

hall, and chess concerts for the middle and working classes, presided over by the highest and best of religious dignitaries of the land, are fast becoming institutions, and are steadily advancing morality—destroying drunkenness, and promoting industry. Music, like science, is the handmaid of religion, and never perfectly fulfills its mission, save when it leads us up to the Great Creator who has so wonderfully traced and strong the human heart to sing His praise.

### Obituary.

**A. P. BETTS, Esq., WALLACE.**  
Died at Wallace River, October 7, 1868. Abraham P. Betts, Esq., in his 48th year. Although in early life his morals were good, and the fear of God was before his eyes, yet about fourteen years ago he became painfully sensible that he lacked the salvation of the Gospel, and under the promptings of the Holy Spirit determined to seek for it. In a prayer meeting conducted by Mr. Cyprian Stephens, a faithful class-leader, whose name is embalmed in the hearts of many in this place, he for the first time expressed a desire to become a follower of God. For three years after his conversion he did not become connected with any body of Christians, but finding it impossible to "grow in grace" without the "communion of saints" he united with the Wesleyan Church, and as his death had the religious privileges which such a union secured him, were among the blessings which evoked expressions of his gratitude to God. He was made class-leader with the Rev. R. A. Temple as stationer on the Wallace Circuit, and his ministrations in that capacity were both useful and highly acceptable. His was that radiant piety that makes his possessor a "living epistle known and read of all men." He was a favorite with both of old and young. But when his class became greatly enlarged and we thought he was most needed, his useful life was terminated by "disease of the heart." During the weeks previous to his death, that he was confined to his home, his confidence in God was unshaken, and he was heard to say that his life was required to bring glory to God, he was willing to give it. May his children for whose salvation he so often prayed, follow him as the following Christ.

J. J. C.  
Pasquo, March 3rd.

### Provincial Wesleyan.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 1869.

#### Provincial Temperance Convention.

The Provincial Temperance Convention held in this city last week was a large, respectable and influential gathering; probably the largest, as a representative body, ever held in Nova Scotia. It certainly is a gratifying feature of the Temperance movement in our Province that such an assemblage has been convened, with such an amount of preparation, and exhibiting so much of resolute, intelligent purpose; and to so large an extent of mind as to the means by which their end shall be accomplished. It is pleasing to find so many earnest men from various associations, of all creeds, and of all shades of opinion on other subjects, and these as the representatives of thousands more, ready to merge their differences and even to erase old party lines, for one great object, and exhibiting so much of resolute, intelligent purpose; and to so large an extent of mind as to the means by which their end shall be accomplished. It is pleasing to find so many earnest men from various associations, of all creeds, and of all shades of opinion on other subjects, and these as the representatives of thousands more, ready to merge their differences and even to erase old party lines, for one great object, and exhibiting so much of resolute, intelligent purpose; and to so large an extent of mind as to the means by which their end shall be accomplished.

#### Letter from Sackville, N. E.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—We are reminded by various circumstances that another Conference year is rapidly drawing to a close. The winter of our year has been so very mild and agreeable that its months have passed almost imperceptibly away. The amount of fine and moderate weather we have enjoyed has been remarkably large, indeed, within the last week or two we have had nothing approaching to a storm. The snow has fallen seasonably, evenly and in moderate quantities, so that from the early part of November up to the present time there has been, with scarce a day's exception, a continuance of excellent sleighing. Those who have the means and disposition for engaging in this agreeable exercise have had the opportunity of indulging in it to their hearts content, and those who are in the habit of frequenting the house of God on the Sabbath day have had no hindrance put in their way by the weather, our congregations consequently have been regular and generally good.

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and which ought to lead to a demand for Government inspection. The plaintiff had been subjected to the most harassing and humiliating hardships and indignities by the Lady Superior. She gave her evidence in a clear and distinct manner, and endured a searching cross-examination by able counsel without being caught in the least preparation. The trial has been on hand a week, and will continue many days longer. The public interest in the case is immense. The bench is crowded by peers, members of Parliament, and other distinguished persons, and the body of the court is packed with eager listeners.

#### For the Provincial Wesleyans.

The following resolutions establishing "the platform" were adopted:  
Whereas, this Convention has been summoned for the purpose of eliciting the opinions of the various Temperance organizations in this Province upon the great question of Prohibition. Therefore resolved, That a Provincial Temperance Alliance, be and is hereby constituted, a permanent institution, the grand platform of which is Prohibition.

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things, we had part of Mr. Penobscot's lecture on Daniel in Babylon, not delivered by himself except, but by one who so successfully imitated his tones and manner, that some who have heard Mr. P. affirmed that nothing could be more like than the copy and the original. Original Essays were read by four young ladies of the Female Academy. These were productions of considerable merit, and the many others we have heard on former occasions, much too good to be committed to oblivion. I am sure if some of these compositions were occasionally handed over to you, Mr. Editor for publication, they would help to grace your pages and furnish pleasure and profit to many of your numerous and intelligent readers.

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