

SCHOONER MAGNET.—Being absent from Lunenburg when our last paper was issued, we omitted to notice the melancholy circumstances connected with the recent voyage of this vessel, from the West Indies,—which, having been but partially stated in the Halifax papers, we now record.—She was commanded by Capt. Joseph Moser, a native of this town; and shortly after leaving the West Indies, the mate, Mr. John Frederick, jr. son of Mr. John Frederick of this town, a promising young man—James Contoway, Justus Dauphiney, and John Marhaver, seamen, fell sick, and after ten days illness died, leaving only the Captain and two boys to bring the vessel on the coast at this inclement season of the year. Two were dead on board at one time, and were committed together to the deep, with the impressive funeral service of the Church. The feelings of the desolate remnant that were left may be better imagined than described. “*God be with us*”, was the very proper expression of these feelings noted in the log-book at the time: and God was with them; for just in their great need, He caused a friendly sail to appear—the brig Blue Nose, Capt. —, of St. Andrews, N. B. who kindly lay by them all night, promising assistance in the morning. One of the crew then volunteered his services, and the weather being too boisterous to lower a boat, he sprang into the rigging of the Magnet, and got safely on board. The name of the young man who thus braved the dangers of the sea and of infection, deserves to be mentioned with the highest praise,—it is CHARLES JANGLEY;—and we are happy to find that both by the owners, Messrs. Chas. & Jos. Rudolf, and by the Underwriters at Halifax, he was handsomely rewarded, having received from the latter Fifty dollars. So it should be, for the encouragement of others in similar cases.

While we deeply deplore the loss of so many active young men, (all but one natives of the place and members of the Church;) and while we in common with the rest of the community have sympathized with their sorrowing friends, who will see them no more here below—we ought still to adore the mercy of Providence in so ordering it that the small remainder were preserved from sickness, and brought to the haven where they would be. This was the Lord's doing, who can still the raging of the sea, and save where hope seems to be at an end.—It hath pleased Him to visit this place sorely during the last 14 years, in taking off a large number of our young men, either by the influence of sickly climates, or by the fury of the elements, engulfing them in a moment in the mighty waters. Many a dear one, for whose return wives, mothers, parents, brothers and sisters, had looked in vain, until “hope deferred has made the heart sick”—lies in the hidden caverns of the wide Atlantic, waiting the time when “the sea shall give up her dead.”—May we all feel that such dispensations are chastenings of the Lord to the whole community to which they are sent, and may the effect be—the renewal of our hearts and the amendment of our lives.

The Magnet, Capt. Moser, sailed again on Saturday for the West Indies. We hope her return will be more cheering than the last.*

*The Halifax Journal and Times are requested to give as much of the above as they feel disposed to insert.

NEW CHURCH.—We are happy to hear that the large congregation of Lutherans, of which the Rev. Mr. Cossinan is the respectable Pastor, have resolved to erect a new and spacious Church in this town, in the course of the ensuing summer. We understand that their subscription list has been very handsomely filled up.

NEWPORT.—We rejoice to hear from time to time of the continued prosperity of this, the favourite mission, (many years ago,) of one whose honoured head now withers in the dust, but whose name lives in the grateful remembrance of numbers to whom he ministered under circumstances of toil and danger to which the new race of missionaries are strangers.—The people of this Parish have ever been remarked for a steady adherence to their Church, and they are now rewarded by the enjoyment of the constant and comforting services of a devoted and resident Pastor. We have lately heard that some of the Ladies of the congregation have presented a bass viol, for the use of the Choir.

Dr. Hook.—The celebrated sermon of this Clergyman on the text “*Hear the Church*” has passed through Forty editions in little more than a year.

COMMUNICATED.

MEETING OF THE ANTIGONISHE BRANCH OF THE DIOCESAN CHURCH SOCIETY.

The Society met at the Episcopalian Church in Antigonishe on Thursday the 4th December at half past six in the evening, when the evening Service was read by the Rev. Mr. Leaver.—A sermon was then preached by the Rev. Charles Shreve of Guysborough, forcibly and pathetically calling the attention of the audience to the objects of the Society.

The Rev. Mr. Leaver, then took the chair and delivered an address explaining the objects, operations and success of the Parent Society—the proceedings of the last meeting of this Branch—the appropriation of the funds raised at that time—and calling on those present to lend their aid to the advancement of the cause by contributions in proportion to their ability.

After which the following Resolutions were moved and passed:—

Moved by E. H. Harrington, Esq. seconded by M. C. Hierlihy, Esq. with suitable addresses.

“Resolved, That it is a duty incumbent upon all who have received the great blessing of the Christian Religion to aid according to their abilities in sending to the destitute and un instructed, both in this and other countries, the same blessing they have themselves freely received.”

Moved by Augustus Ogden, Esq. who read to the meeting the Bishop of Calcutta's account of the successes of Missions in the East Indies, published in the Colonial Churchman in September or October last; seconded by Mr. Charles Leaver, with an address.

“Resolved, That the blessing lately given from above to the labours of the Church Missionaries in the East Indies and other parts, calls for devout thankfulness from us to the Giver of all good, as well as increased exertion in aid of Religion.”

A subscription was then entered into which, with immediate contributions from those who preferred that mode, amounted to Thirteen Pounds. To this amount it may be anticipated that £3 or £4 will be added when subscriptions are received from Little River in this Parish, and from several of our members here who were not present at the meeting; so that our Treasurer will probably be enabled to remit £16 as the proceeds of this meeting.

It may be well to remark here for the information of other Parishes, that one quarter of the amount remitted from this Society at its last meeting has been returned to us by the Parent Society in books which were exhibited to the meeting by the Rev. Chair-

man, and which form the nucleus of a Library to be open to all Subscribers to the Society in this Parish, and to be increased by the one fourth of all future remittances in like manner.

SUMMARY.

Our House of Assembly appear as yet to have done but little. The Resolutions and proceedings of the Delegation sent home last summer, will probably at this time be the subject of debate. It may be a question whether any object has been attained by that measure sufficient to compensate for the outlay of money, loss of time, and risk of disturbing the contentment of as happy a people as live under the sun, by conjuring up imaginary grievances.—A Bill for the repeal of the act establishing the Church of England in this Province was introduced by Mr. McKim of Cumberland—a sweeping measure indeed, but one which we hope will itself be swept from the table of the House. It is pretty good evidence, how little that Act operates to the prejudice of any, that the hon. repeater actually did not know of its existence until the day before he aimed at it this deadly blow.—The hon. J. B. Uniacke made some very just observations on the first reading of this precious bill, and gave notice that he should oppose it at the proper stage, as no doubt all the Presbyterian members also will—acknowledging as they do the principle of an Established Church.

The Baptist denomination have presented a long and strong petition for a charter for their Queen's College at Horton. We would not confine academical honours to any denomination of christians—but it would seem undesirable unnecessarily to multiply Colleges in a young country like this. The Windsor University, where the Horton Professors received their honours, is free to all, and it will be long before degrees conferred under new charters will stand as high as these to be found there. The expenses are alleged as an argument against resorting thither for education, but these are greatly reduced—and if Baptists and other Dissenters would found scholarships there for the benefit of their respective denominations, it would be found cheaper and better than multiplying sectarian institutions in the land.

In Upper Canada we perceive with surprise, that the Clergy Reserve question has again been brought into the stormy arena of the Assembly, after being, as was thought, removed to one where a calmer and more impartial decision might be expected.—The renewal of the discussion there is deprecated by every lover of peace, and the terms of the proposed partition of the Reserves are in direct violation of the just rights of the Church of England.—No irruption from the United States, nor any internal disturbance, had occurred in the Canadas at the last accounts.

The steamer Lexington, plying between New York and Providence, had been destroyed by fire, and near 200 lives lost by the awful calamity.

It is reported that her Majesty's nuptials with Prince Albert of Cobourg were to take place earlier than April. Mr. O'Connell is said to have determined to retire from Parliament after next Session, (?)

☞ We have the pleasure to announce the safe arrival last evening of the brig Durham, Capt. John Rudolf, (for whose safety many fears were entertained) after a tedious and arduous passage of 55 days from Nevis. We regret to add that another of our young men, George Burn, seaman, died on the passage. Several others were ill, but recovered. They have been several times near land, but blown off,—and have lost some of their sails and spars.

KING'S COLLEGE, WINDSOR, Dec. 14, 1839.

At an examination held this day, Mr. John Harvey, and Mr. William Black, were elected to the vacant Scholarships.

Jan. 16th, 1840.

At a Convocation held this day, the Rev. George S. Jarvis, B. D. of this University, and Rector of Shediac in New Brunswick, was admitted to the degree of D. D.

MARRIED.

In this town, on Sunday evening, by the Rev. J. C. Cochran, Mr. John Bailly to Miss Eleanor Perrier.

At Upper LaHave, on Thursday last, by the same, Mr. Joseph Mulock to Miss Sophia Wenzell.

Lately, at Newport, by the Rev. Richard Uniacke, Mr. Sopater Shaw to Miss Phoebe Mumford.