

UNITED STATES.

THE UNITED STATES BANK—Now that the Institution thus named has become a State establishment, it is pleasing to see the hearty good will with which it is received. The great majority of the citizens of this Commonwealth, had its re-charter with undissembled satisfaction.—*Philadelphia Gazette*

THE BURNT DISTRICT.—It is astonishing, remarks the Star, to see the activity going on in the burnt district; over one thousand men are at work, already has the granite of many stores been laid. Two hundred and two stores are now in the course of erection; that number was actually counted this morning; every day adds to the number.—*N. Y. Gazette, March 11.*

Out of 228 convicts received into the State Prison at Auburn, New York, during the last year, sixty are stated to be totally illiterate.—Of the same number one hundred and seventy were intemperate, forty-two temperate, and only eleven total abstainers. This single fact should have more weight in favour of the diffusion of knowledge among the people, and of the benefits of Temperance, than volumes of fine drawn theories and arguments.—*Montreal Vindicator.*

THE BEE.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, APRIL 6, 1836.

PICTOU ACADEMY.—In our last we directed public attention to the measures proposed by our Legislature for endowing Dalhousie College, and we pointed at certain members who had introduced, and supported a motion having for its object, the maturing of this hobby of the noble Lord whose name it bears, at the expense of the destruction of other seminaries of learning of acknowledged public utility; for this purpose, they have proposed to withdraw £2500 from Pictou Academy,—and the hon. member for Sydney stated as his reason, that "he had read the petitions from the Trustees, and the congregation connected with the Academy, and they bewail the total ruin of all their prospects, as to its usefulness, under present arrangements; so there is no doubt left in his mind that it has proved by the union of the two parties to be a complete failure." Now with all due deference to the opinions of the honorable member for Sydney, we beg to inform him that he has completely misunderstood the meaning of the petitioners;—his premises having been erroneous, it follows, as a matter of course, that his conclusions are absurd. It is true, as the petitioners have stated, that the institution is in appearance approaching "total ruin;" but this is not attributable, as he imagines to the union of the two parties in Pictou, but to their previous strife, which we are happy to say is now, and we hope forever, allayed, and to that injudicious and tortuous policy which the Legislature has always avowed in relation to this institution. Indeed the whole remedy for the evils with which it has for nearly twenty years had to contend, has been, and is now, within the power of the Legislature, yet, to mark their determination to suppress it, that remedy has been withheld up to the eleventh hour. The early history of the institution, were it published, would make this appear very plain; but as this cannot appear in the shape of a newspaper editorial, we may merely state, that while the annual grant of £500 was continued to it, and the provincial aid to the grammar schools, the Pictou Academy went on in a progressive ratio to increase in usefulness, and we can remember to have seen in some of those years we refer to, as many as 25 to 35 students attending it, and we have no hesitation in saying, that had the grant been continued to it, and the provision for the grammar schools, without interruption, more than double that number would

now be receiving its benefits; but its enemies, (and we leave the world and their own consciences to judge who they were,) found means to cripple its usefulness, by having both these withheld for a time, and when that for the Academy was renewed, it was on a scale inadequate to carry on the usual course of education, and the grant was clogged with other conditions which were neither necessary nor useful. From these, and perhaps other causes, Pictou Academy has indeed been brought to a miserable state; yet it is more from appearances than reality that certain individuals have found materials for predicting its approaching dissolution. As we said last week, the operation of the grammar schools have once more trained up a number of young men for becoming students, and these must either finish their studies here, or go elsewhere for the purpose, at double or triple the expense to their parents.

We are aware that a heavy debt is still lying over against the Trustees, but were the same sum given permanently to it that is given to King's College, and we do not see why in justice it should not, we feel ourselves justified in saying, that subscriptions would immediately be set on foot, and raised, to liquidate the old debts; we know some liberal minded individuals who have said, that, when the accomplishment of these two objects are determined on, they will give handsome donations towards it. We hope therefore the true friends of learning in the Eastern Counties will rally round this institution, as the surest and most convenient means of obtaining a liberal education to their offspring.

The large amount which this division of the Province contributes to the Revenue, fully entitles it to the amount we have named, for the purpose of carrying on the higher branches of education within itself, and we do not anticipate that the next House of Assembly will dispute the claim. But we would also say that the inhabitants ought, as a test of their desire to obtain a liberal education for their children, to continue their contributions with a view to its further endowment, and extension of the system; and we do not know a more ready or less burdensome plan of doing so, than for every christian congregation to set aside a particular Sabbath day's collection every year for this purpose. By this means a respectable sum would be raised yearly, and in a way that could give offence to none.

In conclusion, we beg to say to its friends of all denominations, that their own conduct will determine whether the Pictou Academy shall stand or fall;—if the inhabitants of these four Counties are united, their voice will and must be heard in the Legislature with effect; none of their own Members will then dare to propose its destruction, but on the contrary its permanent endowment will be one of the glorious consequences of their union. Let them also firmly oppose the appropriation of the £5000 loan to the Dalhousie College; that institution has already, besides withholding this large sum of money so long from the Province, swallowed up £3000 of grants; and what are the returns it has made? Notwithstanding the large and liberal sums evidently within the reach of its Governors, without committing robbery upon others, as shown by the late discussion, they have been guilty of keeping its doors shut, up to this hour against the youth of the Province. We are not enemies to Dalhousie College; on the contrary we would rejoice to see it in operation by honest means; let it also have an endowment from the Province in proportion to its usefulness, and if that is not enough, let its friends in the capital manifest their desire for its preservation, by putting their lands in their own pockets, as the people of Pictou have done, for the preservation of its Academy. We say this because we think it is an institution suited only for the people of Halifax, and a very few wealthy individuals scattered throughout the Province, and that, if the inhabitants of these parts trust to it, for fitting their sons for the pulpit, the senate, or the bar, woefully indeed will they be mistaken.

Were it for no other purpose than training a numerous class of respectable teachers for common and grammar schools, Pictou Academy is well deserving of £500 a year from the Province.

THE LEGISLATURE OF NEW BRUNSWICK was prorogued on Wednesday the 16th instant, having previously voted £100 per annum for reporting the debates, and agreed upon an Address to His Majesty, to be laid at the foot of the Throne by a special delegation accompanied with 26 Resolutions on Provincial grievances.

The Legislature of P. E. Island has also been prorogued.

We have been requested to inform the cowardly scoundrel who on Monday evening last attempted to frighten a lady, when passing through the hollow, to the west of the town, that it was well for him, there was no gentleman nigh at the time, or the white sheet in which he was enveloped, might have been required for another purpose than he expected, when he set out on his idle pranks.

ADJOURNED MEETING.—The Meeting of the Freeholders and other rateable inhabitants of this Township, for the purpose of Assessment, as far as respects the town itself, for Pumps, Wells, Fire Engines, &c., stands adjourned until Monday next, at 11 o'clock, of which all those interested will please take notice.

THE SEASON.—This harbour will be clear of ice in a few days, and there is so little on the coast at present, that with a southerly wind, it will offer no obstruction to vessels bound hither from the Gut of Canso.

TO CORRESPONDENTS— "M," on Temperance societies, "Old Rusticus," No. 7, and "A Correspondent" on the nomination at Wallace, in our next.

ERRATUM, in our last,—In the Account of Overseers of Poor, in the item, "paid J. Gaes for a coffin," for £12 10 read 12s 10d.

CAUTION.—On Thursday last, a countryman was very properly fined five shillings, by David Crichton, Esq., for leaving an ill-natured horse on the foot path of Water Street, which bit very severely a child in passing along.—*Com.*

MR. DAWSON.—Will you be pleased to intimate to such of your subscribers and neighbours in Town, as keep cows and neat cattle, the determination of the Clerk of the Market to enforce the regulations made by the Sessions in January last, which regulations are in force for one year, and if they should not take your friendly hint, you may probably get paid for your trouble some of these days.

DIED,

On Sunday last, Mr Thomas Harris, aged 75 years, a native of Maryland, U. S. Mr. Harris emigrated to Nova Scotia in the year 1772, and for upwards of 23 years filled the office of Deputy Sheriff for the District of Pictou.

On Wednesday, 30th ult. Caroline Narraway daughter of Mr. James Narraway, of this town, aged 16.

On Monday, at Little Harbour, Mr. Alexander Reid, sen'r, aged 71, an old and respectable inhabitant of that place.

At Carriboo, on Sabbath last, Mrs. Martha Munro, At the West River, on Monday last, Ann, wife of Mr. Thomas McCoul, aged 37.

TO BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION, At the Albion Mines Store, on Monday, the 2d day of May next, at 11 o'clock, forenoon: That **WELL-KNOWN FARM,**

at Fox Brook, East River, formerly occupied by one Col'n McKay, containing one hundred Acres;—the soil of said Farm is of excellent quality and is well wooded and watered,—there is a

GOOD FRAME BARN AND HOUSE on the farm; from thirty to forty acres of it are cleared and is situated within one mile of Gray's Mills, at Hopewell, and the main Road leading from Hopewell, to the Middle River runs through it. For terms of payment and further particulars, please apply to the subscriber. An indisputable title will be given.

JAMES GERRARD.

Albion Mines, April 4th, 1836.