

here closely, by the exclusion of air from between them and the pressure of the atmosphere outside. This last fact was demonstrated by two leaden balls, which were flattened at certain points; when those points were placed carefully together, one ball was suspended from the other by cohesion. After the lecture an interesting conversation ensued. Mr. O'Brien cited cases in which it was proved, that beams of timber placed as horizontal supporters were made much stronger by being sawed about half way through at the centre. Mr. Miller remarked, that by bringing the stones of a mill too closely together, he has caused the machinery to stop by the power of cohesion. The paradox, of tubes and arches being stronger than solid substances, was also dwelt on and explained.—In this conversation Mr. Watson stated a fact not less pleasing and encouraging than true; that the preparation of lectures repaid lecturers for their trouble, by the study which it occasioned, and the information which resulted.—A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. O'Brien, for an incline plane and other articles, furnished by him to the lecturer.

May 9. Mr. J. S. Thompson read a paper on History; which was followed by an interesting conversation on the customs of the North American Indians, on ignorance in Geography, and on the Egyptian Hieroglyphics.

MONTHLY RECORD.

Provincial Parliament.—From the latter part of March the House was principally occupied in Committee of Supply, in the consideration of Quarantine Bills, and in the further regulation of the Custom House question. The House was prorogued on April 14, having opened the Session on January 25.

Want of space prevents us following up our general Record for the present; but little new appears in any part of the world.

MARRIAGES.—At Halifax, April 3, Mr. C. Boggs, to Miss Harriet D. Ritchie. 7, Mr. Thomas Cunnings, to Miss Elizabeth Crow. 12, Mr. W. Wilkinson, to Miss Margaret Taylor. 24, Mr. Thomas Sargent, to Miss Elizabeth M. Allen. 26, Mr. J. G. Fielding, to Miss M. A. Fielding.—At Pictou, April 4, Mr. Kenneth Morrison, to Miss Christy Campbell.—At Salt Springs, West River, April 5, Mr. John McLean, to Miss Isabella Fraser.

DEATHS.—April 1, Miss Agnes Quinon, aged 12. 2, Mrs. Margt. Bronan, aged 31. 4, Mrs. Jane Wilson, aged 44. 11, Mr. Thomas Banner, aged 26. 18, Mrs. Elizabeth Willis, aged 44. 20, Lawrence Malowney, aged 12. 23, Mrs. Jane Lydiard, aged 26. 30, Mr. Valentine Kennikill, aged 64.—At Cole Harbour, April 29, Mrs. Catharine Morris, aged 62.—At Lawrence Town, April 26, Samuel S. Parker, Esq. aged 36.—At Mahone Bay, Mr. John Duggen, aged 64.—At Windsor, April 11, Mrs. Margaret Brown, aged 57. 19, Mrs. Catharine Jack, aged 49. 24, William Bowes, Esq. aged 63.—At Pictou, April 2, Mrs. Janet Calder, aged 26.—At West River, April 21, Mrs. Mary Smith, aged 50.

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