

What would be thought of encouraging crime and wretchedness, in order that some gain should go into the pockets of interested parties? What difference would there be between such a course, and the most open hostility against person and property, only that one might find means of action among the usages of society, and the other is stamped with denunciation by the laws? What would be thought of physicians who should encourage disease that personal advantage to themselves might result? The atrocity would cause an overwhelming flood of indignation. The only safe rule is to refrain from evil, absolutely, and not listen to the promptings of temptation.

The steamship *Medina*, one of the West India line, struck on Turk's Island on the 12th of May. The vessel was wrecked, but no lives were lost on the occasion.

The Earl of Elgin, Governor of Jamaica, and his lady, were on board the *Medina*.

A ship and brig with 425 passengers, had arrived at Charlotte Town, P. E. Island.

The Measles prevailed alarmingly at St. John, N. B.

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The barque *Rose*, fitted out in 1839 by S. Cunard & Co., arrived from a whaling voyage with 1500 barrels sperm oil.

The coal trade at Sydney had increased during the year by 3544 chaldrons, as compared with the amount for the same period of last year.

A Bazaar in aid of the funds of the Acadian School produced £115.

"We observe from the papers, that by the last accounts received from England, Nova Scotia and its dependencies, from being only the charge of a Vicar General, or, as it is termed in the Roman Catholic hierarchy, an Apostolic Vicar, has been constituted by the Pope a regular Bishopric, and the Rev. Dr. Fraser, hitherto only the titular Bishop of the Roman Catholics in the Province, is now elevated to the dignity of *Bishop of Halifax*, with an increase of ecclesiastical power and jurisdiction. Dr. F. is very generally respected, we believe, not only among his own people, but by all other denominations."—*Christian Messenger*.

Extracts from a letter from Rev. J. Martin, [Halifax], to the Convener, [Missionary Board, Scotland], dated March 5, 1842, and taken from Scot. Home and For. Mis. Rec.—It is only little more than a month since I last wrote you, and yet during that short period I have received applications from three very extensive districts for missionary services, all of them accompanied with subscription lists offering to pay 25l. 40l., 60l., or 70l. per annum for a larger or smaller proportion

of missionary services. Were an active and zealous missionary appointed, and sent out in the course of the ensuing spring, I think it would be no very difficult matter to form two additional congregations within forty miles of Halifax immediately, besides that already established at Lawrence Town and Lake Porter. * * * As you are already in possession of sufficient information to warrant the appointment of a minister for Lawrence Town, and a missionary for our Presbytery, perhaps it is improper for me to trespass upon your time by these renewed and earnest entreaties in our behalf. But I see, in the clearest light, the very painful situation in which we shall be placed, and the bitter complaints to which we shall be doomed to listen, if we receive no assistance from your committee by the very first opportunity. At this moment we cannot leave Halifax for a single sabbath, unless some of the brethren consent to preach three times on the Lord's day, and very few are willing to undertake such fatiguing duty. More than three months have elapsed since the congregation at Lawrence Town had a sermon from us; and the congregation at Meagher's Grant, although they have a church built and nearly finished, have had no sermon from any denomination since Mr. McDonald preached there in July 1841, and they can expect none from us till a missionary reach the place. Annapolis, Digby, Caledonia, and a number of other districts, must also be abandoned if such assistance is not provided.

BAPTIST CHURCH.—Mr. J. Parker, from the 2d B. Church in Aylesford, was ordained as an evangelist on the 19th of May. Mr. B. Vaughan was ordained Pastor of a church at Horton on the 4th of May. Much animation in religious matters had been experienced in many congregations, in various parts of the province.

A new paper, called the *Presbyterian Banner*, issued from the Pictou press early in June. It is a large and every-way respectable looking journal, and is devoted to the views of a part of the religious body whose name it bears.

A steamer, belonging to Mr. Whitney of St. John, N. B., commenced running between St. John and Halifax, touching at several intermediate ports.

A Masonic Procession occurred on the 27th of June. From the *Morning Post* of the 28th we take the following particulars: (the account is abbreviated.)—"The celebration of the Festival of St. John the Baptist took place yesterday. The members of the several Lodges met at the Masonic Hall at 10 o'clock, and at 11 formed in order of procession to proceed to church. The procession moved through Barrington street, the band playing a slow march, to St. Paul's; then opened right and left, and the Grand Lodge pass-