

ners Guillaume Levesque and Francois Trepanier, fils, for a commutation of the sentence of death for a punishment less severe; that the prisoners Louis Lemelin and Jean Baptiste Dozais, senior, are not guilty and it does acquit them accordingly.

The Commander of the Forces and Administrator of the Government approves the sentence of the court, which he directs may be immediately communicated to the prisoners by the Deputy Judge Advocate."

NEW BRUNSWICK.—The legislature was opened on the 15th inst. by a very elaborate speech from the Lieut Governor, Sir John Harvey. The chief topics dwelt upon are the public roads, the Mail communication, the present condition of the Indians etc. etc.—A very handsome compliment has been paid to Dr. Gray for his gratuitous lectures before the St. John Institute.

MEXICO.—This unfortunate country is likely to become the theatre for the demon of war to exhibit its scenes of horror and distress. A conflict has taken place between the French troops and the Mexican forces under the command of Santa Anna. The latter were repulsed and their General wounded in his left leg. Of the individuals sent into eternity by his barbarous affair no account is given in the papers we have seen, but there can be no doubt that many were killed in the affray. Well, they are gone to that bar where all murderers must give an account of their actions.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.—Of the bills which have already been introduced to the notice of the House, we may mention the following:—An Act for enabling persons indicted for felony to make their defence by counsel, by Mr. McKim.—An Act for regulating elections of members to serve in General Assembly—and An Act for regulating the trial of contested elections, by Mr. Young.—An Act for limiting the duration or continuance of the General Assembly, by Mr. Doyle.—An Act to incorporate the town of Halifax, by Mr. Howe.—A committee has been appointed to wait on His Excellency to request the documents relating to the establishment of Dalhousie College, its laws and the minutes of its board of governors during the past year. Also a committee to wait upon His Excellency to request such extracts of his Despatches to the Colonial Secretary, on the subject of the Councils and Civil lists, as he should think proper to communicate, together with copies of letters from the Commissioner of Crown Lands, and an account of the Chief Justice's fees, and the receipts and disbursements of the casual and territorial revenue for 1838.—The Corporation Bill is to be discussed on Wednesday the 30th instant.

At the last meeting of the Mechanics' Institute Dr. Sawers concluded his introductory lecture on Physiology. Many of the views introduced were too abstruse for a popular assembly. The Doctor seemed to feel this, although he defended the necessity of their introduction, and promised that the after lectures should be more easy and obvious. Few questions of an abstract nature can be so simplified as to be made acceptable to the great bulk of mankind. And to no subject does this remark more strongly apply than to space. Even among philosophers it has been frequently agitated and as variously decided. By some it has been exalted to the dignity of the Supreme Being; by others it has been debased to a perfect non-entity; some will have it to be the mere privation of body; others again, a mere abstract idea. Some view it as limited, while many distinguished persons, such as Newton, Locke, and Clarke, etc. have contended for its universality and eternity, and have pointed out its intimate connection with unlimited existence, and with our ideas of unoriginated and unbounded being. Leibnitz, Bentley and others, on the one side, contend that space can never be actually infinite, because it has a capacity of being increased without end, so that no space can be assigned so vast, but still a larger may be imagined—and if it can receive increase, it cannot be infinite. Newton, and those on his side, however, contend that space, whatever it is, has a positive existence;—that not being formed of parts, it must be simple in its nature;—that it is unchangeable;—that its absence cannot be supposed possible;—and, consequently, that it must be something which is necessarily existent, infinite, and eternal. Not that this class of philosophers represent infinite space as an attribute of the Deity, for this absurd notion they most unequivocally deny. One party, however, consider space to have parts, and so, finite;—the other, that it cannot have parts, and therefore cannot be augmented or diminished, and so, infinite:—one class descant on the possible absence of space, the other will have it that this cannot be imagined without involving ourselves in the most glaring contradictions. "Infinite space," says Clarke, "is one, absolutely and essentially indivisible, and to suppose it parted is a contradiction in terms; because there must be space in the partition itself, which is to suppose it parted and not parted at the same time." The immortal Locke has remarked upon the strange fact that men so easily admit *infinite duration*, and yet stagger at *infinite expansion or space*. When such illustrious philosophers disagree, how shall a Mechanics' Institute decide? But enough,—for those

whose intellectual habits had been formed and cultivated, the Doctor's masterly lecture must have proved a source of high gratification, whether favorable to his views or otherwise. Succeeding lectures from Dr. Sawers during the Session will be looked for with unabated interest. Mr. McKenzie is to lecture on Hydrostatics next Wednesday evening.

MESSAGE.

C. CAMPBELL.

The Lieutenant Governor transmits to the House of Assembly the Copy of a Despatch from the Right Honorable Lord Glenelg, conveying Her Majesty's reply to their Address relating to the composition of the Legislative and Executive Councils, the Civil List, and other subjects.

The Queen withdraws for the present her offer to furnish to the Legislature the Revenue under her control in this Province; but at the same time declares that whenever the Legislature shall pass a Bill granting to her Majesty the sum of £4,700 Sterling per annum, during the continuance of her Majesty's reign, or for a period not less than ten years, applicable to the salaries of the principal officers of the Government, her Majesty will be ready, in exchange for that sum, to surrender to the Legislature the Revenue at present at her Majesty's disposal, subject only to some inconsiderable temporary deductions. It must be clearly understood, however, that in the event of the passing of such a Bill, the Revenues now at her Majesty's disposal will revert to the Crown at the expiration of that Bill.

The Assembly are further informed that the sum of £4,700 will not enable her Majesty to continue to pay to the Surveyor General of Nova Scotia Proper and Cape Breton, the Clerk of the Crown, and Harbor Master of Sydney, the salaries which they have hitherto received from the Crown Revenues, and the Lieut. Governor therefore recommends (supposing the Bill to pass) that the House of Assembly will grant to these officers their accustomed remuneration, for which it will then rest with the House of Assembly to make annual provision.

The accompanying Despatch from Lord Glenelg will explain to the House of Assembly that the net proceeds only of the sales of Crown Lands will be made over to the disposal of the Legislature.

The Chief Justice and Judges of the Supreme Court having consented to accept her Majesty's offer (which the Lieutenant Governor was recently authorised to renew to them) of increased Salaries in lieu of fees, and her Majesty in that case having directed that the new arrangement for their remuneration should commence with this year, the Lieutenant Governor acquaints the House that he deemed it expedient, by the advice of the Executive Council, to give previous directions for discontinuing the collection of these fees on the first of the present month, in order that suitors in the Supreme Court (which was to meet on that day at Halifax) might have the immediate benefit of the measure.

Government House, 17th January, 1839.

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Halifax, 22d January, 1839.

NOTICE TO MAGISTRATES.

In compliance with the request of the House of Assembly, His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor is hereby pleased to direct the different Magistrates of this Province (with the exception of the Town of Halifax) to transmit, without delay, to this Office, for the information of the House, Returns of all Suits commenced before them respectively, within the last two years—distinguishing the names of the Plaintiff and Defendant, with their respective places of residence, the amount of Debt recovered, and the costs of each Suit, including the Justices', Constables', and Witnesses' Fees.

By His Excellency's Command,
RUPERT D. GEORGE.

HALIFAX, SS.

In the Supreme Court, Hilary Term, 1839.

Thomas D. Archibald, of Halifax, and Adams G. Archibald, of Truro, Attornies at Law, were this day admitted and enrolled Barristers of this Court.

Samuel Leonard Shannon, A. B. of Halifax, Student at Law, was also this day, in open Court, duly admitted and enrolled a Barrister and Attorney of the said Court.

J. W. Nutting, Prothonotary.

16th January, 1839.

The fifth Lecture on the Divine Origin and Authority of Christianity will be delivered by Thomas Taylor, next Lord's Day Evening, at 7 o'clock.

MARRIED,

Last evening, by the Rev. Thomas Taylor, Mr. James Lines, to Miss Joanna Elward, both of this place.

DIED,

On Saturday morning, Charlotte Jane, eldest daughter of Robert D. Clarke, aged 9 years.

On Monday evening last, in the 35th year of his age, Mr. John Sterling, leaving a wife and 4 children.

At Pictou, on the 15th inst., in the 45th year of his age, John H. Noonan, Esq. H. M. Sub-Collector of Customs at that Port.

On Tuesday morning last, William Thomas, infant son of William and Sarah Adams, aged two weeks.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVED,

Monday, January 21st—Barque Tory's Wife, Kelly, Liverpool, 108, and Antigua, 37 days—dry goods, etc. to Fairbanks & Allison; on Friday, off Shelburne, fell in with the wreck of the brig Charles Forbes, from St. John, for Kircaldy, out 27 days, waterlogged; took off the Captain (Wilkie) and crew.

Tuesday, 22d—Mailboat Lady Ogle, Stairs, Boston, 50 hours; packet schr. Industry, Simpson, Boston, 7 days—general cargo to H. Fay, and others.

Wednesday, 23d—Mailboat Margaret, Boole, Boston, 3½ days, (68 hours to Sambro Light); schr. Placid, Harrison, Trinidad, 85 days—ballast, to J. A. Moren.

BANK OF NOVA-SCOTIA,

Halifax, 22nd January, 1839.

THE Stockholders are hereby called upon for the balance remaining unpaid on the Shares held by them in the Capital Stock of the Bank of Nova-Scotia, in two several instalments, viz—

Twenty-five per cent, or Twelve Pounds Ten Shillings on each Share, to be paid on or before the Fifteenth March next; and Twelve and one half per cent, or Six Pounds Five Shillings on each share, to be paid on or before the 1st May next.

By order of the President and Directors.
J. FORMAN, Cashier.

WESLEYAN MISSIONS,

ON SUNDAY NEXT January 27th, the Annual Sermons, in aid of the Halifax Branch Wesleyan Missionary Society will be preached as follow—

THE REV. W. CROSCOMBE will preach in the lower Church, Argyle Street, in the morning; and in the upper Church, Brunswick street, in the evening.

THE REV. W. CROOKS, (lately from the West Indies,) will preach in the upper Church in the afternoon, and in the lower Church in the evening.

THE REV. W. WILSON will preach in the upper Church in the morning, and in the lower Church in the afternoon.

The usual collections for the support of missions, will be made. The Annual Public Meeting will be held in the lower Church on Tuesday evening, January 29, when the above named Ministers and others will attend and address the Meeting. The Chair will be taken at 7 o'clock.

Halifax, January 22, 1839.

HALIFAX PUBLIC LIBRARY AND LITERARY ROOMS.

THE advantage, likely to accrue from an establishment, for the free and cheap circulation of Literature of every description, has induced the formation of the Halifax Public Library and Literary Rooms, which, having been in successful operation for the last six months, gives the greatest encouragement for its future prosperity and stability.

The difficulties to be overcome at the commencement were great,—but being now in operation, the patronage of the public is respectfully solicited, to support an Institution designed for the circulation of Literature and Science; which, by the accumulation of standard and approved works, gives the Mechanic, Manufacturer, and the Man of Science, an opportunity for research and improvements that cannot be obtained within the circumscribed limit of a Private Library. The following British Periodicals are received regularly, per Falmouth packet, and are circulated the same as other works:

Bentley's Miscellany, Life and Adventures of Nicholas Nickleby, The Monthly Chronicle, The Quarterly Review, the Foreign do. do. The Edinburgh do. The Literary Gazette, Colburn's New Monthly Magazine, Fraser's Magazine, The Metropolitan do. Tait's Edinburgh Magazine, Blackwood's do. do. United Service Journal, The Lady's Book,—English, Colonial and American Newspapers, are also received at the Rooms.

Open (in Cogswell's stone building, near Foster's corner, Hollis Street) from 9 A. M. to 9 P. M. JAMES P. TROPOLET, Sec'y and Librarian.

EDWARD LAWSON, AUCTIONEER AND GENERAL BROKER, Commercial Wharf. Has for sale,

50 hhds Porto Rico SUGAR,
200 barrels TAR,
30 Tierces Carolina RICE,
50 bags Patna RICE,
200 firkins BUTTER,
10 puns Rum, 10 hhds Gin,
10 hhds BRANDY,
10 hhds and 30 qr. casks Sherry WINE.

January 18, 1839.

UNION MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NOVA SCOTIA.

JOSEPH STARR, ESQ. PRESIDENT.

AT the Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of this Company, the following Gentlemen were elected to serve as Directors for the ensuing year—viz.

James A. Moren, Joseph Fairbanks, J. Strachan, Wm. Stairs, David Allison, John U. Ross, Daniel Starr, Hugh Lyle, John T. Wainwright, James H. Reynolds, S. B. Smith, and Wm. Roche, Esqrs.

The Committee of Directors meet every day at 11 o'clock, A. M. at the office of the Broker, directly opposite the Custom House. Jan. 18. GEO. C. WHIDDEN, Broker.

JUST PUBLISHED, and for Sale by the Author, and the respective Booksellers. Price 7d. UNIVERSALISM explained and defended, or the Death of Christ the only and sufficient basis for the World's Salvation. A discourse on John, x: 17, 18.

Preached at Halifax, on Sunday, November 18th, 1838; and published by request. By W. F. TEULON, Author of Sacramental Exercises. January 4.