

don. Within this date the electric telegraph, now preparing to be laid across the Mediterranean, will have reached Suoz, and four thousand miles of wire, which have already reached Calcutta, will connect every great town in India with the ports of Bombay, so that before the year 1856 expires. London will have communication by electric telegraph, in ten or twelve days time with every part of India, and by steamer and rail, in twenty-one days with Bombay.

The advices from Italy also state that the *Giornal di Noma* of the 4th, announces that the electric telegraph, which already extends from Rome to Bologna and Modena, is to be continued to Terracina, there to meet the Neapolitan wires; so that Naples, Rome, Bologna, and Modena will form but one uninterrupted line.—*Gleaner*.

## The Church Times.

HALIFAX, SATURDAY, DEC. 24, 1853.

### CHRISTMAS DAY.

It seems but the other day, that we joined our readers in welcoming this truly Christian festival, and now, another anniversary of the birth-day of our blessed Redeemer is upon us. Let praise ascend to God from every heart that is spared to witness the return of this joyous day! May its richest blessings, those that pertain to the immortal soul, be fully realized to every one who reads these lines. May we all have a taste for its spiritual associations, no less than for those which more commonly cluster around our hearts. While our memories revert with, perhaps, saddened feelings, to such days in other years, when beloved friends, now no more, shared with us in the joys of this happy season, when parents, husbands, wives, brothers, and sisters, sat with us at the cheerful family board, whose beloved forms are now mouldering in the silent grave; still, let us "rejoice in the Lord," whose birth-day tells us of a coming time, in which, if united to Him by faith in this life, we shall be reunited to them in the next. To those whose dwellings are darkened, at this season, by clouds of domestic sorrow, which have lately gathered over them, and have obscured, for a time, their joy, the Saviour seems to say, "Let not your heart be troubled, ye believe in God, believe also in Me. Comfort ye, comfort ye my people saith your God." To the mourner, under spiritual or temporal affliction, above all others, should this anniversary bring a "strong consolation" which nothing else can. Something to heal the wounds, and dry the tears of the stricken soul, which no other source can supply. We cannot wish to our friends and readers a greater blessing, than that they may be enabled, by the Spirit of God, to realise, in whatever state they are, the fulness of the Saviour's presence in their inmost souls—"Peace on earth—peace with God and man—peace in their own hearts—while, as at this time, the "Prince of Peace" came to bring to "all mankind."

The topics of earthly gratulation are slender in their claims upon our hearts, and changeful in their character, and often unseasonable. But the joys of Christ's salvation are a never ending and unchangeable theme, making glad the soul, as it travels through this wilderness world, and gilding its prospects with still brighter hues in the eternal scene. How suitable and how seasonable, the apostolic exhortation, 'Put ye, on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh to fulfil the lusts thereof.'

'The poor ye have always with you, and whenever ye will, ye can do them good,' said the loving Saviour, in the days of his flesh. At no time should His followers remember this more than at the present. Many a suffering member of His body lacks, at this inclement season, the ordinary necessities of life. In many a cold garret, and damp cheerless cellar, there are, cowering over the dying embers, some shivering and half-starved wretched creatures, whom He who 'for our sakes became poor,' bids us warm, and clothe and feed. Let not one of these 'little ones' lack those comforts to-morrow, if we can supply them. While we and ours gather around a cheerful fire, with our curtained windows and well furnished tables, let us be able to feel that we have complied with the inspired direction, 'Send a portion to him for whom nothing is provided.' Let us endeavour that the new born King may say of us, 'I was hungry and ye gave me meat, I was thirsty and ye gave me drink. I was a stranger and ye took me in—naked and ye clothed me, I was sick and ye visited me. I was in prison and ye came unto me.'

A numerously attended meeting of the Inland Navigation Co., (Subonacadic), was held on Wednes-

day evening, Dr. Avery in the Chair which ended in the appointment of a Committee to collect the first instalment of subscribed stock. We sincerely hope that this project will now be prosecuted with vigour, whatever may come of the often talked of Railway schemes. It was stated that £10,000 stock has been taken up, but a farther reference to the legislature is said to be necessary.

An Ordination was held by the Lord Bishop, in St. Paul's Church, on Sunday morning last, when Messrs. Griffith, of St. Augustine's, Canterbury, Missionary at West Port, Deacon, and Mr. Towens, assistant missionary at Cornwallis, were ordained Priests, and Mr. Jarvis, A. B., of King's College, late principal of the Pictou Academy, and son of the late Chief Justice Jarvis, was admitted to the order of Deacons. We believe the latter brother is to go for the winter to Arichat. The sermon was preached by the Rev. W. Bullock. The collection at the Offertory is appropriated to the widows and orphans' fund—one which we hope will, ere long, be largely swelled by those who have the means of doing a good thing.

DARTMOUTH.—Among the improvements in the city and neighbourhood, we have not seen any notice of the very handsome School House which has been erected in the above beautiful and rising Village, or Town, as it may properly be called. It is a very graceful structure, situated on the corner of the Church grounds, of as we suppose about 40x25, with arched windows, handsome porches, neat cupola,—all well finished and painted, and, as it is perhaps superfluous to add, quite an ornament to the locality, as well as highly creditable to the zeal and liberality of those who procured its erection.

EXAMINATION OF THE NATIONAL SCHOOL.—The Boys' and Girls' departments of the National School, underwent a very creditable examination on Thursday. There were present His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, the Lord Bishop, the Ven. Archdeacon, and several of the Clergy, His Worship the Mayor, and a large company of visitors. The Scripture and Catechetical Examination, Penmanship, Reading and Writing, Grammar and Arithmetic, were highly creditable to both schools, and the needlework of the girls, was very much admired. The boys' school room was profusely decorated with evergreen and garlands, grouped with artistic taste, and exhibiting ornamental and heraldic devices, got up by Mr. Willis, the Teacher, who has quite a genius for such work. A highly interesting scene was presented at the close of the examination. The Venerable Archdeacon, chairman of commissioners of schools for the city, on behalf of that body, presented Mr. Willis with two beautiful volumes of books, containing an inscription expressive of their appreciation of his services as a Teacher. The Archdeacon on presenting them, made a few appropriate remarks, to which Mr. Willis returned a suitable reply. The whole concluded by the Archdeacon pronouncing a benediction, when the school was dismissed, the boys giving three of the loudest kind of juvenile cheers to their kind visitors.

THE R. M. Steamer *America* arrived between 8 and 9 A. M., on Thursday morning, bringing but little news, the principal items of which will be found in another column. It will be seen that efforts are about to be renewed, to effect a pacification between Russia and Turkey. Meanwhile the Turks are prosecuting the war with unexpected vigour, and have already shown themselves no mean antagonists to the gigantic power of the North.

THE Fire at St. John, N. B., on Thursday, did not turn out as destructive as at first apprehended. Two or three houses in King's street were destroyed or much injured.

WE understand that the Rev. J. B. Smith, Professor of Mathematics at King's College, Windsor, has resigned his situation, since his return to England.

We sincerely trust our Island is rapidly returning to that healthy and salubrious state for which it has hitherto been so remarkable. For some days past we have not heard of a single new case of Epidemic, and it will be noticed by our obituary column, that but few deaths have occurred within the past week. The Hospitals at Ireland Island and at Prospect are free of fever patients, and we soon hope to hear that the "Tenedos" Hospital Ship, and Port's Island Establishment are in a like state.—God grant that the awful disease with which we have been so grievously tried has passed from amongst us.—*Bermuda Paper*.

THE Trustees for the building of a Church at Old Barns, near Truro, wish to offer their most grateful acknowledgment of the kindness of their Christian brethren at Halifax, who have so liberally contributed towards the completion of their Church. And they are happy to be able to say, that through their beneficence they will be enabled to celebrate Divine Service in it this winter, and they trust permanently.

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### KING'S COLLEGE, N. S.

TERMINAL EXAMINATIONS.

Christmas, 1853.

Dec. 12.	Dec. 13	Dec. 14.
<i>In Literis Humanioribus.</i>	<i>In Disciplinis Mathematicis et Physicis.</i>	<i>In Linguis Recentioribus.</i>
Randall	N. Uniacke	Randall
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Crisp	Crisp	
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Sawyer	Smith	
Gray	Gray	

The names omitted are not entitled to classification. His Worship the Mayor of the City of Halifax, has proposed a Prize for the best English Essay

### ON THE USE OF HISTORY.

The Essays are to be sent in to the President on the first day of Trinity Term, 1854. This Prize is open to all under graduates, and Bachelors of Arts of this University, who are not of standing for their Master's degree.

The subjects for examination for the Prize in Hebrew and Biblical Greek in 1854, will be

The Book of Genesis in the Original and in the Septuagint version, with the references to it and quotations from it in the Old and New Testaments. The 1 and 2 Kings, and 1 and 2 Chronicles, Sept. version, and the Epistle to Philemon.

GEORGE McCRAWLEY,  
President.

### ITEMS.

LIBERAL COLLECTION.—The New York Spectator states that the collection in the Rev. Dr. Alexander's Church, on the 5th avenue, New York, on Sunday last, for the Bible cause, after an appropriate discourse by the pastor, amounted to \$3,083. This we believe, is the largest sum ever collected on a similar occasion in New York.

THE prevailing intemperance at St. John's, N.F., has become the subject of a Grand Jury presentment, and of public notice by the Chief Justice, (Brady), and the Lt. Governor. Have they tried the patronage of Total Abstinence Societies? Perhaps that would be as effectual for its suppression as 'additional policemen.'

WE are sorry to see that much apprehension is felt of a want of necessities of life in parts of Conception Bay, Harbour Grace, &c.

IN an address to Gov. Elliott of Bermuda, on his return, the attention of His Excellency is called to the importance of reviving Berkeley College. To this the Governor sensibly replies that the present state of things does not favour the indulgence of new projects—but rather calls for deep attention to urgent duties arising out of the sad visitation.

WE recommend to the signers of the address, King's College, Windsor, as a salubrious and interesting substitute for their Berkeley, and suggest that they will find it cheaper to lend us abund in endowing King's than to build up the other.

FLOWN is happily declining in prices, at Wilmington N. C. \$6. 25.