marine News, see page 167.

A Female Servant Wanted, Apply at this Office.