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If the man in the moon could only pay this world of ours a short visit we imagine it would be very short indeed, unless he would alight on some happy spot where the inhabitants are satisfied and let well enough alone, there he would learn pleasing tales to carry back and rehearse to the moonites and make them think well of us down here. But if he should happen to drop on Nova Scotia he would not be long here till he would be seen paddling his own canoe up some moonbeam to the place from whence he came.

Strange tales would he tell of a people, blest beyond an average, in a free and christian land, where it would appear, and truly to, that Providence anticipated their wants, and bountifully supplied them. Yet these people are, many of them, discontented, and envy or hate one another. He would speak of it as called a free-land. Yet because one man ventures to hold a different opinion from another, it engenders very often a hatred which ought not to exist. No matter whether this opinion is with regard to religious or political subjects, it is all the same.

He would speak of every one almost (according to their own account) as being first-rate fellows, but according to those who hold different views, as being deceitful above all others and desperately wicked. He would speak of the public institutions of the country as objects of bewilderment, inasmuch as no two accounts would coincide. He would tell of the churches of the country to the effect that each one was the right kind in the right place. He would speak long and loud on the Government of the country as being the very best and at the same time the very worst in the world—one respectable informant saying that the present arrangement will be the making of the country, while another, quite as good looking, says it will be the ruination of the Province. He would tell that the inhabitants of this sphere do not live very long, and have the means within their reach of leading very happy and useful lives, loving and being beloved; yet, alas! too many of them seem to desire nothing better than injuring those who will some of these days be made companions perhaps for eternity. He would also speak of the spirit of the Press in Nova Scotia, which is so well calculated, and which has done so much good, but at the same time is capable of doing much harm. Compared with the Press in France, or Austria, or Spain, or Russia, it is free indeed, and only takes too much liberty with its freedom by tampering with the good name and estate of its best supporters and neighbors.

If "His Highness" from the moon would think of commenting on this state of affairs, and supposing him to have visited other places on the earth's broad surface, he would draw comparisons between Nova Scotia and other lands, and truly prove that in some places the morning and evening papers can be issued, without the editors or operators forfeiting their right to the title of gentlemen. But oh! what a tangled rhapsody will the man in the moon have to recite if he undertakes to give any kind of a true account of Nova Scotia. What a look of astonishment will be pictured on the faces of the peo-

ple up above on the moon, after hearing such a recital, but as our time is limited we must stop with the earnest desire that the above remarks will make people think of the times as they are.

Correspondence.

TEACHERS' PROVINCIAL ASSOCIATION.

Mr. Editor.—Knowing that you take a deep interest in the noble cause of Education I send you a few jottings from the late meetings of the above named Association. Agreeably to previous notice the Teachers met, about 150 strong, in a class room of Dalhousie at 3 o'clock, P. M., on Tuesday, 31st December. In the lamented absence of the venerable President, Rev. Dr. Forrester, the chair was taken by one of the V. Presidents, J. B. Calkin, Esq. During the first session, which lasted till about 5 P. M., a large amount of routine business was gone through with. One of the most practical matters brought up this day, was a programme of the subjects which were to be brought before the Association for discussion, and the time at which they might be expected to come up. Said programme was the work of the committee of management, and was adopted almost "in toto" by the Association.

At 7 P. M. the Teachers again assembled, and this time they came out in full force, for in the afternoon it had been announced that our worthy and much-loved Superintendent, T. H. Rand, Esq., would address us. In due time Mr. Patterson, the other V. P. who occupied the chair in the evening, introduced Mr. Rand, who, on coming forward, was loudly cheered. In a dignified and lucid manner he briefly traced the rapid strides which the cause of Education has made during the last few years. He pointed with pride and satisfaction to what the Legislature had done, and with equal feelings of gratification to the appreciation which the people have manifested, of the priceless boon which the late legislative enactment has placed within their reach. In view of these things, and also in view of what the government does directly for the teacher, he tacitly showed the fairness and propriety of the C. P. Instruction, demanding a re-examination of all teachers who still wish to continue in the profession; which examination, as he explained, should be conducted in such a way as to preclude the possibility of partiality in the granting of licenses, and such licenses so obtained would be valid from Cape Sable to Cape North.

At a late hour that evening we heard that the Dalhousie could not be had on New Year's day, consequently on the morning of the new year, we met in the Presbyterian College, Halifax. At most the entire day was taken up discussing, in a free and manly manner, the justice of summoning all teachers, old and young, to undergo another examination in November of 1868. When the question was finally put, the Association, by a large majority, agreed to express its approval of the late legislation in this matter.

At 8 1/2 P. M. notwithstanding the violence of the storm a goodly number were present. In view of the approaching examination next fall, a resolution was passed praying the C. P. Ins. to grant to all teachers who wished to undergo the same a week for that purpose, which week might not be a loss either to themselves personally or to their respective sections, as far as county or Pro. monies are concerned. A brief discussion then ensued on "the nature and limit of the Teachers' authority." The hour for closing soon came, but oh! what a night to turn out in, and that too for a pretty large number of young and interesting damsels. The wind howled through the streets like a mad dog, the rain descended in torrents, and in many places one (no two) had to wade through little brooks. I can vouch for it that at least one fair damsel from Truro reached her boarding house with a pair of wet feet that night.

Thursday 10 A. M. we re-assembled in Dalhousie. Text books of our Common Schools formed the main subject of discussion in both the A. M. and P. M. Sessions of this day. These, with few exceptions, were regarded as highly satisfactory. During the A. M. sitting, a grave and bold charge was preferred against the publisher of one of the Nova Scotia series of School Books. After some discussion it was left in a very unsatisfactory state, for want of time precluded further investigation. I must not forget to note that this forenoon, for the first time during this series of meetings, the unmistakable locks of our Rev. President, Dr. Forrester, were seen coming through the door; and it was well for the Governors of Dalhousie that there were strong floors in the College or they might have had some holes to repair. We regret to say that the good Dr. was unable to address us this year through indisposition.

We trust that for many a long year the loved and honored principal of the Pro. Normal and Model Schools may be spared to labor on in his high and holy work, and that his valued presence and sage counsel may be always had, while he lives, in the Pro. Teachers' Associations. At 7 P. M. we had a plain and practical Lecture of a very high order, "on the relation of Common School Education to the higher Education," by Prof. McLeod, of Windsor, addressed us on "The Dynamical Theory of Heat." The lecture was elaborated with great care and precision, showing a master mind, but we fear, it was to a large extent, shot over the heads of the audience. Such at least is the opinion of

ONE PRESENT. Waverley, Jan 6th, 1868.

BY TELEGRAPH.

News by the Atlantic Cable.

FROM EUROPE. COPENHAGEN, Jan. 6.—The debate in the Rigsdag on the proposed sale of the West India Island of St. Thomas to the United States was adjourned to a future day. No decision has been taken on the subject. HAVANA, Jan. 5.—Steamer "Danube" from Vera Cruz, brings telegrams from the Capital of Mexico to Dec. 31st. By orders from General Porfirio Diaz, Commanding the Department, who had arrived at Vera Cruz, a steamer with fifteen hundred troops, under General Alatorre, has sailed from that port for Yucatan to suppress the rebellion in that Peninsula. Gen. Millan replaced Gen. Alatorre in command at Vera Cruz during the latter's absence. The Mexican Treasury is reported as empty. The resignation of Iglesias as Minister of the Treasury has been accepted by Juarez; other changes reported in the Cabinet recently are doubtful.

LONDON, Jan. 7.—Lord Stanley, Secretary for Foreign Affairs, acting upon the remonstrances of the Sublime Porte, has prepared a despatch, protesting against the alleged intrigues of Russia in the Romagna. Reports are received at St. Petersburg from Siberia of the discovery of rich and extensive gold deposits on the Amoor River. The natives were docking to the gold regions by thousands. So great was the excitement, that troops had to be sent by the Government to the district to preserve order and guard the mines. Desperate and bloody conflicts have taken place between the natives and soldiers.

FROM THE STATES. GALVESTON, Jan. 6.—Information has been received here that all the business portion of Indianola was destroyed by fire on the 3d inst. Loss \$100,000. No insurance. The Custom House and fifty other buildings were destroyed. The fire is supposed to have been the work of an incendiary. GLENS FALLS, N. Y., Jan. 6.—Information has been received of the sudden sinking of Recluse Island, near Bolton, Lake George, which was owned by Mr. R. Waties, of New York. It occurred about 5 o'clock this afternoon, accompanied by a tumultuous upheaving of the lake. The island and the cottage have disappeared, and soundings on its recent site have been found at about 85 feet. The shock was felt here and lasted about five minutes, passing in an easterly direction.

NEW YORK, 6th.—Both houses of Congress assembled to-day. Slight earthquake shocks were felt in Macomb, Depuyster, Lisbon, Herveillon and other little towns in Northern New York, on the 31st ultimo. A letter from St. Lawrence County says that since the recent earthquake shock in that vicinity, to which publicity was given, scarcely a smaller scale, have not been felt.

NEW YORK, Jan. 8, P. M.—Fire in Chicago yesterday destroyed Young Men's Christian Association building—loss \$300,000.

FROM MEXICO. NEW YORK, Jan. 8, P. M.—A City of Mexico letter of Dec 17th, states that every device has been put into operation to raise money—the first great need of this Government; a municipal tax law has just been issued which it is estimated will produce some three millions of revenue; an excise law comes into help, also putting a tax on every conveyance. Private carriages must pay \$60 a year; public conveyances \$120 to \$180; pawn brokers from \$480 down according to their class; bakeries \$100; gambling saloons, a necessity here, \$480, and so forth. Father Fischer, the well known confidant and confessor of Maximilian, has at last been set at liberty through the intervention of friends, including some Americans.

FROM WEST INDIES. HAVANA, Jan. 5.—The steamer "Montezuma" has arrived at Santiago from Porto Plata. Sr. DOMINGO, Jan. 6.—The Dominican Government has fled to Turks Island. Baez has been proclaimed President and the capital was blockaded by his brother for 5 days. It was expected that Cariral would soon announce his abdication. Baez was at Caraco, and his arrival at Porto Plata was daily expected.

FROM OTTAWA. OTTAWA, Jan. 7.—It is understood that tenders will be immediately invited for new six per cent Canadian Dominion Stock. The loan will remain open about three weeks. "Can you do all sorts of casting here?" inquired a solemn looking chap at the iron-works the other day. "Yes, sir," said Frank preparing to take an order, "all sorts."

YORKSHIRE FILLAL AFFECTION.—A curious illustration of the fondness of old Yorkshire men for cruel sports is remembered at Leeds. A West Riding miner had a bull pup, which he was training to bait bulls and badgers. Going down to the mine one morning, he strictly enjoined on the man the duty of teaching the pup some baiting accomplishment. The boy was diligent in his vocation, and when his father came up in the evening, exclaimed with triumph, "No, feyther, you jist go down on your knees in front of t' pup, and snarl, and say, 'blatherum, blatherum,' and see what t' pup'll do." The man obeyed, and in an instant the pup flew at him and fastened on his nose. He quivered with agony, when the boy shouted out, "Don't let go, feyther, it'll be t' making of t' pup!"

Local and Other Items.

The weather for the past few days has been cold and stormy.

A proclamation in the Royal Gazette summons the Parliament of Nova Scotia to meet for the despatch of business on Thursday, 30th January.

We direct the attention of horse-owners to the advertisement of Colford Brothers in another column. They are agents for the "Patent Elastic Horse Shoe Cushion"—an article highly spoken of by those who have given it a trial.

The price of paper has considerably increased since 15 per cent duty has been put upon it. We wish our readers to bear this in mind as they peruse the pages of the Mirror, and hope they will resolve to keep clear of the books.

We have been requested to say that the Rev. Thomas Cumming will lecture before the Young Men's Christian Association in Rev. Dr. McCulloch's Church on Tuesday evening next, 14th inst. Lecture to commence at 7 o'clock. Subject: "Brotherhood of Humanity." A collection will be taken up in aid of the Association's Reading Room.

By reference to our advertising columns it will be seen that the Brass Band of the Rothsay Blues Volunteer Company intend giving a Grand Concert under the distinguished patronage of Col. Laurie, I. F. O., Lieut.-Col. Blackard and officers of the Company, in Cobequid Hall on Tuesday evening the 21st inst., for the benefit of Mr. Hall, their bandmaster, who has lost all his property by the late fire in Halifax. The object is praise-worthy, and deserves to be well patronized.

FORGETFULNESS.—A very great deal of harm is done through forgetfulness. A little thoughtfulness and care with respect to others would often save them from a great deal of suffering and aid them in their work. A man is discouraged in consequence of the difficulties he meets with. An encouraging word may be all that is necessary to revive his energies and to cause him to persevere. These words were wisely spoken. There are those who are perfectly willing to speak it, but they do not think of it.

ARRIVALS AT THE PRINCE OF WALES HOTEL. Jan. 4.—P. E. Putnam, Stewiacke; R. Purvis, Tatamagouche; J. Blair, do; B. Blair, do; Henry Carre, I. R. Survey, Bellefleur, Ont; Rev. R. Murray, Halifax; Rev. W. Murray, do. 7.—E. H. Keating, Halifax; John March, St. John, N. B.; John V. Perkins, New York City; Henry Perkins, Charlottetown; W. Flaudick, Halifax; J. H. Woodhill, Boston. 8.—J. Outram, Halifax; A. Patterson, Tatamagouche; J. Royer Smith, Halifax; F. M. Passow, do.

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Halifax, N. S., Jan. 3, 1868. His Excellency the LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR has been pleased to make the following appointment: In the County of Colchester, David E. Cutten, to be Commissioner of Sewers for the Township of Onslow.

Married. At Acadian Mines, on the 2nd inst., by the Rev. D. Stewart, Mr. George Landbury, to Miss Jane Mitchell, both of the above place.

Deaths. At Middle Stewiacke, on the 24th December of Consumption, Hugh D. Rutford, eldest son of Robert K. Rutford, aged 24 years.

Truro, Nov. 21st, 1867. Mr. Gordon, Sir,—I have received the most benefit from the use of your Rheumatic Remedy, that any one could receive. As I was taken very severely with Cramps and Cholera, I took about 40 drops of your Remedy, which cured me in less than one hour. Yours, respectfully, P. J. CHISHOLM.

Prices Current in Halifax Markets. Jan. 11, 1868. Apples, best quality, per bbl \$4 10 2nd best quality 3 7 1/2 Beef, fresh, per qr 10c 12 1/2 Bacon, per lb 17c 1/2 Butter, 10c 12 1/2 Cheese 6c 7 1/2 Cotton, cotton & wool, 45c Ducks, per pair 60c 70c Eggs per doz 25c 30c Potatoes, per pair 40c 50c Hay per ton \$12 1/4 Hams, smoked per lb 12 1/2 Lard per lb 12c 15c Lamb do 6c 8c Mutton do 6c 8c Outmeal per cwt \$3 7 1/2 4 00 Oats per bushel 60c Pork, fresh, per lb 7c 8c Potatoes per bushel \$6 10 Straw per ton 12c 15c Turkeys per lb 20c