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ness of such propensities in ourselves, under the guise of a sense of the ludicrous.

In many families, however, where both love and good temper prevail, there is what may be called an irksome, rather than a sinful, mode of carping and contradicting one another. No harm is meant, and no offence is taken ; but what can be more irksome than to hear two sisters, for instance, continually setting each other right upon trifling points, and differing from each other in opinion for no apparent reason, but from a habit of contradiction ? and such a habit does it become that one may sometimes see persons who have acquired it contradict their own statements. just made, the moment any one advances the same opinion. It is generally on such trifles that this bad habit shows itself, so that it may seem needless to advert to it ; but it is a family fault, and should be watched against, for it is an annovance, though but a petty one, never to be able to open your lips without being harassed by such contradictions as, "O, no, that happened on Tuesday, not Wednesday," or, if you remark that the clouds look threatening, to be asked fitful and uncertain as the meteor." with a tone of surprise, "Do you think it looks like rain? I am sure there is no appearance of such a thing." Narrate an incident, every small item is corrected ; hazard an opinion, it is wondered at or contradicted; assert a fact, it is doubted and questioned ; till you at length keep silence in despair .- Friends' Intelligencer.



Saint John, N. B., March 18, 1859.

Religious Feeling.

what true believer of long experience has not scovered in himself a proneness to substitute some feature in his Christian experience for another. Sometimes the act of faith is substituted for the object of faith. If we look to our fai h for comfort, and peace, and evidence, in. stead of our faith looking to Christ for these, we exchange the fountain for the cistern. Jesus is the fountain of all light, life, grace and love to the believer. Faith is but the channel through which these blessings are received. And yet some have discovered in their hearts a tendence to look to faith for the evidence of their Christianity rather than to Christ. But the most general and the most dangerous error is the substituting of feeling for faith. How many Christians measure their religion by the amount of feeling they have. And the state of their feelings is their only guidein religious matters. If they happen to feel like discharging any duty they do so; if otherwise, it is left undone. Such persons are uncertain, and their help in religious services or enterprises, cannot be relied on. Today they are all progress; to-morrow they overthrow the very labour of to-day. Few Churches but have more or less of this class, and few ministers but have been grieved with persons of this kind. Indeed the ministry is by no means exempt from having some of this very class among themselves. We have been led to these thoughts by readin an exchange paper, the subjoined extract from a sermon by the Rev. G. P. Matthews, preached before the Bowdoinhain Baptist Association, Maine, and which sets the error referred to in its true light. We trust that not one of our readers will pass it over without a careful perusal:-

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failure in these respects, they are prostrated. the wives of our brethren, and some husbands Their hasty conclusion is, either the "truths of and wives together, and a number of our Sabbath the minister did not come from the heart, and so School Scholars, are among the number who reach the heart," or that they themselves never have been blessed. The work has been very solemn and thorough, with but little or no unhad any religion, they scarcely know which.

When they feel joyously, their benevolence due excitement. Our esteemed Brother Clark, and charity know no limits-they are willing to the senior deacon of the church, has laboured contribute, to the full extent of their power, indefatigably both in the meetings and by visit-" yea, and beyond they power," to benefit a sin- ing from house to house Would to God that all cursed humanity. But if the tide of their emo- of our churches were blessed with zealous worktions is at a low ebb,-though their ability may ing deacons. The teachers in the Sabbath be the same as before, and the object claiming School have been very much encouraged in their their sympathies equally worthy-they will give labours by seeing some of their pupils converted. almost nothing, and for no other reason in the Those children who have been taught the Scripworld than that they do not happen to feel just tures, and trained in the Sabbath School, came as they wish. They pray in their families, and forw rd apparently understanding themselves participate in the social exercises of the Church and the plan of salvation far better than some only occasionally, because they are not all the others well advanced in lite.

time impelled by those warm animating feelings, ' With a very few exceptions we have preached which to them are a source of so much pleasure. every evening, and three times each Sabbath This makes every thing with them a matter of since the work began, which, together with atcontingency and uncertainty. Their only rule tending to the business and duties of our paper and object of action is feeling. Their only re- and office, have about worn us out. Brethren liance is in themselves-and their comfort is pray for us.

The Ancient Preacher.

Education.

quated gentleman as he ascertains beyond all THE SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE doubt that the world moves on and is tast leav-CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS FOR THE jug him behind. How like a November wind, PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK has been for- does he moan to find that the doctrine of elecwarded to us. This document refers to the varition is not all that our Saviour taught ; that the ous matters connected with the common school Jews and the Catholics are not the only sinsystem of the country. The Chief Superinten ners in the world ; that men are to be pious Mondent as well as the Inspectors have been deli- days as well as Sundays, and that to guzzle gent in the prosecution of the duty entrusted to rum is no longer deemed a cardinal virtue of them; and their several reports embody a large the Christians character. Truly our ancient amount of information on the present state of preacher is in a sad plight, and it may not be our common schools. The Superintendent's the least of his griefs that

'Othello's occupation's gone.'

adopted in some places, and that those districts Poor old gentleman; no longer shall he find are reaping its advantages. But generally his sermons readv made in the 'institutes ;' no through misrepresentations and other causes the longer to excite his flock to the highest puch of people are opposed to it, and hence not prepared religious enthusiasm, shall he emulate the exto adopt it. This is to be regretted, as we sin- ample of Master Perkins, of whom holy Fuller cerely believe it is the only proper way to place relateth that "he would pronounce the word damn the common school system on a firm basis, and with such an emphasis as left a doletal echo in render education fairly open to all. On the sub- his auditor's ears a good while after ;" no longer ject of school houses the Report has some truth- shall the people believe that to be stupid is to be ful and judicious remarks. The social position solemn ; truly enough the evil days have come of Teachers is wisely referred to; the necessity upon us! Henceforth Jeremiah shall be of elevating their condition is urged. On their prophet! Let, not so. We do believe there is moral qualifications the Superintendent says :- | salvation for our ancient friend, unless he shall "In some instances persons have been engaged be so inconsiderate as to post his back against in the school service, whose habits and general this nineteenth century, and utterly fouid a tucharacter made their employment useful. It has ture. We hope he will not do so ! Let us cheer been my desire and determination since I have up then, and seek for a happy deliverance, if been at the head of the Department, that such possibly there may be an escape from our despersons should not be continued. I have dis- pair. tinctly avowed this at every public meeting, and And firstly, as the ancient Preacher saith in have likewise been compelled to take decided the 'formula,' let him burst the button from that action in several cases reported to me. This sacred box on the first Sunday hereafter, and course I considered necessary, not only for the come down like Moses from the mount into the protection of the children who might be commit- presence of the people, and acknowledge to ted to the care of such persons, but also of the them that he is really their brother, human and large body of our Teachers whose morality is not divine, with all the sins and sorrows flesh unquestionable. I have been gratified to find is heir to resting upon him as well as upon that very pleasing results have already followed them. It is hard to believe, but we do assure our my efforts in this respect." The whole number ancient friend that this descent will not detract of teachers and candidates attending the Pro- from his holiness, inherent or acquired ; whatvincial Training School during the year has ever sanctity belongs to him will still adhere. been eighty-four ; of these twenty-six are males, And now there will be wondrous advantages acand fifty-eight females; seventy-five are natives cruing, which up there, midway heaven and earth, of New Brunswick, eight of Nova Scotia, and he has never dreamed of. His first experience, one of Ireland. Thirty-eight were Baptists, to be sure, will not probably be so pleasant, for seventeen were Episcopalians, fifteen Metho- once down among men, all eyes turned upon him, dists, seven Presbyterians, five Roman Catho- he may find himself as ill at ease as Sancho hes, and two Congregationalists. The public Panza in his new Governorship ! Yet let him not money received by denominational schools is as be terrified. He may see "men as trees walking," follows :--Kings College (Episcopal) from but ere long his sight will be restored, and he Crown, Legislative grant &c., £2561 2s. 0d.; will find himself in a new world, and how de-Wesleyan Academy, Sackville, £600, and Var- lightful the sensation for one who for years has ley School, St. John. (Methodist) £100; Baptist been unconscious of his existence, suddenly to Seminary, Fredericton, £250; Roman Catholic ascertain the fact. We confess to great sympa-Schools, £825; Milliown Academy, £200; Ma- thy with the bears and frogs when the Spring calls ed him should have a house not made with dras Schools £400; and several other grants for them forth,-how good then for a man to shake hands, eternal in the heavens. But I never " Free Schools," which are strictly denomina- off his torpor, and actually to believe in the unitional. verse. But we suggest to the ancient preacher," who professed to be his followers "to build for The members of our own denomination will that at this precise stage of resurrection, he themselves beautiful and costly houses, with exbear in mind that here are several thousand may find himself very scared, for he will see quisitely carved fron's, and variegated glass win- is adopted the dissolution will be deferred till pounds given for the education of the people, to and feel what perhaps he never before saw or felt. dows because it was fashionable, and at the same a portion of which we have just as good a right God's truth over him and around him, and in time if these individuals were asked for a half tion is on the table, and on Monday evening next, as any body else; and we may obtain it if we him, and some of those truths, outside the ' five doller in aid of missions, or the gospel in some will put ourselves in a position to do sc. points,' may not pleasantly affect him or his con- | way, they instantly become very poor, and oh ! The Report of the Superintendent, and those gregation, perhaps his salary. But we repeat | "I can not spare it" or, "I have to give so much," of the Inspectors, with the statistical tables accompanying them, embody a large amount of inwill now be found an excellent help in this time bring forth. Fashion has crept too over the very formation on the present system and progress of trouble, and falling back upon that really good threshold of His courts ; there she sits and can- in its favor what no other can plead-that it can book, he may defy the world, the flesh, and the not kneel at prayer times for fear of soiling her read and examined by the people generally., devil, and even the nineteenth century. Just costly and pretty dress ; she cannot speak or let him open that volume, ascertain its contents, pray, for fear she should not do it in a stylish, **Revival** in Carleton, receive something of its spirit, and the victory graceful manner ; there is no need of her lifting We have several times noticed the revival that has been in progress in Carleton, now, for about 'ty, and unmitigated humbug, will that be for surrounded by a profusion of red curtains, is a our ancient preacher. We rejoice with him, an- well arranged choir, and a splendid organ. Pertwo months, and rejoice that God is still blessticipating the troumph, and may he be predesti- haps it is not half paid for, and the church is ing us. On the 17th of Jan. we began a series of meetings with the church there, and notwith- nated to keep awake forever! We must, how- groaning under its weight of debt every day, but Friday evening. Lord Palmerston will call the standing the cause of religion was extremely low ever, remind him that this victory will occasion never mind that, it is there, and fashion will have attention of the House to the question of Conin the several churches of the place, we believed some confusion. He may expect an exodus of it so. Yes, fashion and form are fast sapping tinental politics; and the consideration of that that God would crown our efforts with success. some quiet souls whose slumbers have not been from the true and living church of God its spi- point may possibly swallow up all the night. A We had only had a few meetings when, it was disturbed these many years, because of their ritual holiness; its simple and childlike faith; number of useful measures are being forwarded evident that the spirit of Christ was descending election to grace, and perhaps of some who had its pure and unselfish love for fallen man, and the a stage, tho' the Government plan of dealing upon the people. The church was very much fondly hoped themselves reprobates, never till po wer and spirit of God. They are creeping in with the Beer-house system is yet in darkness. blessed, and began to feel the value of souls, their dying day at least, to be disturbed by any here, and twining themselves around there, here On the 16th, a monster meeting in Exeter Hall and to labour for the unconverted. The weak such gloomy considerations as a revival of reli- a little and there a little, till even the world adopted the suggestion of the Alliance, to inones of the fold became strong, backsliders gion. Only let our friend be courageous, and points the finger of scorn and laughs at the corporate in that Act a clause giving the ratewere restored and the house of God was soon living souls shall gather about him in the place mockery. Oh ! church of God arise and shake crowded with anxious inquirers. God blessed of the dead, to cheer him in his christian work. off the shackle, with which form and fashion liquor traffic therein. The Alliance is waiting the preaching of His Word to the convicting of If, however, after all, our ancient preacher would bind thee down; arise and cast them out till the Eill is printed, and then a great petition scores of hard hearted sinners. A spirit of so- should find himself too ancient, too obsolete, too Fashion with her waving plumes and gaudy agitation is to be got up in favor of the suglemnity seemed to pervade the whole community. mentally infirm to obey the voice of this nine- dress, and the old and chilling breath of form The revival, and the subject of religion became teenth century, crying to him, as to Lazarus, ere they extinguish the fire from off thy altars. a topic of general conversation. A number soon 'come forth,'-it is but kindness in us to suggest and they go out to burn no more. professed conversion, and the good work has to him that nothing i- so distasteful to saint or continued to advance until now. We hope that stic, symptomatic of animal life at least, but a many others will yet be " born again " Soon whine betokens speedy disselution. So far gone after we began our meetings our Metho- as to whine-even Burton can't save us.

For the Religious Intelligencer. "Close Communion."

LUBEC, March 15th, 1859. there are many, very many, far from this path. BROTHER HABTLEY :-- I observe that the tra-"Man's chief end is to glorify God, and enjoy velling Editor of the Christian Visitor is quite him forever". Thus we see that man is to do critical on your notice of the C. C. Baptists ; and every thing by which he can glorify God, that affects to desire an explanation of "Close Com- he may enjoy all God's heavenly blessings. But municn." The professed ignorance of our erra- is that professing Christian doing this, who tic brother "G." does not seem very graceful, will quaff the ruby wine as if there was no sting taking into consideration his religious antecedents. connected with it, and then present it to the We might attribute it to a commendable zeal for young man, that he too may drink, and perhaps a cause recently espoused. We fear, however, die a drunkard ? Is it not the duty of such peoit arises from a disposition to affect criticisms, ple, if they love religion and their tellow creaand write witticisms for the amusements of his tures, and desire to obey the precepts of the Bireaders at the expense of others. If editors are ble, to dash down this fatal cup, and abolish this accountable for all "the idle words" they write, sinful custom ? Let them then work with, or in some of them will have a long score to answer | co-operation with every institution, which tends | for , bye and by. 1 respect, Mr. Editor, the ho- to benefit the human race. If we would enjoy nest convictions, and conscientious practices of the all God's blessings, we should engage in all those Colse Communion Baptist Churches ; but I do good works which have for their aim the anninot admire uncourteous criticisms when they can hilation of one, or every evil. Does the modebe avoided. I forward you for insertion the fol- rate drinker do this? Is he making that use of lowing item of news, from the N. Y. (Baptist) his talents, that God requires he should? Is he Chronicle relative to the Communion question contributing one mite towar! the well being of which may enlighten "G" a little ! his neighbour? Or is he in the least degree, in-H.

suring for himself eternal life ?- Geordie Luman.

ENGLISH COBRESPONDENCE. LONDON Feb. 24th.

Reports most confused and confusing continue to arrive and to be repeated, respecting the probabilities of peace or war. One account states as confidently as if the writer was the French as confidently, that the King of Sardina has written to the Emperor, reproaching him for of a brother minister, 'no denominational shears his desertion, and threatening to expose the secrets of the last few months. Austria, it is said, has consented to a new conference on the Da nubian question, if Italy is not to be discussed graph has been used for the circulation of the idlest prattle, till all trusting to it is at an end, except as the medium of official despatches. As

Prince of Wales is studying at Rome. His in-

terview with the Pope was short and formal .-

Whatever the Government Bill

their concluding meeting of Session in Exeter homes of comfort and happiness, and hurried so Hall last Wednessiay, Lord Shaftesbury presid ing. Among the speakers was Mr. Punshon, 8 Wesleyan Minister, whose reputation is greathin increasing. His "following" promises soon the rival Mr. Spurgeon's. So many contradictor reports are put forth respecting the latter generation tleman's intention of visiting America, that we can give no positive statement : he recently said intely arose a obuke to the he should not cross the Atlantic till his Tabe nacle was opened. Mr. Finney enters on his cast upon h London campaign against 'the powers of dammet the men ness' in our . high places,' next Sunday. Hi labours have been confined hitherto to Hunting donshire, a small midland county. I am glamesent; that that one of our own charels (Boro' Road) is toll ce for any be the sphere of his first metropolitan appear hough Mr. Ca ance. May the Sword of the Spirit and the way was his bu unction of the Spirit be with him, to wield an to dispense with great effect! Professor Mahasions sought t once preached in the same place with much temporary success. Many of our religious me ember which of public mark are stirring in regard to the Opium traffic question ; and the Society of the Ho Friends have lately sent a deputation to Go ly., The de vernment. Lord Stanley in his great speech of Indian Finance (14th inst.) put the prohibitic The House of the Opium culture on the same level as the e weeks, bu Liquor traffic-and he was right, only that the undispondent latter evil is vastly more mischievious than the former, and therefore demands more speed abolition.

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The friends of the Slave have also been ser in usual, a ously concerned with the signs of increase complications and difficulties in that direction The Jamaica proprietors want an immigration of no ge scheme which will supercede native black hours of ten a bour, and prove a state of semi-slavery to the coolies imported, besides stimulating the slave trade in Africa. This policy wants strict watchmong the op ing, and the enthuisiasm which broke the fette surprised to fi of the slave twenty years ago will soon be m kindled if any symptoms of tampering with thatituents. siness must great town are detected.

Our industrial and scientific operations go me dispositi with spirit. Munitions of war are being prepa with spirit. Munitions of war are being prepare appropriation ed for an unknown contingency; but the wortboat service of of peace are manifold. re of the de

The main dramage of London is at last spuse, but com

Report states that the taxation system has been

Yours, &c. Sad, is it not, to hear the lament of this anti-

TROUBLE IN BOSTON. Our Boston brethren are getting into difficulty on the communion question A disposition has been long shown in that city to smooth off the rough edges presented to the other denominations by an uncompromising adherence to Baptist principles, but the open communion tendencies of some members of the denomination seem to have been more marked of late. One Boston Emperor's confidant, that war is resolved upon clergyman not long since invited to the Lord's and that the plan of operation is fixed; another Supper all members of evangelical churches, but tound that his church were not guite up to that mark, and another pastor declared in the pulpit

shall clip the wings of my Christian charity.' The question of communion has finally been brought to an open issue in an ecclesiastical council called at Rev. Mr. Foljamber's church in East Boston. Rev. Mr. Mason presided over the and on the question of the Principalities, every council. Mr. Howell, the candidate, passed an one is at sea as regards the truth. The teleexceedingly good examination, until he was asked it he would admit members of any evangelical church to his communion, when he promptly answered 'Yes.' The council were astounded Some of the members declared they had never you know, the Convention of last August regu heard that answer returned to the same question lated the government of Moldavia and Wallabefore. Mr. Howell replied that if any member chia, which was to be distinct for each Province. of another Christian church should come to his communion, if there were any sin in it, he should They have now elected the same person as Hos-

many souls to perdition, I am convinced that

"I cannot suppose that any christian would adopt, in theory, an error, whose tendency is so prolific of evil, as that of making mere feeling the settled law or rule of action. But that such nistake is made is as painful as it is obvious. in aware that special eaution as well as nice discrimination is needed, when we speak of feeling in matters of religion. For it is plain from Scripture and experience that there can be no such thing as true piety without emotion.

Religious affections are involved in the very nature of Christianity. Indeed, a religion withaffections is worth nothing because it has no! t in it. The religion of the Man Christ Jesus ore than a mere doctrinal belief-more than exercise of the intellect-more than a external conformity to a Divine moral code. t has much to do with our moral feelings-with the sensibilities of our nature. It appeals as really and earnestly to the emotive as to the intellectual part of our being. No person can ever know what religion is, as a Divine doctrine and hidden life in the soul, without having the very depths of his moral nature moved. Religion is life of faith, love, and joy. Feelings are inse rable from saving religion .- The most correct igious theory and the most regular series of es will avail nothing if the heart is unmoved. s not feeling, or the desire to be excited, that llude to as a special obstacle to Christian Prine. It is the erroneous practice, into which so many fall, of making the gratification of their feelings the measure and the object of all they do in religious matters-allowing the mere desire for religious joy to prompt them in their christian action, instead of love to a personal Saviour and to his Divine law. But how many there are in our churches who profess to be the loyal subjects of Zion's King, but who act only from strongly excited sensibilities. They seem indisposed to act only when they are all on fire with emotion. If they can only have the desired feeling they are ready to do almost anything for God. But if deprived of such emotion, they seem to be excused from doing at all-and the sad result is, their obedience, like their joy, is only fitful. You find them, at one time, high on the mount, viewing, as they fondly suppose, the promised lands, with rapture-at unother, you see them " walking in darkness, having no light." If in their religious performances they happen to have a great flow of pleasunt feelings, then they think their piety is of the genuine type, and they are ready to make any pledges or sacrifices. But if they find themselves destitute of this moving force, they begin to conclude that their religion is all gone, and that Christian duties are not binding on them in uch a state of mind. If in the sanctuary, the ircumstances are exciting, the preaching happens to be refreshing to them, and their pious feelings are strongly moved, they go home "with the pleasant satisfaction that they have flourished in the courts of their God."-But if at their next visit to that sacred place, there chances to be a

answerable for it, but that church mein- podar or Governor, who is described as ' Prince, ber himself would. He would not drive away or ' Colonel' Couza ; and he, it is reported, has any Christian who believed himself baptized, al agreed to convoke the two assemblies in one though he would not include all in his invitation place : in other words, to fuse them into a sinto the Lord's Supper.

Several of the members of the council were gle body. When the Conference meets, France decidedly opposed to proceeding with the ordina- and Russia, who last year supported the protion, and the council finally adjourned for one posal of a single Legislature and Governor, and week, without coming to a voie. Here the matwere over-ruled, will probably propose to revise ter rests for the present, though there is prospect of further difficulty, as the council is said the Convention, and yield to the wishes of the to be very equally divided. Dr. Murdock, of reople of both Provinces, to be under one ad-Bowdoin Square has, we learn, stated that he aministration. England, Austria, and Turkey greed with Mr. Howell's views, while Dr. Stow opposed this in August, from a belief that Rusand nev. Mr. Stockbridge are understood to go at least as far as Mr. Howell, if not considerably sia would make this Danubian State a tool of father. Our Boston friends need looking after. its own. How matters will go, is hid in fog. We have a Waichman there to whom we shall France can scarcely make disagreement here or look to keep us advised of danger. It should bear cause of war with Austria; but any cause will in mind the statement made by the chairman of this council, that he was recently in New York, be used if the Imperial adventurer of the Tuilwhere the report was that the Boston Baptists lerics wants to draw the sword. Our young were in favor of open communion. Prince Alfred is hunting in Egypt, and the

For the Religious Intelligencer. Fashion in the Church.

Being at Rome, he could not refuse to visit the As I take up my pen to write something in my man who is the head of the State as well as the own simple way for this nice little paper that head of the Church. Rome, as Luther found, every body likes to read; this subject presents was the last place to be made more Popish in ; itself to my mind; Fashion in the Churchand tho' Pius IX. is not Leo X., the fantastic restrange place for fashion to be certainly ! neverligio-harlequinry of Popery is not changed. The theless it is to be found there, in stately form, Prince, it is stated, observes family devotion with as much boldness as if it belonged there. according to his mother's wish-and the spirit The church call themselves followers of the of this will be a protection against the 'gramermeek and lowly Son of God, who though the see' of the whole College of Cardinals. Our foxes had holes and the birds of the air nests, domestic politics are in an unsettled condition yet he had not where to lay his head while on The Houses of Parliament have been ' taking it earth. But he said that he, and they who followeasy.' but without feeling easy. 'Two questions press on hon, members like a nightmare-" what will the Reform Bill do with us ? what shall we read in the New Testament where he told them do with it ?" is, whatever fate befall it, a dissolution of Parthe Commons will decide whether it will adhere to total abolition, or accept one of two compromises, Mr. Walpole's or Mr. Alcock's. The Goit, let him not be afraid. The New Testament or, "call some other time," is the excuse they vernment Bill is complex, and in trying to be pushed thro' the Upper House. Dissenters would be able to claim exemption from conscientious scruples, but this ' ticketing' is objected to in some quarters. The Ballot will not form a is won! What a stetery over cant, and stupidi- her voice to sing, for away up in yonder corner, feature of the Reform Bill, and the Ballot Society has decided not to receive the proposal of a permissive Ballot, if tendered by the Government. Before the Naval estimates are moved on

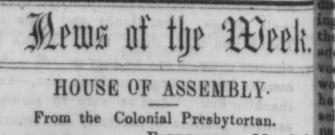
about, over which three years will be spent, ar £3,000,000 sterling.

The 'Great Eastern' is being equipped an will breast the Atlantic wave in due course. controversy as to the advantage of her carryin sails has been conducted, but experience wi have to be resorted to, I suppose for final arbit

A composition used to fill up and harden th decaying stone of which the new Palace of West minster is built. is said to answer entirely Many will ask with a shrug why such a cor position should so soon be needed.

I suppose you will not be excited by the news that yesterday the Queen held her fin levee for the season; yet as a proof of Her M jesty's health you will hear of this with ple sure. The day before she and Prince Albeseparately received a deputation from the Ca of London Corporation congratulating them of the birth of a grandson. That they will vis Berlin, is one on dit; and another is, that the visit will be returned by the Prince and Prince Frederick William.

Among the remarkable incidents of the p tive iron t riod one of the most sensible is the mildness ech change the weather. Two weeks ago we had Au nt, and ins showers, now we have May sunshine. Veget on articles ble nature, as well as animal, is sensible of the gislative en the bye ro irregularity; and buds and field-flowers are ver service. turing forth half-tinudly, half-ooldly, as if ce's speec ask whether all is right. This reign of brightness must have an interregnum, which we hope with upply. Th be delayed till no effectual injury can be don as and nays Do you not envy us? To think that a hand breadth of ocean should exhibit a contrast in great as that prevailing between your wink and ours. But these distinctions, after a while appealing to the outward eye and physic sensorism are small in comparison with the things that are alike. In nature excellence exceed contraries, and in religion "one Lon. one faith, one baptism" constitute the uni which no differences can impeach, and no vanit



FREDERICTON, March 9. The work of legislation progresses slowly. further progress was made in supply to-da nor was there any business transacted until af 2 P.M. The Railway Committee can do no bu ness without the presence of the Railway offic cials from St. John and these, we believe a daily expected. Next week and the week follow ing the most exciting work of the Session w have terminated and preparations for an exod d from the capital will comm Mr. Gilbert's address for information on t subject of appointment to Legislative Cound was very properly rejected by the House. information asked for was furnished by the A torney General in his place, and the Speaker ! marked that when a member of the Governme did this, it was very unusual to press such motion. Upwards of four hours were taken up again debating the principles of Mr. Gray's Bill to e able parties having claims against the Provin to have the same adjudicated upon by Courts Law. Many of the arguments used yesterd were repeated and in the speeches pro and c they were thoroughly exhausted ere the close the debate. Hon. Mr. Smith opposed the b in toto regarding it as one of a very dangero character and calculated to open the floodgal of litigation. He contended with much zeal th there was no necessity for such a law. Mr. E supported the bill in a long speech. Mr. 180 nington supported the bill as did also Mr Bots Lawre ce, but hing to vare tering the a ford. Towards the close of the debre, and about six o'clock in the ovening the sas being then lighted, the House presented unusually animating aspect. Mr. Scovil ip apporting the Bill went so far as to urge the liable as a com-Bill went so far as to general one hable as a com-ing the Postmaster General on instance where mon carrier. He referred mty had been fined stmaster General, and when Mr. Johnson wayor redress before this the party had sough a short speech and in the House. Mr. Johnstoprinto for speech and in the opriate for the occasion reuse of language and and explained the character t led to Mr. Alden's fine, and the ef the delaysich Mr. Scovil now stood after havposition i withdrawn that case voluntarily from Mr. Scovil got up to reply and very the

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dist brethren held some extra services, and had some accessions, we do not know how many, MR. SPURGEON .- The late'London papers an-About a month after, Dr. Clay returned home nounced that Mr. Spurgeon has changed his mind and engaged in labour with his people. A large relative to coming to America at present. They

number of his congregation had attended our say that he has found reason to doubt whether meetings ; many of them had come forward for prayers, and several had professed conversion. so that the Dr. had a whited harvest field to en-

ter. We have both baptized happy and willing converts for the last three Sabbaths. Last Sabbath we baptized eight, and he five. We have 6 o'clock. The public are generally invited to now baptized thirty-nine, all of whom with one attend

other have received the right hand of fellowship. It has been a season of unusual interest. Several of the husbands of our sisters, and some of

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The Bible was given by inspiration of God, to be a guide to all who desire to follow after Christ. It is the only guide we have--it is the precepts, we shall dwell in heaven, when all our talker, but is a man of no decided moral standearthly toils are ended.

ing, and has pledged himself to defend the li-This Holy Guide points to a path in which censed victuallers in the House. His froth every man should walk; which is smooth, and ea- would make a very appropriate head' to the pot, sily gained if the heart be in its right condition ; but it is not wanted in the Halls of Legislation. and it also tells to every man that he has a duty You will hear with pleasure that the Sunday to perform. But I feel that there are many, very evening special services are worthily supported. many, far away from this path, and who forget The Dissenting party that hired St. James' Hall this duty. When I see so many Church going have now opened it on the Sunday atternoon people using as a beverage that which has des- for an hour's address to the working classes. troyed so many human lives, robbed so many The Young Men's Christian Association held

payers of any place a prohibitive power over the gested clause throughout the kingdom. Some electioncering contests have been decided. Mo dena Solomons was returned in Greenwich, and on Wednesday, Mr. Calthrope the Lateral, defeated Mr. Pakington, son of Sir J. Pakington, the first Lord of the Admiralty. As I write a fierce contest is waging in Marylabone, for a member in the place of Lord Ebrington .---The candidates are Co'. Romilly (son of the great Sir Samuel), and Mr. Edwin James, the only guide we require ; and if we follow out its celebrated barrister. The latter is the abler

of the course will be delivered by the Rev. T. M. Albrighton, in the Centenary Church, Princess Street, on Sunday evening next, commencing at

invitation he had received was a sufficient

TEMPERANCE SERMONS .- The Sixth Sermon

PORTLAND .-- Bro Knolin baptized three persons in Portland last Sabbath. Meetings continued there this week.