Christian Messenger.

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The week of Prayer.

The crowded state of our columns last week prevented us from referring to this subject as we desired. It will gratify our readers to learn that in Halifax professing Christians of different, if not all, of evangelical denominagreat earnestness and carried them through in a most pleasing and satisfactory manner.

The Union Prayer Meeting Committee requested ministers of various churches to confer with them on the subject, on the 4th inst. It was then resolved that all evangelical denominations should be invited to commence the week with a service in their own place of worship, on Monday morning at 11 o'clock, A. M. A Special Union Prayeradvisable by each body; on Friday, that General meetings be held in Temperance Hall, at 11 A. M., and half past 7 P. M.; and on

These recommendations were entered into were pretty general during the week. pretty generally. The following places of worship were opened for worship on Monday at 11 o'clock in the morning:-Granville Street and North Baptist Chapels, St. Pauls and St. George's Episcopal Churches, the Brunswick Street and Grafton Street Methodist Chapels, the St. Mathew's and St. Andrew's Presbyterian congregations united and held a service in the latter house, also, the

some of the other churches every evening during the week. The Daily Prayer-meetings were attended each morning by larger numbers than usual, and the services were pecu-

liarly solemn and impressive.

The most remarkable features of the week, however, were the meetings held in Temperance Hall on Friday. The morning meeting was very numerously attended, and was presided over by Sir Brenton Haliburton the Chief Justice, assisted by the Rev. R. F. Uniacke. The Hon. Chairman made some highly appropriate remarks at the opening of the meeting, expressing his entire dependance on Jesus for salvation, that like all men he felt himself a great sinner, but that a great Saviour had been provided. In Him he trusted. He expressed his love for all who loved the Saviour in sincerity. He was delighted to witness the union for prayer amongst Christians of different names. After reading of the Scriptures by the Rev. Mr. Uniacke, the Rev. Mr. Scott offered prayer. An excellent address was then given on "the Power of prayer," by the Rev. Mr. Sprague; prayer by the Rev. Mr. McGregor; an address on "the Spread of the Gospel." by the Rev. G.W. Hill, in which he alluded to the necessity of men of every grade and profession coming out and boldly declaring themselves on the side of Christ, and also of their personally commending Him to sinners, and not supposing that to be the work of the minister alone, (at this point the venerable Chairman found it necessary to retire. His great age and the bodily infirmity which it has brought upon him, rendered his parting words most solemn and impressive. It was with difficulty he moved off from the platform.) Prayer was then offered by Rev Mr. Boyd, after which the Rev. Mr. Munro, gave an energetic address on "Christian effort." He referred to the characteristics of christian gathered from the returns. effort being such as influenced Christ in coming to save us from our sins. Love and adaptation to the necessities of our fellow creatures, must be very prominent. He alluded to intemperance and its attendant evils and miseries as affording a vast field for christian Sunday, the 8th inst., in the St. Mary's

Esq., ably presided over the meeting.

Union," the Rev. Mr. Hunter on "the Signs rounding difficulty."

of the Times," and the Rev. W. H. Humphrey gave a brief Closing Address.

Hymns printed for the occasion were sung at intervals during the services, in which all the vast congregation joined most heartily, voice of the Catholic Priesthood is never to be Never perhaps has there been a week when such a spirit of devotion has so generally animated the hearts of christian people in Hali-We would not persuade ourselves that the spending a week in such a manner shews that any great and permanent change has taken place in the people generally of our Press, wish to keep it all to themselves. But, tions took up the matter of special services with city, but we believe that it is fair to conclude that this is a prelude to a great Revival of religion; and that if we continue instant in shall laugh at them and take our own course.' prayer we may expectGod will send a blessing, the result of which will be that instead of our city being far below other parts of the country in its moral and religious aspect, it will become a centre of good influences which shall go forth through the length and breadth of the land. Before this can be the case, much vice must be suppressed, error removed, and light meeting at 3 P. M., to be held in the Argyle made to shine upon us. The Spirit of God Street Chapel, and such other services to be must descend to apply the Word of God, and observed during the week as might be deemed the truth preached, to the salvation of sinners, and impel believers to more active effort for the good of their fellow-men.

We are glad to learn that Special services Lord's-day, the 15th inst. that special Thanks- were held in several towns and villages in the giving Services be recommended in all the province. Truro, Windsor, Pictou, Liverchurches. The Rev. R. F. Uniacke, R. Mc- pool and other places had interesting services Learn and T. A. S. DeWolfe were appointed in their various places of worship. In Canaa Committee to make the necessary arrange- da, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island, we perceive special religious services

Church of England in Nova Scotia.

The last Report of the Diocesan Church Society gives the following statistical information with regard to the present position of the Episcopal Church in this Province.

We are not aware on what data the column Poplar Grove Presbyterian Church. In of "Church Members" is given as distinct Chalmers Church a service was held on Tues- from "Communicants", or whether it is any vanced in his career of adventure. He was an requirements, so that that circumstance may more than an estimate of the supposed num- exile in Switzerland, a maniae in Strasburg not deprive these classes of our fellow-men of Services were held in the first named and ber of those who are not members of other and in Bologne, a vagrant in America, a roue the evangelical and benevolent efforts of Chriscommunions.

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The Pope's temporal Sovereignty

WE learn from the Evening Express of Wednesday last that a meeting was held on ever seen in that place of worship.

every part long before the time of commence- the Archbishop, the Hon. Mr. Kenny, John doubt that the days of the Papal Monarchy a crusade against singing by a choir. Nor does ment, hundreds probably a thousand were un- Tobin, Esq., Edward Maturin, Esq., and Mr. are numbered, and if the Pope's spiritual it give any encouragement to the idleness of able to get inside and were obliged to return J. W. Quinnan. Several resolutions were to their homes. In the absence of the Rev. passed, the burden of which was that His Dr. Twining the appointed Chairman, who Holiness had been deprived of his temporal was unable to attend, T. A. S. De Wolfe, dominions by some of his people revolting from of the allegations made respecting the behis government, and is threatened with hav-The Rev. Mr Jardine offered prayer, after ing the whole of his power as a temporal which the Chairman read a portion of the sovereign taken from him; that the Cath- can be made is that given by Dr. Conolly himsacred Scriptures. The Rev. Mr. Crisp ad- olics of Halifax sympathize with him in his dressed the meeting on "The week of pray- wrongs, and their hearts "throb warmly for er," the Rev. Mr. Brewster on "Christian his preservation and triumph amid every sur- British North America, I for one believe, that ed so that those of each metre are placed together.

Dr. Conolly said :

"The mouths of Bishops and of Priests are gagged in enlightened France and in constitutional Sardinia, yet liberty or no liberty, the hushed where the interests of their creed and of their people are concerned. We have spoken out, and we will continue to speak out in Sardinia, as in Ireland and in this country, in spite of all political opposition. It is strange the liberty of speech and the liberty of the with the blessing of God, as long as we have a tongue to speak, or a pen to write with, we

" Take the Pope away from Rome and Rome is no more. Take the Pope away from Rome and her people will not only starve and thin away, as so often happened; but in a few years there will not be left even a solitary Palmyra in the desert : the last of her standing monuments, her Pantheon, and her Colosseum, and her resident population of any country, and have triumphal arch in Titus, her Baths of Diocle- peculiar claims upon Christian sympathy and tian, must soon moulder undistinguished in the dust."

"Sixty five Bishops and Archbishops in France have already spoken out: they have challenged Europe to point out to them a hapa few days prohibiting newspaper proprietors from even announcing that pastoral letters were written by them. The Editor of the Ami Bishop of some diocess had issued a Pastoral."

Catholic, and still designated by the Pope "the eldest son of the Church, to whom God England, or the 'American Seamens' Friends' has entrusted the mission to protect the pa- Society' of the United States." We are not trimony of St. Peter against illegal covetous- aware of any efforts having been made to ness," Dr. Conolly ventures to speak in the carry out that recommendation. A letter in following not very flattering terms. He our last issue has brought this subject to our

in London; a false brother in the National Assembly at Paris, a violator of his oath, and a man of blood in the Tuilleries. He began with peace on his lips "I'Empire cest la paix" and ne has not since sheathed the sword. He has been already at war with the half of Europe, and has been threatening the other half ever since he ascended the throne. Without any some of the friends and supporters of the cause whatever of grievance between France and Austria, he crossed the Alps, like his uncle, to give to the Italians what he denied to the French, and within a few weeks he butchered over a hundred thousand men for what he calls

tion" he said " speaks for itself. He began his missionaries, and, like their master, go to seek rule by the suppression of Convents, and the confiscation of Church property, and the imprisonment and exile of Bishops and Priests." "He may have liberty on his banner, but he has the blood of the innocent on h sensanguined hands,-he has a hatred of God's Church, and a craving for his neighbour's goods at heart,he has rapine and spoliation, and if need be wholesale murder, in his insatiable ambition."

" As for the Romans themselves" Dr. C. remarked, "after having lived among them for many years, I here state my unhesitating belief, that there are not a people having fewer practical grievances in any part of Europe."

The threatened revolution arose, he said: not from Romans, but "Rome even at the present day is literally swarming with Protestants, Jews, and Atheists, and foreigners of every religious creed." The people of Rome he compared to spoiled children, and says " in truth they are spoiled," and asserts that "they may whimper and be in bad humor for the while, but when the hour of trial comes they are sure to come back to their old love as they have invariably done for so many long centuries."

Each of the speakers took the opportunity of declaring his undiminished loyalty to the British Crown, contending that they owe only spiritual allegiance to the Pope, but that the spiritual sovereignty of the Pope Psalmist which would meet a ready response required that he be "an independant monarch from all who have learned to appreciate our adwithin the States of the Church in Italy."

Whatever the motive may be for holding iabour, and as far as his observation had ex- Chapel, to give expressions of sympathy this opinion, we think the Archbishop and tended demanded the attention of christians with the Pope in his present troubles. The his supporters are more effectually undermore than any other of the evils by which we meeting is said to have been one of the largest mining their own church by such a statement Well then we may say :- It is not a new Hymn than can be done by any "Protestants, Jews, In the evening the Hall was crowded in Speeches were delivered by Dr. Connolly and Atheists," for we think there is but little Psalmie," without music. It does not attempt power is to fall with his temporal sovereignty, Romanism is soon to come to an end.

We might, if necessary, controvert several nevolent and paternal character of the Roman Government, but perhaps the best reply that self, when he says,-

we are as free and as happy as any people on The tunes may thus be more readily used

the face of the globe, and I am not prepared to exchange it for any other. The man among us is a fool who is not loyal in this country; for here he has something to be loyal for-he has rational liberty to its fullest extent-he has perfect equality with his fellow subjects-he has that precise amount of comfort, and that exact position in society to which his conduct and talents entitle him '!

If, then, such blessings attend the possesthat most of those who clamour so loudly about sion of liberty, why not allow the Roman people to choose for themselves their own government, without the aid of foreign bayonets. Great Britain, we apprehend, would be the last power in Europe to allow any barrier to be placed in the way of that people exercising the right of self-government.

The Claims of Seamen.

SEAMEN differ in many respects from the effort. At the last Anniversary of the Western Association a Report was adopted recommending that "a suitable person be employed to devote his undivided energies to the welpier or a more paternal and benignant rule fare of our sea-going fathers and sons, by than that of the Pope of Rome; and the only forming Bethel Unions in the respective seareply is that the Emperor of the French forbids ports of the Province-to enlist the sympathe whole press of the country to print another thies of the ministers of Religion and the line for them. A second ukase is published in friends of seamen generally. In ports too small to sustain a chaplain, arrange to have Bethel services on the Sabbath, by ministers de la Religion, himself a priest, is fined and im- in turn,-to circulate nautical intelligence, prisoned for three months for violating the preaching the Gospel as opportunity may tyrannical law in simply announcing that the offer, and do what he can by way of linking the British Provinces together in the import-In referring to Louis Napoleon, himself a ant work of the conversion of sailors, on a plan not unlike that of the Bethel Union in attention. It is perhaps undesirable to foster "After having been a revolutionist in his class distinctions, yet where these do exist early days in Rome, he has most consistently ad- efforts should be made to meet their peculiar

HALIFAX CITY MISSION,—The Report of this important mission is before us. The silent oparations of the missionary are doubtless doing much good. It might be well for mission occasionally to accompany their agent at his work. They would by that means learn something of the destitution and ignorance that prevails in those less frequented parts of the city. Christians, both ministers and peo-"The King of Sardinia's part in the transac- ple, should have more of the character of out and save them that are lost.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

THE MONUMENTS OF ASSYRIA, BABYLON AND Persia; with a New Key for the discovery of the Lost Ten Tribes. By the Rev. Charles Forster, B. D. Richard Bentley, London.

The researches of antiquarians especially of those who have given their attention to the deciphering of ancient inscriptions have rendered important service to biblical literature and the confirmation of scripture history and prophecy.

This work is the result of much careful and continued labor, and comes to the conclusion by numerous highly interesting facts and arguments that the Afghans are the descendents of the socalled lost ten tribes. We commend the work to public attention. The plates-copies of inscriptions and illustrations from obelisks, medallions seals, &c., are beautifully executed and render the work one of great value and interest.

THE PSALMIST, with music, &c., Gould & Lincoln, Boston.

The excellent lecture on Sacred Music in our two preceeding numbers will form a good introduction to a notice of this new feature in the psalmody for our churches. We might say many things in favor of this new version of the in his own dominions, which are comprised mirable collection of "psalms and hymns and within the States of the Church in Italy." spiritual songs." Perhaps however as we are very jealous of innovations, it will be better to mention a few of its negative virtues, so that our readers may learn what it is not; they will then be better prepared to know what it is. book. It is not intended to supersede "The their church music, and fancy that they have congregational singing because they have no choir. These negative statements might be enlarged upon, but will be sufficient to prepare our readers for something positive with regard to the book. It is an attempt, whether successful or not will be for experience and good musicians to decide, to combine the music and poetry of the churches in one book. It contains all the "Under our own form of government in hymns in the Psalmist and Supplement re-arrangodies edito and of co opin this pres

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