sent out with inspiration for their guide; this was apostolic calling. Now we are called and qualified by grace and sent out with the word of inspiration for their guide; this is now the true apostolic succession. 2nd. An experimental knowledge of our natural depravity, of the Holy Spirit's influence and the love of God shed abroad in the heart, are absolutely requisite to a person before he engages in preaching the gospel. 3rd. It was shown how the word is to be preached, just as we have it revealed to us, without yielding to people's prejudices. The preacher stated that in christianity there are no non-essentials. If baptism is preached as essential to salvation, or that the Lord's Supper is a means of communicating grace to the soul, they are non-essential, because God did not appoint them for that purpose, but when placed in the position designed by God they are essentials.

The evangelical or saving character of religion depends upon the word being faithfully preached as it is revealed. All error is but the consequence of shunning to declare the whole counsel of God. Lastly, the results of preaching the word were described. Success in the ministry will be ascertained at the judgment day, "Well done good and faithful servant, &c."

Brother Chipman was then requested to relate before the congregation his chris ian experience, and what he believed to be his call to the ministry. He spoke particularly of the benefits he had received from christian parents, and of the reverence for the word of God which was early instilled into his mind. At the age of thirteen years he was converted to God, during a powerful revival, whilst he was attending his studies at Horton Academy.

Questions to the candidate were proposed by

The Ordaining Prayer was offered by Bro. Dobson.

The right hand of fellowship and charge to the candidate were given by Bro. Miles.

And the charge to the church by Bro. Todd. The concluding prayer by the Brother Chip-

CYRUS BLACK,

Clerk of Council.

Religious Intelligence.

For the Christian Messenger.

Dedication at Greenfield, Queens Co., etc., etc.

Greenfield is a world in miniature, girt by the horizon of the primeval woods, and cut in two by the rock-toned waters of the noisy Port Medway, on which river it lies, thirteen miles above Mill Village. It was first settled by the present village patriarch, a time worn old man of God, with locks whitened with the bleaching winters of more than three scores and ten, who felled the first tree, reared the altar and offered the first sacrifice of devotion, and in his lone solitude planted the seed which has grown and ripened into the present goodly heritage over which he may now sing;

"Though seed lie buried long in dust It shan't deceive our hope, The precious grain can ne'er be lost, For grace insures the crop."

This wood-girt village consists of a schoolhouse, blacksmith's shop, two saw mills, etwo shingle machines, a dead gristmill, for the sound of the grinding is low, one public house, two stores, a handful of comfortable cottages, and a new meeting-house, its erown of honor, and dedicated temple of praise. This house of worship is highly creditable to the intelligence, religion, and aesthetics of the people. It is 30×40 feet on the ground with projecting tower. elegantly finished and furnished throughout, and free from debt. It is conveniently arranged, neat in design, and happy in effect, particularly the interior. The first prayer meeting was instituted here by four praying hearts in 1831 in the old patriarch's rustic shanty 18×20 teet, which then filled the threefold office of home, shop and bethel. In 1833 the late Rev. Maynard Parker preached the first sermon and dedicated the waters to God and his church by scriptural baptism, the candidates coming from neighbouring districts to Greenfield " because there was much water there."

The new house was opened for religious services on Sunday the 15th inst. The dedication sermon was preached in the morning by the writer from Ephesians ii. 19-22. Subject, the New Testament Church in its divine constitution, congregational, and independent government, symbolical ordinances and spiritual worship. Brethren J. McKenne, R. Walker, R. D. Porter, and S. March, all participated in the opening services.

In the afternoon brother March, from Bridgewater, preached from 2 Chronicles vi. 18. He introduced his subject by referring to the seene in connection with which the text was uttered, and noticed its natural features, its impressiveness, and spirituality, and was powerfully grand in his almost visible word painted picture of the nation, the temple built under the guidance and superintendance of the great Architect of song, the resting of the ark, the descending shekinah, the monarch of Israel on the brazen platform, bis prayerful a titude, earnest accents, the outbursts of pure devotions and the gimpse of the divine glory. From this introduction he passed to contemplate, - I. THE DIVINE GREAT NESS,-II. THE DIVINE CONDESCENSION,-III. THE WONDERFULNESS OF HIS CONDE SCENSION,-IV. THE DISPOSITION OF HEART which it is necessary for us to cherish in order to secure to ourselves the benefits which result from the divine condescension. We should have contrition, purity, humility and prayerfulness. He closed by saying, These would be fitting offer ings, to present on such an occasion as the who dwelleth not in temples made with hands, but delighteth to dwell with the humble and contrite in heart. May this spot and this accasion be made sacred as the place where the

Brother March is an Englishman, educated for the legal profession, was ordained in New their privilege to be similarly engaged. Brunswick, and has recently settled with the Baptist Church at Bridgewater, where he is justly held in high esteem.

condescending God came down and first made

the hearts of some present his dwelling place,

and may we all be fitted for that house not

made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

In the evening brother R. D. Porter preached a very appropriate spiritual sermon from the inexhaustable text, " The glorious gospel of the 1 Tim. i. 11. He was followed by several has now become general. warm hearted addresses.

The day was delightful, nature smiled without, and the Holy Spirit beamed within. The gathering was large. Two or three boat loads sailed down from Brookfield Corner, for pavigation is open the whole distance on a magnificent

Our prayer for Greenfield is that its spiritual temple, the Church, may be as fitly framed together, as beautiful and harmonious in all its parts as its much admired earthly sanctuary and that all there may be one in Christ Jesus, realizing " How good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

CHELSEA.

Leaving Greenfield I took an indirect route homeward, and preached on Tuesday evening at Chelsea. The church of which the present is the surviving relie was organized by Revds. E. Masters and Maynard Parker and admitted into the Baptist Association in 1835 with ten members, and was then known as the "Wellington Church." In 1848 it first appears in our Association Minutes as "Welington and Chelsea Church," some time since then it has dropped the original and is now called Chelsea Church It has no meeting house. During its history is has often failed to send letters and messengers to the Association. It has about eighty members but they are in a sad, scattered and almost disorganized state. Our Saviour's letter to the church of Sardis Rev. iii. 1-6, may be appropriately addressed to Chelsea. The multitude are away by the cold waters of Babylon, the few faithful ones are weeping between the porch and the altar, saying "How long, Lord, how long !" The field is white, and souls are precious. In behalf of the church, I take the liberty to send the Macedoninan cry to our that something be done, either to relieve and Home Mission Society, "Come over and halp restore his standing in this Presbytery, or, if he leave, intoxication, disrespectful language to-

PLEASANT RIVER.

Next day journeyed on to meet an appoint ment here. This district is connected with the Brookfield Church, and is one of my Sabbath stations. We occupy the school-house, Our cause is suffering for a more appropriate place, but we hope this obstacle will soon be removed, for the friends there are now making a vigorous and generous effort to build a suitable house of worship. Pleasant River is a weak, but growing community, and donations from any of those friends abroad who have nobly contributed to several churches in this and the adjoining counties will be gratefully received and judiciously expended.

BROOKFIELD.

prosperity within our palaces. Our Sabbath war would not have begun or continued. Its continued during the winter. The district has of securing permanent peace. The assurance recently erected a superior school-house in of this policy becoming permanent constitutionwhich Augustus Freeman, A. B., has opened an al law would end the struggle now and save the many homes.

D. O. PARKER. Brookfield Nov. 26th 1862.

Prince Edward Island.

Brother Maynard P. Freeman, writes from Centreville, Bedeque, Nov. 27th:

Quarterly Meeting in Cavendish, Sept. 19th. ciation by a well guarded Act of Congress, cir-A church of nine or ten members formerly ex- culating notes to be furnished by Government isted there. Three of the old members still on security of United States bonds. survive. Two were haptized on Sabbath, the 20th of November. There are a number of Baptist families in this place, and an exceedingthe universe, the priests arrayed in sacerdotal ly interesting community of young people atvestments bearing the ark, the roll and swe I of tached to our views. Between Bro. Ross and myself we can supply them with preaching every third Sabbath. Brother Shaw has recently baptized two at Three Rivers. Indica- in front of he Federal army. tions are encouraging. We trus: the Lord will yet gladden the hearts of our people there.

Two have been baptized since we came to this field, one in Tryon the other in Bedeque. We are expecting more. Brother Dobson rendered us timely aid during his stay on the Island, but ill-health prevented him from travelling as extensively as he would otherwise have

The co'd season is about setting in, and the irregularity of the mails already reminds us of the months of isolation that are now to follow. We hope, however,—thanks to their boats, and success to them too,-to keep ourselves posted laid over. in the movements of our friends upon the main. Meanwhile, we endeavor to gird up ourselves present, and would be most acceptable to him for the winter's campaign. We have our programme, and expect to work hard. We cannot

> "In the deserts let me labor, On the mountains let me tell," but Heber's message we hope shall be ours,-" He died, the blessod Saviour, To redeem a world from hell."

It affords us encouragement to know that our brethren at the Col ege, remember, in their prayers, those who have gone from their midst to labour in the gospel field. May it soon be

Yours in the fellowship of the gospel, M. P. FREEMAN.

Canada.

The Canadian Baptist says: " A great revi- debt, on the 30th June, 1863, will exceed one val of religion is now in progress in Hamilton, thousand and fifty millions of dollars. C. W. The awakening commenced under the blessed God," or as he literally rendered it ministrations of Mr. Hammond, an evangelist, "The gospel of the glory of the blessed God." who a few weeks ago arrived in that city, and it

> NEW YORK.—The Baptist church at Farmer, Seneca Co, is enjoying a happy state of religious feeling. Eleven converts were baptized two weeks ago, by the paster, Rev. J. B. Smith, making twenty-two since last spring .- Examin-

> THE METHODIST BODY IN THE UNITED STATES .- The New York Methodist says :-The statistics of our Church membership for the year have been gathered up. They show a total in society of 942,906, which is a decrease from last year of 45,617. The number of deaths is set down at 10,622. Of the 942,906 in socie ty, 843,401 are members, and 99,505 are probationers. The decrease of of members is 22, 045 -- of probationers it is 23,573.

Such an amount of decrease in ordinary times would inspire alarm. But when we see where it has chiefly occurred, and consider how much there is in the course of events injuriously affeeting the interests of the Church, we cannot but admit that some losses were to be expected. Four of the Conferences in which the heaviest decrease is shown (the Missouri and Arkansas, Baltimore, East-Baltimore, and Western Virginia Conferences) extend into territory which has been during the whole year under the control of the rebels.

THE CHURCHES SOUTH .-- The Richmond Christian Advocate has an overture for a convention of the christian churches of all denominarions of the Confederate States, for the purpose of uniting in a formal testimony in vindication of their position in the sanguinary conflict which the Federal government is now waging against

FATHER CHINIQUY AGAIN.—At a late meeting of the Presbytery of Chicago, the Rev. Alexander F. Kemp, from the Canadian Presbyterian Church, was present as a corresponding member, and laid a memorial upon the table in reference to the Rev. C. Chiniquy, desiring still desired it, enable them to receive him and his people under their care. The memorial itself was respectfully answered, but any initative 81 captains and lieutenants. process for the restoration or relief of Mr. Chinquy declined.

American and Foreign Helbs.

Latest from the States!

From Telegrams to Morning and Evening papers.]

dent's Message refers to the policy of emancipa-tion with compensation to loyal masters. This square on the face, with rounded corners. policy he desires to become permanent constitu-Here we have peace within our walls and tional law. Without slavery he considers the School is large and floorishing, and is to be eradication would be the most economical mode Academy which will bring true wealth into Union for ever. He also says that though foreign nations contemplate the American struggle with less reference to its merits than to its supposed effects upon themselves, yet complaint on piece in Philadelphia.

the part of the American Government would be

The whole expenditure of the financial year, ending June 30th, was \$570,000,000. He re-"I think you have had no account of our last commends a financial scheme. Banking assec-

DEC. 3 .- The Confederate forces still continue to hod their positions near Fredericksburge which they are engaged in strengthening, and show to indications of falling back.

It is believed that Gen. Stonewall Jackson has reached Culpepper, with the intention of joining his command to the Confederate force

The Conscription is very unpopular in Middle Tennessee, and regular organizations are being formed in Lincoln County to resist it. .

In the Senate at Washington, Mr. Davis has offered a joint resolution recommending all the States to send delegates to a National Convention, to consider the condition of the country, and the proper means of restoring the Union. This resolution was laid over.

Senator Powell also offered a joint resolution, declaring the arrest and discharge of persons without accusation an usurpation not warranted by the Constitution. This resolution was also

In the House of Representatives a resolution was introduced instructing the Military Committee to enquire as to the expediency of increasing the pay of soldiers serving in the Federal army to fitteen dollars per month.

DEC. 4.—On Tuesday morning last sixty men of the Penesylvynia cavalry at King George's Court-house we intercepted by three hundred Confederates when crossing the Rappahannock River. Forty of rhe former escaped, but the number of the killed and wounded is not known.

DEC. 5.—In General Porter's Court-martial General Pope testified to the effect that if General Porter had promptly obeyed orders, he (Pope) could have entirely defeated, if not captured, Stonewall Jackson's whole army.

The Federal Government have sent additional vessels in search of the Alal ama, Confederate war steamer.

Raleigh, North Carolina, papers manifest

disgust with the war, and desire an honorable (Evening). - The New York Chamber of

Commence has subscribed nearly three hundred thousand dollars, and a ship has been offered to carry provisions to suffering English operatives. Reported that Burnside is to have his own way, free from Washington dictation.

Rumoured that train with ordnance stores for army has been captured near Occuquan.

Three hundred Federal cavelry charged an attacking force of eight hundred Confederate cavalry with such imperuosity near Suffolk, that the latter fled in panic, losing portion of famous Rocket battery.

Memphis papers say that Gen. Holmes crossed from Arkansas to Mississippi at Vicksburg, last week, with forty thousand men.

The expedition leaving Helena, it is reported, numbers twenty thousand, and will move overland to Grenada.

Thirteen prizes in port of Key West.

DEC. 8 .- Steamer Wilkes, built in Scotland for running blockade, was run into and sunk off Bahamas recently.

Confederate Congress meets at Richmond the 2nd Monday in January.

It is rumoured that Joseph Holt will have a place in the Federal Cabinet.

THE ALABAMA .- The Reporter says :- A gentleman in this city has kindly allowed us to make the tollowing extract from a letter received from a mercantile firm in St. Thomas?

St. Thomas, Nov. 24th, 1862 .- We have just learned that the " Alabama," alias " 290," arrived at Port de France, Martinique, on the night of the 20th Nov. On the morning of the 21st Nov. the U. S. gunboat " San Jacinto' also arrived off the port, and in the dark. She captured a whaleman on the 2nd Nov., and a Boston ship on the 8th, from Calcutta. Both vessels she burned, and the crews arrived here this morning in a French brig from Martinque."

The Wag Department has commenced the publication of the names of dismissed officers for, amyng other causes, being absent without ward the President and commanding officers, cowardice, &c. The first printed list comprises

The National Bank Note Company is now striking off daily one hundred thousand dollars of the postal currency, and Secretary Chase has directed such a multiplication of the plates that two hundred thousand dollars shall be issued

A diamond weighing 12 carats, and valued at between\$ 10,000 and \$13,000, is now on exhicttion at Boston. It is reported to have been found a year since in Kentucky on the Virginia DEC. 2.—The greater portion of the Presi- border. In size it approaches a large plum stone

It is stated that one of the victims recently ordered to be executed at Palmyra Missouri, was a man who had a wife and several children dependent altogether upon his daily labour for their support. A young man, knowing the condition of the family, offered himself as a substitute for the husband and father, was accepted, and was one of the ten who were shot.

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