

should be sedulously cultivated, and no churches should forsake the assembling of themselves together on the Lord's day, although no pastor or preacher may be present to instruct them in the things of God.

I offer these remarks, because there are now many churches in this province, most of them small, destitute of pastors, and many others which only obtain one-half, or even less, of a pastor's time and attention.

The history of the church at Liverpool is also instructive in this respect. A glorious revival had been experienced, in the midst of which the church was formed.

A small church, consisting of ten members, was formed at Annapolis, by Mr. William Elder, in 1821.

This completes the account of new churches constituted in the Period now under review.

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HALIFAX, DECEMBER 26, 1860.

Close of 1860.

Few things make less impression on the human mind, while none ought to affect it more, than the rapid and irrevocable lapse of time.

The great Revolution in Italy is undoubtedly of paramount importance, as it is likely to affect the interests and character of the civilized world, both in a religious and political light.

Many of our readers we doubt not will peruse the last page in our present number with more interest than they have any of the 415 preceding ones.

darkness and ignorance. In later times her name has been associated with all that is considered great, in genius, in literature, or in war.

But another strange and unlooked-for event which will render the year that is now almost expired, remarkable in future history, is the occupation, by a mere handful of European troops, of the capital of by far the most populous nation on earth.

Another page in the great book of Eternity will have opened upon us before our next issue. The expiring year will have departed and Time will have borne away his record on the page now almost written.

Our young friends, who are not so much accustomed to look at the past, consider this only as the time of holidays, feasting and presents.

Our subscribers who preserve their volumes of the Christian Messenger, will perceive that we have not forgotten them, but have prepared for them an Index of the Contents of volume 24.

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.

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all parts of the world, parliamentary and commercial intelligence; &c. &c., a vast variety of reading matter has been supplied during the year; and all for two dollars, rendering it a cheaper volume than any book that is published.

Notices of Books.

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

The prerequisites to communion are here considered under four distinct heads; 1st. Avowal of discipleship; 2nd. Baptism; 3rd. Church membership; and 4th an orderly walk.

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 ILLUSTRATED SELF INSTRUCTOR IN PHRENOLOGY 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 subject of which this book treats, is one of vast importance, and the means of improving our organization should command our first attention.

THE LAND OF THE MAYFLOWER; by J. Willoughby.

This pamphlet of 64 pages contains a brief history of Nova Scotia, with remarks on the agricultural capabilities of each county.

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ESSENTIALS AND NON-ESSENTIALS.—Under this title the Witness says, "We would not, for example, maintain that a belief in the right of infants to be baptized is essential to salvation."

Where is the list of non-essentials? The distinction of our contemporary is something like the Roman Catholic distinction between venial and mortal sins.

"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned."—Mark xvi, 16.

DEAR SIR,

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 minister to come into another minister's field of labor, and gather together persons who have been excluded from a regular Baptist Church and dealt with according to God's Word, and engage to preach to them as a regular church, and thereby perpetuating 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.

A CAPITAL IDEA.—The Bridgetown Register asks its patrons for a week's holiday, and will issue no paper the present week.

THE UNION OF THE BRITISH AMERICAN PROVINCES is becoming one of the most prominent questions in political circles.

Latest from Europe.

[By telegraph to Merchants' Exchange.]

The Steamship Fulton passed Cape Race at five a. m. on Friday. She left Southampton on the 12th.

CHINA.—Pekin surrendered to the Allies on the 13th of October, and yielded to all the demands.

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

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

The Allies were encamped on the walls, and healthy.

NAPLES AND SICILY.—Victor Emmanuel returned to Naples on the 7th, and remains a fortnight.

The Batteries before Gaeta had opened with terrible effect.

The Sardinians await the fall of Gaeta before summoning the Masina citadel to surrender.

General Intelligence.

DOMESTIC.

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. Ritobey, to be Commissioners of Schools. Simon Nicholson to be a Justice of the Peace.

Sydney Co.—William Chisholm, of Tracadie to be a Commissioner of Schools, in place of the Rev. John Quinlan, removed from the County.

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

Yarmouth Co.—George S. Brown, Samuel Flint, Senr., Benjamin Cleaveland, and John Milton, to be Justice of the Peace.

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, William 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 H. Ross, deceased, and Roderick Fraser, and George Mitchell removed from the County.

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