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those funds which are annually voted for the support of education. And we can scarcely believe that the Legislature of Nova-Scotia, representing as it does the whole population of the colony, would withhold from such a necessary and useful institution, (more especially if reminded by their constituents of the claim,) the same encouragement and support which they have annually granted, for many years to the Church of England at Windsor, and also of late to the Baptists at Horton. We have only time and space to introduce this subject to the notice of our readers at present, we hope soon to have other favorable opportunities for discussing the question at greater length. And we expect also to receive at no distant day, several valuable communications from our able and enlightened correspondents, on this, and other topics, relating to the security, and extension, and prosperity of that branch of the church, committed to their pastoral care.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The most interesting events which took place in the General Assembly, subsequent to the memorable discussion of Wednesday, were the farewell address of Dr. Duff, the Church Extension Report, and the final adoption of the overture for union with the Seceders. Twenty years ago, any one of these would have sufficed to make an Assembly illustrious. On Thursday, after the report of the India Mission had been read by Dr. Brunton—a report which announced the gratifying fact, that the funds of the mission for last year, exceeded by £1300 the amount raised, for the same object during the year before—Dr. Duff, who is about to return to the scene of his missionary labours, rose, and in an address of the most solemnising and affecting character, took leave of the Assembly. When this eminently devoted servant of Christ was driven, some years ago, from India by the pressure of disease, it seemed to most of the friends of the India Mission a dispensation of a very dark and dangerous kind. But God's ways are not as our ways. That which seemed pregnant with ruin to the great scheme, in which the Church had sent him forth, has proved under a gracious Providence, to be a most powerful means of maintaining and promoting it. The genius and energy of Dr. Duff had gained for the scheme a firm footing in India; and what was required was the cultivation of the missionary spirit, throughout the Church at home, that both men and money might be more adequately provided, in order to carry forward the work so nobly begun. And we are confident that in future history, the return of Dr. Duff to Scotland will be pointed to, as a great era in the history of missionary enterprises to the heathen world. Independent of his numerous and heart-stirring appeals, to the several Presbyteries of the Church, and to the various towns of the kingdom, the three appearances he has made in the General Assembly, had they stood alone, would have rendered his return from India a signal blessing both to the missionary cause and to the Church of Scotland. There was something peculiarly touching and impressive in his bidding the Assembly farewell. Looking at the fervid apostolic missionary, standing amid the ministers and elders of the Church, commending them to God and to the word of his grace, while they in their turn, many of them in tears, rose up with one heart to implore the Divine blessing on his behalf, it seemed as if we had been carried back to primitive times—as if the scene were again renewed of Paul's farewell to the elders of the Church of Ephesus, when they sorrowed "most of all for the words which he spake, that they should see his face no more." The Church Extension Report, which was read by Dr. Chalmers on Friday, was highly encouraging. Including the supplementary fund, for which already, and with comparatively little exertion, £27,000 have been subscribed, the total subscribed during last year is upwards of £52,000. It thus appears, that since Dr. Chalmers was placed, in May 1834, at the head of the Church Extension Scheme, more than £250,000 have been contributed to this great Scheme, for providing the means of religious instruction for the destitute thousands of our fellow-countrymen. On Saturday it was intimated to the Assembly that the overture transmitted last year to the Presbyteries, by a union with Seceders, had been approved of by a large majority of the Presbyteries of the Church. It was thereupon moved finally to adopt the overture; in doing which the Rev. Mr. Candlish congratulated the Assembly on this most auspicious measure—a measure, as he beautifully observed, by which we are about to behold the "first-fruits of the dispersed of Israel again gathered into the Church of their fathers.—*Scottish Guardian.*

We are gratified to learn that a very handsome and capacious Kirk is in course of erection at Roger's

Hill, the congregation of which have given a call to the Rev. Mr. McCONACHIE of St. Mary's, a gentleman of eminent piety and zeal in the good cause. We trust pastor and people will be mutually benefitted by the connection. We are also informed that there is a strong probability of a Church being speedily erected at the Albion Mines, where some friends of the Kirk are adopting very judicious measures for this praiseworthy object. We wish them success.—*Pictou Observer.*

THE METHODIST SOCIETIES, in Great-Britain, recently celebrated the arrival of the Centenary, or hundredth year, since the establishment of their system. The celebration consisted in religious services, addresses, and subscriptions, in aid of certain objects connected with Methodism. These objects are, additional relief to aged preachers, and to the widows and children of preachers. The liquidation of debts due on Chapels,—the establishment of two educational Institutions,—the purchase and improvements of a premises for a Mission House,—and the purchase of a Mission ship, to be chiefly employed on the Pacific Ocean. For these purposes about £200,000 has been subscribed in the United Kingdom. Similar celebrations in the Colonies were resolved on, and the first of a series in these Provinces, took place on Thursday evening, in the Methodist Chapel, Argyle street, Halifax. Rev. Mr. Alder, Rev. Mr. Bennett, Hon. A. Dewolf, J. L. Starr, Esq. Rev. Mr. Richey, and others. The sum subscribed, at the meeting, amounted to above £900.—*Pearl.*

We understand that the Rev. I. W. D. GRAY is expected to return to this City from England in the course of a few weeks, and will again resume his Ministerial duties among us. This intelligence, we are convinced, will be gratifying not only to the members of the Established Church, but also to the citizens generally, by whom he is much beloved and respected.—*St. John, N. B. Courier, August 10.*

The papers received during the past week, contain scarcely a single political article, of the least importance.

The following gentlemen of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick had the honour of being presented to the Queen at the Levee on the 26th June last.

The Honorable Alexander Stewart, Member of the Legislative Council of Nova Scotia, by the Marquis of Normanby.

The Honorable L. M. Wilkins, Member of the Legislative Council of Nova Scotia, by the Marquis of Normanby.

Doctor T. M. Peters, of New Brunswick, by the Marquis of Normanby.

Mr. J. L. Wilnot, of New Brunswick, by the Marquis of Normanby.

Mr. William Young, Member of Assembly of Nova Scotia, by the Marquis of Normanby.

Ensign Edward Warwick Harvey, on his appointment to the 36th foot, by his uncle Viscount Lake.

Ensign Thomas Cochran Inglis, on his appointment to the 69th Regiment, by his father, the Bishop of Nova-Scotia.—*London Times, June 27.*

The brig Halyon arrived 10th inst. reports 2d inst. lat. 40.10 long. 66.50, saw the British Queen and Great Western, Steamers, with all sail set, and a fair wind, the British Queen was about three miles ahead of the Great Western.

Large quantities of Herring have made their appearance on the Western shores of this Province; but we regret to learn, there is a great scarcity of salt to cure them with when caught.—*Jour.*

UNION ENGINE COMPANY'S FESTIVAL.

The Union Engine Company assembled, with a number of their friends to celebrate their 71st Anniversary on Thursday last; the day being fine, the Company, with their families and other guests, after mounting to upwards of three hundred and fifty, met on the Steam-boat wharf, and at 11 o'clock embarked on board the Sir Charles Ogle, which immediately proceeded round George's Island and then up round the Flag Ship, from thence out as far as York River, returning under the Western shore to the North West Arm, and landed the Company at Belmont. After partaking of lunch and refreshments, the party re-embarked for a sail on the Arm, to enable the Stewards to make arrangements for dinner, which was served up immediately on returning. The appearance of the table reflected the highest credit on the Officers of the Company, who kindly undertook the management, and spared no pains, along with their worthy member Mr. Blum, to provide every delicacy and luxury, which the season could afford, to

such a large number as was assembled, and a desire to please was manifested by every member of the Company present.

The Company returned to the Steam-boat wharf, at 9 P. M. and forming a Procession, preceded by the Band of the 8th Regt. playing a lively march, repaired to the Engine House, where they dispersed well pleased with the day's recreation.

The Company takes this opportunity to return thanks to Mr. Lowe, master of the Steamboat, for his kindness and attention to all on board, and also to J. Howe, Esq. Chairman of the Firewards, on whose beautiful grounds at Belmont, the Company has frequently had the pleasure of holding their festivals.—*Recorder.*

SHAM FIGHT.

THE Men-of-war Boats were engaged in a sham fight this afternoon, in the harbour. The object appeared to be to land a force on George's Island, which was accomplished in true sailor style, under a heavy fire from cannonades and musketry, despite of the opposition of the opposing force. The spectacle was novel, exciting, and more amusing we must confess, to a looker-on, than the stern reality of such an occurrence would have been. The party eventually retreated to their boats, and pulled off under a brisk fire, which was maintained for some time on their passage to the Ship. Crowds of people were drawn to the several wharves, who expressed themselves highly gratified at the opportunity of witnessing such an imposing scene.—*Times.*

DREADFUL OCCURRENCE.—On Thursday morning the usual tranquility of the town was much disturbed by a very lamentable occurrence. James Bossom, shopkeeper in Albermarle street was shot by S. D. Clarke, who also kept a shop, opposite the North Barrack. Both were young—Bossom aged 23. He lived about two hours after receiving the fatal wound. The facts of the case, as they appear on the Coroner's inquest, may be thus briefly stated. Bossom and Clarke had a quarrel some months standing. Clarke challenged Bossom, and Clarke's partner, being privy to it, and encouraging the act, and asserting that he would send a challenge himself if Clarke did not. Sergeant Bannister, 37th Regiment, was aware of the quarrel, and appeared to take part with Clarke. He was charged with having also sent a challenge to Bossom, and with having used abusive language to him in a letter. On Wednesday evening Bannister and Elexon went to Bossom's shop, a quarrel and fight ensued between Bannister and Bossom. On Wednesday night Clarke came near his door, he would put the contents of one of them in him. On Thursday morning at near a half past six o'clock, Bossom was passing Clarke's shop, and a tap was given at the window, either by Bossom, or some one inside. He went to the door, some words ensued, Clarke retired a few paces;—Clarke snapped one of the pistols, Bossom laughed and used some sneering expression. Clarke, reiterating that he would shoot him, discharged the other pistol. The ball entered Bossom's eye, passed through and lodged against the skull at the opposite side. He fell, and from that period showed but little signs of life, except by breathing heavily; he expired 9 o'clock. Clarke was arrested immediately on the occurrence of the act, Elexon subsequently. After an investigation which occupied nearly four hours, the Coroner's jury brought in a verdict of Willful Murder against Clarke, as principal, and against Elexon as accessory before the fact. Thus have three families been plunged into deep distress, and an awful warning has been given to us all, against the indulgence of bad passions.—*Pearl.*

PASSENGERS.

In the Ann from Nova, Mr. Cutler.—In the Acadian for Boston, Rev. Mr. Miller and Lady, Mrs. Williamson, Miss Habington, Mrs. and Miss Solomon, Messrs. Wier, Ross, Jacobs, M'Donald, and Pales, and 20 in the Steerage.—In the Lady Ogle from Bermuda Miss Estairs.—In the Velocity from Boston J. L. Starr Esq. Lady and family, Mr. & Mrs. Wood, Messrs. J. L. Starr Esq. Gardner.—In the Dove, from Boston, Mrs. Howe, Basten & Gardner.—In the Dove, from Boston, Mrs. C. Naylor, and 2 children, Messrs. Lovett, Lorraine, and Buckley.—In the Sally Evans from Bermuda, Mr. W. Evans, and the Lady Chapman from Bermuda, Mr. Gilbert.—In the Heron from Bermuda, Mr. & Mrs. Attwood and Mr. H. Smith.—In the Star from Falmouth, Jan. Mr. and Mrs. Miller, and 3 children.

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HALIFAX YACHT CLUB.

A MEETING held on Thursday last, at the Exchange Coffee House—"It was Resolved," That the REGATTA for this Year, take place the 5th day of September? August 14.

Ex William. Ash from London.

THE SUBSCRIBER has received his usual supply of Wines, Brandy, Holland's Gin, &c.

Which he now offers for sale, by the Package, along with his own stock of Halifax brewed ALE & PORTER, at his Brewery, Water Street. He has received on Consignment, from the house of Alexander Watson, Wine merchant, Leith, 30 casks best Sherry WINE, which he offers for sale at cost and charges, —and by the schr. Jos. Howe from St. John's, N. F. a few qutr. casks Newman & Co's. best Port Wine, August 14. ALEX. KEITH.