

## The Church Times.

HALIFAX, SATURDAY, SEPT. 24, 1853.

## QUEBEC D. C. SOCIETY.

THE gross income for the past year is £1,804 2s. 8d.; Funded property £2,679 13s. 6d. Legacies are announced of £100 from the late Chief Justice Reid, and £500 from Miss Finlay, for widows and orphans of Clergymen.

We shall be happy to record similar gifts, not as legacies, but rather bestowed while hands and hearts are yet warm with life, and while the eye can see the good effected by the money thus devoted to a good purpose. By the way, it may not be amiss to remind our readers that the period for making collections for our own D. C. S. comes on again, and that the general opinion seems to be that the autumn, after the fruits of the earth have been gathered in, and after the fisherman has realised the produce of his summer's toil—is a much better time for that purpose than the mid-winter, which is generally but badly chosen.

## THEATRICALS.

THE city press with one voice has welcomed the return of a family band of players and singers, which turned the heads and captivated the pockets of hundreds of our young people last year. For fear silence should be misconstrued into consent, to the encomiums and warm salutations which have been addressed to those persons, we must express our decided regret that any encouragement should be held out to them. We believe that at first it was the vocal powers of the party that was put forth as the chief attraction, but it is now openly announced that the broad FARCE is the intellectual banquet provided for the improvement of our citizens. Without stopping to discuss the question, long since settled among all rightly judging minds, as to the mischievous tendency of theatrical representations even in their highest form, we must confess our astonishment that the Temperance Hall Committee should have converted that noble Hall into a Play House, especially when they refused to allow even a game of chess within its walls, by which means our young men might be prevented from engaging in vicious pursuits. And we also cannot but express our surprise, putting religious considerations out of the question, that any parent can sanction the presence of their wives, or their children at entertainments, in which all female delicacy is violated, by the personification of male characters by young females.

This one particular ought to be enough to stamp the whole concern with the disapprobation of all lovers of decency and propriety. With these sentiments, we confess that we shall at all times be better pleased to hear of the departure than of the arrival of such visitors. Never, indeed, was there less excuse for reviving among us the illusions and corruptions of the stage than at the present time, when such a variety of recreation for body and mind is within the reach of our young people. In making these remarks we mean nothing personally offensive to the individuals alluded to, of whom we know nothing but from the public "Bills." We speak on the grounds of morality and religion alone.

## THE RAILWAY.

A good deal of disappointment appears to have been felt at Mr. Jackson, the great Railway contractor, not coming on to Halifax immediately after the St. John celebration, and some have augured unfavourably for our own Railroad prospects from that circumstance. On the other hand, however, it is confidently declared that Mr. J. has assured the Nova Scotians who attended at St. John on the recent occasion, that he is resolved to make Halifax the terminus of the Grand Trunk Railway, and that as soon as his surveys now in rapid progress, are completed, he will be here to make the necessary arrangements for the Nova Scotia portion of his gigantic undertaking. He delivered a weighty and practical speech at the St. John gathering, which has been published in the B. N. American, and in the course of which he insists strongly on the necessity of sipping all party feelings and sectional interests, in order to secure the harmonious and successful execution of a project which is to consolidate the North American Provinces, and promote their prosperity to an extent which baffles calculation. He likewise dwells much on the importance of extending to him and his partners the fullest confidence, intimating his determination that without that, to abandon the

enterprise; and moreover offering to tear the seals from his New Brunswick contracts if the people of that Province wished it. We sincerely hope that these hints may have a good effect amongst ourselves, and that when he comes he may have reason to compliment Nova Scotia as highly for energy, and unanimity and all the other requisites for this important crisis in our history, as he has done to our enterprising neighbours over the Bay. In order to this it would be well if the whole of the city press would follow the example of the Recorder, and frankly tender their cordial support to Mr. Jackson, as being now the only probable means of procuring the universally desired RAILROAD.

Since writing the foregoing, we have seen in the St. John Courier a full and graphic account of the celebration, and are glad to perceive that the great work was not commenced without prayer for the Divine Blessing, which was offered up by the Rev. Dr. Gray, in eloquent and appropriate language. This is as it should be.

In the speech of Mr. Jackson we find the clearest intimations of his intentions to include Nova Scotia in his scheme of Railroad inter-communication. He says "I took the measure of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Canada. I said it will never do for conflicting interests to exist here, the work can only be done by a combination of all the Provinces. Again the works in Nova Scotia will be simple and easily effected."

NEWPORT.—In our last we recorded the death of a very worthy man, John Cochran, Esq., of Newport, whose brother, Felix Cochran, departed this life a few weeks only before him. These men must be greatly missed by the little congregation to which they belonged, but we hope that younger ones will be found able and willing to take their places in society and in the Church. A similar loss was sustained some years ago, when Wm. Wier and Benj. Wier, Esqrs., two brothers, and sound Churchmen, and excellent men, died at the same time, and we think were buried on one day. We remember the appropriate text of the Rev. Dr. Porter when preaching, on the occasion—"They were lovely and pleasant in their lives, and in their deaths they were not divided."

We understand that the Revd. Mr. Spike is shortly to be removed from Tusket to Newport.

BISHOP DOANE.—An Ecclesiastical Court of 21 Bishops of the P. E. Church of the U. States, is now sitting for the trial of this Prelate, on certain charges affecting his probity in pecuniary matters. As the trial proceeds, we will endeavour to furnish an abstract for the information of our readers. The Bishop is a man whom we have been accustomed to regard hitherto with high consideration. He has devoted his time, talents, and substance, to the great interests of religious education, in furtherance of which he has founded and kept up for several years, establishments of a high order and a wide spread reputation. In doing so we believe he has gone farther than prudent calculations would warrant; but we shall be much surprised if the present investigation should result in any thing affixing a stigma on his integrity.

PROVIDENTIAL ESCAPE.—Five young gentlemen of this city, had a most remarkable escape from a watery grave on Saturday last. We understand that they were in a sail boat, on their way to Cole Harbour on a shooting excursion, when the boat upset, and immediately sank  $\frac{2}{3}$  of a mile from the shore, leaving part of the mast above water, by which two of the number who could not swim, were able to hold, while the swimmers generously gave up to them that support, and sustained themselves, until a vessel providentially came along and rescued the whole party from their perilous situation. A heavy sea was running at the time. Surely the hand of God is plain in such deliverances, and the devotion to Him of the future lives thus preserved, is as plainly, the true way to show forth His praise.

MOORFIELD.—The Rev. Mr. Dobb, of New Orleans, lately fell a victim to the prevailing pestilence, leaving a wife and six children. A few days afterwards, the wife died. The Rev. Dr. Leacock, who ministered to the departed brother and sister, is also dead.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY.—We see by a supplement to the Bible Society Reports of Aug. 31, that it is recommended to hold the jubilee meetings throughout the world on Wednesday the 12th day of October next. The same paper makes the amount of jubilee fund up to that date £25,608 5s.

HISTORY OF CANADA.—We see that the 4th volume of this work is announced in the Canada papers. The author is Robert Christie, Esq. M. P. P., a native of Windsor, N. S., and an alumnus of King's College. The period embraced in this volume is an interesting one, from 1837 to 1841, when Canada was in a troubled state. We wonder, among the mass of books introduced into our community, not to see Mr. Christie's volumes, which we dare to say contain something more substantial than many others, which are advertised from time to time. We wish that the Historian of our Province would give us a second and revised edition of his work on that subject, extended up to the present time. This would indeed be a valuable contribution, conferring solid advantages upon the inhabitants, (especially the younger portion), of his native land. A good abridgement of this history for the use of schools is also a great desideratum.

THE Parochial Schoolhouse of St. George's which has for many years been used as a Lecture Room, on Thursday evenings, has recently been refitted and improved, and is now lighted with gas. Two hundred children assemble there on the Sabbath day. The Parish Church is in the hands of the painters, and the congregation now meet in the large room of the Free Church College, which has been very kindly given up for their accommodation, both morning and afternoon.

Extract of a Letter from a Clergyman on the Western Shore.—"I am happy to say the Church Times is fast getting up in popularity; this is a promising fact and a present consolation. I regret that our people cannot do more for the C. T. at present, if the fisheries continue to prosper I think they will do more."

## FISHERMAN'S CHURCH, TURN'S BAY.

The last week has been more barren of the needful donations to this good work, than the preceding. The undersigned gratefully acknowledges

From Dr. Jennings, 12s. 6d.

The outside of the Building is rapidly advancing to completion. It is earnestly hoped that the numerous friends who have expressed a deep interest in the undertaking, may soon enable me to meet the demands now coming in.

Sept. 23. J. C. COCHRAN, Miss'y.

The Bermuda mail brings intelligence that the Yellow Fever had appeared at St. George's and had already carried off numbers of the inhabitants. Up to the 9th Lieut. Woodford, 9 men, 4 women, and 2 children, had died belonging to the 56th Regiment, and 106 were sick. John M. Howard, Esq., American Consul; Geo. Houghton, Esq., Clerk of Works, R. E. Dept. and H. A. Tapp, Esq., Ord. Dep. had died—in all 81 deaths. Fever spreading at latest accounts.

ERRATUM.—Omitted from the Calendar the notes—"a To ver. 20. b Begin ver. 5. c Ver. 6 to ver. 16."

## LETTERS RECEIVED.

From Rev. E. B. Nicholls, with remittance £7 10s.—Directions attended to. A. F. Forbes, Esq.—directions attended to. G. K. Moulton, the amount has been paid. D. Owen, Esq.—directions attended to. H. S. Jost, Esq. T. C. Leaver, Esq.

## Birth.

At the Castle, (Cape of Good Hope) 25th June, the wife of D. A. C. G. Gardner, of a daughter.

## Married.

At Chester, on Tuesday, the 6th inst., by the Rev. J. S. Smith, Asst. Missionary, Mr. DAVID LEVY, to Miss SOPHIA BRANTON. Also, at Hubbard's Cove, on the 14th, by the same, Mr. GEORGE DANIEL YOUNG, to Miss SARAH ELIZABETH HORNISH, all of the Parish of St. Stephen.

On Thursday, the 8th inst., at St. Paul's Church, Charlottetown, by the Rev. Lewis Chas. Jenkins, D. C. L. Rector, assisted by the Rev. J. Herbert Read, of St. Helmer's the Honorable JOSEPH HENSLEY, Her Majesty's Attorney General for this Island, to FRANCIS ANN DOWEN, only daughter of the Honorable Robert Hodgson, Chief Justice of this Island.

On Monday evening, the 12th inst., at Rock Cottage, Yarmouth, the residence of Dr. James Bond, JOSEPH HARRISON WARD, of Boston, to DEBORAH COLLINS, eldest daughter of Dr. James Bond.

On Tuesday last, by the Rev. J. C. Cochran, Mr. CHARLES WILKINSON NORWOOD, to Mrs. LYDIA YORKE.

## Died.

At Liverpool, on Monday last, ANN, widow of the late Col. Joseph Freeman.

At Charlottetown, P. E. I., on Wednesday, the 7th inst., after a short illness, the Hon. AMBROSE LANE, in the 62nd year of his age. The deceased was a native of County Tipperary, Ireland, and a son of the late John Hamilton Lane of Lane's Park, in that County. He entered the Army at an early age as an ensign, in the 5th or Tipperary Regiment, subsequently numbered the 25th, in which he attained the rank of Lieutenant, and in the reduction of that Regiment in the year 1818, received the appointment of Ten Major of Charlottetown, which appointment he held at his decease in conjunction with that of Adjutant General and Inspector of the Militia Forces of this colony, with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the Militia, and Brevet and actual rank of Captain in the Army. He was also for nearly 16 years a member of Her Majesty's Executive Council of that colony.

## Shipping List.

## ARRIVED.

Saturday, September 17th.—Schrs. Integrity, McDonald Sydney; Mary Ann, Glasgow, Shoal Bay.  
Sunday, Sept. 18th.—H. M. Steamship Argus, from a cruise; Barque Alexina, Nairnhead, Liverpool. G. B. 30 days.—bound to Virginia—leaky; Schrs. Gladie, Levalle, Matanzas, 13 days; Lucy Alley, McPhoe, New York; May Flower, Purdy, Berlin, 9 days.