CHRISTIAN MESSENGER. and the state man will be

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UNWILLING TO OBEY.

One of the chief characteristics o the unregenerate heart is that it is not disposed to do the will of God. Sin has so far gained the ascendency over the better influences brought to bear upon such a heart that it yields to no motives but those which are most in accordance with its own depraved desires. It submits to no dictates but its own, and recognizes no higher authority than proud self. Under the fatal delusion that it is entirely competent to direct its own energies and to securc its own present and furure happiness, it accepts no guidance from above and turns a deaf ear to every earnest appeal and solemn warning. This is precisely the moral condition at the present moment of millions of our fellow men. With proud natures and corrupt desires, they are unwilling to submit to the claims of the gospel. They reject Christ because he requires of them implicit obedience, preferring to live in the enjoyment of their own sinful pleasures.

So long as they continue in this attitude of stubborn, insubordination there is little prospect of spiritual improvement. He who is too proud to learn, or who thinks he already possesses all knowledge, will never in that state of mind rise from his present condition of pitiable ignorance. Put when he candidly acknowledges his intellectual barrenness and cheer ully places himself in the way of receiving instruction, there is no longer any obstacle to prevent his speedy advancement in the acquisition of knowledge. It is even thus with men in their moral and spiritual relations. Those who are unwilling to confess their inability to govern themselves, and who deny the necessity of the atoning blood of Christ to cleanse them from the pollutions of sin, deliberately shut the door of salvation against themselves. When however, they honestly admit that they are weak and sinful, and give respectful heed to the precious doctrines of grace as set forth in the inspired Word they place themselves in a position to receive the priceless benefits of the great mediatorial work of a mercifu Saviour. But how can this willingness to see the Lord be awakened in the soul Over this question theological battles have been fought, the smoke of which still hovers about us. On the one side it is firmly maintained that this will ingness is the gift of God ; on the other side that it is solely of ourselves. Both views seem to us to have a foundation in truth. Our willingness to obey God is the product of two factors-the divine impulse and the human response. The former gives the power, the latter puts this power into action. The case of Saul of Tarsus strikingly illustrates this view. The flash of heavenly light and the burning words, "I am Jesus whom thou persecutest," humbled the proud Pharisee's heart into deepest. contrition and submissiveness. This was exclusively the divine factor. But there followed the earnest cry, " Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" indicating a full surrender of self to God, a willingness to obey the divine commands. This was the human factorthe former being the originating element of spiritual power and willingness, the latter being the responding and responsible agency in utilizing that power and exercising that willingness. That men may culpably fail to utilize spiritual power and to exercise willingness to engage in the service of God seems evident from the fact that they constantly fail to utilize the Remporal gifts of heaven. We have at hand the means of being good and of doing good, and, if we fail to profit by these means, it is because we deliberately abuse our privileges, resist God and stubbornly push on to eternal ruin.

pieces, any where in fact where clear, bright, safe lighter is wanted. The portable electric lighter, patent. ed in 1879 and again in 1882, is now before us, and we look at it with surprise and happiness. Surprise because it is evident how great a progress we have made in the science of electricity ; happiness, because it gives us a clearer, hetter, more movable light than any we have ever enjoyed. Here is a lamp, so called, occupying only the space of five square inches, which can be carried anywhere, and is besides an ornament. By simply pressing upon the knob to the full extent of the spring (which connects with the battery) an electric current is produced by which the spiral of platinum is heated to incandescence and the light is instantaneous. The material lasts about two months and can then be renewed at a small cost through any chemist. It will not be long before everybody will have a portable electric lighter. The price, \$5, is so low that it cannot fail to become popular at once. The principal office is at 22 Water Street, Boston, where all applications for this most novel lamp should be sent.

WHEN DOES MEMBERSHI **BEGIN**?

Our contemporary the Canadian Baptist says;

A friend writes : "When does a person become a member of a Baptist Church : at the time of election or upon receiving the hand of fellowship ?" In reply to this inquiry our brother remarks: The hand of fellowship merely a public recognition of the action taken by the church. Whether extended or not it in no way affects what the church previously by vote declared. Membership, therefore, begins as soon as the church favorably receives a caodidate, and all church privileges and obligations are in order from that time.

desks, on our tables, on our mantel- umph in Christ." Our readers know of Christ's Church. The infant child well that the religion of the New of good Presbyterian parents was taken Testament is one of joy and peace suddenly ill-the child had not been not of melancholy and gloom. It knows nothing of Christians assuming a sadness of countenance for a certain While he was engaged in prayer the number of days by way of preparation child was seized with a convulsive fit for a time of gladness to follow. It knows nothing of "a Christian year" with its young life-the prayer was suda certain number of days of austerity denly stopped in order that the bapand self-inflicted chastizement. The natural sun shines as brightly on Good Friday as it does on Easter Sunday, little spark of life should be extin-Monday and Tuesday, and so does guished. If this is not an illustration the Sun of Righteousness. Amuse- of the superstition and error which ments are as much in place for Christian people now as they are after Lent has passed. Lent is one of the rags of Babylon-a legacy of mediæval times which should be relegated to the shades of darkness with longs to Rome, and we think, with Dr. other observances of similar date.

> IMPROVED CHURCH PLANS designed by W. H. Brearley, Detroit, Michigan : a series of seven designs from No. I to seat 225 persons, cost estimated \$1,500, to No. 7 to seat 1.100 persons estimated cost \$16.000. We have received plan No. 4 to seat 450 persons esti-All the different sizes are on the same general plan.

baptized. At midnight, the minister was On WEDNESDAY last the Sheriff's Bill summoned to administer the rite. was before the House. This bill gives the government the power of appointing Sheriffs. The debate was continued which it was feared would terminate on Thursday and on division the second reading was carried by the following vote : tism-if such it can be called-could For-Hon. Premier, hon. Prov. Sec'y. be quickly administered before the hon. Atty. Gen., hon. Com. of Mines, hon. Messre. Fielding, Johnson and Le-Blanc, and Messrs. Mack, Buchanan, McCoy, Weeks, Longley, McCurdy, Mc-Neil, Cook, Power, H. Munro, Dodge, Haley, Ross, Fraser, and Robichau.-22 have followed this ordinance out from Against- Messrs. Bell, McLennan. the church of Rome, we fail to under-Campbell, Corning, Townshend, Blair Patterson, C. H. Munro, Hocken, Mcstand its significance. We have heard Donald, McPhail, Whidden, Spence, of even worse cases than this. We Harrington and Harris.-15.

can but repeat that Infant Baptism be-Guthric, it should be left there.

Far be it from us or any other Baptist to magnify the divine ordi nance above what is written, or law, it was signed by 942 people. Its claim that its administration in any prayer was based on the statement that form or under any circumstances brings with it salvation, without the pre-refarmers were unduly taxed, being much quisites of repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. We must also be classes of the population. He believed careful not to belittle the ordinance mated cost \$3.500. The plan is good. to which our Saviour and his apostles gave such great prominence. The order and conditions under which its

The House in Committee on the City Either of these plans will be sent on administration is proper are plainly set application, as above, on receipt of forth in the Gospel. "He that be lieveth and is baptized shall be saved. More on this subject next week.

FEBRUARY 28, 1883.

Capt. Mylius of the Str. Newfoundland reported on Thursday large quantities of heavy ice extending from St. John's Nfid., to Whitehead and as far as the eye could see.

For man it has no equal; for beasts is not excelled. What? Kendall's Spavin Cure.

It is a good rule to accept only such medicines as have, after long years of trial, proved worthy of confidence. This is a case where other people's experience may be of great service, and it has been the experience of thousands that Ayer's Cherry Pectoral is the best cough medicine ever used.

"BUCHUPAIBA." - Quick, complete cure, all annoying Kidney, Bladder and Urinary Diseases. \$1. Druggists.

A REMARKABLE FACT .--- It is a remarkable fact W. A. Edgers, of Frankville, who was so far gone with liver and kidney complaint that his life was despaired of, was cured with four bottles of Bur. dock Blood Bitters- At one day he lay a fortnight without an operation of the bowels.

New Brunswick

The Legislature was opened at Fredericton on Thursday afternoon Mr. Lynott was elected speaker of the House of Assembly by 21 votes against 17. Hon. M. Hannington was elected president of the Legislative Council in place of the late Hon. Mr Seely. The opening speech of the Lieutenant Governor congratulates on the crops, recommends an appropriation for the Centennial Exhibition in St. John, speaks of the success of the stock farm and railway subsidy act, expresses a hope that the Mission to Ottawa will be successful, recomends legislation to improve the condition of the gaols, states that the Assessment Act passed ten clauses. Its Dominion Government has been asked to obtain the opinion of the Supreme Court as to the meaning of the B N. A. Act as to two years prisoners, promises a bill for the abolition of the Legislative Council, riparian fishery rights, grammar schools, the building of school house and the expenses of Government House. The address in reply to the speech

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We think this reply of our good brother the Editor will bear a little more consideration. It can hardly be said that an unbaptized person is member of a Baptist Church, and we should be inclined to answer the in quiry somewhat differently.

The vote of the church on the reception of a candidate for church fel lowship is, "for membership after Baptism." Therefore we conclude that the person becomes a member im. mediately after baptism, but not before. Then and not till then is such person entitled to all the privileges and obligations of membership. The hand of fellowship is simply the public recogniof the bond formed on the first part by the members of the church, when they gave the vote for the reception of the candidate, and on the second part by the candidate in his or her baptism. How simple and beautiful are all the rites of Christ's church.

OUR Methodist friends all over the Dominion of Canada are greatly agitated over the subject of Union. The Wesleyan and their other organs are loaded with communications on the subject pro and con. The editor has to put these into the smallest type to get them into print at all, and so makes it more difficult for his readers to take in the arguments used and the objections raised, and still he can only give a portion of what comes to hand. He tells us "some of our readers are getting weary of the discussion on Union." And well they may; the fact of its being necessary to effect the proposed Union, for the parties concerned to make compromises, renders it doubtful whether there might not still be chafing and eventually new divisions, makes it at least a questionable good.

\$1.00 to be followed by \$5.00 for right to use, if adopted. Each No. consists of seven plates with all necessary specifications, builders' estimates, &c., &c.

In commenting in last week's issue upon the Pastoral of Archbishop O'Brien, and extracts from the same, which had appeared in the Presbyterian Witness, we remarked that" Infant baptism belongs to the Church of Rome," and intimated that it should be left there. This suggestion appears to have given our contemporary great offence. He exclaims emphatically "No, No!" We beg respectfully to refer our brother to a work published some years ago by the late Rev. Dr. Guthrie, entitled "The Gospel in Ezekiel." We presume our brother will not object to regard this quite as good Presbyterian authority as the Presbyterian Witness. Upon pages 212 and 213, the following will be found :

"Three hundred years ago our church with an open Bible on her banner, and this motto, ' Search the Scriptures,' on its scroll, marched out from the gates of Rome. Did they come clear out of Babylon? Experience shews, that it is much easier to leave our mother country than drop our mother tongue. Across the seas which they sail, and to the lands which they settle on, the emigrants carry their prejudices, passions, and even superstitions. They people the glens and valleys of the new world with the fairies that dance on the green, and the spectres that walk by night among the haunted ruins of the old country. So I fear that, on departing from the church of Rome, we carried into our Protestantism - as was not unnatural-some of her ancient super stitions, just as our fathers carried into their practice some of her intolerant principles. We can not approve of their intolerance, yet it admits of an apology. They had been suckled by the wolf, and it was no great wonder

Acadia Seminary at Wolfville.

Miss Graves, the Principal of the Ladies Seminary at Wolfville sends us the following which we have much pleasure in placing before our readers : The Library and Museum of Acadia Seminary form an important feature in the advantages which the Institution

During the past term, the class in Geology devoted several weeks to the special study of minerals, using for this purpose the extensive collection of Acadia College together with that of the Seminary which already includes valuable specimens of fossils, ores and

many varieties of the more common

minerals adapted to class purposes. Many rare specimens have been given by the young ladies in attendance and by their friends. A large number of miscellaneous minerals form. ing a part of the valuable cabinet of the late Dr. Harding, Windsor, was recently contributed by Mrs. Harding, and an important addition to the collection of zeolites has just been made by A. J. Pineo, A. B. Wolfville. The Museum is indebted to Miss Coffill, Hantsport, for several curiosities from South America, and to Miss Emma Johnson, Wolfville, for a number of foreign coins. Nor has the library been forgotten. At the opening of the present term the editor of the Christian Messenger remembered it with a handsomely bound copy of the Girl's Own Annual.

Within the past year the generous sum of ten dollars was contributed by Miss Augusta J. Dodge, and volumes have been received from Miss Barss,

discussion drew forth lengthy speeches from several members. After passing ten clauses the House adjourned to Monday. A side and most work

Parliamentary.

LOCAL LEGISLATURE.

The Bill was read and referred to the

On FRIDAY, among the various peti-

tions for roads &c., was one by Dr.

Munroe, from the patrons of husbandry

asking for a change in the assessment

the real estate and personal property of

more heavily taxed than those of other

that the Government could do nothing

which would more endear them to the,

people of this country than to act upon

the prayer of this petition.

Committee on Law Amendments.



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Nova Scotia.

The Halifax County Agricultural So ciety held a meeting on Thursday last and resolved,

That it is desirable that an Exhibition as contemplated be had in this city next Fall, and that a consultee of five be appointed by this society to co-operate with the committee of the Dartmouth society, and that such joint com mittee invite the co-operation of other societies in perfecting arrangements for such Exhibition. take omit amor a

The Coxheath Mining Company, of Boston, which for some time past have been prosecuting searches for copper at East Bay, Cape Breton, on Friday last took out a license here to prospect for silver. The discoveries show large per centage of richer metals.

It appears that the Dalhousie College students have decided, by a large majority, that the regular sessions should be lengthened without addition to the curriculum.

At Dartmouth, on Monday of last week a little girl 2 years old named Martin, upset a pot of boiling soup and was so scalded that she died a few hours

The City Council on Friday last unan mously resolved that it is desirable, 1. That a graving dock be erected a

once in the port of Halifax. 2. That such dock should be owned and operated by the city or commissioners appointed for that purpose.

3. That it be referred to a committee of this Council together with the committee of citizens previously ap pointed to settle upon the character of a dock and a scheme under which i may be completed and operated. "4. To meet at once and to report to the Council before the close of the pres

ent sessions of the Dominion and Local Legislatures. Our long spell of frost was broken

on Sunday night by heavy rains. Such an unbroken spell of near three months, frost is almost unprecedented-Notwithstanding that the thermometer

was to be taken up on Saturday. On Monday in a division on the address the Government was not sustained. The Opposition's amendment received 22, and the Government 18 votes

A SECRET FOR THE LADIES .--- The great secret of beauty is pure blood. Eruptions and all blotches that disfigure the face, may be quickly cured by Burdock Blood Bitters. Annie Heath, of Portland, certifies that she was cured by this remedy, after suffering for two years.

al mid swa to norbling "Rough on RATS."-Clears out rats, mice, roaches, flies, ants, bed-bugs, skunks, chipmunks, gophers. 15 cts. Druggists.

POPULARITY .- Why they are popular. The reason that National Pills are so universally popular is because they are certain in their action, mild and painless in their operation, and never leave the bowels constipated. They are sugarcoated, and contain no mineral poison.

Dominion of Canada,

The House of Commons on Friday was engaged with the affairs of the two extremities of the Dominion, P. E. Island and British Columbia.

Mr. Paint asked the Government. when telegraphic communication will be established between Nova Scotia and Sable Island; and whether the Government will extend the coast telegraph along the shores of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Cape Breton.

Sir Hector Langevin stated that the matter was under consideration

The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, A. F. and A. M., has issued an edict, denouncing the holding of lotteries, gift enterprises, games of chance, etc., as clearly against the laws of the country and the principles of Free Masonry, and calculated to bring dishonor upon that ancient and honorable order.

The number of immigrants entering Canada during January was 5,937. Of these 3,634 settled in the Dominion.

A WONDERFUL CHANGE --- Rev. W.

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THE PORTABLE ELECTRIC LIGHTER. -Science has achieved a great triumph in producing this marvellous apparatus. We find an article in the N. Y. Real Estate Chronicle of Dec. 16, 1882 as follows :

At last we can have the electric light where it can do the most good.

THE Church Guardian rejoices over indications of a desire for rites and ceremonials on the part of certain Presbyterians, and for the use of a Book of Common Prayer. We do no suppose the wish is at all general

The Lenten season and the special duties it is supposed to bring are the great matter with our church friends at this time.

What a pity it is that any should be errors and superstitions which the Preswilling during the period of Lent, to byterians in emigrating had brought forget the fact that Christ is risen, as out with them, when they escaped from much so as he will be after Easter, the P-pacy.

The Gospel calls upon us to "Rejoice We may here mention a case which in the Lord alway," and the apostle recently occurred in this Provinceadds, " and again I say rejoice." And not a solitary one-which shews plainly in another place, " Now thanks be unto the darkness and danger which come That is to say we can put it now on our God which always causeth us to tri- from perverting this Divine ordinance

that, with the milk of the wolf, they should have imbibed something of her nature.

And prone, as we of Scotland are, to boast that our fathers with Knox at their head, came forth from Rome with less of her old superstitions about them than most other churches, to what else than some lingering remains of popery can we ascribe the extreme anxiety which some parents shew to have baptism administered to a dying child? Does not this look very like a rag of

the old faith? It smells of the sepulchre." S. S. K. 15

More than 300 years had passed since the Presbyterian Church came out of Rome. By what means was the superstitution preserved so long? Dr. Guthrie was in Edinburgh, the centre of light, and he was a devoted and honored Presbyterian minister.

But he had the candor not only to ad mit that Infant Baptism belongs to Rome, but also that it was one of the

Wolfville, and from Miss Baker, and Miss Minnie Long of St. John.

Larger additions of books of referance, biography, history, art, travels, essays, and fiction are made at intervals by means of the funds accruing from the public meetings of the Pierian Society.

It is hoped that the numerous friends of the Institution will remember its needs, and that frequent donations o books, cariosities, and minerals will be made to a collection which is already becoming a source of great benefit to the students in attendance.

Extract from a letter written to T.J Griffiths, editor of the Y. Drych, a weekly Welch paper of Utica, N. Y.: " As an encouragement to you, since the adver-tisement of Kendall's Spavin Cure first appeared in your paper many injured miners have been using it, and in all cases in and around here it has achieved wonders. It is a perfect success among injured miners. Yours truly.

RICHARD OWEN. "Ocean Mines, Pa., April 20, 1881."

A PRAISEWORTHY OBJECT. - " None name it but to praise." This is true of that unsurpassed remedy, "Hagyard's Yellow Oil." It cures pain and inflam. or frost bite, lame back, rheumatism, and is for internal and external use.

has several times been below zero yet the harbor has been and is clear of ice. The sleighing will probably last several weeks yet.

Mrs. Wm Fry, a widow aged 72 years living at Mr. David Costley's, Blue Mountain, was attacked by a ram a fortnight ago; her leg was broken, her knee was dislocated, two or three ribs were fract. ured, and her body much bruised. Her life was despaired of. But she is better

and it is thought she may recover. SKINNEY MAN .- "Wells' Health Re-

newer" restores health and vigor, cures Dyspepsia, Impotence, Sexual Debility.

Kendall's Spavin Cure is used from the Atlantic to the Pacific coast.

Ayer's Sarsaparilla is the best medi-cine for every one in the spring. Emigrants and travelers will find in it an effectual cure for the eruptions, boils, pimples eczema etc, that break out on the skin-the effect of disorder in the blood caused by sea-diet and life on board ship.

John L. Boutilier, French Village, Halifax, Co., writes that Minard's Liniment cured his daughter of a very severe attack of Diptheria, after she was pronounced incurable and recommend ed all to use it should they be afflicted with the same disease. Feb. 14.

THIS IS RELIABLE.-R. N. Wheeler, merchant, of Everton, was cured of a severe attack of inflamation of the lungs mation, whether from sprain, burn, bruise, by Hagyards Pectoral Balsam. This great throat and lung healer cures neuralgia, sore throat, croup, deafness, weak lungs, coughs, hoarseness, bronchitis, and all Pectoral complaints.

Gifford, while pastor of M. E. Church, Bothwell, suffered from chronic dyspepsia so badly as to render life almost a burden. Three bottles of Burdock Blood Bitters cured him.

News of the World.

Public attention in England is divided between the Parliamentary discussions and the Dublin trials. The proceedings in the House of Commons have consisted principally of the debate on the Queen's Speech. It was understood that Mr. Parnell intended to move an amendment to the Address in reply thereto.

Mr. Gerst moved an amendment and, in doing which, he declared that in view of the confession of Irish assassians no further concessions should be made to lawless agitation. He said it was generally believed that the employing of persons engaged in outrages to suppress them was forced upon the Government by Mr. Chamberlain, President of the Board of Trade. He presented the fact that an outbreak of outrages, always accompanied the

accession of Liberals to power. The Marquis of Hartington expressed surprise at Parnell's silence, which, he said, was an admission that a prima facie case had been established against the Irish leader. The Government he declared, had no intention of introducing any measures for extensive changes of its policy with regard to Ireland.

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