

We entertained a slight doubt of the genuineness of the following letter, when we first saw it not that it is deficient in sympathetic tone, but from the mode of expression. It has however been copied into all the papers, without dispute of its authenticity, and we give it also, lest we should be supposed to question the manner of a note, the matter of which exhibits so amiable a trait in the personal character of our noble Sovereign:

WINDSON CASTLE, Dec. 6, 1851.

Will you tell Mr. Herbert that I begged she would let me frequently see the accounts she received from Miss Nightingale or Mrs. Bracebridge, as I hear no details of the wounded, tho' I see so many from officers, &c., about the battle-field, and naturally the former must interest me more than any one.

Let Mrs. Herbert also know that I wish Miss Nightingale and the ladies would tell these poor noble wounded and sick men that no one takes a warmer interest, or feels more for their suffering, or admires their courage and heroic spirit than their Queen. Day and night she thinks of her beloved troops. So does the Prince.

Reg Mrs. Herbert to communicate these my words to those ladies, as I know that our sympathy is much valued by those noble fellows.

(Signed)

VICTORIA

The above letter is said to have been addressed to Mr. Sydney Herbert, and by him to Mrs. Herbert, by whom it was sent to Miss Nightingale.

RAILWAY DEMONSTRATION—Thursday last being the day appointed for the grand ride on the Railroad—invitations having been previously given to His Excellency the Lieut. Governor, House of Assembly, the Corporation, Clergy, and the Press, (which latter, however, did not come our way,) the train started at 2 p. m. from the Depot, filled with the invited guests. In about 8 minutes they reached their destination—Davy's 4 mile house—which had been fitted up for the occasion, and where a dinner had been prepared. Toasts suitable to the occasion were drunk and responded to in right good manner, and the party we have no doubt enjoyed themselves. We understand that, owing to indisposition, His Excellency was not present. The train on its return to town, brought several passengers that had arrived by coach from New Brunswick, who expressed much surprise at the progress made. It is stated that there will be no further demonstration until the Railroad reaches some point to connect with the Bay of Fundy.

Peter Lynch, Esq. delivered an interesting Lecture on Sacred Poetry before the Young Men's Christian Association last Wednesday evening. He promises to resume the subject on a future occasion. The attendance was large as usual. The next Lecture is to be delivered by the Rev. P. J. McGregor (presbyterian.)

We understand that a petition is in course of signature to be presented to His Worship the Mayor and City Council, for the purpose of securing their influence with regard to a Ferry Steamer for the North end of the city in connection with Dartmouth. There can be no doubt of the necessity of such a proceeding and we hope that their efforts will be successful.

A public meeting was held at Maitland, on Monday evening, 8th inst. in aid of the Patriotic Fund, when Resolutions were passed, and a Committee appointed to obtain subscriptions.

Meetings with a similar object, have also been held in the counties of Pictou and Lunenburg, with satisfactory results.

The Lord Bishop intends (D. V.) to hold Confirmations in the course of 1855, in every Parish which he has not visited during the past Summer, commencing his Tour along the Western coast.

Holloway's Pills are the best medicine now on sale, the ingredients of which they are composed are so unobjectionable that they cannot harm the most delicate constitution. To the medicinal value they have proved of the utmost service, being composed entirely of medicinal herbs, the production of the proprietor, who has made it his study to alleviate the ill to which the human family are subject; they must, therefore be hailed with delight, as supplying a want long felt in this country, and therefore may be relied on in all cases of disorder of the liver and stomach.

LETTERS RECEIVED.

From Rev. H. L. Owen—directions attended to. From Rev. J. Ambrose—directions attended to. From Mr. Jas. Ryan, with 29s. for Miss Fanning. From Rev. T. D. Russell, with new subscribers—directions will be attended to. From Professor Holloway, London, with remittance—directions will be attended to as far as lies in our power, and the capability of our office.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Several Communications crowded out this week, will be published in our next issue.

BIRTH.

At Chester Jan. 30th, the Lady of the Rev. C. J. Smyth, Rector, of a Daughter.

ARRIVED.

On Thursday the 25th ult. at South East Passage. Dartmouth, by the Royal Dr. Shreve, Rector, Mr. Lewis Herbert, to Miss Anne Jane Osborne.

At Pictou, on the 27th ult. by the Revd Charles Elliott James McDonald, Esq. Barrister at Law, to Jane, third daughter of the late William Mortimer, Esq., and step-daughter to M. I. Wilkins, Esq. M. P. for that Township. At Sackville, (Ten Mile House) on Saturday the 20th inst. by the Rev. Mr. Mavnan, Mr. John Mavnan, of Newport, to Miss Mary, second daughter of Mr. James Ward.

At Digby, on the 20th Jan. at the residence of the bride's Father, by the Rev. Wm. M. Godfrey, Mr. Isaac S. Jones, of Clements-Port, to Maria, eldest daughter of Captain Wilson of Hillsburg, County of Digby.

At Donnelton, by the Rev. Wm. Taylor, on Thursday 25th Jan. Mr. James Drenshaw, of Noel, to Mary Elizabeth Miller, of Kennetcook.

At Lunenburg January 7th, at the residence of J. H. Knulback, Esq. High Sheriff, Mr. Alexander Zwicker, of Mahone Bay, to Miss Sophia Mason, of Lunenburg Jan 21st, by the same, Mr. Peter Corrum, to Miss Catherine Elizabeth Lord.

On the 25th inst. by the Rev. Henry Stamer, of Purgash, Mr. John Mills, to Sarah Hollis, both of Goose River.

DIED.

On Sunday last, after a short but painful illness, Mr. James E. McDonald, Student in the Free Church College in this City, and a devotedly regretted.

On Monday in the fourth year of his age, John Henry, youngest child of Mr. John Duffin.

At Economy, after eight days sickness, on the 18th January, in the 7th year of his age, Mr. Charles Hill, senior.

On Monday last, Adam Horn, aged 29 years.

On Monday night, Mary Ann, aged 7 years, daughter of the late Louis Himmlman.

On Tuesday morning, Joseph William, in the 7th year of his age, son of Joseph Deyong, South East Passage. Suddenly, on Friday, Mr. John A. Hetchum, aged 62 years, upwards of 40 years in Her Majesty's Ordnance Department. Funeral on Monday next, at 3 o'clock. Friends are respectfully requested to attend without further notice.

Shipping List.

ARRIVED.

Saturday, Jan. 27th.—Schr. Margaret, Sterling, Nfld. Sunday, Jan. 28th.—Brig America, O'Brien, Boston.

Monday, Jan. 29th.—Schr. Fleet, Shelburne; sch. John Benson, Wargar, Sredov; sch. Villiger, Liverpool.

Tuesday, Jan. 30th.—H. M. S. Africa, Harrison, Liverpool, 21 days.

Wednesday, Jan. 31st.—Brig Mary Ellen, Liverpool; brig Ocean Bridge, Gowan, New York, via Chester, 10 days; brig Ann Isabella, Shelburne, sch. Mars, Brown, Matanzas, 20 days; sch. Dart, Fenton, Cienfuegos, 21 days; sch. Newfoundland packet, Green, Boston, 8 days; brig Parviter, Cienfuegos, 20 days.

Thursday, Feb. 1st.—H. M. S. Canada, Stone, Boston, 34 hours—bound to England; sch. Mary L. Smith, Gore, ditto 41 days; brig Orin, Cronan, Matanzas, 14 days; sch. Maria, Cunningham, Baltimore.

Friday, Feb. 2nd.—Schr. Pelon Maria, New York, 3 days.

CLEARED.

Saturday, Jan. 27th.—Brig Susan, Mason, Porto Rico; brig Geo. Washington, Dar, ditto; brig Reindeer, F. W. Indles, sch. W. A. Henry, Cameron, Philadelphia; sch. LeMarchant, Ebanham, Bahia.

Monday, Jan. 29th.—Schr. Camilla, Risson, Baltimore; Tuesday, Jan. 30th.—H. M. Steamship Africa, Harrison, Boston; sch. Belter, Fortune Bay.

Wednesday, Jan. 31st.—Brig. Maitland, Neal, F. W. Indles, sch. Jane Sprot, McNab, Boston.

PASSENGERS—In the R. M. S. Africa for Halifax—Capt. Turlen, H. N., Mr. Hunt, Mr. Mithhead, Miramichi Capt. Wright, Mr. Crocker Miramichi, Mr. Studd, Mr. Manning, Mr. Jardine, Mr. Duncan Roberts, Don. J. Jardiol, Capt. Salmond, Captain Colthart, Capt. McLean, Mr. Brown, Mr. Ward.

COUNTRY MARKET.

PRICES ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3.

Apples, per bush.	5s a 6s.
Bacon, per lb.	7½d
Beef, fresh, per cwt.	30s a 37s 6d.
Lamb, per lb.	3d a 4d.
Butter, fresh, per lb.	1s 3d.
Cheese, per lb.	6d a 7½d.
Chickens, per pair.	1s 9d. a 2s.
Eggs, per doz.	1s a 1s 3d.
Geese, each.	1s 9d. a 2s 3d.
Hams, green, per lb.	5d.
Do, smoked, per lb.	7½d.
Hay, per ton.	26 10s.
Honespun, cotton & wool, per yard	1s. 7d. a 1s. 9d
Do. all wool.	2s. 6d.
Oatmeal, per cwt.	25s.
Oats, per bus.	3s. 9d.
Pork, fresh, per lb.	4d. a 5d.
Potatoes, per bushel.	4s. 6d.
Socks, per doz.	12s.
Turkeys, per lb.	7d.
Yarn, worsted per lb.	2s. 6d.

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Feb. 3, 1855.

NOTICE.

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WANTED.

A **SUITABLE** person, to be employed as a Missionary in this City. The Missionary would require to possess intelligence, energy and devoted piety. A more particular statement of the duties of the office and the amount of salary will be made known on application to the Secretary.

By order of the Executive Committee

ROBERT MURRAY.

Halifax, Feb. 1 1855.

Sec'y of the City Mission

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Halifax, Sept. 23, 1854.

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