churches should "forsake the assembling of name has been associated with all that is mercial intelligence; &c. &c., a vast variety this title the Witness says, "We would not,

now many churches in this province, most of who have left their mark on the annals of ducted religious family journal. We would them small, destitute of pastors, and many time and done honor to the human race. gladly do without money if we could. Many something like the Roman Catholic distinction others which only obtain one-half, or even Who then can contemplate, without thrilling of our readers, we know, who would not be de- between venial and mortal sins. less, of a pastor's time and attention. The interest, the prospect of her emerging from prived of our weekly visits for far more than it is observed there that on the "minister's lightened men. What Christian especially warmest thankfulness to those who first in- xvi, 16. Sunday" there is a good congregation, but that will not feel his heart swelling with the fer- duced them to become subscribers. We say tew attend at other times. This is much to be vent prayer to God, that her emancipated this not to lead any to suppose that we are deplored. It too often follows that in such millions may at last be blessed with the full dissatisfied, for if all of our friends would but decline and ultimate dissolution of the church, Christ. will be sufficient. A church was formed by troops, of the capital of by far the most ber during the ensuing week, they would soon brother Hobbs at Coddle's Harbour, in the populous nation on earth, at a distance of increase their own and others happiness, and year 1846, and was admitted into the Asso- some twelve or fifteen thousand niles on the we should have to thank them for a large adciation. It contained fifteen members, and farthest side of the globe. The first and dition to our list. was regularly reported from year to year, sudden opening of China to the commerce of NOW is the time to subscribe ! (it had no pastor) till the year 1852, after which other nations, within but a few years past, we hear no more of it. But in 1860 Brother was one of the most wonderful instances of Bigelow reports to the Eastern Association Providential interference which the world the formation of a new church at Coddle's has known. For ourselves, we can not well Harbour, which is dully received, I do not imagine how the great purposes of such a recollect that any thing was said of the for- fact can be well mistaken, and we would mer church. It must have silently glided gladly hail the strange sequel that is now away, unnoticed. Ought not something to before us, as a striking and significant anbe done, or attempted, to prevent these oc- nouncement of the final and speedy consum-

also instructive in this respect. A glorious But we have wandered in a measure from church, which was first formed by Brother dictions of His Word. David Nutter in 1821, became almost extinct, and it was not until last April that it was rebers was then thirty-eight.

William Elder, in 1821.

constituted in the Period now under review. Yours truly,

Dec. 17, 1860. MENNO.

# Christian Messenger

HALIFAX, DECEMBER 26, 1860.

### Close of 1860.

Time. We can scarcely realize to our elves strength and support. no human foresight or wisdom can adequate- YEAR. ly appreciate.

The great Revolution in Italy is undoubta sense of her rights. Italy in the earliest year. periods, and before the progress of European | Many of our readers we doubt not will by ancient relics found in the bosom of her with more interest than they have any of the soil, been a land where learning, and science, 415 preceding ones.

mation of God's designs of mercy towords so The history of the church at Liverpool is many myriads of the human race.

revival had been experienced, in the midst of the train of reflection, suggested by the dewhich the church was formed. But Mr. parture of another year. We trust, however, Nutter, the instrument of the blessing, did not wholly without profit; for what ought to liminary to a proper participation of this me- tra labor the end of the year brings, a week's and they were left to themselves. The re- gratitude to God, than to contemplate, as sults are stated in the Minutes of the Asso- time flies on, the wonders of His Providence. ciation for 1829, from which I take the in what we assuredly believe to be a prosecufollowing extract :- " Liverpool .- This little tion for the final accomplishments of the pre-

Another page in the great book of Eternity organized by Brother Ansley, and several add- will have opened upon us before our next ed to it, when it was unanimously agreed to issue. The expiring year will have departed join the Association." The number of mem- and Time will have Sorne away his record on the page now almost written. Each of our A small church, consisting of ten mem- readers will, more or less, take a retrospecbers, was formed at Annapolis, by Mr. tive glance of what that record bears concerning himself. Doubtless an honest review will This completes the account of new churches have enough to cause somewhat of sorrow and self-reproach. In some instances trials have been endured and passed through, but admidst all, mercies innumerable have been granted and much of gratitude to the Father of mercies should attend such reminiscences. If we can recognize amidst all that the hand of our Heavenly Father has been directing our concerns, it is well. If however we have to walk in darkness and suppose ject of which this book treats, is one of vast that He is leading us, though it be by a way organization should command our first atten-Few things make less impression on the that we know not, we may still trust that tion. There is doubtless some truth in this human mind, while none ought to affect it He will bring forth light out of darkness, branch of human knowledge and experience. more, than the rapid and irrevocable lapse of and we shall yet praise Him who is our The conclusions which are sometimes drawn

that another year is now being numbered with Our young friends, who are not so much far from correct, and often do permanent injury those that are past. But although the mere accustomed to look at the past, consider this to superficial thinkers. The belief of God's fact of the revolution of another year may only as the time of holidays, feasting and Word and the practice of its precepts is a have left little of the salutary influence it presents. We have no disposition to restrain shorter cut to securing a perfect organization ought to exercise upon the great community youthful mirthfulness, indeed, we think than can be obtained by Phrenology. Phrenoof man, many of the events that have trans- the principal blessings of this season, are the logy without the gospel often settles down in pired within its brief limits, have produced a joyous mingling of youth and age, and the infidelity, but the gospel will produce all the strange and startling effect, even upon the cordial recognitions and exchanges of friend- virtues which Phrenology inculcates without most careless and unthinking. A short re- ship. Nothing is more grateful to the heart any of its aid. Doubtless the science, as a view of such events may not prove an un- rightly attuned than the wishes of health and handmaid, may serve a very good purpose in profitable source of reflection at the present happiness so frequently expressed at this sea- helping to call men to look at themselves, but season. We especially refer to the great po. son. Many of our friends will not forget us it fails in supplying the motive power for imlitical movements which have shaken the na- in their list, and believing this, we now send provement such as religion provides. tions and are still in active operation. Two them, one and all our very respectful complior three of these hold a prominent place and ments, and hope that they may enjoy a MERRY are pregnant with consequences which as yet Christmas and soon enter upon a HAPPY NEW

Our subscribers who preserve their volumes edly of paramount importance, as it is likely of the Christian Messenger, will perceive that to affect the interests and character of the we have not forgotten them, but have preparcivilized world, both in a religious and po- ed for them an Index of the Contents of siderably upon Haliburton, J. W. Dawson, litical light. Who, even a single year ago, volume 24. We are aware that this is a work could have anticipated that the whole of not often done for newspapers. The close of Italy, pressed and trodden down to the earth, a volume and the commencement of a new one effort to call up more attention to the capabias she has been for a succession of ages, and demands so much attention and labor, that lities and resources of our country, deserves masculated and degraded by some of the this very desirable supplement for the end of worst forms of despotism both civil and re- the year is neglected. The value of a weekly ligious, would have made the glorious effort paper as a book of history and reference, it the has done and still is doing, to shake off greatly enhanced by such index, out without her heavy fetters, and rise in the strength it there can be but little satisfaction in keepand majesty of a free and united people, to ing the volumes as they appear, from year to

civilization were yet on record, has, as proved peruse the last page in our present number

and art have flourished in their pristine A glance at these "Contents" will show is a little gem; sold by Geo. E. Morton, & Co. H. Ress, deceased, and Roderick Fraser, and vigour, while the rest of the continent lay in that in addition to the news of the day from for 71d. doors. It would do one's beart good to see chil. The gilts of prayer and o

in my name, there am I in the midst of them." amidst oppression and wrong, amidst despot- ever, is but a secondary consideration with such inanity, it is not worth much. I offer these remarks, because there are ism and superstition, she has produced men both readers and editors of a properly concases the removal of the pastor involves the and free participation of the Gospel of pay up promptly, our difficulties would cease, just as the want of a pastor at the first, un- But another strange and unlooked-for event efforts to increase our circulation, are highly less the want be speedily supplied, has com- which will render the year that is now almost appreciated by others besides ourselves. If stances of both kinds might be adduced: one occupation, by a mere handful of European specially appointed to obtain one new subscri-

#### Notices of Books.

THE SCRIPFURAL TERMS OF ADMISSION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER, BY REV. ALBERT N. ARNOLD, D.D. Boston, Gould & Lincoln, pp. 121.

3rd. Church membership; and 4th an orderly restoration. walk. The various objections which have been raised to these are severally taken up morial celebration.

THE ROMANCE OF NATURAL HISTORY, BY PHILIP H. Gosse, F. N. S., pp. 368, Boston, Gould & Lincoln.

The author of this volume is a well known writer on kindred subjects; having given to the world several valuable works on Natural History. The wonders of animated nature are here so treated as to surround the study of it with something of poetry in the form of prose. The author considers the testimony from various sources of the appearance of the monster styled "the sea-serpent," sufficient evidence of its existence. Such a collection of the wonderful, the beautiful, and the curious in the animal and vegetable kingdoms as the writer of this work has made in this volume is not easily found.

THE ILLUSTRATED SELF INSTRUCTOR IN PHRENOLO-GY AND PHYSIOLOGY, by S. & L. N. Fowler, pp. 176. New York, Fowler and Wells.

If the character of an individual invariably " corresponds with his organization" the subwe have no light, yet if we can be assured importance, and the means of improving our from Phrenology, however, are we think very

> THE LAND OF THE MAYPLOWER; by J. Willoughby This pamphlet of 64 pages contains a brief history of Nova Scotia, with remarks on the agricultural capabilities of each county. I also contains chapters on its manufactories; minerals; educational institutions; and its probable future. The author has drawn conand P. Hamilton-upon the latter, particularly on the question of emmigration. Every encouragement.

THE SABBATH, AND THE BIBLE MORAL LAW OF PERMANENT AUTHORITY, is the title of a small tract, by Judge Marshall, which he has published for gratuitous distribution. It has some important and interesting points on this great moral question.

RIMMBLL'S PERFUMED ALMANAC FOR 1861,

should be sedulously cultivated, and no darkness and ignorance. In later times her all parts of the world, parliamentary and com- Essentials and non-Essentials."-Unde themselves together on the Lord's day, al- considered great; in genius, in literature, or of reading matter has been supplied during for example, maintain that a belief in the right though no pastor or preacher may be present in war. Some of the earliest triumphs of the the year; and all for two dollars, rendering of infants to be baptized is essential to salvato instruct them in the things of God. Let Gospel were achieved within her borders, it a cheaper volume than any book that is tion." So profound a conclusion we shall not them edify one another as they are able, and and her name has been ennealed by the suf- published. Perhaps no money expended in a attempt to dispute. If the editor's affirmation the Master's gracious promise will be fulfiled terings, and hallowed by the blood of the family brings as profitable a return, as that that "there are such things as 'non-essenti-\_"Where two or three are gathered together martyrs of Jesus. From that day to this, paid for the paper. The money value, how- als' in religion." can only be sustained by

Where is the list of non-essentials? The distinction of our contemporary is

"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; same state of affairs exists in Jamaica, and her thraldom into a nation of free and en- the subscription price, and have expressed their but he that believeth not shall be damned."—Mark

Will you or some of our old and experienced Ministering brethren be kind enough to answer the following inquiry, whether it is consistent for a Baptist but we desire to show our friends, that their and gather together persons who have been excluent of the control minister to come into another minister's field of labor, menly the same disastrous issue. Many in- expired, remarkable in future history, is the each of our readers would consider himself division and destroying the power of discipline.

> The answer to the above would, we presume, very much depend upon circumstances of time. place, &c. It should be borne in mind that excluded members of a church have a right to attend what ministry they choose. An important principle is here involved. The independence of churches and ministers must not be lost sight of. If members are excluded under one minister and afterwards brought into christian obedience and gospel order under another, it should be cause of rejoicing to The prerequisites to communion are here both. Great caution is necessary in the exconsidered under four distinct heads; 1st. clusion of disorderly members from churches, Avowal of discipleship; 2nd. Baptism; and also in, what is even more important, their

> A CAPITAL IDEA -The Bridgetown Register and effectually disposed of in a brief and asks its patrons for a week's holiday, and will lucid course of argument. Scriptural precept issue no paper the present week. During and example is shewn to require these as pre- these short days and the large amount of exrelaxation would be most acceptable to many others besides our Western contemporary. Our friends in the country, however, do enjoy themselves. Although we have no such good fortune, yet we are glad to learn of others enjoying the merry christmas time.

THE UNION OF THE BRITISH AMERICAN Provinces is becoming one of the most prominent questions in political circles. The press in all the provinces is discussing its merits. The government journals generally oppose a union, while the others are free to consider the advantages which would arise trom either a Federal or a Legislative Union.

#### Latest from Europe.

[By telegraph to Merchants' Exchange.]

The Steamship Fulton passed Cape Race at five a. m. on Friday. She left Southampton on

CHINA .- Pekin surrendered to the Allies on he 13th of October, and yielded to all the de-

The Emperor's summer Palace had been sackd, and enormous spoils obtained.

The Emperor's Tartar troops had all fled, and no enemy was to be seen in Pekin.

The Allies were encamped on the walls, and healthy. NAPLES AND SICILY - Victor Emmanuel re-

turned to Naples on the 7th, and remains a fort-The Batteries before Gaeta has opened with

terrible effect. The Sardinians await the fall of Gaeta before summoning the Massina citadel to surrender. In case of refusal the siege will be commenced

## General Intelligence.

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE. Halifax, Nov., 21st, 1860 APPOINTMENTS

Halifax Co .- Edward Duckett to be the Cashier of the Savings Bank, and Principal Clerk to the Receiver General. Joseph H. Weeks to be a Notary and Tabellion Public.

Cape Breton Co.—The Rev. G. O. Heustis and the Rev. J. Ritchey, to be Commissioners of Schools. Simon Nicholson to be a Justice of the Peace.

Sydeney : Co .- William Chisholm, of Tracadie to be a Commissioner of Schools, in place of the Rev. John Quinnan, removed from the County.

Richmond, Co.—James Smith to be a Justice of the Peace :

Flint, Senr., Benjamin Cleaveland, and John Milton, to be Justice of the Pence.

Pictou Co.-James Donnelly M. D., to be a Coroner. James McGeorge, and John Mitchell, M. D, to be Commissioners of Schools for the Southern District in place of James Carmichael, deceased, and Rev. James Mair, removed from the County. John Mitchell, M. D., John A. Dawson, Willam Matherson, John Graham, James Kitchen, and Stewart Burns, to be Justices of the Peace, in place of James Crerar, E. F. G. Kirkwood, William Matheson, senr., Hugh George Mitchell removed from the County. tions Hing. A must divided, beavenly, one | reached the top of a bill, he looked back, and

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