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Christian Messenger.

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The Christian Ministry.

WE believe in apostolic succession. Not that received by the imposition of the hands bearing the crosier and wearing the garb and mitre of the prelacy, but a succession which has a real resemblance to the original men chosen by our Lord, and sent forth with a divine commission to preach the gospel to every creature. We doubt not that the promise, "I am with you always even unto the end of the word," given by Jesus to such apostolic men, is being fulfilled by him and In proportion as they sustain the true aposthe conversion of men.

The apostles wished to be free from tempoprimitive apostolic spirit, and it must characterize their successors. Those who would establish their title to this succession, must be men filled with ardor in their Muster's work. "tull of faith and of the Holy Ghost." The ordinary signs of social good order, prosperity, and regular religious observance, will that he is an ambassador of God, will address his fellowmen as on the brink of eternity, and will not allow personal or selfish considhis high vocation. He will not despise the make it subservient to his higher employment.

The church is influenced by its ministers. not only in its progress in numbers, but in its character and that which will affect its spirit of the minister and people at the time of their conversion. When an active, devoted benevolent feeling exists in a church or shall abide with them. But when the members of a church are cold and worldly, their piety in a feeble condition, and additions of a like character are made to them, damage is he preaches at Utrecht, and then we go to Rot- and to preach to such as call. We have reason done to the cause even by those additions. A dwarfish, sickly piety is retained, the holy plant-Christianity-is but imperfectly developed and it brings no fruit to perfection.

These few remarks we offer as suggestions which might be almost indefinitely extended, In anticipation of ministering and other brethren meeting together at the Associations. they may possibly serve to bring out important facts and principles on which our future usefulness and progress may greatly depend.

Mr. Spurgeon's Visit to Holland.

Public attention has been called to the late in the British Standard, from one who acpanied Mr. S. in his travels. Writing from Leyden he said :

though an unusually rapid one, leaving London One peasant-woman, at the door of the Dome- on one of the principal streets, for evening meet at eleven a. m. on Tuesday, April 21st. We Kirkis at Utrecht, caught his hand, and with in- ings; and had teen praying daily for the blesssarrived safely, though sickly, at Rotterdam on tense emotion said (in Dutch of course), 'Oh, ing of God to attend the services of the occasion. the tollowing morning at six a. m. There Mr. Spurgeon, God bless you; if you had only Immediately after the commencement of the meet- There may perhaps be petitions against some. the English minister, and his deacons, who in vain. God bless you! So from the Queen Spirit working on the hearts of some, producing charges of bribery again, when the House heartily congratulated us upon our safety, and upon the throne to the humble peasant God has conviction of the truth, tenderness in view of of Assembly meets. No doubt exists as to gave us a very cordial welcome to Dutchland. given him favour in the sight of all the people, sin, and a determination to forsake idolatry for Mr. Davis, Mr. Spurgeon went to see the church ing Utrecht about one o'clock. At two Mr. by large numbers of the people, and were in which he is to preach on our return from Spurgeon preached in the cathed I to a very evidently growing in interest, until the fire, the towns we are now visiting, and necessary large audience, many students and professors which ravaged the town, laid the place of meetarrangements having been made, and prayer from the University being present. offered with the few friends present, at eleven On Sunday the 3rd ult., Mr. Spurgeon re- occasion were held in the Karen Mission Chapel, of learning what view is taken of the contest o'clock we took our departure for the Hague, sumed his ministerial duties at the Metropolitan and in a tent in the mission compound; they by the government, and what their intentions arriving there about half-past one. We were Tabernacle, and made several alusions to his tour were mostly confined to the chris ians, and those are, we copy a few lines from our contempomet by the Baron van Wasnaer, at whose resi- and the spiritual state of Holland. There were, belonging to their company, and were felt by all dence we were to remain during our stay at the he said, 70,000 souls who had not bowed the to be of a truly refreshing and strengthening cha-Hague, and who has been to us one of the most knee to Baal, and in the Netherlands a banner racter. On the last day of the meeting, Moung editor says : kind and considerate of friends; holding a high had been lifted in detence of the truth. Dur- Thet Hnan, preacher of Thong-zai, was ordained persons, the élite of Christian society at the Ha- he went. Vast congregations assembled when- ordinance of the Lord's supper was administer- action in public opinion, as these returns exgue, and to them Mr. Spurgeon delivered an ever he preached, composed of the nobility, the ed a season of great comfort and brotherly love; hibit," add ess from these words. 'We have seen the gentry, and the peasantry, the great majority of fully on the necessity of vital and personal godliness, and I am sure we may not only hope but helieve that the Word was with power to many the first several homes, and the peasantry, the great majority of and when, on the following day, the disciples whom, of course, could not understand one dispersed to their several homes, it was with a common feeling, that God had been with us of a truth, and that the kingdom of Christ was ship of state with such marked success and ability to their leaves as a single moment to will not we apprehend, lose a single moment

words of welcome ! such congratulations ! They unexpectedly to him, the Queen of Holland of the society to learn that the number of Burall know him by means of his sermons, which sent for him, and he had an hour's interview mese Churches represented in this Association are translated into Dutch and everywhere read, with that most amiable lady, and to the best of was 5; the members of those churches 214; and and they treat him as an old and valued friend, his ability, he spoke to her faithfully of the the number of baptisms reported for the year time it was to all present. The Queen had he did so with a conscientious conviction signified her intention of being there, but was that he had spoken to her "the truth as it prevented by the indisposition of her little son; is in Jesus." In preaching there he had studithe Princess, however, and others from the ously avoided all forms of doctrine, and told Court were present, and, at least for once in their them of the Saviour as the only way to salvalives, heard the Gospel fully and faithfully tion. They had there three schools of theologipreached. Mr. Spurgeon was mightily helped. cal error, where the Bible was put forth as little His text was from 1 Peter 12, 'This is the true more than a myth. In fact, in Holland they day last are pretty well known, before this, by great swivel gun, made to turn every way, and "Worldly wisdom" was making sad havoc there aim at all deceivableness of unrighteousness. in nearly all the churches. They would not He spared no powder, no shot, but went on de permit him (Mr. Spurgeon) to depart until he left desolate and unsheltered before God. There now asked for the united prayers of his people, day. But we must place on record some were many tears from many eyes. May the that the blessing of the Almighty might descend further particulars, and the names of the will be realized by them to the end of time Lord grant that there may have been many a richly upon the seed which he had been enabled broken heart. In the evening another reunion to sow in that country, that in after days it tolic character will He prove his presence was held at the Baron's house at the same hour might be seen that he had neither laboured in with them by making the Word powerful in as before, and again Mr. Spurgeon addressed an vain nor spent his strength for nought. assemblage of the noble and great of the land, many, very many, of whom we have reason to believe are also of that better aristocracy, ral embarrassments and cares, that they might |. Children of the King.' Believing this, Mr. "give themselves continually to prayer and Spargeon suited his address to them, speaking the ministry of the word." This was the for about an hour and a half from the words, The Lord is my shepherd.' It was very sweet; he spoke as he sometimes does, calmly, gently, with a persuasiveness which melts the heart. Said one lady to me, . This is like dew after a thunder-storm; that was a terrible sermon this morning.' He gave us pictures of eastern life among the shepherds and their sheep, showed us the fond ones who kept close to the shepherd not satisfy them. The Christian minister and ted from his hand, and said that if we were who realizes his high appointment, and feels sheep, we had the privileges of guidance, provision, and protection, and our duties were obe- corner of Godwin's Road and Canal Street, the dience, trust, and love. At the close their grat- last at Ananben. itude was almost overpowering. Many and urgent were the requests for another visit, and preaching to callers at two Zayats, not far from erations to influence him in the discharge of very fervent were the blessings invoked on his his house; one of which is much frequented by head. This merning (Friday) the Queen com- travellers in the dry season; and the other is temporal good placed before him, but will minded Mr. Spurgeon's attendance at the Palace occupied in the rains, when the flooding of the at ten o'clock, and he had an hour's interview paddy plain prevents travelling near the first with her Majesty. At twelve we left the Hague We are sorry to say, no new converts have as for Leyden, where service was arranged to be yet been added to the little church in that vilheld at two o'clock in the great cathedral or lage, although some, for whom Moung Hmaing church. It is just now concluded. Mr. Spur- has long prayed and labored, seem now nearer future welfare and advancement. Additions geon has now returned with a smiling face and than before to the kingdom of God. Moung to the church are desirable, but the character a joyous heart, for he says the Lord has given Hmaing has also visited neighboring villages, of those added is of far more importance him great power in preaching. The professors both beyond, and this side of Ananben; and in than the numbers. A complexion is given and students of the university were there in company with others, some villages more remote. to the piety of converts by the prevailing great numbers, and though at first they looked We are gratified to receive from time to time very coldly and suspiciously at the stranger, he pleasing testimony of his good conduct and fidelwon their hearts at last. He says he preached ity, and have reason to believe, that his influvery boldly, ridiculing their new philosophy and ence is of the most salutary kind, a steadily exposing their errors, but very simply setting burning light in the midst of darkness. community, those received into its fellowship before them the Cross, and warning them against The Zayat, which Ko En and Moung San at such a time may be expected to be so knowing anything among men save Jesus Chrit Doon occupy, is a place of frequent resort, bemany additional guarantees that such spirit and Him crucified. His text was, 'I am the ing well known as the place in town where

there are to be two services to-morrow (Satur- residing in an house adjacent, one or both of day,) and two more on Sunday. On Monday them are always at hand, to direct enquirers. terdam."

cluded service in the cathedral of that town. The number baptized and received into the We arrived safely at Amsterdam that night church of which Ko En is Pastor, since the last (Friday), and on Saturday Mr. Spurgeon report, is 18, most of whom however pertain to preached twice to o erflowing congregations- | Kemendine. in the morning at the Mennonite church, in the | A portion of the funds of the Society, as in evening at the Dutch Reformed. On Sunday former years, has been expended in dinerary the morning service was in Mr. M'I lbrath's labors, and with manifest good results, and church (Scotch Presbyterian), evening at M. much encouragement to those, at least, who there; rich and poor, old and young, Dutch and expected in continuous labor in the same place. met with in Ho'land is, I should think, places, how can they be evangelized. rarely enjoyed. Everywhere his presence has During the last dry season, journies were unhis having had an invitation (" command") to feel that the Lord has indeed sent him among boat. from the Queen, and from his preaching in the them to do great and special work. Many a The most interesting journey of the season King's Church. Letters have been published fervent blessing has he received from the poor. was that to Hen-tha-dah, to attend the Annual readers generally on the improved conduct They read his translated sermons, and get good Meeting of the Burmese Association. In anfrom them; and then though they cannot under- ticipation of the assembling o delegates from After the application of certain irritating stand his language, they come just to gladden the different Burmese Churches, of the Rangoon, epithets to one class of electors, it was feared their hearts by a look at the man whose printed Bassein, and Hen-tha-dah districts, the church "We had a very rough and boisterous passage, words have comforted, refreshed, or edified them. at Hen-tha-dah had prepared a temporary shed After breakfast at the house of a son-in-law of We left Amsterdam on Monday morning, reach | Christ. The evening meetings were attended

Next day, Thursday, service was held in the things which appertained to her everlasting previous, 65, besides the 11 baptized at the time King's Church at two o'clock, and a very solemn happiness, and when he left her presence of the meeting, making 76 for the year." molishing all their refuges of lies, till they were had partly promised to renew his visit, and he of the country by that means on the same

Missionary work in Burmah.

We have received from Rev. A. R. R. Crawley in Burmah a copy of the Third Anual Report of the Rangoon Burmese Missionary Society a small pamphlet of 16 pages presented Oct. 25, 1862 in the Town Baptist Chapel, Rangoon. It gives us the following gratifying intelligence of the labors of the native brethren in that far-off land :--

"Ko En, Moung San Doon and Moung Hmaing have continued their labors in the same place as last year; the two former in this town, near the

Moung Hmaing has been chiefly occupied in

Christ is daily preached. One of these preach-"This evening we go on to Amsterdam, where ers living in a room in the zayat, and the other to believe, that the preaching here during the "Rotterdam, April 28, 1863,-"I wrote to you past year has been blessed to the conversion of last from Leyden, after Mr. Spurgeon had con- some, and to the enlightenment of many more

Schwartz' (Dutch). These four sermons in have engaged in them. The most good from Amsterdam have caused quite a commotion the preaching of the gospel, is evidently to be English, are there alike enthusiastic in their But where the number of preachers it so small, joy. Such a reception as Mr. Spurgeon has if occasional visits be not made to destitute pledged 1.

tour of Mr. Spurgeon by the circumstance of been halfed with rapture, and the people seem dertaken, sometimes by land, sometimes by

the people seeming unwilling to depart. Such the warm-hearted Hollanders. One day, most It will doubtless be gratifying to the members

The Elections.

DEFEAT OF THE GOVERNMENT.

The general results of the contest on Thurspoliticians, all over the province. The telegraph wires are so convenient, that the information was probably conveyed to most parts men whom the people have thought proper to honor with their confidence, and make their representatives in Parliament. The following is, we believe, a correct list of the gentlemen elected, and the numbers of their majorities, as far as we can ascertain :

Annapolis - Hon J W Johnston)

	77	Avard Longley, George Whitman,	Majority about
	Halifaz, West	John Tobin, S. L. Shannon,	No opposition.
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	Lunenburg	Henry S. Jost, H. A.N. Kaulback, Dr. Slocomb.	Majority 516.
2 9 15 15	Queens, Shelburne Co	John Campbell, Andrew Cowie. *Lewis Smith M going on. Allison i *Thomas Coffin.	Majority about 200. spority 5. Scrutiny is said to be "safe."
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	Argyle do.	-lease Hatfield.	
H	Digby	John C. Wade, M. Robiebau, Colin Campbell.	
r	Kings, North	-C. C. Hamilton, C. R. Bill.	Majority about
2	Kings, South	-E L. Brown, Daniel Moore.	
1	Hants, North	-Ezra Churchill, Wm. Lawrence.	Majority about
	Hants, South	—Lewis Hill, James King,	Majority 85.
y	Colchester, N.	*W. M. Blackwoo *A. W. McLellan	, } Not opposed.
n	do South	-*A. G. Archibald *Francis R. Parke	ir.
0	Cumberland.	- Dr. Tupper, A. McFarlane, Robert Donkin.	Not opposed.
r f	Pictou, West	Donald Fraser, Alex. McKay.	Majority about \$
i, n	Pietou, East	Jas. Mclonald, J. Fraser, (Downie)	Majority about
e f	Antigonishe -	- Wm. A. Henry, John McKinnon,	
h e	Guysborough.	- *Stewart Campbel *W. O. Heffernan	L
t	Richmond.	Isaac LeVisconte Wm. Miller	Unpledged.
n	Cape Beeton	Thomas Caldwell, John Bourinot.	Not opposed.
4	Inverness	*Hiram Blanchar Peter Smyth, Saml. McDonald.	d,
o n	Victoria	*Wm. Ross, C. J. Campbell.	arrent transfer en de
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 Supporters of the Government. Government 14 or 15, Opposition 39 or 40. Un-

We have not heard of a single act of violence in all the contests throughout the prov-We hope there have been none, and under this supposition can but congratulate our manifested by the electors and all concerned. that some acts of recrimination might be indulged in, but we have so far been agreeably disappointed, Indeed there is but one place in which even a scrutiny is demanded. the party the persons elected are intended to support. We give the above names of supporters of the present government from the Morning Chronicle, the government organ,ing in ashes. The subsequent meetings of the and, as many of our readers will be desirous rary the Chronicle of Saturday last. The

THE GOVERNMENT DEFEATED .- The reposition at court, he is also a true and sincere ing his stay there he had preached in the cathe- to the gospel ministry; and eleven persons, four turns from the several counties, as they have Christian, and both he and his lady love the drals and in the sanctuaries of almost every de-truth as it is in Jesus. In their magnificent nomination. He went there expecting to be zai, were baptized in the river, in the presence sustained a decided defeat at the general elecsuite of rooms at half-past eight that same even- listened to by fifties or hundreds, instead of of a numerous concourse of natives, who crowd- tions of Thursday. We are frank to confess ing (Wednesday) were assembled about 120 which thousands crowded around him where- ed, the precipitous bank. In the evening the that we were not prepared for so extensive a re-

believe that the Word was with power to many translated into their language. Many times he evidently taking root among the Burmese, as ty, will not, we apprehend, lose a single moment the meeting closed about eleven o'clock, was surrounded and almost shaken to pieces by well as the Karens of this country.