

Obituary Notices.

MR. HENRY PURDY, of Malaga in the Wallace Circuit, departed this life on 7th January, in 67th year of his age.

MRS. CHRISTIANA ANGEVINE, of six mile road in the Wallace Circuit, departed this life, 4th inst., in 50th year of her age.

Provincial Wesleyan

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1856.

Wesleyan Missionary Anniversary.

We are unable to present our readers this week with a full report of the very interesting meeting held in Brunswick Street, on Monday evening last.

The meeting on Monday evening was opened by the Rev. J. B. BROWNELL, who gave out the hymn commencing on the 634th page.

The Rev. JAMES ENGLAND then offered up prayer. At the conclusion of these opening services the Rev. J. B. BROWNELL, advanced to the front of the platform and said that he had very great pleasure in announcing that his highly esteemed friend T. A. S. De Wolfe, Esq., had kindly consented to preside on the present occasion.

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of, and that it is safer to bow to the behests of a power so situated and disposed, than to continue the war.

Such is the phase which the all-merciful questioner of peace or war presents to us at the present hour. It is not unnatural at such a stage to look calmly at what has been effected so far as to entertain a rational hope (if that be possible) as to the prospect opening on the nations.

When the Emperor Nicholas died, we felt and said that the Russian aggressive policy was broken. He left a frightful spirit still alive and rampant in his second son, and a strong party in the empire, but it was a spirit so much of his own creation, and so dependent on his personal influence for its maintenance in the world.

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These devastating epidemics which have destroyed so many lives, have been shorn of their terrors by the skill of enlightened physicians. We may mention the small-pox and cholera.

Human life, through the skill of physicians, has been greatly lengthened during the last hundred years. The reports of Parisian hospitals show that, in 1805, one in seven died, but now it is one in twelve; and in the 80,000 who annually pass through the hospitals, there is a saving of five hundred human beings; and formerly they stay was thirty-nine days, now it is twenty-four, a difference of fifteen days in fifty-six cases, now only one dies in two hundred and ninety-four.

How marvelous it is that the public will endure the impositions of quacks! It is still more wonderful that a Christian community will bear with these impostures; and that legislators should neglect this still more strange!

the Condon brook, crossing the Sackville near Bedloe, and the Halifax and Windsor road near Mount Uniac, and continues on the west side of this road to within three miles of Windsor.

Before determining upon the line to Windsor, it appeared judicious to explore all the routes previously proposed; surveys were therefore made along the valleys of the Nine Mile, Herbert, and Meander rivers.

The engineering staff have also been employed in exploring the country up to, and beyond, Truro village, with the view of determining upon the proper position of the Pictou branch. A straight line between the mouth of the Stewiacke river and Pictou passes within six miles of Truro, crosses the Salmon river near its head, and the elevated ground at Mount Thom.

Works in course of construction.—The dates fixed for the completion of the several portions in the course of construction are—First, Fourteen and a half miles of the main line, included between Sackville station and Schultz's on the 1st June, 1856; Second, Seven miles of the main line included between Schultz's and the Nine Mile River road, by the 30th June, 1857; Third, Twelve and a half miles of the Windsor branch, included between Five Mile Lake and Windsor, by the 1st September, 1856; Fourth, The remaining portion of the Windsor branch on the 1st June, 1857.

veral of the drains are built, and in some places the road has been ballasted and made ready for laying the permanent way.

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STATE OF THE WORKS ON THE COMPLETED PORTION OF THE LINE.—These works are in good order. The mode adopted for placing the sleepers and fastening the rails, has given stability to the permanent way, and consequent steadiness and security to the passage of the trains, and ensures also economy in the maintenance of the line and rolling stock.

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Peace and its Prospects.

It is now decided that the Plenipotentiaries of France, England, Prussia, Austria, and Russia, shall meet in Paris as a conference for the discussion of the terms of reconciliation.

The Submission of Russia.

The submission of Russia is as complete—the expression may be a strange one, but it gives the precise fact—as it was asked to be. It should not lead to peace, the fault will lie in one of three directions: it must be from a suicidal insincerity, on the part of Russia, in the ostensible acceptance of our demands; or from treachery by Austria in presenting them; or else from the Western Powers themselves declining to abide by a moderate interpretation of the propositions which were presented by Count Esterhazy and at last submitted to by Count Neesselrode.

Value of the Medical Profession.

We adopt the following article from the Western Christian Advocate:—Except the immediate blessing of our holy religion there is scarcely any provision for relieving suffering humanity of more real benefit to human society, than a proper supply of well-constructed physicians to the exclusion of quacks.

Nova Scotia Railway.

CHIEF ENGINEER'S REPORT. ENGINEER'S OFFICE, January 20, 1856. Sir,—I beg to submit the following report on the progress of the works:—Since the commencing operations in May, 1854, there have been sixty and a half miles laid and put under contract. Of this distance eight miles have been completed, over which the traffic is daily passing.

The War.

Suspension of Hostilities. If this morning's intelligence is correct, Russia has not only conceded the demands of Austria, but has already laid down the sword in Crimea. It is true hostilities were there suspended, in point of fact by the winter; but it is not the less a most favourable interposition, by the direct order of the Emperor Napoleon, in consequence of which it is announced to be authentic, we are indebted to a source which has of late always given the earliest tidings of the events and negotiations proceeding and proposed, and which has not hitherto been deceived on any important point.

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