

Fifty two persons subscribed as members of the institute 'on this evening. On the following Saturday the committee met at the residence of the President ; when it was resolved, That Dr. Grigor, J. L. Starr, Esq and Mr. R. Lawson be a committee to solicit donations for the purchase of a set of apparatus, and other matters wanted for the Institute. Other resolutions were agreed to, and the following advertisement appeared in the next Halifax newspaper.

*Mechanics' Institute.*—A Halifax Mechanics' Institute being organized, the Public are thus informed of its objects and condition.—The cultivation and circulation of scientific and general knowledge will be the chief objects of the society ; and to this end, an apparatus for philosophical experiments and demonstration, models and specimens, will be procured ; also, weekly meetings will be held for the delivery of Lectures and for conversation on the evening's subject.—Shareholders and Subscribers of the Halifax Mechanics' Library are eligible to become members of the Institute, on the payment of 2s. 6d. quarterly in advance. A Shareholder's interest in the library may be obtained by the payment of 10s. entrance, and 1s. 3d. quarterly ; or a Subscriber's interest by paying 2s. 6d. quarterly. So that the privileges of the Library and Institute may be obtained by 10s. entrance, 15s. a year, or by 20s. a year, without an entrance deposit.

Mr. Aitkin having given the use of his school room for a few evenings to the Institute, the first meeting was to be held there, Mr Joseph Howe was appointed to deliver the inaugural address.

Several gentlemen have come forward as lecturers to the Institute, and a regular course is arranged, commencing with arithmetic or the nature and power of numbers, and proceeding through Mechanics, Chemistry, Astronomy, &c. in about fifteen lectures, to the fine arts and miscellaneous literature.

We cannot avoid giving our mite of praise and hearty good wishes, to this establishment, which promises so much for the happiness and respectability of Halifax.

NOVA-SCOTIA.—*Periodicals.*—A new paper, the Yarmouth Telegraph, has appeared. It makes the ninth newspaper published in Nova Scotia ; as follows : in Halifax, the *Journal*, *Free Press*, *Royal Gazette*, *Novascotian*, *Acadian*, and *Acadian Recorder*, one for each working day of the week, published in the order in which they stand ; in Pictou, the *Patriot* and the *Observer* ; in Yarmouth the *Telegraph*. There are also published the *Halifax Monthly Magazine*, and the *Baptist Quarterly* ; and a first number of the *Methodist Quarterly* is to appear in a few weeks.

The *Witch of the Westcot*, and other poems, by Andrew Shiels, has appeared.

*Confirmation.*—153 persons were confirmed at St. George's Church on Dec. 22.