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A Christmas Meditation.

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So poor, so humble, in such solitude, Amid the lowing of the patient kine, So barely sheltered in this stable rude We find Thee, Babe Divine!

Here born of Virgin Mother, spotless Maid, Who folds Thee to her rapt, adoring breast, Thou art content obscurely to be laid, By the proud world unguessed.

Though hosts scraphle gird Thy Throne on high. No earthly throngs Thy Holy Birth attend. No shouts of joy, though praises fill the sky, Earth's bitter silence rend.

As with the darkness of Thy natal night Thou veilest all the glory of Thy face Thou who art God of God and Light of Light The fount of joy and grace. This want, this loneliness, this manger-bed,

When Thou wilt have nowhere to lay Thy head, Thou willest even so. And while our eyes a gathering shadow see .The shadow of Thy Cross-upon Thee fall,

That hint the story of Thy coming woe

Thine own are fixed upon our Crown to be. And naught can Thee appal. O matchless love! that very God should take

Our flesh, that we might share the life Divine! Our pains, temptations, death, that Thou shouldst make So truly, wholly Thine!

O that these tongues that love could fitly sing;

These hearts with praise (as Thine with anguis

All that we have in worship would we bring For Thy dear glory's sake. -N. Y. Independent.

Carlyle on the Turks.

The venerable author, Thomas Carlyle, on being appealed to express his opinion upon the Turkish question, wrote a letter to Mr. G. Howard, of Kensington, in which he says :-

my clear belief about the Russians has been that my impressions regarding them. It is strange men, and secured their cordial support. He they are a good and even noble element in Europe. Conspicuously they possess the talent of obedience, of silently following orders given; which, greatest and most popular preacher in the city pathy and assistance as the projected General in the universal celebration of ballot-box, dishould be a Nonconformist wno has had no Council would be able and willing to give. The vine freedom, &c., will be found an invaluable collegiate training. Mr. Spurgeon, to whom I difficulties in the way of the formation of such and man in drilling into order and peace an- coarse, vulgar, nor profanc. There is no trifling it may be no easy matter to get deputies to the wealth, and we venture to predict that they years. He worked hard and played hard, and the tablets is dated in the reign of Belshazzar as world. The present Czar of Russia I judge to be times trenchant wit. There is, however, a care- with the requisite instructions. The German politics, as between the "Ins and the Outs," only developed afterwards. His parents re- found in connection with the reveal dignity, benefit, directly and indirectly, to their fellow- the language of common, every-day life. They cognize the fact in the way that is desired. mere partizans and time-servers; but where interpretership in China, and was sent to China matical tablets giving calculations of consider-

nothing short of insanity; and has become, we the Bible. The seven thousand people who go Reformation. The small Protestant Churches the Methodist citizen, but the whole moral to be distinguished by his superiors. He at-Twenty years ago we already had a mad war law, and are pointed to the eternal judgment the large Reformed Church of Hungary, which Progress; and this, utterly regardless of the stead. Amiable, fascinating, self-reliant, and hideous and tragic stupidity, mismanagement, ordinarily to make the preacher popular. But countries Presbyterian Protestantism has of Radical or Conservative. Instead of sitting in and disaster (in spite of bravest fighting) that after all these years, Mr. Spurgeon has a firmer late been reviving, and leading ministers restricted by the provided of the provided of the strength of the provided of the a hundred millions of money and above sixty be asked how he succeeded in maintaining and two Protestant Churches of Italy also hail with out with clear and united voice, none daring to he succeed by his personal qualities, that some thousand valiant lives were spent in the enter-strengthening it. The answer is near at hand high satisfaction the expected concentration make us afraid.

It seems to me that something very different best ever given to the world, being read by all, from war on his behalf is what the Turk now ritualists, high and low churchmen, and dissenpressingly needs from England and all the world | ters. -namely, to be peremptorily informed that we can stand no more of his attempts to govern in His sermons are as polished in their style as are ing demonstration of Presbyterian energy and tion. He went to Rome in the hope of being minster School, directed his early education. At Europe, and that he must quam primum turn his lectures on the Jewish or the Eastern unity. It will show the world that Presby- able to prove his innocence, and of being all nine years old he went to Westminster School, his face to the eastward, for ever quit this side Church. They are broad enough for the most terianism, not Episcopacy, is the true type of lowed to continue his pursuits without inter- and at fourteen entered the navy, his first ship of the Hellespont, and give up his arro- liberal. In the sermon which he preached in Protestantism, and must mark, in one form or ference. The Holy Office, however, unani- being the Collingwood, an old two-decker, on gant ideas of governing anybody but himself Westminster Abbey, in concluding a course other, the Protestant Churches of the future mously declared it to be an absurd heresy to cruise to the Pacific. Modest, assiduous, and the Turk from Europe may appear to many a the text," Gather up the fragments," the dean undue superiority, it will certainly manifest the earth turns, and the Pope directed Cardinal manhood was simply the fulfilment of the promtoo drastic remedy; but to my mind, it is the said they should "gather up the fragments" of that enlightened spirit of toleration which Bellarmine to inform Galileo that he must no ise of his boyhood. He advanced from one only one of any real validity under the circumstances. Improved management of these unhappy countries might begin on the morrow the hymn with a glowing eulogy upon this are drawing towards Rome, it will give a new obey. He was received with kindness by the to most parts of the world, and was engaged in after this long-continued curse was withdrawn, " great Nonconformist of the last century." and needed proof to Christendom that between Pope, and was treated with kindness. He was the bombardment of Sveaborg in 1855. He was the opponents of educaand the ground left free for wise and honest human effort. The peaceful Mongol inhabitants truth found in the Zenda Vesta," and in the mation there can be no agreement, but a deep would, of course, be left in peace, and treaty scientific teachings of the times. The dean, too, antagonism, founded on the Word of God and elected-Urban VIII., of the House of Bar-seas; then he obtained a command in the Chanwith perfect equity, and even friendly consilis very popular, as might be judged from hun- the rights of the human conscience. Nor will barini. He was a Florentine as well as Galileo, nel squadron. Always intent upon his profesderation; but the governing Turk, with all his Pachas and Bashi-Bazonks, should at once be ordered to disappear from Europe and never to

it cheaper some other time.

and in a few faithful and skilful hands is dealing with accusations of ritualism. What it is not to be supposed that the action of the Galileo a formal order to appear before the wherever he found them, and sacrificed his life Austria must expect to become more and more a confessional, and a system resembling that of world. Weekly Review. a Sclavic and Hungarian Empire, her nine the Roman Catholic monasteries, is in Baldmillions of Germans more and more gravitating win's court, a wretched place, inhabited by the towards their countrymen of the great German very lowest classes. The rector of this church, Empire. The Czar, whose serious task it is to who has been repeatedly under discipline for protect the Christian subjects in Turkey proper, his ritualistic practices, is doing more for the will seek to be a good citizen. His religion will its road to India, which depends on Egypt and Earth," who may look more to his work than controlling force which chooses senators, elects the Suez Canal

The thing to be desired is concord among the three great Powers; and if, as we do hope, there is a mutual trust grounded on honesty of intention on the part of each, none claiming

distressing and unprofitable to all other men.

Three Great Preachers.

and Canon Liddon:

In the first place, then, for fifty years back ing the great preachers of London, I will give land, and France, he conferred with influential a strictly honest and just man: and, in short, my ful and thorough exposition of the truths of the Churches are essentially Presbyterian, but in England was ever concerned in since I knew it; hold upon the public than ever. It may well joice in the idea of the proposed Council. The tree, it is our duty, on such occasions, to speak prise. By Treaties of Paris, &c., the Turk was He has been a most laborious student of every- of that Presbyterian influence to which both preserved intact; binding himself only to re- thing connected with the Scriptures. He is of them have already been much inform his system of government, which certainly, thoroughly in earnest. No one questions his debted. In Switzerland the Churches are of all things in the world, needed reform. And sincerity. His life has been above all reproach. much divided on the question of State now, after twenty years of waiting, the Turk is Besides he has been gifted with great common found to have reformed nothing, nor attempted sense and a marvellous voice. His labors are excellent representatives may be expected, to reform anything. Not to add that by bank- almost incredible. More than sixty of his serrupt finance he has swallowed a disastrous mone are published every year, and they are of Both the National and the Free Protestribute of many new millions from the widows such merit that they are eagerly reprinted and tant Churches of France will also be reand orphans of England. As finis to all which, read by the inhabitants of two continents. His he has wound up by the horrors of Bulgaria, lectures and preaching and the pastoral work way, appears to be yet uncertain. Presbyterian The astronomer was first attacked by a Domini- went in advance to Manwyne, where there were and such savageries as are without a parallel among the students in his training college for Holland, with its reviving evangelical feeling, can preacher at Florence, who accused him of rumors of disturbance, and there he was brutally With these weighty aggravations, the Turkish preachers are unsurpassed. His exposition of cannot fail to take a worthy place in a Council throwing doubt-on the authenticity of the mir- murdered. Question returns upon us anew, and demands a the Psalms of David has grown already to four large volumes, and is acknowledged to be the

A very different preacher is Dean Stanley. tical results, it can scarcely fail to be an impos- was kept on his words and acts by the Inquisi- His father, who had been Head Master of West-Such immediate and summary expulsion of delivered by various clergymen recently, from But, not arrogating for Presbyterianism any pretend that the sun is motionless, and that clever, he took the lead wherever he was. His truth contained in hymns like one which he eminently becomes the Protestant name. While more teach the doctrine condemned or he would grade of his profession to another. In 1851 he quoted from Doddridge, and then he followed other Protestant Churches, or sections of them, be thrown into prison. Galileo promised to obtained his lieutenant's commission. He went is any just cause for the cry. It does not come "Gather up the fragments," he said again, "of Rome and the true Churches of the Refor- neither punished nor molested. dreds being unable to get admission to the abbey the Council refuse to consider individual cases and a lover of letters. Galileo had six long sion and upon the welfare of his men, he be- by the Board, which is elected by the rate. on this occasion.

unspeakable Turk (government for twenty, or Canon Liddon leans toward the Ritualists, This garded. The opinions and efforts of the Evan-the Hoy Office. As it was, a commission was ests of the natives of the South Sea Islands. He gone. So they are making strenuous efforts to say any other term of years), our own ex- party is just now giving the establishment a gelical Alliance have more than once influenced charges to examine the Dialogues, and shortly and Mr. Layard arranged the annexation of the elevis men of their own denomination as their

how he does it.

The Pan-Presbyterian Council.

Established Church in its universities, the Presbyterian churches greatly need such sym-napkin of indifference. connection; but from that country several

> doctrines of her own famous Synod of Dort. effective way, or a tangible form, we need not at minican, called Nicholas Lorini, then denounced then First Lord of the Admiralty, which al present conjecture; but, whatever be its prac- Galileo to the Holy Office, and the closest watch most from his birth determined his profession.

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with more or less of ecclesiastical sanction.

even easy. Nor in the temper of the Czar and ever may be their faults, it must be admitted, new Council of Presbyterianism, wisely taken dreaded tribunal alluded to above. Galileo, in seeking to serve the natives of Santa Cruz. of the Austrian Emperorneed the fair partition of however, that the ritualists set in some respects and firmly directed, will be ineffectual in sup- who was then seventy years of age, and ill, im- Like Bishop Patterson, he was fatally wounded these recovered territories be a cause of quarrel. agood example. St. Alban's church, which has porting the cause of truth and liberty in the plored pity. The Grand Duke of Tuscany in- by the poisoned arrows of the irritated natives.

Methodists and Politics.

The London Methodist says: A good Methodist will justly have a claim to territorial footing in poor people of this district than all the other tend to bring his responsibilities before him more ten months he supported, in anguish of mind, leave of the men, 'if I can only turn one soul the recovered country. To England there is churches therein. Perhaps after all he is not pressingly, and his sense of duty will be intentioned the threats and ill-treatment to which he was to the love of God, if it were the youngest boy one vital interest, and one only, that of securing under discipline by "The Judge of all the sified in relation to his position as a unit in the subjected, and then he confessed that he had gone in the ship, I must do it. Perhaps when they civic authorities, puts power into the hands of whom it will, and gives shape and bias to social and national life. The time was when a Metho- the judges were to proceed to a rigorous exam- boast, and England may well be proud, of the dist was supposed to have abdicated most of his As the time approaches for the first meeting functions as a member of the body politic, and to more than in the nature of things belongs to of the Pan-Presbyterian Council, the friends of have sunk his influence as a citizen at the bidhim, we may confidently expect that the diffi. the projected movement are renewing their ding of what delighted to call itself a nonculties of the business cannot prove insuperable. exertions to ensure its success. As the place of political Church. It may, and probably will, It seems to me the advice of Prince Bismarck the meeting is to be Edinburgh, a representative be said that such a period never existed; that M. Guizot (a Protestant) and Rossi. On the magnanimous, noble, and deep-seeing man, committee in that city has been making pre- it was only the ministers of Methodism and its who has no national aims or interests in the parations for the great event of July next year. Church organisation on which any such emdirected a rigorous examination, if it could be matter, might be very valuable; nay, were he Much will depend upon the energy of Scottish bargo was laid, and that the Methodist citizen appointed arbiter where difficult dissidences Presbyterians in taking the needed steps to was free to do as he listed. It cannot be denied, arose, what but benefit would be likely to recreate and diffuse a general interest in this however, that the effect of that line of proceed-be inflicted. It is clear, however, from what sult. But on this portion of the subject I am matter. They have to appeal not only to their ing was to inoculate the majority of private memSignor Berti says, that the Pontiff showed brethren in Great Britain, but to leading mem- bers with the same mischievous neutrality which neither compassion nor indulgence toward his three miles northfrom the site of Babylon. They The only clear advice I have to give is, as I bers of those numerous Continental Churches helped to secure much bad and retrogressive old friend. Even after his abjuration, Galileo have stated that the unspeakable Turk should which are formally or practically Presbyterian legislation, and flung much of power and office was kept in a state of semi-confinement, and be immediately struck out of the question, and in government. A portion of this preliminary into the hands of unworthy men. "Like priest, was only permitted to see a few friends. He the country left to honest European guidance; work has already been done by them, and the like people" has been true ever since they were went blind—then died." delaying which can be profitable or agreeable results are decidedly encouraging. Professor contemporaries, and seeing that the parson only to gamblers on the Stock Exchange, but Blaikie, who has taken a leading part in advo-might not, the people did not, interfere in the cating the formation of a great organ of the strife, the result has been, in spite of Tadpole's world's Presbyterianism, visited last autumn, and Taper's witness to the contrary, that, except at the request of the committee, most of the on one or two rare occasions, as, for instance, ever lived in our day both perished while bravecountries of the Continent where Presbyterian the question of the slave trade, the Methodists ly seeking the welfare of the people by whom A correspondent of the New York Tribuns churches exist, and endeavored to enlist the have long allowed matters to go their own way, they were murdered. Such mysterious proviwrites as follows, of Spurgeon, Dean Stanley, sympathies of prominent ministers in favor of and, like Gallio, cared for none of these things dences ought to shame us when we are tempted several different reigns. The dates thus extend the scheme he has so much at heart. In Yet the force of their attitude and the unquest o murmur at being compelled to endure some from the fall of the Assyrian Empire to the Having had excellent opportunities for hear-Germany, Bohemia, Hungary, Italy, Switzer- tionable strength of their influence, in that great trifling trial. These sketches are found in the reign of Darius Hystaspes, including dates in struggle to which we have adverted, might have literary notices of the British Quarterly Re- the reigns of Nabopolassar, father of Nebuchadtaught them that this precious talent was far view:that with the rare advantages possessed by the found that many of the small and struggling too valuable an article to lie buried in the

Galileo at Rome.

A correspondent of the Scotsman has the Vatican:--

had been hailed with delight, but the inference onel Brown (of whose expedition Dr. Anderson presented, though to what extent, or in what their movements suggested caused his perdition. has just published a most interesting account), of Presbyterians, who, in the main, hold by the acleperformed by Joshus. Galileo replied that the "Commodore Goodenough was the son of the Holy Scriptures could noterr, but that they should Dean of Wells, and was born in 1830. He was What the Council may be able to do in an not be literally interpreted. Another Do named after his godfather, Sir James Graham

perience in India may prove that it is possible, great deal of trouble. The arches court is busy the conduct of European Governments; and afterward the Inquisitor of Florence delivered Fijis. He worked heartily with missionaries representatives on the Board. THE TO BE SHOULD BE TO A SECOND OF SHOULD BE SECOND OF THE SECOND OF THE

Office, means 'torture.' It is urged, but not by enough." Signor Berti, that Galileo was actually tortured. and that the document giving a description of The Late Mr. George Smith's Last this scene was suppressed at the suggestion of other hand, it is asserted that when the Pope supported, he knew very well that Galileo could not support torture, and that torture would not

Margary and Goodenough.

Two of the noblest and purest men that have

turning to England, he resided with them in

parts of his journey to Burmah were like an ovation. No Chinese official seemed able to with stand him. When he writes about the 'charm' following account of the trials of Galileo, as to make the journey from Shanghai to Bhamo, derived from the original documents at the there to meet Colonel Brown's expedition, which he was to accompany back to Shanghai. He "Galileo's discovery of the satellites of Jupiter accomplished his journey, started back with Col-

"Not long after this a new Pontiff was appointed acting commander while in the Chica

terceded in his behalf. The Pope would hear of A nobler life or a more heroic death it would no delay. He gave orders that the culprit should be difficult to imagine. His last days, when tebe seized and brought to Rome in chains, if he tanus set in and death became certain, were was able to support the journey. Galileo, half perfect in their religious beauty, their usefuldead, reached Rome in January, 1633, and in ness, pious resignation, and consideration for his April he was interrogated by the Holy Office. For men. 'If,' said he, expressing his desire to take too far in advocating the system of Copernicus. hear it from the lips of a dying man they will He was called upon to give a more explicit de- believe it.' The narrative of this interview is nial of the truth of what he had advanced, or affecting even to tears. Christians may well ination, which, in the language of the Hely saintly and manly virtues of Commodore Good-

Discoveries.

The London correspondent of the Manchester Gwardian writes :-The main portion of the Babylonian antiqui-

ties, just received at the British Museum as the result of the last expedition of Mr. George Smith, was found near Hillah, a town about are chiefly contract tablets, mortgage loans, promissory notes, records of the sale of lands, shares, and other commodities, representing, in fact, all the various commercial transactions of a Babylonian firm, who may be approximately described as Mesars. Gabi and Sons, bankers and financial agents. Many of the tablets represent the renewal of loans and mortgages, so that the documents referring to the first and the last of continuing transactions bear the dates of nezzar, Evil-Merodach, Cambyses, and the elder "Augustus Raymond Margary was the son of and the younger Cyrus. The dates of the Major-General Margary, and was born at Bel- tablets, therefore, furnish very important chro-Now-a-days, however, thanks to the spirit of gaum in 1846. After spending some time at nological landmarks, and they are in many reprogress and the consequent growth of opinion, school in France, when about nine years old, spects subversive of the recent chronology. The a change is coming o'er the spirit of their he came to England, and was under the care of rate of interest current in Babylon on leans was and peculiar gift. Ever since Peter the Great's refer, has been over twenty years in London a body are of a somewhat formidable kind, but dream; of rather they have given up dreaming his uncle, the Rev. J. Layard, Rector of Swafield, generally 10 per cent., and much light is thrown appearance among them, they have been in There is nothing in his manner that ordinarily they are by no means insuperable. In Germany, altogether, have woke up to a sense of their Norfolk. After a short attendance at North on the social life of the Babylonians from the steady progress of development. In our own gives a preacher popularity. He is not sensa for example, where Lutheran and Reformed duty and privilege, their responsibility and Walsham Grammar School he went to Brighton circumstance that witnesses of deed are always time they have done signal service to God tional, and has few eccentricities. He is never Churches exist, either in union or separately, power as a component part of the common. College, where he remained upwards of seven described by their trade or profession. One of archic populations all over their side of the or levity in his discourses, though there is some- Council appointed in sufficient numbers, and will never go to sleep again. Mere party exhibited from early life the fine qualities which king, being the first time his name has been previous inscriptions having had rebelief is that the Russians are called to do great Scriptures as he understands them. His ser-their peculiar circumstances they may find it borrow Dean Swift's Lilliputian illustration. London, and attended University College. He time when he was described as the son of Nathings in the world, and to be a conspicuous mons are constructed simply, and clothed in difficult, or prove actually unwilling to re- it is to be hoped Methodism will ever leave to passed a competitive examination for a student bonidus. There are a large number of matheare lighted up with brilliant metaphors, and Yet we hope the German Contingent in the moral, social, or religious questions are involv. in March, 1867,—a very noble result of the com- able intricacy. One curious and beautiful tablet To undertake a war against Russia on behalf impressed on the mind with strong illustrations Council will, in some way or other, be large ed, and such matters are not seldom cropping petitive system. His conscientious industry and presents a calendar for the entire Baylonian of the Turk, it is evident to me, would be drawn from various sources, but mainly from enough adequately to represent the land of the up in serious fashion, not only the influence of determination to be thorough soon caused him year—or would if a fragment had not been lost -and for every day in the year, distinguishing may fondly hope, impossible for any Minister, to the Tabernacle every Sunday are held face in Bohemia will be well represented in Edinforce of the Methodist Church, should be tained a remarkable knowledge of Chinese, the days as lucky or unlucky, whether for feastforce of the Methodist Church, should be tained a remarkable knowledge of Chinese, the days as lucky or unlucky, whether for feastforce of the Methodist Church, should be tained a remarkable knowledge of Chinese, the days as lucky or unlucky, whether for feastforce of the Methodist Church, should be tained a remarkable knowledge of Chinese, the days as lucky or unlucky, whether for feastforce of the Methodist Church, should be tained a remarkable knowledge of Chinese, the days as lucky or unlucky, whether for feastforce of the Methodist Church, should be tained a remarkable knowledge of Chinese, the days as lucky or unlucky, whether for feastforce of the Methodist Church, should be tained a remarkable knowledge of Chinese, the days as lucky or unlucky, whether for feastforce of the Methodist Church, should be tained a remarkable knowledge of Chinese, the days as lucky or unlucky, whether for feastforce of the Methodist Church, should be tained a remarkable knowledge of Chinese, the days as lucky or unlucky, whether for feastforce of the Methodist Church, should be tained a remarkable knowledge of Chinese, the days as lucky or unlucky, whether for feastforce of the Methodist Church, should be tained a remarkable knowledge of Chinese, the days as lucky or unlucky, whether for feastforce of the Methodist Church, should be tained a remarkable knowledge of Chinese, the days as lucky or unlucky, whether for feastforce of the Methodist Church, should be tained a remarkable knowledge of Chinese, the days as lucky or unlucky, whether for feastforce of the Methodist Church, should be tained a remarkable knowledge of Chinese, the days are larger to the force of the Methodist Church, should be tained a remarkable knowledge of Chinese, t The calendar further indicates in what, respects in defence of the Turk; a mass of the most which awaits them. All this is not calculated numbers 2,000 congregations. In both these issue to the fortunes alike of Whig or Tory, dian official. He was in every way a man to property, health and fortune. Among the antiquities are some early Babylonian bricks, and man of sincere and devout piety. So well did fragments of statuary of a king hithertounknown in the city of Zergul, called at this day by the slightly varied form of Zerghul. There are also specimens of pottery, and two small bronze statuettes of gods, with inscriptions. The whole ing people' among whom he travelled, we may series of tablets may be said to be, all things possibly understand the reason. His mission was considered, in a fair condition as to their integ-

English School Affairs. " " .

The London correspondent of the N. Y. Ob-

"We have at present a somewhat exciting canvass going on in London, preparatory to the election of new members to the School Board, Hitherto the work of education in the schools under the control of the Board has been carried on in a liberal, generous manner. Spacious, school-houses have been built in every part of the metropolis where there has been any demand for them, well-appointed teachers have been chosen, and thousands, tens of thousands. of children now go to school, who, but for the excellent Education Act. of Mr. Forster, would probably have remained in the undesignable position from which they have often derited the name of "gutter children." These waits and strays are now gathered into the schools. But. there is now a cry raised against the expensive management of these schools. Not that there from the friends of the children and of educapresent also at the taking of Canton. He was tion. Of course this is a stingy class all over the world, and yet it is not altographer on the score of economy that the cry is raised. The truth is, that these excellent schools managed of hardship and persecution submitted to it audiences with the Pope, but what passed became not only a most accomplished seaman, but payers, have seriously interfered with the so-Canon Liddon of St, Paul's is a preacher of by Churches or by individuals. It will apply tween them is not known. The astronomer one of the most popular officers in the service, called Voluntary Schools. And these valuntary a different order. His style of sermonizing to these the great scriptural principles which now thought himself at liberty to write his dia- It will be remembered how active a part he took schools are of a denominational character. And The result is, in the long run, inevitable, and might be deemed almost faultless. His style it is summoned to assert in as practical a shape logues, in , which the system of Copernicus, in the relief of the French peasants during the of all, denominations, none exercises so much it were better to set about it now than to and form of expression are unexcelled. Al- as prudence may dictate. In an age when without being defended, was expounded. The Franco-Prussian war. He was appointed naval control, has so much prerogative in the matter. temporize and haggle in the vain hope of doing though his voice is not over strong, no one of the public opinion is constantly gaining strength, Pontiff had no sooner received a copy of this attache in 1871, and visited several of the capi- as the Church of England. Consequently this five thousand people who sat under the great both in the temporal and spiritual domain, the work than he showed himself violently irritated, tals of Europe. In 1873 he was appointed com- Church looks at the growing character of the As to the temporary or preparatory govern- dome last Sunday afternoon need have lost a deliberate conclusions and solemn verdicts of a land but for the supplications of the Tuscan Am- mander of the Australian station, and did as- Board so nools with some dismay. It would be ment of the recovered provinces, cleared of their word of his discourse. Unlike Dean Stanley great Presbyterian Council will not be disre- bassador, he would have at once sent him before siduous and noble work in promoting the inter- disagreeable for them to find their occupation

The Lamily Treasury.

A Christmas Hymn.

BY T. BUCHANAN READ.

The air was still o'er Bethlehem's plain, As if the great Night held its breath, When Life Eternal came to reign Over a world of death.

The pagan at his midnight board Let fall his brimming cup of gold; He selt the presence of his Lord Before his birth was told.

The temples trembled to their base, The idols shuddered as in pain; A priesthood in its power of place Knelt to its gods in vain.

All nature felt a thrill divine

When burst that meteor on the night, Which, pointing to the Saviour's shrine, Proclaimed the new-born light-Light to the shepherds! and the star

Gilded their silent midnight fold-Light to the wise men from afar, Bearing their gifts of gold-

Light to a realm of sin and grief;

Light to aworld in all its needs; The light of life -a new belief Rising o'er fallen creeds; Light on a tangled path of thorns, Though leading to a martyr's throne;

A light to guide till Christ returns In glory to His own. There still it shines, while far abroad The Christmas choir sings now, as then

"Glory, glory unto God ! Peace and good-will to men!

Milton and Owen.

John Milton and John Owen were both Christians-both devout, both unceremonial both advocating a wide liberty of conscience. both averse to Prelacy and to all Presbyterian dominion, both entertaining in general the same views of government, political and ecclesiastical, yet how unlike in many other respects! the one exhibiting in his religion the genius of a poet, the other the genius of a systematic thirty, and the fatal collapse which is the intheologian : the one soaring with out-stretched wing into the loftiest region of divine contemthe standard of a remorseless logic, based upon Scripture : the one inspired with classic taste, chiselling the products of his intellect into forms of beauty, comparable to those of Phidias in the art of sculpture; the other careless respecting artistic style, and flinging out the treasures of his affluent mind after a fashion which is most excruciating to the æsthetical of this generation : the one a Homer, the other an Aristotle among Puritans. And as they used to before I got converted—just to ease my differed in their manner of thinking, so also they differed in their modes of feeling and in tion, bearing scarcely any marks of such strug- his wife where he left off. Some read it caregles as beset most other Christians, and suggesting the idea that his chief conflicts of soul the book, they cannot tell a word that was in must have been with "spiritual wickedness in the chapter. Some read a chapter here and high places;" Owen, on the other hand, dwell-there—scatter all through—and, having no conwork of the Holy Spirit in prayer," and "the books. We have got to study it to understand simple and noble life may not be often recalled nearest relations." "He would frequently say, glory of Christ," and ever indicating the it; read and re-read it, and pray God to cause to the minds of the young. She was the daughthose evangelical points respecting which some we first go about it in that way, and set our Lighthouse, on one of the most rocky and exposed And while Milton was solitary in his devotion. at least during the latter part of his life, and in this respect, as in others, was "like a star, and dwelt apart," Owen delighted in social worship.—Rev. J. Stoughton's History of Eng-

George Stephenson at Sir Robert Peel's.

At Drayton, on one occasion, an animated "and I'll see what I can do for you." The two the Bible if he willed to do it. Follett had at all points the mastery over Dr. delving you will find them. Buckland. "What do you say, Mr. Stephenson ?" asked Sir Robert, laughing. "Why," said he, "I only say this, that of all the powers above and under the earth, there seems to me other force in nature that could do that." One was good for me that I was afflicted." Sunday, when the party had just returned from What is really most surprising of all is, that "Oh, very likely a canny Newcastle driver?" few Christians, his friends and acquaintances snow.

s nothing else," said the engineer; "it is light a truly devout man melancholy any time. bottled up in the earth for tens of thousands of For much of this mistake, however, it must shine and shadow, for beauty of situation Genoa

Beauty of Canadian Women.

An American correspondent of the Boston Post, who has lately been on a tour through Canada, pays the following high compliment to our ladies :—

"The healthfulness and beauty of the women of Canada was very deeply impressed upon me recently. Taking a cheap excursion trip upon the lake one sunny day, I saw about six hundred young women and girls, and a prettier batch could hardly be wished for. As a rule, the girls were pictures of health. Their complexions were clear and rosy. Their blonde hair was long, thick and abundant, and their teeth regular and pearly white. They were well developed, neatly and nattily dressed, and were quite artless in manner and conversation. I could see nothing in their faces, halfhidden beneath broad, white-trimmed chip hats. which indicated late hours or champagne suppers; they did not resemble Dr. Holmes' India Education' could look and be satisfied. I then and there concluded that the Canadian girls were the prettiest I had seen in the North or East. A Canadian woman is in her prime at beauty, style is an easy acquisition. They are refined, and as modest as they are artless.

How to Study the Bible.

In his address on the study of the Bible, Mr I now take up the question how to study it

not how to read it. A great many read it as I

conscience. I then used to read two chapters a strongest faith and the intensest feeling upon the Holy Ghost to open our understanding. It ter of William Darling, keeper of the Longstone faces, as Jehosbaphat did in prayer, like flint, of the Farne Islands, lying off Northumberland, and go to work to understand these blessed and on the English coast. She was twenty two Cod and His people; but my work is done. Yet You will make your mark yet.—N. Y. Observer. heavenly truths, we will succeed. There are years old when the incident occurred which God will be with His people.' He was very first is a good Bible. I don't like the little September, 1838, amidst wind and storm, a speaking often to himself. And there being ones, because they are hard to read. You want vessel, with sixty-three persons on board, was something to drink offered him, he was desired one with plain print that you can see. Many wrecked upon one of the fearful crags of the to take the same, and endeavor to sleep, unto tongue-fence than Stephenson, completely reading the Word of God ? If you cannot get them—she resolved to save them. Her aged Great Rebellion." mlenced him. Next morning, before breakfast, time at home, take the Bible on the train. Some father endeavored to dissuade her, considering while he was walking in the grounds deeply say that is exhibiting a spirit of Pharisaism. If that rescue was impossible in such a furious pondering, Sir William Follett came up and you do it in that spirit it is an abomination to sea. But Grace was resolute, and as there was saked him what he was thinking about "Why, men of God, but, with a pure motive, God will no one on the island except herself and parents, I am right, and that if I had only the command papers, or spend so much time upon yourselves? sea. By wonderful skill and strength the

mastered the subject, Sir William rose up, rub- your conscience. A great many read but a died of consumption - Harper's Weekly. bing his hands with glee, and said, " Now I am little, and the result is they don't find anyready for him." Sir Robert Peel was made thing. When men went to California for the acquainted with the plot, and adroitly intro- purpose of digging gold they worked hard and duced the subject of the controversy after toiled with a terrible energy to get a little. dinner. The result was, that, in the argument Now, my friends, if you want to get pure gold which followed, the man of science was over- you have got to dig for it. The best truths are come by the man of law; and Sir William not found on the surface. If you dig and keep

Religion Not Gloomy.

One day, at dinner, during the same visit, a so eminent and evident in human history as

church, they were standing together on the ter- these preposterous cavils come from unbelievers, race near the hall, and observed in the distance whose real feeling and sentiments are precisely a railway train flashing along, throwing be- what they charge falsely upon Christians hind it a long line of white steam. "Now, Hume, the infidel, said he had observed that all Backland," said Mr. Stephenson, "I have a devout persons whom he had ever met were that grows upon you in spite of unfavorable first The inventors claim that the machine has been preer for you. Can you tell me what is the seriously melancholy. To which good Bishou tunpressions, together with I know not what of brought to a state of perfection that leaves power that is driving that train ?" "Well." Horne replied most wisely, when he remarked cransport in the majestic breadth of her glorious nothing more to be desired. By their process the time of which I am speaking somewhat cor-Build the other, "I suppose it is one of your big that it might very probably be true; for, in the culf, and the sublime sweep of its encircling one snow-melter is capable of clearing off from respondent to the vintage in the wine countries e gines." "But what drives the engine?" first place, it is most likely Hume saw but very mountains clad in purple and capped with one to fifteen miles of streets in twenty-four of Europe. Large tracts of land in New Eng-

What do you say to the light of the sun?" being of quite another sort; and in the second How can that be?" asked the Doctor. "It place, the sight of Hume himself would make vine-clad, olive-crowned hills, where many a

years—light, absorbed by planets and vegetables, be admitted that, in all candor, Christians them- yields only to Naples and Constantinople in being necessary for the condensation of carbon selves are responsible. For we are wont to the Mediterranean. From her crescent-shaped during the process of their growth, if it be not accept too many of the sentiments which our port, with its forest of masts, to the mountain carbon in another form—and now, after being faith teaches us to reject. Suppose a sermon is summits frowning with fortifications, palaces buried in the earth for long ages in fields of coal, announced upon the text, "We all do fade as and villas, churches and convents, rise one that latent light is again brought forth and a leaf." Does not the anticipation present itself above another in endless succession. It would liberated, made to work, as in that locomotive, instantly in every mind that a sad, pensive, seem as if the queenly city, too deeply enamored for great human purposes." The idea was poetic strain of lamentation and warning is of her beautiful bay, were everywhere on tiptoe certainly a most striking and original one; like coming from the pulpit, and so people are going to catch a glimpse of its broad expanse of liquid a flash of light, it illuminated in an instant an to be tormented before their time? Have we sapphire, whose prismatic play of reflected light entire field of science. Life of George Stephenson, not all of us been too much accustomed to quote and color, as it loses itself in a rich autumnal the sentence with an intonation of irrepressible sunset, with its opulence of purple and scarlet gloom in our voices?

Reading.

From the habit of deriving your necessary pleasure from reading. Let your reading be so comprehensive that it will take in something of all that is going on upon the globe in the time in which you live. Read books of travel and history. Ordinarily, for the living news. for news of the actual processes that are going on, read the newspaper. But in all you read, avoid vulgarity. A thing is not proper because it has been put in type. Avoid all that which is unmanly in your reading. You would not associate with a man who is mean in all family, and these to him were harder to bear his intercourse with the companion, the party than the plots and machinations of his enemies. you associate with that? You would not youngest daughter (16th Feb.), and the Earl of lus for the development of his mind. And so associate, for a moment, with a man who went Warwick, a firm friend to himself, the young about as a tell-tale, reporting everything that man's grandfather (19th April). And now his befel each member of a party; you would spew favorite daughter, Lady Claypole, "of excellent magazines. And before his death, which ocrubber constitutions, which collapse in the him forth with loathing; but if he prints all the parts, civil to all persons, courteous, friendly, middle third of life; they were specimens upon vile, prurient stuff that he can collect, with no lay ill at Hampton Court, "under great exwhich I inwardly wished the author of 'Sex in purpose of good, but only with the purpose of tremity of bodily pain," dying, in fact, by some filling his avaricious pocket, why should you terrible internal disease. The Protector was not vomit out his paper also? Keep yourself free constantly by her bedside, and so overpowered from sensational reading. Abhor morbid news with grief for his dying child, that he had but The things that are useful, that make you sweet- little attention to bestow on public business. minded, that would be becoming in your father's The groom of his bedchamber relates how "his exorable fate of Eastern girls between twenty house and in your mother's presence; the things sense of her outward misery, in the pains she and thirty is unknown to these hardy maidens that a philosopher would cherish and that a endured, took deep impression upon him, who, Plation, the other measuring every opinion by The Canadian girls are not very 'stylish,' but patriot would admire; in short, the things indeed, was ever a most indulgent and tender they are neat, and, possessing the essentials of that a plain, truth-loving, justice-loving man father." He also relates how the text, "I can would like—those things read day by day. So do all things through Christ which strengtheneth reading, you will discipline your moral sense me," was what restored him from despair. For and augment your knowledge. Maintain that "this scripture," as Cromwell himself said. vital curiosity which shall make the world "did once save my life when my eldest son perpetually bring material to you to fill up died, which went as a dagger to my heart, inyour vacant hours; continue that habit while deed it did." Lady Claypole died (6th Aug.). you are young, and through life, and then it and a tortnight after her death his own health, will not forsake you when you are old; and which had for some time past been failing, great promise. Says an able writer: "There when business falls from your listless hands, quite broke down. He was seized with a are displayed in these passages a power of reaand your ears bring to you no more sweet dangerous ague, and, by advice of his physicians, day, and I would jump out of bed to do it sounds, you shall not sit in the chimney-corner removed from Hampton Court to Whitehall. ples of government and of the English Constitutheir habits of life, the religious sentiments of Some put a mark in the book to tell where they with no source of enjoyment and of knowledge. Milton being calm and pure, with something in left off. In travelling, I have seen the head of So long as his higher faculties do not fail, the their tone almost approaching to angelic elevathe house take down the family book and ask

man who has trained himself to reading has, in

man at any age, and in a youth of seventeen level the house take down the family book and ask

man who has trained himself to reading has, in youth, in middle age, and in old age, a relief might ensue, when the one man was gone who lessly, and if asked ten minutes after they shut from loneliness, and an unfailing source of joy.

Grace Darling. -

faces, as Jehoshaphat did in prayer, like flint, of the Farne Islands, lying off Northumberland,

Genoa.

where he will first encounter a decided flavor him, and he with Me. the uttermost ends of the earth, the recollection learned to be content in whatsoever state he where Italian vis inertia and indolence are Him Most High !" of that look will bring him back: there is no is, to take pleasure in distress, and to say, "It stimulated by Anglo-Saxon enterprise and energy; where the shrill whistle of the locomotive startles the slumberous chimes of the monastery bells, and the mediaval donkey snow has been invented by Mr. John Mullaly quaint, picturesque old city, with a subtle charm | Superintendents of the Centennial Exposition, had not been so long from the press as to have low Him, we shall-

Proudly seated upon her amphitheatre of sinuous fold gives interminable play to sunand gold, neither pen nor pencil can adequately portray. - Harper's Magazine for December.

Oliver Cromwell's Last Lilness.

The Protector's popularity had been much increased by the possession of Dunkirk; petitions were even sent in by some counties, desiring him to take the title of king; and whether men feared or hoped, the expectation that he would be crowned was general throughout the

But this expectation was never to be re alized. Sorrows fell upon Cromwell in his own (21st Aug.)

Men prayed for his recovery, looking into the them to live in peace. "His heart," says one teen years of age.

The Food We Need.

"A noble Englishwoman, noble by blood,

of Orientalism. It can beast no world-renown. We take up the cry of the saintly Arvisenet, making sugar is carried on with several ingened masterpiece in art or architecture, like the in his Warnings of the Great Shepherd to the lious contrivances unknown at that time, when Venus de Medici or the Transfiguration, or Pastors of the Flock,' Oh, Lord Jesus, reason- everything was done in the open air. that wondrous miracle in marble, the cathedral able, indeed, is our service when we acknow- In autumn, the task of stripping the husks So far from personal piety becoming a source of Milan. It lacks the art treasures of Florence, ledge Thee to be our Lord! Assuredly it is from the ears of Indian corn was made the octo be no power so great as the gift of the gab." of darkness or depression, there is no one fact the hoary monumental glories of Rome, the very meet and right that together with nature casion of social meetings, in which the boystook romantic charm of the Venetian "sea-swan," or itself, with the stars, with the angels that bear a special part. A farmer would appoint what scientific lady asked him the question, "Mr that many a man has in his hours of suffering the dreamy, dolce far niente voluptuousness of Thee witness, with so many that were healed was called "a husking," to which he invited Stephenson, what do you consider the most and barassment found religion to be his mightiest incomparable Naples. But Genoa can boast, by Thee when Thou wast on the earth with his neighbors. The ears of maize in the husk, it off, and east it from thee." powerful force in nature?" "Oh!" said he, comfort. The better Christian a mourner is, the instead, of being the commercial metropolis of the Apostles, with so many martyrs, so many sometimes along with part of the stalk, were in a gallant spirit, "I will soon answer that more certainly and swiftly comes to his bereaved taly—a city that belongs to the present as well kings, so many wise, with all the upright in heaped on the barn floor. In the evening, lan. once asked what difference her religion made question; it is the eye of a woman for the man heart a full joy of relief. The entire experience as the past, and hence a city of brilliant con- heart, we should be saying, Oh, holy and mighty terms were brought, and, seated on piles of dry to her work. "O! a great difference," she rewho loves her; for if a woman look with of sorrow has, under the power of Christian trasts, where the old and the new civilizations and everlasting is our Saviour Christ! Heaven husks, the men and boys stripped the ears of plied: "I always sweep under the mats now." affection on a young man, and he should go to faith, been rapidly reversed. A man has even meet in fierce though friendly encounter; and earth are full of His glory. Glory be to their covering, and breaking them from the You see, before, she had sturred her work, only

> A machine for melitng and clearing away the orays out his solemn protest against the en- one of the New York Commissioners of Assess- journed to the dwelling-house and were treated And so, my dear children, if we truly love croschments of the aggressive iron horse—a ments, and Mr. John T. Hawkins, one of the to pumpkin-pie and cider, which in that season and trust in the Lord Jesus, and sincerely fol-

for the Young folk.

Good News on Christmas Morning.

Good news on Christmas morning. Good news, O children dear! For Christ, once born in Bethlehem. Is living now, and here!

Good news on Christmas morning. Good news, O children sweet! The way to find the Holy Child Is lighted for your feet.

Good news on Christmas morning, Good news, O children glad! Rare gifts are yours to give the Lord As ever Wise Men had.

Good news on Christmas morning, Good news, O children fair! Still doth the one Good Shepherd hold The feeblest in his care

Thank God on Christman morning, Thank God, O children dear! That Christ who came to Bethlehen Is living now, and here.

-St. Nicholas.

"That Marvellous Boy."

BY BEV. ROBERT H. WILLIAMS.

Chatterton was such a remarkable instance of precocity that Wordsworth called him "that marvellous boy." At a very early age he was withdrawn from school as a dince, but having row glens of the region in which I lived were been taken under the immediate care of his mo- much better stocked with trout in those days or the neighborhood; yet this man's newspaper Death had already deprived him of two rela- ther, he made rapid improvement. Then the may be just as mean as he; and why should tives-Robert Rich, lately married to his schools offered him the opportunity and stimurapidly did it develop, that at eleven he wrote verses, and at seventeen, articles for reviews and curred at the early age of nineteen, he wrote sermons for ministers, and political essays for

the politicians. Something like this can be said of others whose names have a conspicuous place before their fellow-men. Whately studied the difficult theories of government at the age of twelve. The difficult doctrines of the Christian religion afforded Chalmers great delight at the early age of thirteen. Pascal, at sixteen, produced a famous paper on Conic Sections. "Ismael: an Oriental Tale," is said to have been composed by Bulwer when he was only fifteen years of age. Watts composed devotional verses at eight, and had hardly passed boyhood when his hymns could be counted by the score.

Alexander Hamilton, at the age of seventeen, wrote several essays on the Rights of the Colonies, which drew attention to him as a youth of soning and sarcasm, a knowledge of the princitroversy, that would have done honor to any

the midst of his pains. Again he said, I would be willing to live to be further serviceable to

Boyhood of the Poet Bryant.

One of the entertainments of the boys of my object to large Bibles, because they cannot Farne group. The vessel was utterly unsea- which he answered, 'It is not my design to time was what were called the "raisings," mean- her fly into a passion, and perhaps throw the be carried in the pocket. Carry them under worthy, and the majority of those on board drink or sleep; but my design is to make what jug the erection of the timber frames of houses or dish on the floor, or, at any rate, refuse to your arms then. As some one said: "He found a watery grave. But at daybreak, next haste I can to be gone." The next day was the barns, to which the boards were to be afterward touch her dinner, as would have been preached a sermon five miles long by carrying morning, by means of a glass, nine poor crea- 3rd of September, his lucky day, the anniver- nailed. Here the minister made a point of the case before her conversion: but what was discussion took place between Stephenson and a Bible under his arm." Let the people know tures were discovered clinging to rocks and sary of his victories of Dunbar and Worcester, being present, and hither the able-bodied men their surprise when she quietly sat down at the Dr. Buckland on one of his favorite theories as who you are. Men come in on every train, and broken spars nearly a mile from Longstone. and at four o'clock in the afternoon of that day of the neighborhood, the young men especially, table and began thankfully to ask God's blesto the formation of coal. But the result was, sit down and play cards. Why should you be When Grace Darling perceived their imminent Oliver Cromwell lay dead. From "King and were summoned, and took part in the work with sing on the meal! They looked at each other that Dr. Buckland, a much greater master of ashamed to be seen with a Bible in your hands danger—for the returning tide would engult Commonwealth, a History of Charles I. and the great alacrity. It was a spectacle for us next to that of a performer on the tight-rope, to see the young men walk steadily on the narrow footing reality of the change in Jane more convincingly of the beams at a great height from the ground, or as they stood to catch in their hands the Bishop Huntington, of Central New York, at wooden pins and the braces flung to them Sir William, I am thinking over that argu- bless you. A great many say they cannot find they launched the boat together, and father and the communion service of the Church Congress, from below. They vied with each other in ment I had with Buckland last night. I know time. Suppose you do not read so many daily daughter, each taking an oar, pushed out to in Boston, closed an address in these words:— the dexterity and daving with which they conversion, she had been noted for her great went through with the work, and when the of words which he has, I'd have beaten him." I do not believe there is a business man in Chi- shipwrecked nine were saved. The brave girl's noble in knowledge, and noble by a sweet and skeleton of the building was put together, some Let me know all about it," said Sir William, cago who cannot find an hour a day to study heroism aroused a tumult of praise throughout charitable life, whose constant visiting in the one among them generally capped the climax of life, she went to her work, wearing her earrings England, and most flattering tokens of appreci- homes of the poor wore out a frame not firm fearless activity by standing on the ridge-pole as usual. It had not struck her that there was sat down in an arbor, where the astute lawyer When you have a good Bible get Cruden's ation were offered to her. But Grace Darling enough to sustain the holy fire of her spirit, with his headdownward and his heels in the air.

made himself thoroughly acquainted with the Concordance; that is a great help; and then a never swerved from her modest dignity of said to some clergy of her Church just before. Another of the entertainments of rustic life points of the case; entering into it with all little scriptural text-book has been a great help character. She continued to live with her she died: 'Try to lead the heart of England in the region of which I am speaking was the the seal of an advocate about to plead the to me. And when you come to the Word of parents at the lighthouse, refusing all offers of from an irrational infidelity to a reasonable making of maple sugar. This was a favorite dearest interests of his client. After he had God hunt for something. Don't read to ease a more public career. In October, 1842, she Christianity.' All over this continent, forty frolic of the boys. The apparatus for the sugar millions of people are judging our faith by our camp was of a much ruder kind than is now works. On what bread do we feed our life? used. The sap was brought in buckets from the Is it on that of which a man eats and dies? or wounded trees and poured into a great caldron is it on that which the Wayfaring Man blessed which hung over a hot fire from a stout horizon-Genoa is not a city to detain the tourist long beforehand in His promise, when He said to tal pole supported at each end by an upright with its sight-seeing, though it will probably every follower who hearkens and opens the stake planted in the ground. Since that time be the one on his way southward and eastward door, 'I will come in to him and will sup with they have built in every maple grove a sugarhouse—a little building in which the process of

was talked over, stories were told, jests went but with good-will, doing service, round, and at the proper hour the assembly ad. as to the Lord, and not to men." parted with its sweetness.

The cider-making season in autumn was, at land were overshadowed by rows of apple-trees, 53 King Street West, Toronto.

and in the month of May a journey through that region was a journey through wilderness of bloom. In the month of October the whole population was busy gathering apples under the trees, from which they fell in heavy showers as the branches were shaken by the strong arms of the farmers. The creak of the cider-mill, turned by a horse moving in a circle, was heard in every neighborhood as one of the most common of rural sounds.

From time to time, the winter evenings, and eccasionally a winter afternoon, brought the young people of the parish together in attendance upon a singing-school. Some person who possessed more than common power of voice, and skill in modulating it, was employed to teach psalmody, and the boys were naturally attracted to his school as a recreation. It often happened that the teacher was an enthusiast in his vocation, and thundered forth the airs set down in the music-books with a fervor that was contagious. A few of those who attempted to learn psalmody were told that they had no aptitude for the art, and were set aside, but that did not prevent their attendance as hearers of the others. In those days a set of tunes were in fashion mostly of New England origin, which have since been laid aside in obedience to a more fastidious taste.

The streams which bickered through the narthan now, for the country had been newly opened to settlement. The boys, all, were anglers. I confess to having felt a strong interest in that "sport," as I no longer call it. I have long since been weaned from the propensity of which I speak; but I have no doubt that the instinct which inclines so many to it, and some of them our grave divines, is a remnant of the original wild nature of man. Another "aport," to which the young men of the neighborhood sometimes admitted the elder boys, was the autumnal squirrel-hunt. The young men formed themselves into two parties equal in number, and fixed a day for the shooting. The party which on that day brought down the greatest number of squirrels was declared the victor, and the contest ended with some sort of festivity in the evening.

I have not mentioned other sports and games of the boys of that day,—that is to say, of seventy or eighty years since,—such as wrestling running, leaping, base-ball, and the like, for in these there was nothing to distinguish them from the same pastimes at the present day.—St.

Marks of the Change.

If we "belong to Christ," our religion will nake a real difference, not only in our thoughts and feelings, but in our outward life and actions. could hold the rival parties down and compel wrote thirty thousand lines before he was nine- friends would not at first believe that she was really converted, which means to be turned from who then attended him, "was so carried out for God and His people—yea, indeed, for some, who

Just before the death of the father of sin to God. They knew Jane (as we will call Francis Turretin, he had Francis who her) had a very bad temper; and they thought it mg much upon "the mortification of sin in believers," "the doctrine of justification," "the lievers," "the doctrine of justification," "the Work of the Holy Spirit in prayer," and "the look is altogether different from all other work of the Holy Spirit in prayer," and "the look is altogether different from all other work of the Holy Spirit in prayer," and "the look is altogether different from all other work of the Holy Spirit in prayer," and "the look is altogether different from all other work of the Holy Spirit in prayer," and "the look is altogether different from all other work of the Holy Spirit in prayer," and "the look is altogether different from all other work of the Holy Spirit in prayer," and "the look is altogether different from all other work of the Holy Spirit in prayer," and "the look is altogether different from all other work of the Holy Spirit in prayer," and "the look is altogether different from all other work of the Holy Spirit in prayer," and "the look is altogether different from all other work of the Holy Spirit in prayer," and "the look is altogether different from all other work of the Holy Spirit in prayer," and "the look is altogether different from all other work of the Holy Spirit in prayer," and "the look is altogether different from all other work of the Holy Spirit in prayer," and "the look is altogether different from all other work of the Holy Spirit in prayer," and "the look is altogether different from all other work of the Holy Spirit in prayer," and "the look is altogether different from all other work of the Holy Spirit in prayer," and "the look is altogether different from all other work of the Holy Spirit in prayer," and "the look is altogether different from all other work of the Holy Spirit in prayer," and "the look is altogether different from all other work of the Holy Spirit in prayer," and "the look is altogether different from all other work of the Holy Spirit in prayer," and "the look is altogether different from all other work of the Holy Spirit in prayer," a God is good, indeed he is, and would speak it rapid advancement he was making in his studies, she used to do. This, of course, was exceedingly with much cheerfulness and fervor of spirit in he would smooth his beard, and say: "Ah, ha; wicked. They were trying to help the devil;

> work tired and hungry, and quite ready for a good dinner, there was nothing for her to eat, three books that Christians ought to have. The gave her the name of heroine. On the 6tn of restless most part of the [Thursday] night, Young People's Amusements in the but some very unpalatable food, for which she was known to have a special dislike. The family prepared it on purpose to vex her They watched her as she came in expecting to see with astonishment, exclaiming, " Is it true!" Yes. it was true. This simple act proved the than volumes of words could have done.

> > Another girl, who lived, I think, in the same place, had also found the Saviour. Before she had come to this turning-point, which we call love of finery and display in dress. Well, one day, soon after she had begun to live a new anything inconsistent in this. While she was at work, breaking the ore from the mine into small pieces with a hammer, one of her companions noticed her earrings, and began to tell her that if she professed to be a Christian, she ought not to wear such vanities. I do not know whether she really thought so, or whether the words were meant as a sneer. In a moment the young girl took the ornaments from her ears, and, without a word, crushed them to pieces with her hammer. Then with a bright smile she turned to her companion and cheerfully sang :-

"Neither passion nor pride But melt in the fountain That streams from Hisside."

This was fulfilling that solemn command of Christ; "If thy right hand offend thee," (or "cause thee to offend," as you will find it if you look in the margin of a reference Bible), "cut

A little servant girl, who loved Jesus. was stem with a sudden jerk, threw them into bas- sweeping the part of the room that would be kets placed for the purpose. It was often a seen, but now she was thorough and honest in merry time; the gossip of the neighborhood doing her daily duty, "not with eye-service,

"Our faith by holy tempers prove,

The fit tells, and every body tells of the good-fitting shirts got at Treble's, the Great Shirt Fitting House

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fied to judge, wrote from Lower Canada as follows: "The only things I cannot manage here,

scheme. They pretend to be in favor of some-

their control." The same state of things evidently still prevails in that province. And yet, the Legislathe educational institutions of the country more completely under priestly control. And that, too, though so partial a witness as the Abbe ing memories which produce a feeling of sad-Chandonnet, in his recent letters in Evenement, paints anything but a flattering picture of popuis a time of anticipation and hope. To them lar education in the rural districts. But in the it suggests nothing of sadness; they are all Province of Quebec, any legislation, which ter and wholesome merriment, and innocent advantages, is freely conceded. While an action pleasures of all kinds, are pictures which they against the nuns in a patent medicine case is pending in the courts, a Bill has been introanxious day arrives. It is meet, however, that we duced to give them special privileges as vendors appoint the Chairmen of these Districts. And should all rejoice and be glad on Christmas, be of drugs. As if the courts of law, even in surely there can be no earthly power better cause of the glorious event of which it reminds us. Quebec, were not sufficiently subservient to suit qualified to do both these things intelligently On this day our thoughts involuntarily carry us the Church of Rome, the Legislature must be than the body of pastors who cultivate all these back nearly nineteen centuries to the time invoked to pass special Acts, for the accommo- fields of labor, and who thoroughly know the when the first Christmas carol was chanted by dation of priests and nuns. This is really a de- qualifications of the different ministers. But, an angel choir at Bethlehem, and happy shep- plorable state of things, in which other parts of in the United States, both the arrangement of herds, who were watching their flocks in the Canada are interested. It would seem as if the Districts and the appointment of Presiding fields, heard for the first time the "good tidings Romish hierarchy of Lower Canada, alarmed at Elders are in the hands of the Bishop. It has of great joy." According to God's word, to us a the growth of intelligence and freedom, is sometimes happened that a Bishop had formed a child was born; to us a Son was given; and with using a subservient Legislature to fortify Rome new district and appointed a Presiding Elder Him He has promised freely to give us all things. against the spirit of the age. Yet the day of to take charge of it, and the first intimation

ENGLAND AND TURKEY.

The general hope is that the Conference at

Constantinople will come to some agreement.

that will avert a European war. Much confidence is felt in the Marquis of Salisbury being unfavorable to a war with Russia, to maintain Turkey's ascendency over the Christians she has treated so unjustly. Lord Salisthis reason of the year especially, have strong bury, being a High Churchman, like Canon and pressing claims upon our charity. Liddon, has strong sympathy with the Greek If we give only to those from whom Church. It almost seems as if Lord Beaconswe expect an equivalent in return, we leave field wanted England to drift into a war with undeveloped one of the noblest principles Russia. It is difficult, on any other supposition, of our nature, and we exclude ourselves from to understand his conduct. In his ismous the enjoyment of one of the purest pleasures of Mansion House speech, he dwelt with great which we are capable. God's gifts to us are the impressiveness upon England's obligation to best gifts, and his blessings are unmerited and maintain intact the Treaty of Paris, at any free. Let us manifest our gratitude to Him, cost. Though he knew very well that this and our goodwill to men, by bestowing benefits treaty had not been faithfully observed by upon the poor, and by relieving the needy and either Turkey or Russia. Russia had claimed distressed; let us show that our liberality is and been allowed maritime privileges, withheld sincere by our disinterestedness and self-denial by the treaty; and Turkey had persistently in making substantial and appropriate presents violated the obligations which that treaty imto those who really require them-for, of all posed upon her, by utterly disregarding the others, Christmas is the time when young and guarantees she had given for the better governold, high and low, rich and poor, alike should ment of her Christian subjects. What special feel the beneficent influence of our holy and obligation could there be on the part of Engblessed religion. But in all our giving let us land to maintain Turkey in the full possession not forget the claims of Him who gave himself of power over the Christian population, which an offering for us. Truly, " he that giveth to she had so sadly misgoverned and cruelly the poor lendeth to the Lord," but there is also wronged. The Emperor of Russia had given a gift which He requires for himself, even a Lord Loftus, the English Ambassador at St. holy heart and a consecrated life. Hoping that Petersburg, the most solemn assurances of his they will unite with us in ascribing praise and pacific intentions; and that no extension of thanksgiving to Him, who has brought us in territory was contemplated by him. Lord safety to the present joyous season, and in prayBeaconsfield had received this information at to be acted upon by it shall be first freely disvery short time in Winnipeg, and was almost their admirable addresses. ing to Him that peace and good will may speed- the time he made his blustering speech about ily prevail among the nations of the earth, we England's preparedness for war; and concealed wish all our readers a very HAPPY CHRISTMAS. the pacific assurances of the Emperor of Russia, because the knowledge of them would have damped his warlike powder, and made his We regret to say that there are many things threats appear unseemly and ill-timed. This in the Province of Quebec which indicate that, threatening speech of the Premier drew from since Confederation, the Provincial Legisla- the Emperor of Russia a somewhat defiant reture has been largely governed and controlled sponse. For he naturally thought the English by priestly influence. The passing of the Act Premier's warlike speech, which seemed to into secure complete ecclesiastical control of the dicate that his communication had been rejected burying grounds, so that no future Guibord case and ignored; was almost a declaration of war. could disturb the peace and power of the It was some time after, and only at the pressing diligently on behalf of the GUARDIAN. As a B.A., a Methodist barrister, not inferior to Mr. Church, showed the Quebec Legislature to be solicitation of the Russian Ambassador in great many subscriptions expire at the New Ross; the Hon. Mr. Kennedy, Mayor of Winthe willing instrument of the Eomish clergy. In London, that the report of Lord Loftus's inter- Year, there is no time to lose before renewing. nipeg; Thomas Nixon, Esq. (agent of the the recent decision of Judge Routhier, on the view with the Russian Emperor was made pub. We hope all our old subscribers will renew Hon. Secretary of State), who, both as a teacher question of priestly intimidation, we hope lic. The knowledge of the Czar's peaceful promptly, without waiting for the last minute, and school Superintendent, had large experience and a few others met in the elegant hali lately we are not guilty of contempt of court in sentiments tended very much to allay the un- Send your subscription at once, either to the in educational affairs in this Province—besides fitted up by the Society for their regular weekly

1877 I molestation; as the restrictions of the law can- Some writers and journals want to make the not be applied to "the spiritual order." We are impression, that the feeling about the Bulglad that the case is to be carried to the Su- garian horrors was something like a false preme Court of Appeal. Electors must be pro- alarm; and that the British people have distected against all such intimidation as would in- covered that it was quite a mistake for them to terfere with their free choice, or else there is no feel so much indignation about these butcheries. election at all; and the foundations of our But this is far from the truth. The Bulgarian atrocities have given a death blow to Turkish Popular education is also in a condition that power in Europe. The Turk, as a ruler, is far from satisfactory in the Province of will never be trusted again. The real feeling Quebec. The Church of Rome is not fairly of the British people is one of genuine symchargeable with being neglectful of the educa- pathy with the oppressed subjects of Turkish tion of the young. It is the quality of the misrule and injustice; and it would give wideeducation given, that gives just occasion for spread satisfaction, to be assured that Lord complaint. As the priests of Rome require the Salisbury represents this feeling in the Conpeople to swallow a great amount of extraval ference of European powers. We trust that gant absurdity, it is to their interest that the the continuance of peace, and justice for the people should be credulous. But credulity and oppressed, will be the result of the pending

OUR ANNUAL CONFERENCES.

Because our Annual Conferences have not Catholics may be; but in no Roman Catholic power to make laws for the Church, there is ountry in the world are the young well in some danger of regarding their province and structed in those subjects which develop inde- work as altogether inferior to those of the nendent thought. The arrogant claims of General Conference. But this is not really the Rome to infallibility necessarily compel her to case. The work which the Annual Conferences resist all freedom of thought and independent represent is nearer to the heart of the Church, udgment. Hence, however ample provision and affects its spiritual life more intimately may be made for the education of priests, than that which belongs to the General Conin all Roman Catholic countries, where the ference. The General Conference adjusts and priests control and direct education, the people arranges the working machinery of the Church are ignorant. The Province of Quebec is no The reports of Annual Conferences represent the exception. The French High Schools are largely results of the Church's progressive life—the effect training schools for boys intended for the of the faith and zeal of ministers and members priesthood; and, being adapted to that end, are in their spheres of active Christian work. The not suitable for the training of young men for character of the men who are the pastors and the duties of intelligent citizenship. In 1840, preachers is one of the most vital things. We Lord Sydenham, who was certainly well quali- have always thought that for the pastors of the Church to meet in annual Council, for brotherly consultation and counsel, and the general rethis holy and joyous festival, for perhaps no which I should like to deal with, are education view of the pastoral work, was a wise and other day in the whole year is replete with so and emigration. The first I can do nothing in; reasonable arrangement, that did not infringe first, for want of money, and next, that I can upon the rights or privileges of the rest of the Church. The laity in our Church have the control of the affairs of the local churches; and thing, but are, in reality, opposed to teaching the an equal voice, with the pastors, in ordering the people at all, being weak enough to think that general arrangements under which the work of so long as they are ignorant they are under the Church is to be carried on. Annual Conferences are not infallible, nor absolutely free from sectional feeling; yet, we believe, there is no interest now committed to the Annual Conture of Quebec has been at great pains to place ferences that is not quite safe in their keeping-We cannot resist the conviction, that the proposal to introduce laymen into the Annual Conferences, in the M. E. Church of the United States, is more the result of dissatisfaction with the present limited sphere of these courts, than of any special pressure on the part of the laity to share in the annual review of the pastoral the priests or nuns require to give them special work. The sphere of the Annual Conferences in the United States is much more limited than that of our Annual Conferences. Our Annual Conferences divide the work into Districts, and must which the Conference had of the change was at the reading of the stations, at the close of the Conference. We also give each Annual Conference power to station its own ministers and preachers. In the United States this is done by the Bishop, who generally takes counsel with the Presiding Elders. Now, it strikes us that to introduce laymen into these Conferences, which have nothing to do but to review the pastoral work of the year and receive candidates for the ministry, will be like adding a fifth wheel to a carriage. They will have nothing to do but to listen to the reports from the different parts of

> the work. byterian Church."

OUR PAPER.

WAR OR PEACE?

There may be circumstances under which

nations and individuals are justified in resisting

attempts to injure them. Few people will main-

tain that the inhabitants of a country should

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stand and look tamely on, without offering any resistance, when hordes of armed men wantonly nvade their homes, destroy their property, and recoil from this extreme theory of non-resistance. But, while we admit that physical resistance to oppression and injury may at times be justifiable, we firmly believe that the ordinary adoption of war, as the method of settling this country. We cannot, therefore, consider it difficulties between nations, is a disgraceful relic of barbarism, and a foul reproach to our have been excluded from the Board of Edu- County Court and General Sessions, in this modern civilization. We remit our personal wrongs and disputes to the adjudication of the Rev. J. F. German, M.A., the Chairman of testimony against the evils of intemperance. disputes, and take satisfaction for their imagined wrongs, by wholesale butcheries that it makes one shudder to think of. We believe most of these wars are the product of international jealousy and distrust; and are wholly Davis in this affair. Their dissatisfaction will that "the tens of thousands that are annulight upon the question in dispute. The aggressor, who is in the fault, may be victorious; and the wronged country, whose cause is just, defeated. If people in private life would manifest the same distrust and jealousy which nations display, how absurd it would seem ! Nations that claim to have no selfish purposes, contained occasional reference to the desiraand which use the language of courtesy and bility of a Methodist Ecumenical Conference, confidence towards other nations, yet stand to discuss some of the great practical questions armed to the teeth, as if they thought those nations, towards which they express such good the Methodist family. We have more than feeling, were only watching for an opportunity to cut their throats! And yet, for all this, elo-such a conference, and have had the pleasure of quence, poetry and art glorify war and hide its seeing our articles copied approvingly into deformity. We believe that the Christian pul- several of our Methodist contemporaries. The pit also has not done its whole duty in educating the people to cherish right views of the evil Conference of the M. E. Church, at Baltimore, and crueity of war. We do not mean that min- and favorably received. The Bishops were isters should do this by teaching the doctrine of accordingly directed to nominate a committee personal non-resistance. But by impressing to correspond with other Methodist bodies, and upon the people clear views of the wrong and inexpediency of all avoidable wars, such as shall be idea. The following preamble and resolution reflected in the policy of politicians and states- were adopted :men. If those who are at the helm of public men. If those who are at the helm of public whereas, There is a number of distinct bodies affairs know that the people will not sustain of Methodists in the United States, the Dominion she defends some good cause against oppressive reference to England's relation to the threatened European war, John Bright recently said: "If European war, John Bright recently said: "If you measure the distance from Land's End to Constantinople by the route that would be warning to the Bedgemer's kingdom in all parts of the arrange the general make-up of the parts of the Bedgemer's kingdom in all parts of the arrange the general make-up of the parts of the Bedgemer's kingdom in all parts of the arrange the general make-up of the parts of the Bedgemer's kingdom in all parts of the arrange the general make-up of the parts of the p in that part of the world? The nations that appoint a committee of correspondence, consisting are nearer Russia are not afraid of her. They of nine persons—two of their own number, four urged as an inducement to this country to embark in a costly, probably a prolonged, and cer
2. That such committee is hereby empowered tainly a bloody, war. I say, with as much sin-to represent, and speak for and in the name of cerity as I ever said anything in my life, that I States in respect to said Ecumenical Conference, business as would justify us in sending a single ceedings to the General Conference of 1880. man to slaughter; but I hope and believe that out of this matter there will not be war."

EDUCATION IN MANITOBA,

As a Church, we have good ground to com-It is, therefore, very probable that the intro- plain of a want of courteous treatment, on the duction of the laity would lead to an enlarge- part of Mr. Davis, the leader of the Government of the powers of these Conferences. In ment in Manitoba, in reference to the constithe first number of the Mational Repository Dr. tution of the Board of Education for that Pro-Curry has a brief article on the Ministry, as seen vince. When the Board was organized, it was in these Annual Conferences. He speaks of thought desirable that the different religious the interest and importance of the matters re- denominations of the country should be reprelating to ministerial character and work which sented in its composition. Accordingly, there come under the consideration of these annual were nine Roman Catholics and twelve Protesgatherings, and urges the necessity of freedom tants nominated as members. Among these in discussion, and time for deliberation, in order were Archbishop Tache, of the Roman Catholic paper was read by Mr. H. L. Rice, son of Rev. to arrive at right conclusions. As these Annual Church; the Bishop of the Episcopal Church; Conferences are the only Councils in which the the Rev. Dr. Black, of the Presbyterian Church; great body of the ministry can have a voice, he and the Rev. Geo. Young, of the Methodist Church. thinks it important that their influence should We believe Mr. Young was the only Methodist languages in Dundas Collegiate Institute. By States, during the Centennial year, when all be felt more largely in the decisions of the on the Board of twenty-one members. When General Conference. On this point he says :- Mr. Young left Manitoba, the least that was large and select audience, who showed by their fighting their battles over again. Yet, the Rev. The General Conference, because of the small due to the Church, which he had so long re-appreciation of the exercises the interest which E. E. Hale declares that he recently went into a number of delegates as compared with the presented at Winnipeg, was to appoint a Mewhole number of ministers, and the infrequency | thodist to fill his place on the Board. But, in | the day. and brevity of their sessions, have ceased to re- direct disregard of the principle which had been present the whole body of the ministry. And practically recognized in the organization of the if that body shall at all reflect the sentiments Board, Mr. W. H. Ross (a Presbyterian, we Mayor, and Wm. Kerr, Esq., M.P., was unani-used to have an account of these battles with of its constituencies, it is needful that all matters believe), a young lawyer, who had been but a mously passed to Messrs. Rice and Crews for the British in an appendix to the school sussed and provisionally determined in these wholly unknown there, was appointed in Mr. constituent bodies. It is also worthy of thought Young's place; thus leaving the Methodists whether the best interests of the Church would without any representative upon the Board of not be the better subserved by clothing these Education. We know enough of Manitoba to bodies with concurrent legislative powers with say, it was not because there were not Methodist ments which it had encountered in its thirty the General Conference, as is the case with the gentlemen, duly qualified for the position, General Assembly and the synods of the Pres- available. The Rev. J. F. German, M.A., who pects were much improved. Another encoursucceeded Mr. Young at Winnipeg, is a Univer-laging mark of progress was the erection of the sity graduate and a scholarly man. So, also, is new Science Building-Faraday Hall-through the Rev. Mr. Morden, Principal of the Wesleyan the liberality of the citizens of Cobourg and the We are drawing near to the close of the year. Institute. Or, if it had been thought better to undergraduates of the University. He closed We trust our brethren and friends are working appoint a layman, there were S.C. Briggs, Esq., by referring to the remarkable advancement of saying; that the judgment reads like the plead- easy feeling which the remarks of the British minister of your Church or to the Book- other Methodist laymen who might be named, meetings. When refreshments had been served E. Church of the United States, their reing of the advocate of the Church of Rome Premier had worked. If they who cause the Steward. In sending your subscription try and who are not inferior to several who occupy the President called upon Dr. Nelles to propose spective places of residence were fixed as follows: rather than like a judicial decision from the war had to do the fighting themselves, they send the name of the hall in which they were then Bishop Scott, at Odessa, Del.; Bishop Simpson, Bench. He goes out of his way to disparage would not be so ready to engage in it. It will time. We want to have more or less increase passed over, and the Methodist Church ex- assembled for the first time. Judge Keogh, in order to destroy the force of have a very mischievous effect, if the talk about from every circuit. There never was a time cluded from representation on the Board? We After briefly recounting the history of the As-

which the confidence and co-operation of all initials of their motto. sections of the Church are so necessary, as the much to place in the front rank in respect to at a late hour. education. It is well known, also, that in University education and Ladies' Colleges, the Methodists took the lead of every other Church in anything less than a public insult, that they to the Grand Jury, at the recent opening of the only justice and fair play.

METHODIST GENERAL COUN-

For some years past Methodist papers have that have a common interest for all branches of once expressed ourselves strongly in favor of question was taken up at the last General prepare a report as to the carrying out of this

that might have been avoided, they will govern tions accept the Arminian theology, and maintain with loss of territory, or of any commercial or nearly thirty thousand itinerant ministers, twice political privilege, and without the plea that number of local preachers, and more than wrong, can be justified in going to war. In common, and are engaged in a common work, ment of the Redeemer's kingdom in all parts of the 3,000 miles away. And does any man in his General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal senses believe that the honor or interest of Englishment Church—a Conference and a Church representing and including eleven thousand itinerant ministers. land could be affected or involved in any ques-tion of territory or of conquest that may arise initiate and propose such a measure; therefore,

2. That such committee is hereby empowered

believe we have not as much interest in this and is directed to make a full report of its pro-

The Bishops have recently appointed the requirements of the times.

TORIA COLLEGE.

On the evening of Dec. 8th, the Science Association of Victoria College, Cobourg, celebrat-Dr. Rice, of Hamilton, and the Inaugural Ad. to see how it can have a peaceful end. dress was delivered by the President of the Association, Mr. L. W. Crews, master of modern was any decline of patriotism in the United they take in some of the leading questions of school, and asked a question about the battle of

terwards described the gradual advancement of Victoria University from its inception to the With one or two exceptions, the reports during present. He mentioned the many discourageyears of existence, but now its financial prosthe Science Association since its origin three vears ago. '

At the close of the public meeting, the Faculty, resident Alumni, members of the College Senate,

priests have in this judgment an assurance that should encourage Turkey to refuse such con- families of our people with wholesome and in- departments of a country should be carried on ation was to afford students at science and the nominational representation. But there is he subjects and becoming more familiar with not fixed

certainly no department of the Government them, he said that he had much pleasure in giving that comes so directly into contact with Church to the new room the name of V. P. Hall, from interests, and for the successful working of the monogram adopted by the Society from the

The proposition of the name was seconded by Educational Department. The Government of Mr. Kerr, who spoke in strong terms of the great Manitoba is not, in this case, at liberty to plead need of such an association, and expressed a hope any change of policy, in justification of their that the members would be able to do much in course, so long as the chief ministers of all the V. P. Hall to acquire a scientific culture. Sevinflict upon their wives and children cruelty other leading religious bodies have seats at the eral other gentlemen made remarks to the same and dishonor. People who talk this kind of ir- Board. And the same principle was advan- effect. Appropriate speeches were also made by rational nonsense, professedly in the interests tageously carried out in the formation of the Prof. Wilson, LL. D., and Rev. Dr. Burwash, of peace, do more to strengthen the war feeling Council of Public Instruction in Ontario-a after which this interesting inaugural meeting than to promote peace. For people instinctively Province which a Methodist minister did so of the Science Association was brought to a close

JUDGE MACKENZIE ON INTEM-PERANCE. His Honor, Judge McKenzle, in his address

cation. And, what makes it the less excusable, city, delivered a most powerful and emphatic courts of justice. But nations still settle their the Red River District, had arrived and It deserves to be studied, not only by tempertaken the Rev. George Young's place, before the lance men, but by those licensed victuallers appointment was made. We do not wonder and their customers who can see nothat the Methodists of Manitoba are seriously thing , but good resulting from the sale dissatisfied with the invidious course of Mr. of intoxicating liquors. He forcibly argued be shared by their numerous co-religionists in ally hurried away under the away of this the Province of Ontario. We ask no favors- terrible evil, from the bright path of virtue, innocence, and purity, into the dark places of sin and crime, of wretchedness and misery, and sorrow, and suffering, point out to us all that something must be done to stem and retard the devastating influence of this gigantic evil. Judge McKenzie gave some remarkable evidence both from his own experience and that of others connected with the administration of the criminal laws, respecting the connection of intemperance and crime. Not less than two-thirds of which he believes to be caused by internperance. He quotes similar testimonies from others; and mentions the case of Booth, the assassin of Lincoln, who nerved himself for his diabolical work by strong drink, as an example of how men seek the inspiration of liquor to stimulate them to carry out their criminal purposes. He mentioned also the report of Chief. Constable Draper, which shows that, during the year 1875, 3,080 persons were committed to gaol in Toronto for drunkenness and disorderly conduct-2,522 men and 558 women, -which constituted nearly one-half of all the committals them, in allowing the nation to drift into a war of Canada, Great Britain, and in other countries; for the year—a fact that should rouse our city that might have been symided they will revers, these different Methodist organization. He pledges himself, as one people to action. He pledges himself, as one of the police commissioners, to use his influence themselves accordingly. It is very difficult to usages which distinguish them to some extent from see how a nation that is not even threatened every other denomination of Christians; and to have the license laws enforced in the city, whereas, there are in these Methodist Churches though he looks to the electors and the Legis. though he looks to the electors and the Legis lature to provide some adequate remedy for four millions of lay members; and whereas, these these great evils. We are glad to have such a several Methodist bodies have many interests in testimony from the Bench. We hope to give the portion of his address which relates to in-

Our correspondents will bear in mind that we arrange the general make-up of the paper with taken by a ship, you find that we are close upon earth; and whereas, it is eminently proper that this a view to secure an interesting variety of reading matter. We cannot, therefore, consent to alter the whole plan of the paper to accommodate a correspondent, however much we may wish to oblige. Communications, of any length, must been hand in good time to secure insertion can afford to be tranquil. Their Prime Ministers do not speak—what shall I call it !—rodomontade and balderdash, nor do they blow

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take this whole subject into consideration, correspond with different Methodist bodies in this
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| Tuesday, when the paper goes to press, we select trumpets and call the nation to arms for a Methodism, at such time and place as may be and generally have, at that date more than can wholly fancied cause, such as is now being judged most advisable, to consider topics as be got in. "Brief Church Items" may be and generally have, at that date, more than can sent later. Requests to insert something come every week after all our space is full.

> The appearance of things in the United States have not improved since we last referred to the Presidential muddle. Two Legislatures have been for some time in session in South Committee, of which Bishops Simpson and Carolina. And, as if that was too narrow a Ames are members. We believe that import- sphere for practising the double system, there is ant ends may be gained by such a General Con- every prospect that we shall see before long two ference, should it secure the attendance of the Presidents of the United States. The Chairman right men, and take up those themes of general of the Democratic Association has issued his interest that are forced upon our consideration mandate to the effect that Tilden has been by the tendencies of modern thought and the elected. Mr. Chandler, on the part of the Republicans, has issued a counter-mandate, declaring Hayes to be elected. The Democratic plan SCIENCE ASSOCIATION OF VIC- is—in the House of Representatives, a majority of which is Democratic-to declare that there is no election, and then claim the right to elect Tilden. The plan of the Senate is to have its ed their anniversary in Alumni Hall, when a President count the votes and declare Hayes elected... It seems to be a dead lock. It is hard

> One would hardly expect to hear that there invitation of the Society there was assembled a American papers and periodicals have been Brandywine, to find that the class had never heard A cordial vote of thanks, proposed and second- of it, and was only amused at the drollness of ed in appropriate terms by G. Guillett, Esq., the name. This is appalling, for a country that primers. What will become of the country, if Rev. Dr. Nelles, who occupied the chair, af- this kind of thing should be allowed to prevail?

> > the past week have indicated that peace will shortly be established, and that the negotiations which have proceeded thus far so slowly will yet bring about a satisfactory termination of this perplexing question. It is stated, as a settled fact, that a prolongation of the armistice until March has been agreed upon; and Russia is also said to be now willing to renounce her demand for a foreign occupation. The preliminary Conference at Constantinople was brought to a close last Saturday, and it is expected that the formal Conference of the plenipotentiaries will be opened sometime this week.

At a recent meeting of the bishops of the M. at Philadelphia; Bishop Ames, at Baltimore; Bishop Bowman, at St. Lewis; Bishop Harris, his judgment in the Galway election case. The England's readiness to go to war with Russia when it was more necessary to supply the are not disposed to maintain that the public priests have in this judgment an assurance that should encourage Turkey to refuse such contains at line was to afford students at science and the departments of a country should be carried on attorn was to afford students at science and the University an opportunity of discussing sciential attorn with a structive literature. One month's earnest effort with strict reference to the principle of development and becoming more families of readence were readence were structive literature. The structive literature and becoming more families with strict reference of the Slavie principal representation.

NOTES AND GLEANINGS.

Burning the Bible. Herald, from Santander, Spain: "Last week two reasonable. Methodism is much better adapted of our members went through several of the to village life, speaking generally, than Conneighboring villages, selling Bibles and Testa- gregationalism. It has more variety, more life, ments, and religious books and tracts. They more relations with the world at large, Memade scant sales, but did good work in talking thodism preaches the Christ that we preach, adult. with the people. At one village, where they glorifies the same dear cross, calls even to the hala stand placed in the public piazza a rriest same mighty Lord. This is all that we require came up with eager haste, inquired the price of a to be done. We should help Methodism, sub-Bible, paid his twenty-five cents with hands scribe to Methodism, pray for Methodism: it trembling with excitement, and hardly waiting has made the evangelization of English village for his change, turned and tore from the precious life a study, and it has found and applied the book a handful of its leaves, when a companion, true answer. If we belong to different armies, with a box of matches ready, struck a light and then let us fight accordingly; but if we are set the margled Scriptures on fire! This ex- different regiments of the same army, do not let hibition of inquisitorial hate startled the simple us crowd and trample upon one another in doing ton, in the evening. The amount subscribed was appointment on the south side of the north-west people who were gathering around, so that they the same holy work. did not dare to buy, though it awakened their

The Dead Man's Papers.

curiosity and prompted many inquiries.".

other powers are already in the hands of the Pope. to the miraculous appearance, says they are not Church, and more are expected to do so. His Holiness also ordered to be brought to disinterested witnesses. The pilgrimages are A correspondent sends the following:him all Cardinal Antonelli's keys before the of immense importance to these people. "In Plainville Circuit has been enjoying a gracious family could lay hold on the papers. The Pope the first place, the peasantry and laboring popu- season of revival. God has watered the seed sown wishes to classify them himself. He desires lation delight in the festivities and holidays to in other days, and it has borne fruit. Members of certainty with respect to some very important which the incident gives birth; the small shop-different denominations zealously helped in the Catharines, two days and nights, when on his way secrets which Monsignor Merode has revealed to keepers, and especially the restaurants and caba- good work. About thirty persons have professed him. It is supposed that Cardinal Antonelli rets, derive a large share of profit; and to medi- to find the Saviour. has not destroyed all papers compromising him cal men the result is very similar to that which One evening last week a concert, in aid realized in many of the meetings. On Sabbath personally, although he has, during his illness, attends a watering-place becoming fashionable, of Zion Tabernacle, took place in the Centenary evening we received twelve into fellowship, to burned a great number of letters, especially or the contrary." Other famous shrines in Church, Hamilton, which passed off, it is said, in four of whom the rite of baptism was adminfrom female hands. But of greater importance. Europe have also been visited by thousands, a highly successful manner. It was pronounced, is the correspondence of the deceased with the and the Pope only last month received 8,000 by competent judges present, to be one of the town, where, fifteen months ago, there was no Sovereigns, Ministers, and politicians of Europe. Spanish pilgrims in Rome. The number of pil. finest sacred concerts ever held in Hamilton. The interest, now we have one of the most complete Some of the letters are said to be of a very com- grimages next year promises to be unusually programme consisted of choruses, solos, quartettes, and beautiful churches in the county, and a mempromising character for the Cardinal's reputa- large. The Pope's Episcopal jubilee occurs in etc.

Antonelli's Successor.

The character of the man who succeeds Cardinal Antonelli as the Pope's Secretary of State, whose fundamental principle required "the they sunk the shaft in order to convert the heaexclusion of every other creed." He was est then hundreds of miles off. At last he bored pecially apprehensive of the results of a system a hole right under Hell-gate; he then got a dat of 1851 before his residence in Madrid.

Romish Intolerance.

The N. Y. Observer quotes the Tablet, a leading Roman Catholic paper, to show that in spite of all its professions of liberality, it maintains Rome's right to persecute. The Tablet says :- "The Church [of Rome] proclaims trumpet-tongued through the lands that belief ploying all sorts of instrumentalities, making when the lady collectors and the children have trumpet-tongued through the lands that belief in what she teaches is a duty obligatory on every over the world; and when God's Pentecostal last year, which was noble for this circuit, indeed. human being who hears it, and that not to believe it is a capital crime, bringing down on the unbeliever the eternal wrath of God. The Church is charged with intolerance because she asserts that what she teaches is not at all a whoever, of set purpose and wilfully, refuses to Monday. believe it, incurs the punishment of hell."

but the steps taken by the Government gener- in return, the prayers and sympathies and supally have been so equivocal and the declaration port of his congregation. of the Prime Minister in particular so blameworthy, that I am certain there is much ground designs as a policy of coldness and indifference century. on our part towards the Christian populations, which can have no other effect than that of obedient servant. W. E. GLADSTONE."

English Mission Agencies.

The Rev. Dr. Parker, the well-known Congregationalist Minister of London, in a recent tion there is room excugh to differ, to argue, to creased hearing, it repeated." pray, to labor. I do not, want to set up Congregationalism, pure and simple, in all the nursery-grounds everywhere, but not Congre-Admission 25 cents. gational churches all at once. Congregationaliam ought to be able to move its village miup a living interest in his own ministry? I think might, perhaps, have done more good if they had changed pastorates, say once in 10 or 15 zine. Now is a good time to subscribe.

years. But to shut a man up in a village for an indefinite time, and expect him to keep up a lively interest in his work, is, in my opinion, Rev. W. H. Gulick writes to the Missionary something more and something worse than un-

Romish Pilgrimages.

The N. Y. Independent says: This has been June, and the faithful in all parts of the world From a communication, which will appear are preparing to send deputations to grace the

attention to the fact that Cardinal Simeoni, who of Hell-gate, New York. He said : Just outside was elevated to the dignity of a Prince of the the city of New York there was a passage called Church on the occasion of his appointment as Hell-gate, in which in stormy weather many a Cayuga is still going on. Since I last wrote you, through the influence of the ordinary means, Papal Nuncio to the King of Spain, signalized shiphad been wrecked. Seven years ago an Ame-over sixty more have been forward seeking make forty-three that have been received at that his arrival in that country by issuing a protest rican went and looked at it, and said, "I'll stop pardon of sin, nearly all of whom have professed place since Conference. Bro. Langford says:against the law of religious liberty, which the that game." He laid his plans, and sunk a shaft to obtain peace through believing on Jesus. "The We are greatly indebted to several of our brethren revolution had established in Spain, and demand right down hundreds of yards away from the Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we of the city, including Father Carroll, for aid dured the restoration of the Concordat of 1851 spot where the danger existed, just as at home are glad." Bro. Copp is still with us, and his ing the four days' meeting, the latter of whom propriated are: I. Home and foreign missions. has been issued by the National Democratic of education which was not absolutely under number of people to help him-as the Missionary cated to the service of God. In the morning priestly control. Simeoni's circular was so vio- Society got a number of people to help them. the sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Douglas lent that the liberal journals at the time ad- and they cut thousands of channels, into which of Montreal, and in the evening by the Rev. wised that his passport should be given him at they put dynamite and gunpowder, connecting once, and a mob burned the obnoxious Concorwith ita number of electric wires, and when the decisive day came a little child of four years of age put its tiny hands upon two handles, and in a moment Hell-gate was exploded, and smooth water allowed 300 vessels that were waiting to float safely into New York Harbor. That was just closed, with very promising results. The monored deputation, Revs. McLean, McLaghlin, what the Missionary Society was doing; they Gilchrist, and Bro. R. Dickenson, rendered very were opening schools and preaching-places, em-efficient service. The proceeds, we believe, power should come they would shake Hell-gate The Prescott Telegraph, of the 13th, says: to pieces, so that every into the harbor of God.

matter of opinion; that no one is permitted to last Wednesday afternoon, after a protracted Hansford in the afternoon. On Monday evening was held in the Bridge St. Methodist Church, on but the Christian cause has, nevertheless, made have any opinion about it; that what she i lness. He was born in the year 1800, in the there was a free public entertainment given, con Tuesday evening, 12th December. The evening's much progress. There are in Palestine 250 Proteaches is the truth once delivered to the saints, Seigniory of Beaupre, county Montmorency. He sisting of addresses by the Rev. Mr. Hodgins, of exercises consisted principally of addresses, sing-testant Churches, 6,000 youths who attend Protes. —The Ministerial crisis in France has at length of which she has been the divinely informed was called to the Bar of Lower Canada in the M. E. Church; Rev. Mr. Henderson, Presby ing and Bible readings. The Secretary's and tant schools, and a high school, which is attended been brought to an end by the appointment of depository ever since Christ went up to heaven; January, 1826, created a Queen's Counsel in terian minister; Rev. Mr. Hansford, pastor of the Librarian's reports were read—which showed the by 1,600 Protestant youths. Similar success is M. Jules Simon, as President of the Council and that what it was then it is now; 1848, and in 1853 was appointed a Judge of the church; and Rev. Mr. Elliott, of Kingston. that no one, from the Pope to the humblest Superior Court of Lower Canada, being trans. The Oshawa Vindicator, of the 13th, has Tae Secretary's report shows 104 scholars in peasant, is permitted to question it or to cavil; ferred to the Queen's Bench two years after- the following:—The missionary meeting in the the primary, 199 in the intermediate, and 70 in the that all are bound, under pain of terrific penal- wards. He became Lieutenant-Governor of Methodist Church last night was a most interest ties, to receive exactly what she teaches as to Quebec in 1873, which position he held at the ing one. The attendance was the largest at such admitted during the year, 120; and 66 lost by obligatory dogma, and nothing else; and that time of his death. His funeral took place on meetings since the erection of the new church. removal, making the total gain for the year 54.

Mr. Gladstone on the Eastern Question. "on learning that his name had been used by were over \$560; and, when the lady collectors division-making a total of 720 volumes in the The President of the Labor Representation the Plymouth Church, Chicago, with reference have completed their work, are expected to reach library. Total number of books exchanged dur-League has received the following letter from to a call, has telegraphed that he would prefer \$600-considerably over last year's contributions, ing the year, 5,537. Short and interesting ad-Mr. Gladstone : "Sir,-I accept with gratitude that his name be withdrawn, as he could not the acknowledgments you have conveyed to me accept such a call, if tendered." He said in We have just closed a most successful series of in your letter of the 17th inst. My sentiments his church some time since, as the church had missionary meetings on this circuit. The deputaon general politics and on the growing expendi- come together under his own toil, he did not tion, consisting of Bros. Richardson, Young, ture of the country are well known. I need only expect to leave it until he was called to the Annis, and McCammond, were all at their post, assure you that, in whatever position, I desire to better Church in heaven. He did not believe and did noble service for the cause. The financial use every reasonable opportunity of giving them there was a wider field of usefulness on earth, result will be an advance of one-fourth on the practical effect. With regard to the question of and he intended to work it to the last. The contributions of last year. This circuit will dead. the East, Her Majesty has sent to Constantino-church was in a better spiritual and financial ple a nobleman of no less integrity than ability, condition than ever before. He intended to do and I recognise in his mission a ground of hope; the best for it that he could, and he expected, treasury.

In our issue of the 6th inst., an item from for continual vigilance on the part of all men one of our contemporaries to the effect that ing). The Rev. Mr. Ewing (Presbyterian) who feel interested in the question. Especially Methodism had never had a church in Ox- preached in the afternoon, and Rev. C. Fish in I repeat that if Russia has selfish designs in the among our Religious Intelligence. The Wesley-last Sunday. The Rev. J. C. Seymour, of East, no policy can so effectually promote those ans have had a chapel there for about half a

witnessed for many years, as is now in progress tea-meeting was held on Monday evening, the throwing them into her arms.—I remain, your in the Central Methodist Church, Stratford. 18th inst. Though the weather was severe, the During the last week between forty and fifty persons have been seeking salvation, many of whom have found peace.

villages of England, or all the suburbs of Lon- Dundas Street Methodist Church, of this city, The Missionary anniversaries for Port Elgin tian Advocate for several years. don. I am willing to plant Congregational on Thursday evening, the 21st inst. Subject: The Manly Man." Chair taken et 8 o'clock.

The Rev. E. H. Dewart, Editor of the GUAR-

some of our city ministers all over England teresting table of contents on our last page of the here, who thank the Missionary Committee for meeting was to interest the people in the sub- with the Christian church as in our own or other crop. Everything in the shape of work goes on anuary number of the Canadian Methodist Mag. his timely visit. Nearly every meeting pledged ject, with a view to organizing a Workingmen's lands. The membership borders on 70,000, with merrily as in summer. This is the Frase-

BRIEF CHURCH ITEMS.

The new Methodist Church at Plattsville, will be opened by Rev. Dr. Ives, of Auburn, N. Y., on Sunday, 31st inst.

A week ago last Sunday Brother A. Cunningham, of Orangeville, received twelve persons into full membership, and baptized one

The opening services in connection with the new Methodist church, Brussels, will take the Gospel, if the readiness in which our firewood place on Thursday, January 11th, and will be and other matters are attended to this year, in terian Mission, is blessed with a gracious outpour: in favor of the abolition of capital punishment. continued over the two following Sundays. Fuller comparison with former years, be any criterion. particulars next week.

Thenew Methodistchurch, Wellington St., London, was dedicated last week, services being held by Rev. B. I. Ives, D.D., of Elmira, N.Y., in the morning; and Rev. James Elliott, of Kings-\$10,390, which will exceed the sum required to f the debt.

The series of special services, which were a year of Catholic pilgrimages. The number held at Maberly for a period of eight weeks, have The Vatican correspondent of the Gazzetta d of French pilgrims to the shrine at Lourdes has been closed. Upwards of ninety persons pre-Italia informs that paper that Cardinal Antonel- been larger, perhaps, than ever before. The sented themselves at the altar of prayer during li's papers relative to the secret negotiations Paris correspondent of the London Guardian, the meetings, most of whom, it is said, have exwhich were carried on with France, Austria, and speaking of the faith of the local population as perienced religion. Fifty-two have joined our

next week, we learn that the recent Missionary menced by a four days' meeting in the Woodmeetings on the Colborne Circuit were very suc- Green Church, on Kingston Road Mission, were cessful. The collections were largely in advance A STRIKING ILLUSTRATION-At the recent of last year. A two weeks' series of special ser- inst., having been continued a little over three

Rev. W. H. Fife writes :- The revival in labors are being blessed.

A week ago last Sunday, the newly com pleted Ottawa West Methodist Church was dedi-

Bro. G. C. Madden; of Adelaide, writes -Oar Missionary campaign, of seven nights, has

Church took place on Sunday last, sermons being are prayerfully looking for grander triumphs. delivered in the morning and evening by Rev. Lieutenant-Governor Caron, of Quebec, died Mr. Elliott, of Kingston, and by the Rev. Mr. Street Methodist Sanday School, of Belleville, has assumed wide dimensions in the Holy Land;

The addresses of Rev. Messra Young and

Rev. J. C. Ash, of Ameliasburg, says :probably contribute one-fourth of the whole con- -Hon. John Young has been appointed sole tribution of Prince Edward to the missionary Commissioner for Canada at the Sydney Exhi-

was dedicated at Omemee, on Sunday, the 10th inst., by Rev. Dr. Jeffers, President of the Toronto Conference, (who also lectured on Monday even-Cartwright, preached in the morning; Rev. C. E. McEntyre, of Omemee, in the afternoon; and Such a work of grace, it is said, has not been Rev. E. H. Dewart in the evening. A successful services were all largely attended, and deeply his services as organist. interesting throughout.

Rev. W. H. Poole delivered his lecture on last week, says :- The work of God continues to salary. address, said: Then the question will arise, "The Lost Tribes of Israel," in the village of prosper in this section. Our congregation in -The Manchester papers announce the death of what is the best way of working out a world. Campbellford, on Tuesday evening, the 5th the town of Walkerton grows apace. It is believed the Rev. John Kelly Beard, D.D., a well-known ably successful. With the exception of a few wide mission? And in answering that quesinst. The Herald says: — The subject was a that we now have the largest Methodist congreUnitarian minister and educationalist.

The Herald says: — The subject was a that we now have the largest Methodist congreUnitarian minister and educationalist. Several seekers were at our ordinary means, of late, The Rev. S. J. Hunter will lecture in the some of whom have been led to rejoice in Christ. last month. He was editor of the Canada Christ the truth. More than 300 islands of Southern Mission, Paisley and part of Walkerton Circuits, were held last week. Large audiences greeted the deputation-Revs. Anderson, McDiarmid, Hastnisters from one station to another at stated intervals; for what man amongst us has genius enough to live a lifetime in a village and keep of the control o help, on the platform, for four nights. By his principally of laboring men and the wives of

District will do its share towards providing the increased amount required for this year's operations. Within the district two churches have been enlarged and re-opened; and, also, a new one dedicated since Conference, while three more approach completion. The brethren are all at

work: and, "the best of all is, God is with us."

Bro. J. Lawrence, of Gaspe, sends the foll lowing:-The Lord is still blessing His work in Gasne. The people-many of them-seem to increase in their appreciation of the privileges of The people are, generally, getting more attentive pupils have been converted. to the wants of the minister and his family; and many little acts of kindness now find their way to the parsonage that were not thought of when we first came to Gaspe. We have opened up a new 878 Sunday School scholars. The increase of ___Work is progressing rapidly on the building arm of the Gaspe Bay, where preparations are being made for the building of a small church this present winter. The services, held at present in a private house, are attended with much interest. The labors of my colleague continue to grow in last year there were in Northwest Germany, 2, Constitution. acceptability.

Brother Henderson, of Woodslee, writes The Lord still favors us with times of refresh- 4,560; Turkey, 121; S.seden, about 12,000. ing. After the revival in Wesley Church, we entered on the work in our new church, Essex Centre, and were favored with valuable aid from Rev. W. C. Watson, of Kingsville, one evening; Brother Shorland, of Windsor, two evenings; and, from our good brother, Noah Phelps, of St. to Chicago. My colleague also was faithful in the work. The power of converting grace was istered. Several will yet unite. In this rising bership of half a hundred.

The special services, which were combrought to a close on Monday evening, the 11th persons have been added to the Church. These, together with seventeen previously converted the entire services. We are under special obligation to Bro. J. McCarroll, of Seaton, for frequent help during the meetings. His labors were greatly to this fund the sum of £25,000. owned of God.

Bro. J. H. Starr, on the 15th inst., writes: We are receiving showers of blessings at Richmond Hill Special services commenced two one to \$28.80. The subscriptions amounted to weeks ago on Tuesday. The congregations are large, solemn, and attentive, and upwards of forty persons have been forward as penitents, many of whom are now happy in a sense of sins forgiven. Last evening, and the evening before, were services view of the fact that there were fourteen new six previous years combined. penitent seekers of salvation. Brother Hunter, from Toronto, preached the first sermon—one of extraordinary power; and Brethren Douse. Hunt. Fawcett and Bishop have rendered valuable service. The leaders, and other members of the Church, are working earnestly for the Master, W

senior departments. Total, 373. New scholars Officers, 11; teachers, 32; average attendance of Browning were all that they were expected to be. teachers, 29. The Librarian's report shows 300 The Chicago Journal says that Dr. Talmage, The receipts, in collections and subscriptions, volumes in the lat division, and 420 in the 2nd dresses were made by the Revs. E. B. Harper and S. P. Rose.

PERSONAL.

-Hon. Letellier de St. Just has been appointed Lieutenant-Governor of Quebec. -Cardinal Patrizi. Dean of the Sacred College, is

A handsome and commodious brick church -The Right Hon. W. E. Forster, M.P., was for

mally iostalled as Lord Rector of the Aberdeen University on the 29th ult. -Mr. Henry Stafford Northcote, son of the

Chancellor of the Exchequer, who is at Constantinoble as Lord Salisbury's private secretary, married Miss Brooke, of Montreal. -Mr. Gladatone, it is said, is now engaged on translation of the Latin preface to the Welsh

version of the Bible, published by Bishop Morgau in the reign of Queen Elizabeth. -The Trust Board of the Hespeler Church, at a

Judge Coursel, Commissioner of Dominion Brother Tindall, of Walkerton, writing Police, has been superannuated at two-thirds

gation in the county of Bruce except Kincardine. -Rev. Gideon Shepard, of the M. E. Church of Canada, died in Forestville, N. Y., on the 27th of brought under the influence, if not the power, of

spectable and interested audience, composed more than was raised last year. Walkerton Association in the locality.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

During the past year the Tract Society has distributed 15,000 tracts at Guelph. Mr. Spurgeon says in the last number of

his "Sword and Trowel" that during the last few months he has met with more converts from the Direct and Anglo-American Cable Companies. Messrs. Moody and Sankey's meetings than in all the time before.

The native Christian Girls' School at -The Italian Parliamentary Committee on the Dehra Doon, India, under the American Presby. revision of the penal code, have decided to report ing of the Holy Spirit. A large number of the -The Grand Trunk Railway conductors and

embraces five presbyteries, with 116 churches, printing into England, is to be celebrated in Lon-319 ministers, 36,178 Church members, and 34, don next June. teenth of the total gains of the whole church.

487 members; Prussia, 8,485; Middle and South 418; Denmark, 2,006; Poland, 1,657; Russia, well, by a majority of over two hundred.

The Methodist Episcopal Church has property ought to be assessed and made to pay forty-seven churches in Baltimore, the Methodist Episcopal Church South, eight, the Methodist Insurance Company, Limited, now insure horses Protestant, eight, the Independent Methodist, against accidental injury as well as death. five, and the African Methodist Episcopal, six, The pastors of most of these Churches are now engaged in special revival services, and in some instances, with considerable success.

has seriously hindered the mission work. The Weslevans, who are the most numerous body of Christians in the islands, report a loss of 35,000 Mrs. Buckton, an unsectarian candidate, has been members and attendants on public worship, and placed at the head of the poll, having received over a thousand preachers, catechists, and class- 22,839 votes.

Lucknow, India, by the ministers of the American to earthquakes, diseases, civil war, and brandy, Methodist Episcopal Mission, which continued especially the latter. eight days. Worshippers were in attendance from -The New York Board of Aldermen has declared Calcutta, Cawnpore, Allahabad, and Agra. Some war against the gas companies, and is about to gives no hope of a liberal policy :—The London Missionary Anniversary in London, the Rev. vices at the Salem appointment have just been weeks. Besides the general quickening which has of the company lodged in tents, others in the Daily News of the 16th inst., editorially draws J. J. Wray made good use of the recent explosion closed, which resulted in an increase of fifteen been experienced by the members, twenty-six houses of friends. On Sunday, the first of October, the Lord's Supper was administered to about rial.

The English Presbyterians have received in commemoration of the recently accomplished of the watermen. union. The objects to which this fund will be ap- -An address to the people of the United States rendered very important assistance throughout 2. Theological education. 3. The extension of Committee, announcing the election of Tilden Presbyterianism in those parts of England where and Hendricks, and congratulating the nation it is weak. One donor, Robert Headley, has given upon the victory for the Reform course.

a very flourishing condition not withstanding the disturbed state of the country. The Cesarea field comprises a territory 165 miles long by 125 broad, -The Lumbermen's Association of Ontario and year. The total of members is 2,310, an increase of very great interest and power, especially in of 808—a larger gain than had been made in the limits.

converse with any Christian they can find. Many desperate. go to Deacon Pera, at the Bible bazaar, for Christian instruction, sometimes as many as eighteen or twenty at once. They also attend the public The fifty-fourth anniversary of the Bridge meetings of the missionaries. Mohammedanism school to be in a most prosperous condition. reported from Alexandria, Cairo, Abyssinia, etc. Minister of the Interior, with M. Martel as Min-

> Signor Gavazzi, speaking at a recent meeting in Edinburgh on the evangelization of Italy, folios for the present. said :- "Fifteen years ago there were only 5 Protestant congregations and about 400 communicants throughout Italy, while there were now 120 congregations, 8,000 communicants, and about 40,000 hearers. He believed that now that obstacles were removed out of the way, the number of congregations and adherents would at the end of the next fifteen years be at least quadrupled. He said that the chief originator of the evangelization of Italy was Garibaldi, who when he was dictator at ordered to pay eighteen and a half millions of Naples, told him (Signor Gavazzi) that he was at reals, for the maintenance of the army of occupaliberty to go and preach to his heart's content, tion. The Provincial deputation refuse to obey which he did. At first the Italian Government the order, alleging the inability of the people to was not very favorable to the work; but now he was glad to say that in Italy there was as much liberty to preach the Gospel as there was in this coun-

The Chinese Recorder gives a very intermissionaries of the American Board were the first to occupy the city. The first ten at Cairo. years, from 1847 to 1857, but one convert was received. Four years after the first convert was baptized, 1860, there were 13 communicants. Now there are 162, of whom 50 are women. There sionaries, and seven ladies, eighteen outstations, missionaries of the Methodist Episcopal Church began their work in Fuh Chau the same year the falle position. mission of the American Board was established. recent meeting, voted \$25 to Mr. W. G. H. Mc. They have now eighty outstations, eighty chapels, tics of recent date are at hand. Missions in Polynesia have been remark-

centres, or islands, like new Guinea, the Marque sas, and portions of Fiji, the people have been and Eastern Polynesia have thrown away idolatry, and this within less than fifty years. The lan-At a meeting recently held in the lecture guages of the islands have been reduced to writ. for a similar purpose."

fully 300,000 adherents.

CURRENT NEWS.

-Potatoes are scarce at half a dollar a bushel in Manitoba,

The census of Barrie bas just been taken. It gives the population as b, 144

-A movement is on foot for the amalgamation of -Hundreds of families were rendered houseless by the late floods in the north of Scotland.

brakesman have been ordered to wear badges The Presbyterian Synod of New York representing their calling whilst on duty in future. -The 400th anniversary of the introduction of

members for 1876 was 3,011, which is one-four for the Paris exposition of 1878, and April 1st of that year is announced as opening day.

Some recently published statistics of Bap - The United States Senate have rejected the tists on the Continent show, that at the close of joint resolution proposing an amendment to the

-Mr. Dalton McCarthy, Q.C., of Barrie, the Germany, 2,176; Holland, 136; Switzerland, opposition candidate, was elected M.P. for Card--Toronto Board of Trade has resolved that all

> municipal taxes. -The London and Provincial Horse and Carriage

> -The United States Senate adopted an amendment providing that electors shall vote at Presi-

dental elections viva voce instead of by ballot. The Silver Bill, making silver dollars of a cer-The epidemic in the Fiji islands last year, tain weight legal tender for debts in all cases which carried off someny thousands of the natives, except where gell is required by law, has been agreed to by the U. S. House of Representatives. -At the Leeds School Board election, in England,

...The population of Peru is decreasing, being less A camp-meeting was recently held at than three millions. The decrease is attributed

take into consideration the possibility of lighting

-Body finding is a regular trade in Paris. The authorities pay ten france for every body recovered from the Seine, and money derived from this £15,236 of the sum proposed as a thank offering source is no inconsiderable addition to the revenue

-The German National Liberal party have The Independent learns that the missions effected a compromise with the Government, in of the American Board in Western Turkey are in the subject of the Judicial Bills, thus putting an end to the conflict between the German Parliament and the Federal Council.

with a population of half a million, of whom one- Quebec has presented a petition to the Commisfourth are nominal Christians. The missionaries sioners of Crown Lands of the two Provinces occupied, in whole or in part, 26 places during the praying that steps may be taken to prevent the occurrence of bush fires within the timber

-The President of the New York State Working Men's Assembly, estimates the number of men A Presbyterian missionary at Oroomiah, out of emyloyment in New York City at 45,000. Persia, says a remarkable change is taking place He asserts that many families are on the verge of among the Mussulmans, who show an anxiety to starvation, and that the situation is becoming

> five million dollars from the American promoters of the scheme, came up last Wednesday, in the United States Circuit Court, at New York. It is expected that it will occupy the attention of the Court for several weeks.

ister of Justice, M. M. Dufaure and Marcereretire, the other Ministers retaining their port-

—At a recent dairy show in England the visitors induced the Aylesbury Dairy Company to furnish them with milk at a penny a glass, and the beverage was so popular that the refreshment contractor, finding his counters deserted, threatened to bring an action for breach of contract, whereupon the milk supply was stopped.

-The Basque Provinces in Spain have been raise the amount. Great excitement prevails in consequence, and trouble is anticipated.

-A continuation of the war between Egypt and Abvesinia is new regarded as inevitable, owing tofresh complications having arisen in the relations between the two countries, caused by the escape esting sketch of mission work in Fuh-Chau. The and the subsequent arrest of the Abyssinian envoys, who have been kept under surveillance-

-The threatened collapse of the cotton industrythroughout an important area of Lancashire, inconsequence of the manufacturers giving notice are seven organized churches, six ordained mis- of a general lock-out, in retaliation for somepartial strikes on the part of the operatives. has and two colporteurs and one Bible-woman. The apparently been averted, the unionists having discovered that they had put themselves in a

-The body-snatching nuisance still continues in Montreal, to the great scandal of the community. Alister, as an expression of their appreciation of and 2,083 members. In connection with the mis- It appears that the corpses of those who die unsion there are six ordained missionaries and eight claimed, or in too much poverty to bear the exladies. The Church Missionary Society establish. pense of a private burial, and very often interred ed a mission in Fah-Chau in 1857, but no statis at the public expense, when they could, without any impropriety, be turned over to the medical

> -The Nanaimo Free Prees of a recent date says: "In spite of the great depression of the coal market in San Francisco, the product of the mines in this vicinity still retains its hold on the market, if we are to judge by the amount of coalshipped already this month, the number of vessels. in port taking in cargoes, and those on the way.

room of St. Thomas' Church, St. Mary Street | ing. In these tongues the Scriptures have been |-The New Westminster Guardian reports conings, and writer, and a deep interest was felt Montreal, Ald. Wm. Clendinneng gave a lec- translated, dictionaries and grammars have been cerning the 21st day of November in that city as in our Mission work. Our excellent brother, ture on Workingmen's Associations to a re-prepared and printed, besides other works for the follows:—We have a brilliant sun shining and enlightenment and education of the people. Al. the air as balmy and mild as a May day. A. ready the Sandwich Islands stand out as a Christiniand tells us that he has beautiful blossoms on tian nation. In them, and in many groups, as his apple tree, on recently formed shoots. His We call the attention of our readers to the in-wisdom and loving zeal he has won many friends such. It is understood that the object of the large a proportion of the inhabitants is connected pear tree—the early kind—has produced a second. Valley.

SERMON BY REV. T. DEWITT TALMAGE. DELIVERED IN THE BROOKLYN TABERNACLE.

REPORTED FOR THE CHRISTIAN GUARDIAN, BY WILLIAM WALTON.

THE PRINCESS IN DISGUISE.

"And the Lord said unto Ahijah: Behold, the wife of Jeroboam cometh to ask a thing of thee for her son, for he is sick; thus and thus shalt thou say unto her; for it shall be when she cometh in, that she shall feign herself to be another woman."—I Kings xiv, 5.

guised than this woman or Tirzah on her way to seek the healing blessing of the prophet in Shiloh. But the Lord's messenger might not thus be de-ceived. Divinely illumined, although he had lost his physical eyesight—divinely illumined, he sees right through that woman's cheat, and as this great lady enters his door, he accosts her in the words: "Come in, thou wife of Jeroboam. Why fagnest thou thyself to be another? For I am sent to thee with heavy tidings. Get thee to thy house, and when thy feet reach the gate of the city the and when thy feet reach the gate of the city the child shall die." Broken hearted, the woman goes back to her home, now not so careful to hide her face, or her noble gait and bearing. Her tears fall on the dust of the way, and her mourning fills all the road from Shiloh to Tirzah. What overwhelming grief! for she knows that every step she takes is one heart beat less in the life of her child. With wonderful precision every word of the prophet is fulfilled. As the woman goes in the gate of the city the child? Metanasan out. goes in the gate of the city, the child's kife passes out.
No somer have her feet struck the gate than the
pulses of the son cease. The cry of sorrow in the palace is joined by the wailing of a nation, and as this youthful Abijah is carried out to his grave, the land sends up its voice in enlogy of departed virtue, and the air is rent with the lamentation It is with no small or insignificant idea that this morning I ask you to consider the thrilling

story of this disguised princess of Tirzah. In the first place, I see that wickedness is dis-posed to involve others, to make them its dupes, its allies, its scapegoats. Jameharm marked dupes, its allies, its scapegoats. Jeroboam wanted to hood-wink the prophet. Did he go himself? No, he seat his wife to do the work. Hers the peril of detection, the hardship of the way, the execution of the plot, while he stayed at home in indolence, waiting for his wicked scheme to be carried out. Iniquity, through a brag, is a great coward. It contrings sin but leaves others to execution it. some adroit villan. Ignominious fraud is a juggler which, by sleight of hand and legerdemain,
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Aga makes the money it stole appear to be in some-body else's pocket. When there is any great wickedness to be achieved, when there is any

Again, I learn from this turning souly someting and more certainly true in your life and mine. Sickness comes, times passes in disquise. The frock, the hood, toe death occurs, the nation is born, despitisms are times passes in disguise. The frock, the nood, we death occurs, the nation is own, well of the country woman, hid up the majesty of this princess, or queen, and as she passed along the road no one suspected who she was. Yet she alipshod. Things do not merely happen so. With the universe with a stiff rem. Events do not go when we bring into the compansion the consideration that a large item of non-producers to the fund the constant of the country woman under the stiff rem. Events do not go when we bring into the compansion the consideration that a large item of non-producers to the fund the country woman under the stiff rem. the road no one suspected who she was. Yet she was just as much a princess or a queen under the was just as much a princess or a queen under the God there are no disappointments, no surprises, no su yet we do not discover them. They go past us being a fat-list, but I would be wretched indeed 71 superannuated men, at a embership of 73,700, had to provide for being a fat-list, but I would be wretched indeed 71 superannuated men, at a embler rate of allow-that pertains to me and to mine; and as when

the street to-day may be regnant over vast realors of goodness and virtue—a dominion wider than Jeroboam saw from the window of his palace. You look in upon a home of poverty and deattur tion. No clothes. No fire, No bread, Long story of suffering written on the motner's wasted hand, and on the pale cheeks of the children, and hand, and on the pale cheeks of the children, and child, not so much as a hair shall fall from my hand, or a shadow drop on my path, or a sorrow admit only of an approximate estimate. Three and on the pate cheegs of the child, not so much as a hair shall left from my assumen as the nature and peculiarity of some case, and on the broken chair. You would not give a dollar for all the furniture in the house, Yet God, the Discourse of the Court, and the shall be under my Father's arrangement. He is shall be under my Father's arrangement. cess or a queen. The overseers of the poor talk over her case and pronounce her a padger. They the orphan He will be a lattner, and to the outcast He will be anymented member of claimants on the fined, disproher wrinkled brow, and that there is a throne on her wrinkled brow, and that there is a throne on crawls out of the ditch of his abominations, crying which at last she will rest from earthly weariness.

Giory welled! Affluence hidden! Essenal rape for mercy, He will be an all-pardoning Redeemer.

said: "I will put on poor man's clothes, and I swill go down among those destitute ones, and I will be one of them, and I will see what I can differ all other oceans have gone out. It will be a billowing sea after all other oceans have wept themselves away to in the way of sympany and help." The day was set. The lords of the land came to see Him off. All who could sing wathered receives the peals and the air is filled with the crash of heart was set. The lords of the land came to see Ham off. All who could sing gathered together to give Him a parting song, which shook the hills ing sepulchres and the rush of the wings of the rising dead. and woke up the shepherds. The first few nights of His tife He slept with the hostlers and drovers

ea. A pilgrim without a pillow. A sick man without any medicament. A mourner without any sympathetic bosom into which He could pour His tears. Through all that land He passed in disguise. Occasionally His divine royalty would flash out, as in the Gennesaret storm, as in the red wine at the wedding, as when He freed the shackled demoniacs of Gaddera, as when He swung a whole school of fish into the net of the discouraged boatmen, as when He throbbed life into the wasted arm of the paralytic; but, still, for the most part, He passed in disguise. No one saw a king's jewel in His sandal. No one saw a king's robe in His plain coat. They knew not that that shelterless man owned all the mansions in which the hierarchs of heaven have their habi-tation. They knew not that He who cried: "I thirst!" poured the Euphrates from His own

A man is a root who tens everything he knews. There is a natural pressure to the lips which indicates that sometimes we ought to be silent. But for all double dealing and Jesuitry and moral shuffling and forgery and sham, God has nothing but exposure and anathema. He will show up the trap. He will riddle the empiricism. He will assault the ambuscade. He will rip up the cheat. I wish I could point out to you some of the char-latans and tricksters that hoodwink and cajole and cozen and hoar society. There is a vast multitude of people over credulous. They are ready to be deceived. They believe in ghosts; they saw one of them once. They heard strange and unaccountable sounds in a vacant dwelling.

Conference. | Ministers. | Widows. | Total. Passing a graveyard at night they saw something in white approach and cross the road. In a neighbor's house they heard something that portended a death in the family. They think it is very disastrous to count the carriages at a funeral. They think it is a certain sign of evil if a bat file. flies into a room on a summer night, or a saltcellar upsets, or a cricket chirps on the hearth, or if upsets, or a cricket chirps on the hearth, or if they see the moon over the wrong shoulder. They would not think of beginning any enterprise on Friday, or of going back to the house to get anything after they had once started on a journey. Now, such people are all ready to be duped. Ignorance comes along in the disguise of medical science, and these are the kind of people that this disguised ignorance first entraps. O, the tragedy of the pill-box and the mixtures that have never been described. It is high time that somebody lifted up his voice against the wholesale butchery is wife to de the work. Here the part of the plit-hox and the mixtures that have never with the poof through a little case the way, the execution of the plot, while be stayed at home in indolence withing for his wicked scheme to be extricted or finding the trans. There are so many men who have finding the trans the little case of a weed which was placed at the one bedy little or the trans the little case of the work it; invents the lie, gets some body sie to work it some the lie to lie to the lie to lie t the Ohio, and hoodwinked into his crime, is harded into prison, and his great fortune is scattered, and his family, brought up in luxury, turned out to die. Benedict Arnold, scheming for the surrender of the American army, and the over-the surrender of the American army, and the over-throw of the American army, and the over-throw of the American army, and the over-pose by the surrender of the American army, and the over-throw of the American army, and the over-place greys will be halted by the augclof the Lord that should be four cause, gets his purse filled with pounds atorplang army, while Major Andre, the brave and the brilliant, whom he dupped into the conspiracy, and will be not allow it than that of either 1874 or 1875. There is, therefore, not only no decrease in the norm of the American army, and the over-throw of the American army, and the over-place greys will be halted by the augclof the Lord that should be four cause, gets his purse filled with pounds atorplang army, while Major Andre, the brave and the brilliant, whom he dupped into the conspiracy, and with a woice louder than fill the contract of the woman of Tirzah will be every subscribed, and with a voice louder than fill the propose of the woman of Tirzah will be every subscribed, and will also of the Major Andre, the brave and the brilliant, whom he dupped into the conspiracy, and with a voice louder than fill that the which the propose accested that woman. Nine tenths of those who are arraigned, incareer:

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cise are the providences of God I'me propnet told derful precision that providence acted. But it ence, which some of us have deemed finan, of the priesthood to entire exemption from the juriswas no more certainly true in her life town it is cially the weakest of the three, has given, diction of the civil tribunal. To me it seems most pay the last tribute of respect to the departed true in your life and mine. Sickness comes, pro rata, considerably more than either of its evident that, in the case upon which you have death occurs, the nation is born, despetisms are restern neighbors. The Toronto Conference, so justly animadverted, there has been a miscon-overthrown at the appointed time. God drives nevertheless, stands better in fact than in figures, struction and miscarriage of the law; and such a They wear no insignia of royalty. They blow no trumpet. Toey rate in no high places. They elicit no huzza. They quote no foreign language. Royalty in mask! A princess in disguise!

There are kings without the crown, and conquerors without the palm, and empresses without the jewels. That plain woman you passed on the street to-day may be reguant over vast realors. They did not be said to mine; and to mine; and as when that woman entered the gate of Tirzah and har proposed. They will and have a some consumption of the same consump bottles our tears. He catches our signs. And to contributions to the mud. which has not kept pace the orphae He will be a father, and to the widow with the augmented membership; and an increase which at last one will result our canal rap-diory veiled! Afflience hidden! Escanl rap-tures hushed up! Majesty in a mask! A princess will be numoored in the hurricane, the sun will will be numoored in the hurricane, the sun will be I will tell you of a grander disguise. Hear it. shut its nery eyeno, the seas will heave its last grown and blasted figs, the sea will heave its last grown and The favorite of a great nouse, one day, looked out lash itself in expring agony, the continents will of His palace window and saw men carrying very heavy bardens, and some of them lying at the gate full of sores, and some hobbing on crutches, and heard others bewaiting their woe; and Heavy bardens, and some hobbing on crutches, and heard others bewaiting their woe; and Heavy have the judgment day; but G. d's love will never die. It shall kindle its suns after all other

princess of Tirzah, how exact and minute and pre-

rising dead. "The soul that on Jeaus hath leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert o is foss; That soul, though all hill shall endeavor to stake, I'll never: 40, never i no, never forsake!"

Correspondence.

SUPERANNUATION FUND.

the regular claims of the past year has called out several writers in the Guardian, both lay and clerical; and several brethren have expressed their deep regret at the painful fact, and also given a variety of suggestions. To such parties who have personally inquired of the Treasurer he has furnished them with the information solicited; but as a committee, suggested by the laymen of the Board, was appointed at its Annual Meeting, the Board, was appointed at its Annual Meeting, the Treasurer has waited their action before making any general remarks or statements on this subject. Their Report has been already published in the Guardian.

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DEAR BRO. Dewart,—On the 9th of August last I sent you a short communication in reference to this Fund, in hopes that some able writers would take the matter up and throw some light on the subject. I had no intention of finding fault with the union, nor yet with those who united with us; and, I think, supperson that will carefully peruse my letter, would not impute that to me. Some writers on the subject, however. The very large deficiency of this fund to meet the regular claims of the past year has called out

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John Douse, Treasurer. 9 klm street, Toronto

it is found that, in 1876, the Montreal Conference, of opposite ruling by a judge of the Lower Province, hopes of recovery were entertained until a few 10.18 members, raised \$5.464 (showing that, Are we to have the law variously interpreted for with an increase of members, there followed a discase, periwith an increase of members, there followed a discase, and the law inroots Conference, with 34 308 members, raised a priest can "decline the competency of any lay not only fully aware of the approach of death, \$7,923. Now, if the rule of proportion can be court" is Papal and anti British, and one that not but fully prepared. He said, with strong Chrispressed into service here, it is apparent that, the very long since received its merited condemnation tian hope, that soon he would be great prophet to be hoodwinked, Jeroboam, instead of going himself, sends his wife to do it. Stand off from imposition and chicanery. Let impose of carry, in the could would die. She not vile men employ you for the purpose of carry, ing out their iniquities.

Again, I learn from this thrilling story of the stand to the stand of the city of the stand to the control of the providences of God. The prophet to be hoodwinked, Jeroboam, includes a stand of the providences of God. The prophet to be hoodwinked, Jeroboam, includes the providences of God. The prophet to be hoodwinked, Jeroboam, includes the first the moment that the moment she entered to the city, the child would die. She raised \$1,738 more thank that woman that the moment she entered to Loudon Conference, in 1876, ough, to have a to Chief. Justice Whiteside, whose the late Lord Chi

that pertains to me and to mine; and as when bership of the amalgameted Conferences was 85,

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estisfactory to merely say that payments, at the rate of seventy-five per cent., excausted the funds, are learned :-The question is not, why are the claims so large? but way are the funds so small? Toe following reasons are respectfully submitted as, in the settled at the southern corner of Duke and Jarvis writer's judgment, the most likely to account for the state of the case as is actually exists:-1 An unusual increase of claimants during the

past year. This increase is largely unavoidable at the present juncture of our history, and is not likely to occur again for many years hence.

2 The withdrawal of five per cent, from the annual revenue for investment, as required by the General Conference; such withdrawal being the Presiding Eder, in charge of the district; of the year. We cannot belot thinking that if our General Conference; such withdrawal being more severely felt in consequence of the increased

know of to increase the amount annually raised history of our Church, yours, &c, or the ministers on all the circuits and stations, to bring the matter before their respective con-gregations, and, before dismissing the congre-gation, as they usually do, pass through the entire congregation, and give others, as well as the membership, a chance to give what they are wilng to do, -for no one can be ignorant of the fact hat we have, in all our congregations, persons who are able, and, in many cases, more willing to give to all our funds than many of our members (to their shame be it said). And, Mr. Editor, I am satisfied that if these claims were urged, and the deficiency mentioned, and the above suggestions acted upon, there would be no cause bereafter of occupying so much of your

cause hereafter of occupying so much of your valuable paper on this subject.

I fail to see much force in the many letters that have been written on this question; and, unless persons writing can give us some more excellent way of increasing the Fund, I, for one, would suggest to them the propriety of reticence on the subject, for these bickerings will, I am sure, answer no good purpose. While I do not wish to create strife on this

question but in one way, viz., that all our ministers will vie with each other in increasing

judicial failure as should excite the gravest alarm

I hope, dear sir, that you will not rest content God on this mission may not be uninteresting to with one rebuke of this attempt to foist into op. the readers of the GUARDIAN. The financial claims cration one of the grant restances of the GUARDIAN. eration one of the worst propositions of the Syllabus, which, at the present time, is causing so much trouble in nearly every country in Europe.

le in nearly every county, yours,
I am, very respectfully, yours,
Richard Duke, A DOCUMENT ANCIENT AND SUGGESTIVE.

Illustrations of our Canadian Methodist history

From this document the following particulars

the principal appointments, without ever asking a single subscription. Multitudes of our patrons, who would not put more than five cents on the collection plate, would cheerfully give twenty inne of them would have been employed to teach times that amount, and more, if personally solicited for so deserving an object.

BARBIE.

THAT SUPERANNUATION FUND.

4. Three only, out of the four trustees, signed the deed, namely, Messra. Ryan, Smith and Culp, reap a harvest of souls.

We have no desire to blow our own trumpet, but, at the request of our Chairman, we send these for so deserving an object.

BARBIE.

Gardinier' family?, I am morally certain, was the person who put up the frame, while Mr. Hemphill enclosed it and did the joiner work.

THAT SUPERANNUATION FUND.

DEAR BRO. DEWART,—On the 9th of August

well as myself, obtained considerable assistance.

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Our Church Work.

POPLAR POINT AND WOODLANDS MIS-SION (MANITOBA).

A few encouraging facts relative to the work of

of our Society have, this year, been fully laid before our people, and they have responded to our call with a liberality worthy of all praise, and far beyond our most sanguine expectations. As arranged at the Fall District Meeting, our Poplar Point Missionary Meeting was held on the evening of Thursday, November 9th, and, in every respect, proved a great success. The deputation consisted of the Rev. J. F. German (Chairman of are often furnished by matters small and, apparently, unimportant. To my mind it is a source of satisfaction that I have ascertained several the claims of our Society in a very able and particulars relative to the position, price of land, forcible manner, and the financial result of the admit only of an approximate estimate. Three but to the very last particular, my Father's arrangement. He membership of the Courch; an increase in the contributions to the stud, which has not kept pace libe a father, and to the widow and, and to the outcast He will and, and to the number of claimants on the find, distorsion, being entrusted to me by Mr. Jordan Post, tion favored us with their presence, and we had of Port Whitby, son of the original grantor of the a most enthusiastic meeting, with a financial rebe a home, and to the poorest wretch that to-day portioned to that in both the funds and the mem- land. This document, which is in a good state of sult of \$41.85. In the evening we held a third preservation, is engrossed on coarse paper, no part meeting in Porteous' School-nouse (Woodlands) In answering the question, why as twenty-five printed printed blanks, unless in the case of equally enthusiastic, and our people gave us subper cent. been deducted from the disciplinary Government patents, being, I surmise, wholly unclaims of the superannuated bretheen; it is hardly known in the province at that time. year the amount raised, as seen in the report, was some \$39, and this year we have already realized the Word, more faithfulness in attendance on upwards of \$150, which speaks multiple of the word of are learned:—
1. The conveyancer was Mr. "Jordan Post, Junior," the original Jordan Post, Scuior, who upwards of \$150, which speaks well for the settled at the southern corner of Duke and Jarvis willingness of our people to subscribe when in a position to do so. The Lord has this year blessed position to do so. The Lord has this year blessed sence and blessing these, then, we most gratefully was yet alive. Streets, was yet alive.

2. It was conveyed on the "sixteenth of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighteen."

our province with a bountful harvest; and the record. We labor among a kind, earnest and people feel is to be their duty to bring all the peaceful people, and we have faith to believe God dred and eighteen."

titles into the store-house, and trust Him for will, even this year, send us showers of blessing.

Isaac B. Smith was the preacher in charge of the of the year. We cannot help thinking that if our "Ancaster" Circuit, the nearest circuit to the people in the other provinces would only exhibit

CIRCUIT CONVENTION-YONGE STREET SOUTH.

This was held at Eglinton, according to arrangement by the official Quarterly Meeting, for the purpose of promoting the spirituality of the Church en this circuit. On examining the statistics as to membership for several years back, and see in Fract and I we wan also councils in this that sheller-less as easy of the district woman's remaining by a second to be all the manner of the beauty and the beauty a

ton, "The best method of conducting a class-meeting to make it profitable and secure attend-ance of members." It is acknowledged that a sameness is apparent, which may render the class-room less attractive than desirable, by pursuing BRO. CHARBONNEL AND HIS APPEAL.

BRO. CHARBONNEL AND HIS APPEAL.

MR. EDITOR,—Allow me, through the GUARDIAN, most earnestly to second Bro. Charbonnel's appeal in your last issue, for aid to his educational buildings, just erected at Sherbrooke.

Urged by the offerof a very excellent site for such buildings, should it be at once so used, our brother buildings, should it be at once so used, our brother thing, as an element of success was to have a Urged by the offerof a very excellent site for such buildings, should it be at once so used, our brother assumed the responsibility of accepting it; and, therefore, with this condition before him, had the land—a double lot—deeded to the Conference as connexional property. The friends of Sherbrooke, with their wonted liberality, gave him a number of very generous subscriptions to his object; while, from other persons, in other places, he, as well as myself, obtained considerable assistance.

But for the great financial depression of the But for the great financial degression of the times, and that it is felt in all parts of the Dominion; and with this, the earnest and persistent efforts made for other important connexional interests of our Church, I would long, ere this, have acted on the authority given me by the General Conference, to go throughout the Dominion to supplicate aid for our French educational objects, of which that in Sharkock is the chief hindrance, it was believed, was the lack of consistency on the part of older members of the Church. While young people can refer you to such an obvious want of Christian conduct, and laxity in attendance to religious duties in the minieters will vie with each other in increasing the Fund in future, and hoping that in the years to come there may be no deficiency. With all due respect to those who have taken me to task for what I have written,

I am, dear sir, yours, etc., Bro. Flago.

PRIESTS AND POLITICS.

Rev. and Dear Sir,—I am obliged to lay down your paper, which a few moments ago I took up, your paper, which a few moments ago I took up, and thus give promise, that at an early period

minion to supplicate aid for our French educational for our bench educational objects, of which that in Sherbrooke is church, from a human stand-point, but faint hope can be entertained of accomplishing much on their behalf. At the same time, God's truth, faithfully exhibited and applied by the Holy Spirit, is all-powerful to surmount every difficulty and vanquish every foe. The brethren who introduced those topics were severally requested, by a unanimous vote of the meeting, to furuseh copies of their addresses for publication in the Guardian.

The concluding question of vital interest was, and thus give promise, that at an early period

tidings of the good work going on there, as inti-mated by Brother Winter, of Lachute Circuit, in the GUARDIAN of the 6th inst. My interest in the matter was increased, further, from the fact, that the present Missionary at North Gore, Bro. Whiteside, was one of our fellow-students at the

Montreal Theological College.

Having paid a visit, last summer, to that
Mission, and happening to know something about
that of which I speak, I think it nothing more tran just to mention the credit due to Brother Waiteside in the success of his work on als pre-sent field of labor. It might, perhaps, be proper o state that the North Gore Mission is worked by Brother Whiteside alone; and, that it is only on quarterly or special occasions it receives the services of the Superintendent of Lachute Circuit. Being personally acquainted with the fact, I may also state that the success of Brother Whiteside is largely owing to his diligence as a pastor, and to personal, private appeals. In their houses, on the road, and, wherever he meets the people, he has a word for Jesus. Especially has be directed his efforts to the young, with fruitful

reaults. Rejoicing with Brother Whiteside, I pray for the continued blessing of God upon his work.
H. MEYERS.

. PARIS.

The Missionary Anniversary, just passed, has been a season of special interest and bi-ssing. The sermons preached on Sabbath, Nov. 26to, by the Rev. John B. Clarkson, M.A., were instructive and eloquent expositions of Scripture truth in relation to the work of Christ among men. meeting was held on Tuesday evening totlowing. The attendance was large, and the people carnestly son, M.A., of Woodstock. The character and power of the addresses may be known from the fact, that the meeting was acknowledged to be one of the best and most successful held in this town for many years. To God be all the glory to The Lord is, we believe, graciously reviving His work among His people in this place. It increased

The desire to construct the largest single roof in the world was achieved in the roof of the Midland Railway Station at St. Paneras, which now

and cames-drivers, for no one knew there was a King in town. He strolled into the house where learned men sat, and amazed them, that one without a doctor's gown should know more about the law than the doctors. He fished with the fisher men. He smote with this own hammer in the carpenter's shop. He are raw corn out of the alleys, extending as fars the eye can reason, the fished. Ho fired His own fish on the banks of Gennesaret. He slept out-of-doors because the floating on a goupett raft of hombos, and the mountaineers would not invite Him not) their cabin. He was howled at by crezy people smid.

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in life, under the ministrations of the late Rev. favorite hymn :-Joseph Reynolds, and for the period of about twenty-five years, continued in the membership of the Methodist Church. Gentle, modest, and retiring in her disposition, her voice was never heard in mere loud profession; but she was ever

while Jesu's flood through earth and ekies, Mercy, free, boundless mercy, caies!"

The disease, which removed her hence, was not whatever appeared as duty. Before the meek and lowly Saviour she felt her own unworthiness, but by the sweetness of her temper, and the fervor of her charity, she impressed all with the fact that she had been with Jesus.

As the estimable companion of our bereaved brother the Rev. George McRitchie she felt the responsibility of that pathway in life into which God led her to be so great, that it was with fear and trepidation she entered upon it, but wherever in the Providence of God the itinerancy cast her lot, she made many warm friends. In the quieter circles of social life, she strove diligently to promote the work of God, and manifested everywhere a true concern for the cause of Christ and the extension of His kingdom. In practical effort she was often hudered, because it pleased God to prove her in the furnace of affliction, and it was there that her light shone the most brightly. Por over eighteen years ahe suffered from severe Devonshire, Eugland, June 7th, 1837; emigrated, For over eighteen years she suffered from severe Devonshire, England, June 7th, 1837, emigrated, attacks of asthma, which she bore without mur-muring, spending what little strength she had in attacks of asthma, which she bore without murmuring, spending what little strength she had in working for God and the Church she loved. Paroxyams of severe pain were borne with patience and resignation—a most beautiful example of readiness for suffering or service.

of readiness for suffering or service.

During the last year of her life she was mostly confined to her room and seldom able to leave her souch.

A little over a year ago, when she saw that her sickness was unto death, she became somewhat depressed, and desired a brighter evidence of her acceptance with God, a fuller consistousness of God's presence and love, and a clearer view of thing unseen and eternal. The shadow soon passed away, and for a period of eleven months she lived in the assurance of God's love, and in the possession of a peace incomprehensible to soone, magnifying amid her hufferings the mercifail kindness of her God. Her'experience was not the alternations of unshine and cloud, but the steady light which shineth more and more unto the perfect day. An increasing sense of God's gressing goodness smallender through months of distress pairs of the steady of the near the companies and the companies and the companies and the companies and the steady light which shined her through months of distress pairs of the nour of her departure had come, among other utterances she said; "It this going homet Tell me, am I going? I want to know," Upon being told we feared it was, she replied, "It it is so easy, it is very easy; I see the City; I soe Jesus, too; He is so good; is weet is something in Him, not in anyone else; oh, He is so good; so great, but I have no words, no language to express it myself." To a friend she said, "I am soorry to leave you all alone, but I am going just a little before, and when I get home, I'll keep looking for you till you come."

A few minutes before her death she revived a little, opened her eyes and fried to converse, but I have now, and is the precious, and landy yea, she answered, repeating and they occase and fried to converse, but her strength failed. Upon being asked to the converse but her strength failed. Upon being asked to the converse but her strength failed. Upon being asked to the converse but her strength failed her not, proved to be the power of God unto a shift of

before the throne, as during the half hour spent by the nedside of the sufferer, after a Sabbath's service in this town. God be thanked for these proofs of the power of grace divine.

"May we triumph so When all our warfare's past.". -WM. SCOTT.

MRS. WILLIAM DEAN, (of Sandhill.) following in reference to her early life and conversion: "My sister, Mrs. Wilham Dsan, was born in the Township of Albion, September 20th, 1839, was converted to God at Macville, in the fifteenth year of her age, under the ministry of the Bevs. S. C. Philip and W. Richardson. She The manufacturers of the "Webster" invite immediately united with the W. M. Church, and the people of Canada to make a thorough inves-

in reference to Sister Dean's faithfulness as a Christian. It used to be a wonder to myself, as years' sales. well as others, how she, in her feebleness, (for she was very delicate for many years), could manage her household affairs, with the care of a large and young family, so as to attend the weekly prayermeeting and class, as well as the public services, with so much regularity. Her worth and consistency, as well as the weight of the bereavement, While ane lived, like every devoted wife and mother, they were her chief care. Her willing a loving heart for their comfort. Now, that she in Canada. is no more with them here, may the God of the may be like hers. Sister Dean's death, like her life, was beautiful-it came suddenly, but she was ready. On Wednesday she was taken ill— Sabbata noon, she was gone. I visited her in the morning before going to my appointment, and though weak in flesh, she was atrong in apirit, trusting in the Lord. Shortly after she said to Mrs. McCling, "I am just setting my house in order, as I do not know how it may go with me." She referred to her worldly affairs and advice to her friends. Thank God her own inner house was in order. In a few short hours, she passed away from the calm noontide of that beautiful earthly Sabbath (27th August, 1876) to the noon-tide of ecernal glory. J. A. McClung.

REBECCA McKEAN.

Canada; became the wife of Robert McKean, of Walpole; and died, happy in Je us, August 25th, your sewing machine dealer for the "Webster."

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CIRC RIGHTENTS DEAD.

COUR acquaintance with her began about two years ago. We have seen a number of her children give their hearts and lives to Jesus; and how she rejoiced over their wise choice. We have seen her countenance beam with happiness as she has, with us, heard them testify to the saving grace of God. She was faithfulin her attendance upon the Bean of grace, rarely ever absent from the Richtente was born in the village of Newburgh, on the 8th of March, 1837, and died in Brockville, on the 18th of August, 1876. The home of her childhood was one of religious influence, where she was taught to fear God, to love Jesus, and to imitate parents who served the love Jesus and lives to Jesus

"O. love, thou bottomless abyss!
My sins are swallow'd up in thee;
Cover'd is my unrighteousness;
Nor spot of guilt remains on me.
While Jesu's blood through earth and skies,
Mercy, free, boundless mercy, cries!"

Was born in the town of Tiverton, county of of readiness for suffering or service.

During the last year of her life she was mostly confined to her room and seldom able to leave her he died August 18th, 1876.

and confidence in Christ: he had no doubts or fears. And so hopefully passed away our Bro. Macklin on the evening of the 18th Angust.

In his death the community has lost a kind and obliging neighbor; the ministers of the circuit, a genial and warm-hearted friend; the Church of Christ, a zealous and liberal supporter; and his family, an affectionate and devoted husband and father. But their loss is his infinite gain. The Rev. Mr. Goff, the resident minister, conducted In a letter from Mr. Dean's brother, I find the the funeral services, and preached an appropriate flowing in reference to her early life and consermon, on the following Sabbath, to a large concourse of sorrowing relatives and friends.

The manufacturers of the "Webster" invite remained a consistent and devoted member of the tigation of their machine, in every detail, and same till the day of her death." The writer had no intimate acquaintance with beg of them to ask any person who has a Mrs. Dean till about eighteen months ago, when "Webster" machine in their house, if they he became the minister in charge of the Albon West Circuit, and a resident within a few rods of her home; but from that time I can bear testifor the best American machine made. They mony to the truthfulness of the above statement refer with pride to the issue of the past four

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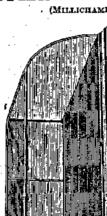
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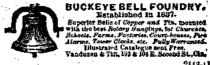
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J. C. Ash.

ORANGEVILLE.

Anniversary sermons, on behalf of the Sunday School, will be preached Sunday, Dec. 31st., at 10.30 a.m., and 6.30 p.m., by Rev. S. D. Rice, D.D. The Anniversary Tea-meeting will be held on Monday, Jan. Ist. Tea from 5 to 7. There will be choice music, recitations and dislogues by S. S. children, and addresses by several clergymen.

A. C.

CHURCH OPENING.

The Bethel Church, on the Oxford Centre Cir nit, will be opened on Thursday, Dec 21st; Rev. G. R. Sanderson. President of the London Conference, to preach at 2 p m. Tes.-meeting in the old church, immediately after, in aid of the Trust Fund. Tickets, 50c. Speeches are expected from the President of the Conference, Rev. W. W. Donagh, Rev. J. B. Clarkson, M. A., and others.

The opening services will be continued on the fall. The opening services will be continued on the fol-lowing sabbath.

T. W. Jackson.

RE-OPENING SERVICES. The Eden Church, (Switzer's neighborhood), having und argme extensive improvements, will (P. V.) be respend for Divine worship, on Sabbath, 31st December, when sermons will be preached at 10.30 a.m., and 6.30 p.m., by the Rev. Geo. Brown, of Weston. On Now Year's day, the re-opening tea-meeting will be held, and the Rev.W.H. Withrow, M.A., of Toronto, will celiver his famous locture. "An Evening in the Catacombs of Rome," illustrated by about one hundred plates. Good music by the choir of the church. Collections at Sabbath services. Admission to tea, 25 cents.

CHURCH DEDICATION.

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A tea-meeting will be held the following evening. Addresses by the above-named ministers and others. Music by the Port Elgin choir. Tea served at 6 p.m. Admission, 250.

N. A. M'DIAHMID, Supt.

CHURCH DEDICATION.

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The new Methodist Church at Harrison's, Brampon Circuit, will be opened for the worship of God on Schhatt, December 31st. Sermons will be preached to the horse of the Harrison's, Brampon 10 a.m., by Rev. Dr. Wood, at 230 p.m., by Rev. ohn Learoyd, and at 6.30, pm., by Rev. J. H. tarr. A Tea-meeting will be held on Monday evening, January 1st, 1817. Chair to be taken by K. Chisolm, Ksq., M.P.P. Addresses will be delivered by everal ministers and friends. Music by the choir. licket-, 50 cen's each
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t 230 p.m., by Rev. S. Salton, and at 6.30 p.m., by tev. John Shaw.
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ANNIVERSARY SERVICES.

ANNIVERSARY SERIOLS.

The Anniversary Services in connection with the M. Church, on Selby Circuit, will be held as follows: The Anniversary 'ea-meeting on Friday evenge, December 29th, 1878. Loors open at 6 p.m., as served at 7 p.m., in the basement of the church, the ladies of the congregation. Chair to be taken to And instruments into the following second on the following Sabbath, December 31st, 1876, at 11 a.m., and 6.30 p.m., by Rev. Jacob E. Howell, M.A., o'Trenton.

Collection after each service in ald of the Trust Fund John Ferguson, Superintendent.

CHURCH DEDICATION.

The new Methodist Church at Fraserville, South Monaghan Circuit, will be (D.v.) dedicated to the worship of God on Thursday, January 4th, 1877. At 3 p.m., the Rev. W. Jeffers. D.D., President of Toronto Conference, will preach the dedicatory sermon and conduct the usual services. The ladies of the congregation will provide tea at 5 p.m., the same even.

At 7.30 the public meeting will be held, when suitable addresses will be delivered by the Rov. Dr.

Jeffers, Rev. N. R. Willoughby, M.A., Chairman of Peterboro' District, Rev. Coverdale Watson, Rev. W.

R. Barker, Rev. R. McCulloch, and others.
On Sabbata, 7th, the Rev. P. Addison, of Newcast'c, will preach at 10,30, and at 6.30. Rov. W. R. Barker will preach at 3 p.m. Collection after each service in aid of building fund. An efficient choir will be to attendance.

W. Buchanan.

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The new Methodist Church at Underwood will (b. v.) be opened for Divine Service on Sabbath, December the 21th, when sermons will be preached as follows: Rev. William Tindall, Chairman of Walkerton District, at 10.30 a.m., and at 2.30 p.m., and by Rev. Mr. McLennon, Presbyterian minister of Underwood, at 6.30 p.m. Collection in aid of Building Fund, after each service.

There will be a Tea-meeting the following (Christmas) evening. Tea served from 8 to 8 o clock in the Town Hall After tea the chair will be taken by D. Sinclair, Esq. M. P.P. of Paisley, and speeches delivered by the Chairman, Rev. William Tindall, Rev. Mr. McLennon, Rev.A. Burwash, Baptist Studentfrom Woodstock, and others. The evening's entertainment will be enlivered by good vocal and instrumental music. Admission Fee, 40 cents. Children under 12 years of age, 25 cents. Tickets can be had at the door.

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A new brick church on the Morven and Gosport Circuit at the Gretna appointment vituated about four miles from Mapanee, will (D. V.) be dedicated to the worship of God, on Wednesd v, the 2 th inst. At 2 colock, n.m., a seemon will be delivered by the Nev. James Elitott, of Kinsston, chairman of the District, and Ex-Pre-ident of the Conference, followed by the dedicatory service. A tea will be given the same evening at 60 clock, after which the Rev. James El-

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