Paterson gave an original proof of the 92nd of the Theorems for exercise, Wormell's Geometry, and Miss Kate Loggie demonstrated the law of falling bodies by a geometrical figure on the black board.

THE PRIZES.

It was announced that the Trustees had supplied three prizes, and that two additional ones had been provided. The prize for regular attendance was awarded to Miss Maggie Mowat, who had not lost a day during the term.

Mr. Oakes suggested that, as an entertainment was to be given by the pupils, the following evening in the Masonic Hall, for the purpose of raising money for a small cabinet, that occasion would be a good time to distribute the prizes.

Mr. Winslow briefly addressed the pupils, saying he had been pleased with the other schools and the progress in this one was fairly satisfactory. He thought, however, that the children hardly spoke distinctly enough; when they read they should speak plainly. The progress the classes in Geography and Algebra had made was good. He thought that it was the duty of the gentlemen present to speak plainly, as this was a public institution and what was said should be well received by those interested. He had that afternoon observed rudeness on the part of a boy when spoken to by his master. If he noticed it again he should mention his name publicly.

The Rev. Dr. Jardine said he could only express the great pleasure he had felt at being present on this occasion. He was pleased with the progress made by the pupils in Algebra and Arithmetic, which were now taught in the schools by methods which were formerly used in colleges. The pupils now, therefore, enjoyed great advantages in the manner of teaching. But no institution was perfect, and he thought the errors the Latin class had made in pronunciation would hardly have been tolerated in his day. He said Mr. Oakes had stated that he left instruction in pronunciation till the pupils commenced Virgil, but this was a bad plan as it was hard for pupils to get out of bad habits, and scholarship in Latin was greatly judged of, by the accuracy with which it was read. On the whole the pupils were to be congratulated.

The Rev. Mr. McBain said he could only repeat what had been said in connection with other departments; both parents and children should be glad to have such a department as the High School. He had been unable to be present at Miss Haviland's examination, but, no doubt, there was considerable improvement. In reference to the High School, he would endorse the remarks already made; as to the Latin class, if the scholars, when they were looking up words, would cast their eyes on the quantity, it would be much better than leaving this matter until they came to verse. He was pleased with their mathematical proficiency and the comparison with their attainments six months ago in this branch, spoke well for them. He hoped the progress they had made in the past would be an encouragement for them in future, and would prove useful to them in after life.

The Rev. Mr. Forsyth said he would simply congratulate the pupils on the great advantages they enjoyed, but he thought they displayed too great a diffidence in answering the questions put to them, but on the whole there was much improvement.

Mr. A. W. Paterson said he had attended these examinations every year, and of late had noticed a marked improvement. He would particularly allude to the increased interest manifested by parents, as indicated by the presence of so many of them although the day was unpleasant. He did not notice the rudeness on the part of the boy alluded to by Mr. Winslow: it was probably a mistake, although it was well to remind him of it. He was pleased to see so many visitors, as it showed the school law was appreciated and that unanimity prevailed.

Thomas Crimmen Esq., said as the first Trustee had found some fault he would take another line, as faults should not be spoken of without naming the excellencies, also. The High school unlike other schools was a county institution, and the attendance being irregular, caused a great deal of trouble. The mathematical and other departments were excellent. This was the first examination he had attended as Trustee at this school, though he had often called in and been pleased with what he had seen. In conclusion he would state that Mr. S. U. McCully had offered a prize for Geometry to be given next term.

Mr. Oakes said he felt grateful to the gentlemen who had spoken because they had done so frankly, and he took in good part anything that had been said. He thought he must have been misunderstood, when he was represented as saying that he paid no attention to the pronunciation of Latin: On the contrary he was particular in correcting mistakes in Latin pronunciation, but he did not give instruction in the *laws* of Prosody until the pupils came to the reading of Virgil. He had 26 different classes and could only give a short time to each; he therefore, could not give proper attention to every branch. He thought, however, that the pupils were making fair progress, and his aim was to develop the mind. One cause of the want of proficiency in some branches, was the irregularity of attendance. The co-operation of parents was earnestly to be desired and he felt that there was not always that amount of sympathy extended to teachers which there ought to be; and some pupils, on being offended, would stay away three or four days at a time. The co-operation of parents in relation to the graded system was also requested, as it was of great consequence, that the pupils should enter the departments at the right time. There were now three pupils undergoing written examination for diplomas and as the prizes were not at hand, he would again suggest to the Trustees that these prizes and certificates be given publicly at the entertainment the following evening.

After the examination was closed the trustees held a meeting with the Revds. Dr. Jardine, Forsyth, and McBain, by whom the candidates for diplomas had been examined for four days, for the purpose of receiving the report of the examiners. It was decided that the applicants were qualified to receive diplomas and that they should be presented the following evening.

HIGH SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT.

The High School entertainment held in the Masonic Hall on Thursday evening last, was quite a success, the hall being nearly filled and good order prevailing. The following was the programme:—

Opening address—by Master A. E. Patterson.
Chorus—"Spring Carol," by the Company.
Essay—"A Roman," by Master C. Blair.
Chorus—"Sweet Visions of Childhood," by the Company.
Dialogue—"The Hoyden," by Misses Kate Loggie, Ada Johnson, Ethel Benson, and Master Ernest McKay.
Trio—"The Rosebush," by Misses A. Johnson, J. Shirreff, F. Kelly.
Reading—"Papa's Letter," by Miss B. Creighton.
Recitation—"The Genius of Byron," by Master W. Snowball.
Chorus—"Filez, Filez," by the Company.
Dialogue,—"The new Scholar," by Misses Ettie Loudon, Jennie Shirreff, Fannie Blair, Bessie Creighton, Florence Kelly, Bessie Carmichael, Marjory Dickens, Ethiel Benson, and Maggie Loudon.
Essay,—"Canada," by R. Anderson.
Chorus,—"Hurrah for Canada," by the Company.
Essay—"An Old Shoe," by Bessie Creighton.
Recitation—"The Curfew," by Miss Maggie Mowat.
Dialogue—"Three men of Science," by Masters T. Blake, T. Marquis, E. Fleiger and A. Marquis.
Essay—"Should education be compulsory," by A. E. Patterson.
The A. B. C. Duet—by Misses. A. Davidson and Ettie Loudoun.

The following prizes were distributed by T. E. Winslow, Esq.

Miss Mowat, prize for regular attendance.
Miss Eliza Letson, prize for best writing, presented by Mr. W. Murray.
Miss Bessie Carmichael, 1st prize for reading.
Master E. Fleiger, 2nd prize for reading.
Miss B. Creighton, 1st prize for general proficiency.
Miss M. Davidson, 2nd prize for general proficiency.
Honorable mention in Reading: Maggie Mowatt, Eliza Letson, Florence Kelly.
Honorable mention in Writing: Henrietta Loudoun.
Honorable mention in General Proficiency: Albert Patterson, Kate Loggie, Bessie Carmichael, Flora Kelly.

Diplomas were awarded to Masters Albert Patterson, Robert Anderson and Charles Blair for having honorably completed the High School course.

Miss Ada Johnston presided at the piano and the programme, especially "The Curfew," by Miss Mowat was very well rendered.

After Mr. Oakes, on behalf of the school had thanked the audience for their attendance, the entertainment was brought to a close by the company singing "God Save the Queen."

MISS TWEEDIE'S SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8.

The examination of pupils in this school took place on Wednesday morning April 30th. The Trustees, Messrs. William Lawlor, L. J. Tweedie, and W. T. Connors were present. Owing to the day being a rainy one the attendance of ladies and gentlemen was not as large as on former occasions, but those who were present were well pleased with the aptitude of the children and the ready manner in which they answered the many questions put to them. Miss Tweedie is aided by Miss Brown, as assistant Teacher. The following was the programme:—

Recitation "Papa's Letter" by F. Wilson.
Class B. and C. object Lesson "The Sheep."
Reading from Primer.
Reading from 1st. Reader.
Recitation "Mother's Darling," Ella Layton.
Ball Frame.
2nd. Reader with Dictation.
1st. and 2nd. Mental Arithmetic classes.
Fractions, Slate Arithmetic, Simple and Compound Interest, Insurance, Simple Rules.
Recitation, "Children's Choice" by E. Wilson, S. Morrison, M. Gilles, Robert Irvin, William Gullivar.
Geography, Dominion of Canada, United States, Europe.
Recitation, "Somebody's Mother" by E. Craig.
1st. 2nd and 3rd. Grammar Classes. Analysis Parsing.
Recitation, "Going to School" by M. Gillis, Willie Todd.
3rd. 4th. 5th. and 6th Reading Class with Dictation.
British History, Canadian &c.
Recitation, "The Clock" by S. Carrol.
Compositions.
Recitation "Ship on Fire" Geo. Simpson.
Oral Grammar, Geography Classes.

There was a very full attendance of pupils, 86 being present. There are 119 names on the roll, with an average attendance of 66 for the term.

At the close of the examination Mr. Lawlor, on behalf of the Trustees, addressed the children saying he was much pleased with the examination, and with the marked progress made by the children since the last examination; he also paid a high compliment to the Teachers, Miss Tweedie and Miss Brown, who do all in their power to advance their pupils.

CORRECTION.—In our report of the examination of the Intermediate Department in our last issue the recitation "Sunshine" and "Shower," should have been credited to Miss Maggie Snowball in the place of Miss Maggie Mowat.

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Miramichi and the North Shore, etc.

LOCAL SHIPPING news will be found under the proper heading.

THE "LADDIE" was the first tug at work on the river this season.

THE CHATHAM ferryboat *Teazer*, Capt. Haviland commenced running on Tuesday.

THE NEW ERA is now making regular trips between Chatham and Newcastle, Douglastown and Nelson.

MILLS:—The Chatham mills, Mr Morrison's mill, the Water mill and Black Brook mill are all running.

GRAND MASTER:—Robert Marshall, Esq. M.P.P., has been re-elected Masonic Grand Master of New Brunswick.

NEW TEACHER:—Frank McCully Esq. of Sussex is the successor of Rev. Mr. Flewwelling in the mastership of the Advanced school, Newcastle.

THE FIRST ARRIVAL this season was the Norwegian bark *Nicanor*, consigned to J. B. Snowball, Esq., and the second, the *William Gynther*, same consignee.

OUR FISHERY MATTERS have received very effective treatment in Parliament at the hands of Mr. Snowball as appears by our Ottawa letter. Our correspondent says the speech was much fuller on all the points referred to than he has reported it.

REV. H. H. BARBER, of Newcastle, writes to the S. P. G.:—"For the twelve months ending September, 1878, I drove, in parochial work, nearly 6,000 miles, preached nearly 250 sermons, besides services without sermons, and made nearly 1,500 parochial visits."—*Church Guardian.*

CHATHAM BRANCH Railway Company held its annual meeting on Wednesday last and re-elected the old Board of Directors, with exception of Hon. R. Young, Hon. Mr. Kelly being elected in his place. It seems that Mr. Young's action in taking legal proceedings, against himself is not approved.

FRESHET:—The spring freshet has been very high in some portions of the Miramichi and we hear that Mr. David Somers of Little Southwest lost several sheep by the backing up of water caused by a jam below his farm. Low lands have been flooded in a good many places and considerable lumber carried away with the heavy water and ice.

STRAWBERRIES:—"Mr. Wipl", the enterprising correspondent of the St. John paper that "shines for all," has, it appears, been enjoying a trip up-river in the *Andover*. He describes the fields as covered with "strawberry blossoms" which turned out to be as rotten and "fishy" as a certain lot of well insured tinned goods shipped to England a few years since and ——— thrown overboard" in a gale." On this occasion the searcher after "strawberry blossoms," was not accompanied by any gentle representative of the aboriginies, as on some of his down-river expeditions.

CHARACTERISTIC:—The "absorbing" local journal is engaged in misrepresenting what our representative at Ottawa says and does and then pretending to shed tears over its own weak inventions. If it has any spare tears it might drop a few in connection with a certain performance a few nights since in a certain place in the "lower town", Ottawa. It is seldom that such distinguished gentlemen figure in such scenes. It might obtain particulars from a gentleman the praises of whose Ottawa doings it has been ever ready to sound.

COOL BURGESS AND THE SPAULDINGS visited Chatham last week and gave performances in the Masonic Hall on Friday and Saturday evenings. It is only necessary to say that they gave the highest satisfaction; that Mr. Burgess is a host in himself, his character impersonations being excelled by no artist that has ever visited Chatham; the Spauldings' bell playing was delightful and Mrs. Spaulding's Harp performances simply wonderful. Indeed this lady appears to be equally skill at home with the Cornet and other difficult instruments. A feature of the entertainment that was very attractive was the singing of the Spaulding children and the musical performance with the goblets. Burgess, however, is a 'whole show' himself and we hope that we shall see the Burgess-Spaulding combination again as they are going on their summer trip to Newfoundland.

That Election Protest.

It appears that the four valiant petitioners against the return of the sitting member for this County have not applied for a trial. They seem to have cooled off very considerably in the matter. What's up?

The "Andover."

It is said that the steamer, *Andover*, is to make a trial trip down the river to-day, with a view of having arrangements made for her running on that route. The undertaking on which the subsidy was secured for her was based on petitions sent to the Legislature asking for some $1,500, for a suitable boat to make regular trips three times a week between Newcastle, Chatham, Black Brook, Point aux Car, Bay du Vin, Fox Island, Escuminac, Neguac, Burnt Church, Tabusintac, Oak Point, etc. These places were all named in the petitions and the owners of the boat having agreed to touch regularly at them all, for the purpose of receiving and landing freight, will, no doubt, be glad to include any other stopping places which may offer business. The people of the lower portion of the river should do all in their power to give the boat business, so as to make the service self-sustaining as soon as possible, for the Government gives the subsidy with the understanding that it will not be necessary when the business of the route is regularly established. If the *Andover* prove fit for the service, she will be a great accommodation to those engaged in the fresh fish trade, for the certainty of getting the fish to the railway quickly and regularly, is of paramount importance.

Dramatic.

The Chatham Amateur Dramatic Club gave a performance in Masonic Hall, on Monday evening last. There was a fairly large audience, notwithstanding the fact that the weather was unfavorable and attractive entertainments were given in the same hall on the previous Friday and Saturday evenings. The "Gunmaker of Moscow," was performed with the "Irish Tiger" as an afterpiece. A correspondent, in another column, criticises the amateurs' efforts rather severely, we think, for the audience generally appeared to be much pleased. The costumes of the several characters in the "Gunmaker," though, of course, not strictly in imitation of those of the time of Peter the Great, as they should have been, were, nevertheless, well conceived and very attractive, They were home productions entirely, also. The parts seem to have been fairly committed to memory, although our critical friend appears to think differently, but, much of the reading was done in a tone of voice which was doubtless too low, while there was, also, a lack of distinct enunciation. As a whole, however, the performance was a very creditable one and we venture to say that "one of the audience" would, perhaps, find the task of excelling the renditions of some of the performers more easily imagined than accomplished. At all events, the Club are satisfied that they achieved a moderate success and they could not reasonably expect more.

The Orchestral part of the performance was excellent, and the fact that our severe critic has not attacked it, is good evidence of the fact. We have not learned whether the Club will perform again the present season or not, but it is to be presumed they will be to the fore next season. The local public seem disposed to support them well, and they will, no doubt, strive to deserve the encouragement they have received.

Orange Grand Lodge.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of the L. O. A. of New Brunswick, commenced its Annual Session on Tuesday evening, 6th inst., in the Hall of "No Surrender" L. O. L. No. 47, Newcastle. The attendance of representatives is large from the several Counties of the Province. E. Willis, Esq., R. W. G. M., and all the grand officers of the Order are present. The business outlined promises to be of much importance to the Order throughout the Province, It is expected that the Lodge will close the Session on Friday evening next.—COM.

FROM "GRIP."

The Three Fishers.

Three fishers rose up in the Tariff debate,
ROBERTSON, SNOWBALL, and FLYNN by name;
And each did strongly and pointedly state
That to tax the fisherman 'twas a shame.

But fishers must work
And consumers must weep;
And there's little to do
And prices are steep
And the Opposition is groaning.

Brave ROBERTSON spoke 'gainst the corn meal tax;
Taxed blankets and fish-hooks disgusted SNOWBALL,
FLYNN dwelt on the cruel and stubborn facts Showing fishermen get no protection at all.

But &c.

Nelson Notes.

NELSON, April 26, '79.

DEAR EDITOR:—I would like some information in regard to taxation law, that is, can they exempt farmers from income tax, when they get more wages in the summer than the common run of laborers, or carry on a large lumbering business in the winter time? If so we will all be farmers. Also: can a simple-minded man who is hired by others to back slabs at $1.00 per day, for four months in the year be taxed one hundred per cent. more than a sound-minded gentleman receiving two dollars per day for three or four months per year and also holding the office of assessor?

The examination of Mr. Flynn's school, came off on Tuesday, April 22. The scholars being examined in the different branches of education, acquitted themselves with credit to the teachers. The number of visitors being limited to half a dozen ladies, shows what little interest is taken in the welfare of the rising generation, as well as the public generally; not a trustee being present. NELSON.

Kent County Notes.

The contract for building the new school house at Kingston has been awarded to Messrs. Peters Bros.

The contractors for erecting the Beacon Range Light at the entrance to Richibucto Harbour have nearly completed their work.

The barque *Unity*, Bulmer Master, now *en route* from Havre to Sydney N. S., for orders, has been chartered to load oats at Georgetown, P. E. I., for a port in England, at fifteen cents per bushel.

The schr. *Marie Emma*, 43 tons, registered at Quebec in 1867, has been purchased by Mr. Thos. Roberts of Buctouche for the sum of $500, it is said. This schooner will be employed in the coasting trade between Buctouche and P. E. Island this season.

The schr. *Scud* has made a trip to Miminigash, P. E. I. and return this season. The schrs. *Margaret* and *Albatross* have also made one trip each to Shediac and return—all from Richibucto.

Several square rigged vessels are daily expected at Richibucto from Europe.

Messrs. Jardine Bros. will shortly launch a fine barque of about 800 tons burthen from their shipyard at Kingston.

Considerable damage has been done to the bridge over Cocagne River by floating ice. Extensive repairs will be required before this bridge will be safe for the travelling public, although teams can still cross.

But little has been done in farming operations owing to the backwardness of this season.

Mr. John Bell has opened a tailoring establishment in the DesBrisay store at Richibucto.

Oats are selling in Richibucto at 30 cents per bushel. Potatoes from 25 to 30 cents. Hay brings $10 per ton.

There will be but little done this summer in the coasting trade between Richibucto and P. E. Island. The same remark applies to Buctouche.

Mr. Placide Lagere has been appointed keeper of the Beacon Light at Richibucto.

Correspondence.

"Farmer's" letter will appear next week.

The Lazaretto Scandal.

GLOUCESTER, May 5th. 1879.

MR. EDITOR:—It is not at all surprising that at this stage of the proceedings in the reform of the Lazaretto administration, Mr. John Young should give vent to his feelings over the Government's disposition to do what is fair and just in this matter. We could not expect to find the *Supplies Committee* looking with indifference on the radical change about to be effected in the management of that institution, consequently in the last *Advocate* appears a disgusting and vile effusion, the author of which descends to the vulgarity of a street arab. I am sorry that such a production should have affixed the *nom de plume* of "a member of the Board" as it must be no honor for any one to be a member of that body if that writer must go as a sample.

"A member of the Board" in his present position can do neither much good nor much harm, and I am happy to think it is beyond his power to prevent a satisfactory settlement of affairs. He says, however, my "scheme will end in a miserable abortion;" and *he* will figure conspicuously in that "abortion," in his *exit* from the Board of Health, the dismissal of which is imminent and is desired by all except by Mr. John Young and his friends on that Board.

Mr. John Young departs from the truth when he says I tried to "break the Government," when I advocated the cause of the unfortunate lepers! On the contrary, I said, that the Government, as now formed, were perhaps entitled to a fair trial, supposing them, as they are, disposed to do in this matter what is fair and just, but I did say I would think differently if justice was not done.

I am willing to agree with "A Member of the Board" that he belongs to the "ape persuasion," but he fails in his attempt to show that he (the poor fellow) was badly treated at any time by any member of the Board. He publishes his note to the Rev. Mr. Babineau in 1874 and that Rev. gentleman's reply therete, but he forgot to add that on the occasion referred to, Mr. McDougall remained two days in Tracadie to oblige Mr. Young and give him a chance to attend that meeting. It did not suit him to mention this fact. No, he would rather deny that he ever tried to prevent the Chairman from speaking on the merits of his resolutions and particularly on that for the dismissal of Mr. Phileas Losier!! But we know his memory is short, and this with the controlling influence exercised on him by "that man in the moon" must excite for him feelings of pity, if not of "scorn." He has touched on some points which will wet his powder should he not draw in his horns. He must know, too, or at least we know, that he has not the approbation or support of the Government in the strange course he has just adopted. His letters in the *Advocate* can have little effect beyond hurting his own cause immensely and helping mine in proportion, as, through them, the people of this Province are enabled to *see* him as others *know* him. Yours, INFORMER.

The Amateur Dramatics.

MR. EDITOR:—I hope our dramatic friends have not said good-bye to us yet but, that ere very long they will again favor us with a specimen of their ability.

There is an old proverb to the effect that "practice makes perfect," and it was somewhat disappointing that our amateur friends did not exemplify the truth of it, somewhat more forcibly than they did, as their performance of Monday evening was not by any means so good as their previous appearances. There was a lack of promptness in the various actors following up their cues, and from the very prominent appearance of the promptors in the wings, and the propensity of several of the actors to gravitate to that part of the stage, it looked as though rehearsals had not been so effectual or so numerous as they ought to have been. A great lack of animation also characterised several of the impersonations and a few were just as far wrong in the other direction whilst the sing-song intonation in which the parts of some were spoken was simply murderous both to their pathos and passion. It ought always to be remembered that the audience are those for whose benefit everything is said and done on the stage—and a noticeable feature, in several of the principal figures in the play, was a decided preference for addressing the stage and its properties instead of sending their words outwards and, as a consequence, much that ought to have been heard in the hall, was lost. The Farce was even more glaringly wanting in evenness and finish than the play, and was apparently somewhat cut up to suit either the exigences of time or the actors—and in it the promptor was again prominently to the fore. On the next occasion of their favoring us it might be wise to select a play which would not require quite so much dramatic force and power in the rendering as that put on the boards on Monday evening. These criticisms are offered in no unfriendly spirit, as the writer has had some experience in the management of amateur theatricals and knows some of the difficulties. It ought to be borne in mind that amateurs when they come before an audience whom they have invited to pay to see their performance, lay themselves open to criticism quite as much as professionals, and should take what they get in that line in good part and profit by it as well; and I have no doubt but that were some of the points I have indicated above attended to and corrected, a marked improvement will take place when next the company appear on the boards.

ONE OF THE AUDIENCE.

The Northwest Bridge.

NORTH ESK, April 29, 1879.

To the Editor of the Miramichi Advance.

DEAR SIR.—I saw, in the last ADVANCE a communication signed X. Y. Z., the writer of which wishes A. Adams, to rise and explain certain charges he has made against the Northwest Bridge. Knowing how obliging you are in all things pertaining to the public interest, and as I like to meet on the level I will trouble you for a small space in your valuable paper. The first charge he makes is that the top structor of the bridge, when finished, would rest on log ends resting on rotten face logs. Now such a statement as that is beneath my notice and I would not reply to it only it might deceive the uninformed. First, I will say that the top structure is resting on supports, as required and shown in plan, and specification, which are good and secure. Second, that the face logs are not rotten but are sound cedar of the required size.

He say that several practical bridge builders condemned the piers down to low water mark. Now, I would ask him who those practical bridge builders were? I have said before that I had a very poor opinion of the so-called practical bridge builders' opinions, and I am pleased to know that the Chief Commissioner was not deceived by it, for he stated in the specification that if it were required to get a good foundation they would have to come down, or until the Inspector or Engineer in charge should pronounce them good, which has been done and the piers pronounced sufficiently sound to wear out the top structure, which will last twenty years or more, and which "X. Y. Z." cannot deny, is made of good material, and the workmanship will be a credit to the contractor.

"X. Y. Z." wants to know why the ballast was not removed, and why the logs that have worked out of the piers were not replaced. If he will wait until the work is completed he will find all that will be attended to. His personal charges against the Inspector, and all other questions, I will attend to if he will come out under his own name, so that I may know with whom I have to deal.

"X. Y. Z." says the roadway is not sufficient to allow two double teams to pass, it being only eighteen feet wide. He must intend to have wagons made in keeping with his absurd statements. An ordinary wagon now is only six feet wide. He wants to know if the bridge will be fit to travel over when finished. He says in five months, time it will be a total wreck, or in an unsafe condition. If he were really in earnest in making such statements he is to be pitied, for his friends must know of his insane condition and I hope will pay attention to him.

He says I am the champion of the Inspector and Contractor, which I deny, as I am not the champion of any man or party, but I am the champion of right and justice and as such will the people ever find me, and whenever anything of a public nature is misrepresented by such dog in the manger persons as some who are giving advice, and condemning the Northwest Bridge, I will be found willing and ready to protect the right as far as I am able.

I remain, yours truly,
ANTHONY ADAMS.

"Jesuitically."

To the Editor of the Miramichi Advance.

MR. EDITOR:—Is it not about time that such persons as those who control the St. John *Sun* learned not to make use of expressions unnecessarily offensive and calculated to stir up prejudice. Knowing the *Sun* pretty well and also the Dominion official influence that is connected with it, I am a little surprised that it should be allowed to publish stuff of "the School Crusade" character which offends persons of any religious belief. I, therefore, hope that the editor of that paper who, in the issue of 30th April, wrote—

"While *jesuitically* pretending to defend these gentlemen against imaginary charges, the *Telegraph* all this time strives to hold them up to public indignation for assumed inconsistency"

will learn to avoid making use of words calculated to offend a large number of persons who do not look upon the Jesuits in the same way, perhaps, as does the ultra Protestant *Sun*.

Bathurst, May 3rd. IGNATIUS.

Fashionable Foolishness.

There is no modern fashionable notion quite so absurd as the generally received idea that to be beautiful aud attractive a woman must possess a wan, *spirituelle* face and a figure of sylph-like proportions—a fragility in nine cases out of ten the result of disease. By many fashionable belles it is considered a special compliment to be spoken of as frail and delicate. They forget that the naturally delicate face and *petite* figure are very different from the pale and disease-stricken faces that meet us in the city thoroughfares, look out from the luxuriant carriages of wealth, and glide languidly through our crowded drawing rooms. If disease were unfashionable, as it ought to be, not a lady in the land but would take every possible precaution to secure the fresh, blooming face and well rounded figure that only health can give. Ladies should remember that much as gentle men may profess to admire the face and form paled and emaciated by disease, when they choose a wife they prefer a blooming, health ful, buoyant-spirited woman. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is the acknowledged standard remedy for female diseases and weaknesses. It has the two-fold advantage of curing the local disease and imparting a vigorous tone to the whole system. It is sold by all druggists.

Littell's Living Age.

The numbers of THE LIVING AGE for the weeks ending April 26 and May 3, respectively, contain the following articles: The Progress of Greece, *Macmillan*; The Isle of Bourbon; and Joseph Orsi's Account of the Escape of Louis Napoleon from Ham, *Fraser*; Ancient Egypt, *Contemporary*; The Duties of Ignorance; and A Cremation in China, *Cornhill*; On the Choice of Books, *Fortnightly*; Prof. Huxley on Sensation and the Unity of Structure of Sensiferous Organs, *Nineteenth Century*; Topiary Gardening, *Gardner's Magazine*; The Intellectual Status of the Aborigines of Victoria; and The Ruins of Szegedin. *Spectator*; The Haddoc, *Fishing Gazette*; Tent Life in Palestine, *Chamber's Journal*; Critics and Authors, *Saturday Review*; together with the opening chapters of JEAN INGELOW's new Story, "Sarah de Berenger," and instalments of "The Bride's Pass," by Sarah Tytler, and the usual amount of poetry.

For fifty-two such numbers of sixty-four large pages each (or more than 3,000 pages a year), the subscription price ($8) is low; while for $10.50 the publishers offer to send any one of the American $4 monthlies or weeklies with *The Living Age* for a year, both postpaid. Littell & Co. publishers.

Chapped hands. A few drops of *Johnson's Anodyne Liniment* rubbed into the hands occasionally will keep them soft and free from soreness. Soldiers, sailors and fishermen should remember this. It is the best Liniment in the world for any purpose.

A neighbour of ours lost a valuable mare recently, it is supposed from bots. If he had used 25 cents worth of *Sheridan's Cavalry Condition Powders* he would have been driving his pretty Chestnut to-day. Sorry for you, Doctor. These powders are immensely valuable.

Ask Yourself these Questions.

Are you a despondent sufferer from Sick Headache, Habitual Costiveness, Palpitation of the Heart? Have you Dizziness of the Head? Is your Nervous System depressed? Does your Blood circulate badly? Have you a cough? Low Spirits? Coming up of the food after eating? &c., &c. All of these and much more are the direct results of Dyspepsia, Liver Complaint and Indigestion. GREEN'S AUGUST FLOWER is now acknowledged by all Druggists to be a positive cure. 2,400,000 bottles were given away in the U. S. through Druggists to the people as a trial Two doses will satisfy any person of its wonderful quality in curing all forms of Indigestion. Sample bottles 10 cts. Regular size 75 cts. Sold positively by all first class Druggists in the United States.

Gray's Syrup cures the worst forms Coughs and Colds.
Gray's Syrup cures Sore Throat and Hoarseness.
Gray's Syrup gives immediate relief in Bronchitis.
Gray's Syrup is the best medicine for Asthma.
Gray's Syrup relieves Croup & Whooping-Cough.
Gray's Syrup is invaluable in last stages of Consumption.
Sold everywhere. Price 25 cents.

The Death-rate of

Our country is getting to be fearfully alarming; the average of life being lessened every year, without any reasonable cause, death resulting generally from the most insignificant origin. At this season of the year especially, a cold is such a common thing that in the hurry of every day life we are apt to overlook the dangers attending it and often find too late, that a Fever or Lung trouble has already set in. Thousands lose their lives in this way every winter, while had *Boschee's German Syrup* been taken, a cure would have resulted, at a large bill from a Doctor been avoided. For all diseases of the Lungs, *Boschee's German Syrup* has proven itself to be the greateset discovery of its kind in medicine. Every Druggist in this country will tell you of its wonderful effect. Over 950,000 bottles sold last year without a single failure known.

Shipping Intelligence.

ENTERED.

May 3rd—Barque Nicanor, 423 tons, Olsen, Norway, ballast, J. B. Snowball.
5—Barque William Gynther, 521, Melander, Greenock, ballast, J. B. Snowball.
7th, Bark Somand, 647, Borgensen, Christiania, bal. Guy, Bevan & Co.
Bark Tordenskjold, 426, Paulsen, Drammen, bal. Wm. Muirhead.
Bark Alette, 681, Gjertsen, Stettin, bal., Guy, Bevan & Co.
[The "Ocean" and "Niord," consigned to Mr. Burchill, the "Annie," to Mr. Morrison, and the "Queen Victoria," are in port, but were not entered when our ship news column was closed.]

COASTERS.

May 5—schr. Onward, McKie, New London, produce master.
5—schr. River Queen, Squarebriggs, New London, produce, master.
Schr. Happy Return, Bernard, Millpond, produce, master.
6—schr. Enterprise, Bell, New London, produce master.

CLEARED.

May 6—Bark Eva, 498, Forbes, Belfast, deals, W. Muirhead.

COASTERS

April 14—schr. Saturn, Andersen, Summerside, Shingles, Anderson & Co.
May 3rd—schr. Claymore, Marquis, Pictou, shingles, Anderson & Co.
6—schr. Maria, Gotro, Charlottetown, shingles, Anderson & Co.

DIED.

At Armidale, New South Wales, on the 25th January last, Susan, wife of William Mason, and daughter of the late John Wilson, of Wilson's Point, Miramichi. The deceased was a native of New Brunswick and formerly resided in Chatham.

On Sundey, 27th April at the residence of his son in law, John Brown, Esq., Mr. Wm. Mackenzie, a native of Banfshire, Scotland. The deceased came to Miramichi about the year 1834 and has resided here up to the time of his death.

MARRIED.

At the residence of the bride's father, on April 22nd, by the Rev. J. Robertson, Mr. Alexander Campbell to Miss Isabella Macdonald, all of Black River.

On Monday, 21st April, at Tracadie, by Rev. G. A. Babineau, Mr. Joseph Jones, to Miss Maggie Leclaire. The groom was sixty and the bride thirty-six.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

SPRING! SPRING!!

—LATE ARRIVALS AT—

J. B. SNOWBALL'S,
CHATHAM.

JUST RECEIVED,

PER R. M. STEAMER, VIA HALIFAX:

—150 PIECES—

NEW SPRING PRINTS,

5 Bales UNBLEACHED COTTONS, (various grades.) 1 Bale "HORROCKSES" CELEBRATED LONG CLOTHS, 8-4, 9-4 & 10-4, Bleached COTTON SHEETINGS, (twilled and plain.) 45 inch PILLOW COTTONS,

SCARLET AND WHITE FLANNELS,

NOTTINGHAM LACE CURTAINS, LACE LAMBREQUINS,

(FOR TOP OF WINDOWS,)

Curtain Damasks, Curtain Repps,

(WITH TRIMMINGS TO MATCH)

—36 AND 72 INCH—

BEST ENGLISH FLOOR OIL CLOTHS,

1 Case Ladies' English Walking Hats, (Novelties and cheap,) Children's Sun Hats, Misses' Leghorn Hats, (pretty shapes,) New Flowers, New Mantles,

Gingham, Alpacca, and Silk Umbrellas,

CORSETS,

—A LARGE LOT OF—

LADIES' SILK NECK SCARFS,

LADIES' LACE NECK SCARFS,

New Neck Frillings, Bonnet Borders,

BRAIDS, PEARL BUTTONS, PINS, &c.

GENTS' LINEN COLLARS.

P. S.—Balance of Spring Stock expected about the 15th inst.

CHATHAM, May 3, '79.

HARDWARE, &c.

THE SUBSCRIBER calls attention to his full and complete Stock of ENGLISH and AMERICAN HARDWARE, comprising:

Cut, Wrought and Pressed Nails and Spikes,

SHEET LEAD, ZINC, LEAD PIPE,
IRON, STEEL, CHAINS, IRON & COPPER PUMPS,
SHOVELS, SPADES, FORKS, HOES,
CARRIAGE AXLES AND SPRINGS,

PAINTS, GLASS, PUTTY, BRUSHES,

All kinds of Linseed, Olive, Lubricating, Engine, Lard and Kerosene Oils, Turpentine and Varnish, Sheathing Paper, Hemp and Manilla Rope, Marline, Sporting and Blasting Powder, Fuse, Moncton Ploughs, Stoves, etc.

EARTHENWARE AND GLASSWARE,

ELECTRO-PLATED WARE.

A full assortment of Shelf Goods. Also, FLOUR, OATMEAL, CORNMEAL,

FRESH TIMOTHY, CLOVER AND TURNIP SEEDS,
AT PRICES TO SUIT THE TIMES.

CHATHAM, May 6, '79. F. J. LETSON.

CO-PARTNERSHIP NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have this day entered into a Co-Partnership, under the name and style of Parker & Andrew, for the purpose of carrying on the General Store Business

RICHARD PARKER,
THOS. ANDREW.

Campbellton, N. B., May 1, '79. 5t8

CARD.

THE Undersigned beg to inform their friends and the public generally, that they have purchased the Stock in Trade of Robt. Parker, consisting of

DRY GOODS, CLOTHING, BOOTS & SHOES,
HARDWARE,
GROCERIES, &c.

As they intend carrying on the business at the old stand, they would be glad