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We tender our unfeigned thanks to our patrons who have so promptly renewed their subscriptions for the Intelligencer. A large number, whose term expired on the 1st of January, we have not yet heard from.

MINISTERIAL POWER—HOW LOST.

Among the numerous religious volumes which, during the last year or two, have been issued by some of the mammoth publishing houses of London and Edinburgh, a small one has recently appeared, with the unpretending title of "Instrumental Strength: Thoughts for Students and Pastors."

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The N. Y. Observer says:—In this country the open communion sentiment is growing. It is of small moment, and we call ourselves, if we are one in Christ, and if we are one in Him, the nearer we get to church fellowship the better for the whole and the happier for each of us.

THE "MORNING TELEGRAPH" AND POLICE REPORTS.

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