and for every additional ten, a copy. Parties wishing to pay maney in Saint John for the Intelligencer, can do so at the Bookstore of Messrs. Bannes & Ca., Prince William street.

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Religious Intelligencer.

SAINT JOHN, N. B., JANUARY 2, 1863.

THOUGHTS FOR THE SEASON

on its track to eteroity. It will never return. Its periment,

The close of a year is a solemn event. It is a sea- and which was strictly followed throughout: son which should properly call forth serious reflection | Hymn in the Sunday School Bell, page 52, given and awaken searching self-examination. To many the last year brought many blessings-it was loaded with bounties-it was filled with goodness-its paths dropped fatoers. It teemed with golden opportunities and way day of ener some door for benefit or use fulness. Some no doubt "numbered their days so as to apply their hearts unto wisdom." They count ed the present moment, and wisely improved it. Others wasted the year, and turned not its opportunities to any good account. They had Subbaths, but they did not keep them -- they heard sermons, but they did not profit by them -they had warnings, but God now than they were a year ago. The probabili- ford Yerxa, aged 13 years. ty of their being saved is much less at the beginning of this year than it was at the beginning of the last. They neglected opportunities -sinned against convicif they had it, to feel the same tenderness and emo- aged 16 years. tion that they had a year ago. Alas! it is sad and 5. Dialogue on "The Sabbath"-by Wesley Cardaugerous to neglect salvation.

But, christian realer, what did you in the Master's service list year? Did you pray and labour for your McLeod, aged 7 years. own soul's growth in grace? Did you increase in 7 years. the knowledge of the Saviour, and discover new beauty and glory in the Redeemer? What did you do to promote his kingdom, all his cause, and benefit the world? We superrely hope you are not one of those the bound of the earth, or in whom "the briggs and

What a sad witness the and year will bear by and in that place. tiye against many who er joyed it. What an array of testimony it will give in the judgment gainst these who wasted its hours, and slighted its of appropriation of Time is an inestimately gift show it ough a volume to the treation sured and improved. But what I how one ty this away think they have done to have professes to tiling, and tidals they have done my harm!

20 some last year brought its tribe of ote of disappolytiment and sorrow, How many here scholds and by Eldon Carpenter, aged 12 years. families que whom 1862 dawned with a smiles and gladness, have been bereated and stricken. What McLeod, aged 14 years. a history of hopes, and fears, and disappointments. that makes up the history of human life?

But we turn to the future. A new year has dagned; and while we greet our readers on the return of this happy, but selemn season, we devoutly pray that the blessing of Gol may be granted them, and that they may be spared from passing through the sail depths which have been the lot of others, years, We wish them a happy year. But in order that it may be, the greatest care must be taken to preserve it from being stasted. And the first thing necessary to prevent this, is self-consecration to God. To begin right, is of the first importance in the accomplishment of any purpose. Our impriness is, to a great extent, in our own keeping, and depends much on our efforts to make others happy. If our hearts are right with Gid and our fellow men, and we aim to promote his glery and their welfare, we shall reap

the rich reward of conscious justification. The year now opened, will afford untold opportunities to thousants for profit and usefulness. May we not urge upon our readers this solemn consideration of its importance, and the weighty responsihibties which it brings. As we weekly address them, we shall on leavour, by God's grace, to urge the dis- Yerks, aged 11 years. labours, as will tend to the furtherance of the gospel and the well-being of mankind. May the year just | Here again followed the singing of another beautiful upon the world at large.

company of the state of the company of the state of the s A WORD TO OUR READERS.

With this number of the "Religious Intellingmeer" we enter upon the Elecenth year of our editorial labor. We can look with a heart of thankfulness to God, who has enabled us to persevers in our labors through the past ten years of ardgous outy, and in a fluencial sense, of unrequited toil. We are grateful to our friends who have continued their patronage through these years, and have spoken to us words of kindness and enconsagement. May heaven reward them -- we cannot. But never since the first existence of this Carpenter, aged 10 years. pa; er, did we need the support and sympathy of friends more than at present. Our duties and reapossibilities, were never so great as now. The ilnancial burden of the paper at a time like the present, when the hamors of the country are at their lowest | Freeze, gbb, and the searcity of money is left in every department of business, is by no means a trifling thing.

The furnishing of this paper weekly to our subseribers costs us a great outlay in money, besides enormous labor. The full weight of either of these is but little considered by many of those for whom we are daily toding. But there are hundreds who could help us without any injury to theinselves. If each of our readers would make an effort to increase our subscription list, we believe it could be doubled in a short time. We want them to reconfirmall and price of the Intellige price of other religious papers Me Same size, is Two dollars. They receive therefore for every hundred an scribers Fifty dollars more than we. This is of itself a large profit. To offset this we want a large increase to our circulation. We therefore respectfully ask our friends to do what they can to help us at this try a g time.

CAMPOBELLO.-Vider Taylor, who is now in John, informs us that the revival to Campobelto us our sincere thanks. Others are waiting for that ordinance.

OUR SABBATH SCHOOL CONCERT.

We briefly stated last week that the Sabbath PARREST IN ALL CASE IN A DVANCE. LET School Concert in the Free Baptist Church, Frederic-Any person sculing as Tea Sulsvillers, with the money - ton, on Tuesday evening, the 23d ult. was a success. Firrger Donaics-we will seal them one copy extra for The large audience present seemed pleased and grati-Carif trouble. For Toronty is describers, two copies extra | fiest and we have heard but one expression in relation to it since-that of admiration and approval. We promised, in our last, to give the programme of the exercises. We do this for the information of those who may wish to introduce similar exercises into their Sabbath schools, and also to remove objections which may exist in some minds to Sabbath school concerts. We were quite unacquainted with the Our terms of ADVANCE PAYMENT will in every case in fa- matter usually introduced into these exercises, as well as the order of them. Our idea of what they might Dar Post Office aldress is flor. E. McLeon, Frede- be, was gathered from attendance on one or two occasions at similar exercises in the Sabbath school in Carleton, under the excellent superintendance of brother D. W. Clark. Although the one given is our own Church gave universal satisfaction, we, nevertheless, can see where improvements can be made, by the introduction of additional exercises.

We remark that our Sabbath school is not large it is held at half-past nine o'clock, A. M .- an unfavourable hour at this season of the year; our three One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty Two has religious services during the day, prevent our holding depasted, and gone to the grave of the past! The the school at any other time. The number of scholars old clock of time has struck the last hour of the that took part in the concert was consequently small, dying year, and the knell of his death has sounded and it being the first exercise of the kind in any of out upon the ears of millions who bore it company the schools of Fredericton, rendered it merely an ex-

pri ileges and opportunities are gone-whether im- The introduction of music by the choir was an proved or misimproved, they are now numbered with important improvement on the similar exercises that the past. But their recollection will rise up by and we had witnessed, and gave much additional interest bye, when the deer's of time shall be recompensed by to the occasion. The following is the programme, which we drew up before the exercises commenced

> out from the pulpit, and sung by the choir. Reading of Proverts, 4th chapter, by the pastor.

Prayer, by the pastor. Opening remarks, by the pastor.

These were brief, and alluded to the nature and obect of the exercises-begging indulgence for any lefects that might be discovered, and particularly equesting that no expressions of approbation or disapprobation might be made during the meeting. Music by the choir. Then commenced the reci-

An extract from John B. Gough's lecture on "Habit," delivered in Exeter Hall, London, before they did not heed them. They are much farther from the Young Men's Christian Association-by Wood-2. "A child's thoughts of God;" poetry-by Frederick Carpenter, aged 6 years. 3. "Little Things:" poetry-by Minnie McLeod

tions-grieve i the Holy Spirit, and hardened their 4, "The Sand and the Rock," a poem, by James Music by the choir.

> penter, Woodford Yerxs, and Arthur Freeze. 6. " A Child's Faith in God: postry-by Ezskiel 7. "Idle Words;" poetry-by Emma Yerka, aged

Here followed the singing of a beautiful Sabbath school hyum, by Master Frederick Lawrence and his sister, Miss Jane Lawrence, aged about 14 and 12 years respectively, children of Mr. Lawrence, Kings-

clear. These are scholars in a Sabbath school in the was choke the word, see that it bring no fruit to of Mr. D. J. Holder, who also teaches a day school We had made arrangements with the Rev. B. P. Rattray to be present, and give an address appro-

priate to the occasion. We regret to say that the These of brother R, prevented his attendance, and we were obliged to supply his place ourselves. This address followed the singing by Master and Miss Lawrence. Then music by the choir; after which, the recitations were resumed.

8. "The Confession of King Alcohol:" poetry-9. "Go feel what I have felt:" postry -by Abbie

The circumstances which induced the writing of and sorrows would it record of some hearts? the thrilling lines composing this piece, are as follows: And who does not know that it is the heart's history A young lady, in New York, was in the habit of writing for the Philadelphia Ledger, on the subject of temperance. Her writings were so full of pathos, and evinced such deep emotion of soul, that a friend of her's accused her of being a maniac on the subject of temperance, whereupon she wrote these lines. 10. "Eternity:" pross - by Arthur Freeze, aged 10

> At this stage of the exercises, the collection was taken up, which, we are gratified to say, amounted to the handsome sum of THIRTEEN DOLLARS -- a good evidence that the audience was interested and pleased. The choir sung a beautiful authem while the collection was being taken.

Next followed the reading of an original essay, by brother Gideon Freeman, which he had written for the occasion. At our request, he has permitted us to publish this essay, which will be found in another column. We do not hesitate to say that it of David, is undistinguished among the daughters of the missionary to some destitute clime; every Sabis highly creditable to the author. [Brother F. is a Judea. member of our Church, and a student at the Uni-

Recitations again resumed. 11. "A Sabbath School Teacher's meeting in

Heaven with a former scholar;" prose-by Eddy charge of such duties, and the performance of such | 12. "The Destruction of Jerusalem:" blank serse -by Albert McLeod, aged 12 years.

ushered in, be one of the outpraring of His Spirit | Sanbath School hymn by Master and Miss Lawrence, assisted by three young ladies-Miss Hannah Esty, Miss Elizabeth Tinker, and Miss Georgisanne Wheeler, -about 14 years of age respectively -- all by the first sermon of St. Peter. scholars in Mr. Holder's Bunday school, Kingsclear. Mr. II. very kindly volunteered this addition to the the truths of the gospel to a world shrouded in moral exercises by our own children, and which afforded and religious darkness. additional interest, and was creditable to the musical abilities of the young people. We tender not only design of their beloved master, to subdue the whole gencer. Persons wishing to pay money for this paper their parents, who so kindly permitted them to join in

applying our exercises with interesting features. 13. "How a little child may do good;" a dialogue by Cassanda Carpenter, aged 14 years, and Adolia

Music by Chair. 14. "Mystery of Providence:" postry-by Freder

15. "The Closet:" pross - by Miss Anthony, 16. "The Burisl of Moses:" postry-by Arthur Concluding address by pastor. 7. "Good Night:" poetry-by Wesley Carpenter

Doxology by Choir. The foregoing is the exact programme of exercises the time occupied was precisely two hours, during which the greatest quietude and attention were manifosted by the large audience present. The recitations were given under the supervision of brother E. C. Freeze, who with brother Freeman, took much The to prepare the scholntarest in it, and we have no Restration in saying that it was one of the most interesting and profitable juvenils entertainments we ever attended. To the choir we are under obligations for the excellent and appropriate music furnished. The severs idness of Mr. Perkins to whom we are indebted for the present efficiency of the choir, prevented his attendance, which we feared would be a serious drawback to the music, but Miss Lugrin, who kindly complied with the request to supply his place at the Melodion, performed her part so admirably, that no St. inconvenience was felt. We tender her especially

still progressing. He has baptized six lately, and We have given the foregoing extended and partien-

disgrace some of the public halls of our cities.

THE CHRISTIAN ERA.

AN ORIGINAL ESSAY, READ AT THE SABBATH SCHOOL DECEMBER 23D, 1862.

By Gideon Freeman.

Saviour, Jesus Christ.

tion had received from the Almighty, began to be fulfilled." of life and immortality beyond.

dent, or subsequent to it, are referred.

us to a very interesting period in history.

troubled elements of sanguinary war, which had for false prophet is mouldering to decay.

worshipping their idol gods.

brighter day—the introduction of christianity.

heathenism was rapidly decaying. The Greek radio derision." was deprived of all its moral and religious samest- broken heart dies upon a lonely isle of the ocean.

and, like the first streak upon the horizon, announced met by God fearing men,

in few words, "he went about doing good;" he closed in that wisdom which is necessary to make them good his mission by offering himself a sacrifice upon an citizens of this world, and prepare them to be inhabignominious cross. His disciples were men of the tants of a better. apostles, was given a commission to proach the gos- is not far distant when the inhabitants of every land pel to all nations. Thus divinely appointed, and on shall receive the glad tidings of salvation. the day of Pentecost, being imbued with the gift of the Holy Ghost, they commenced their mission by promulgating the gospel in Jerusalem, and with such | The publishers who do us the favour to exchange astonishing effect that 3000 persons were converted with the Religious Intelligencer, would greatly be interesting. They are sustained under the auspi- tian Visitor.

The aposties, thus encouraged, set out to announce | FREDERICE S, instead of St. John.

world to Hinself, they often exposed their lives to the greatest peril, and went everywhere proclaiming the word of life. Christianity spread in a rapid and ex- & Co's traordinary manner, which appears more wonderful when we reflect that the apostles, with few exceptions were poor and illiterate, destitute of worldly power or influence; that their master belonged to a nation undistinguished for importance; that the religion they preached held out no promise of worldly pleasure, honour, or riches; but on the contrary often exposed its professors to scorn and reproach, persecution and temporal loss; in short it had to contend not only trying time, they will not fail to persevere in their against the long established superstition of pagan worship, but also against the prejudices, passions and scribers in Nova Scotia. Brethren, do what more vices of the world,

Yet allured by no earthly advantage, subdued by no other power than the force the Gentile, the Greek and the Agrearian, meekly bend their neeks to the yoke of Christ, shake off their ancient prejudices and

During the first century of this era, we find that the light of Christianity had spread its cheering rays over the various provinces of the Roman empire. St. Peter visited the towns of Samaria, Judes, and some to have made Rome itself the scene of his labours. for notice of this concert for the special information of Corinth, Philippi, Themselonies, You keep your price at the old mark. Your friend of communicated to that journal.

our readers. We regard them of great utility if pro- Athens, and Ephesus. From Greece he directed his must be appreciating the advantages you afford them, introduced for recl.ing they will be likely to do more apostles most faithfully fulfilled their mission, so that without sinking more than most men can afford to in them a strictly religious and moral character, and country. But when our Lord practiced the triumph paper manifestly is. to always let the aim be, not to amuse, but to instruct of the church he also foretold its persecution. His The educating power of such a paper as yours in a and improve. If the exercises are allowed to degene- predictions have been literally fulfilled; wave after family, is much more than most persons suppose. It rate into mere amusement, to provoke laughter, and wave of scourging persecution swept away the early is a blessing that no Free C. Baptist ought to be furnish mirth to the audience, they will be no better fathers of the Church, to receive a martyr's crown. | without food or clothing to the example which we hope our Executive will profit by than some of the entertainments which occasionally Prisons, cruel tortures, and death, have marked the amount of a dollar and a half. Better make a thouhistory of the Church in almost every age. No power | sand possible sacrifices which are within the reach on earth has failed in its hostility to the band of of respectable economy, than to have one family with-CONCERT IN THE PREE BAPTIST CHURCH, PREDERICTON, umphed over all its enemies, its history through all never spoken to his neighbor about taking your paages, furnishes the strongest evidence of the indes- per, he has not yet learned how easy it is to do a good will occur in the world's history—the birth of our against it." The Jews in their blind unbelief and send you the name and money of a new subscriber. fury laid hands upon the Lord's anointed and his Many people design to take the paper, but neg- Parliament to authorize the guarantee of a loan of The appearance of this divine personage on our servants; but the Saviour has risen from the dead; lect to send for it. Some are not accustomed to £3,000,000 sterling, for the construction of the road. globe, marks the commencement of that anghty re- his followers have beheld his awful judgments upon write, and it seems like a great task to prepare a The Lords Commissioners of the Treasury to be volution of mind, which has since been going on, and Jerusalem. The Jews are scattered, without a King letter and send it to the publisher. Many a one is is still extending among the nations of the earth. It and without a sanctuary through all nations, a living prograstinating. One of your neighbors who has them to float these debentures at par. It is supposed was then that those just conceptions of the deity and | witness to the divine threatening, and, "this genera- often lent his paper to this procrastinating man steps, that, as the Imperial Government negotiate the loan, true principles of christianity, which the Jewish na- tion shall not pass away, till all these things shall be into his house some morning or evening and says; the money will be obtained at three and a half (34)

which heralded the rising splendour of the morning applied to confute the doctrine of the cross, and make wish to subscribe for it I will forward your money ing the interest thereon-except, as is possible, a part sun; and now, the glorious beams of the Sun' of it appear ridiculous to the eyes of the cultivated world. | without any trouble or expense to you." The other Rightsousness began to stream forth in glad tidings But her wisdom has been turned into foolishness, or replies; "Thank you; its what I desire; I have been of salvation to a perishing world, dispelling the thick | made subservient to the furtherance of the gospel. | expecting to subscribe for it for a long time, but some darkness which brooded over the minds of men, and Pagan Rome, proud mistress of the world, by fire and how I have delayed." The paper comes in a week. cheering their rugged pathway with his bright rays sword, by the most inhuman tortures that could be It is read with great interest and the greater because devised, endeavoured to root out the name of Chris- it is already paid for ; the neighbor speaks with a new The commencement of this grand movement, is now tians from the earth. But even youthful females faced warmth in the prayer meeting; he has found some. very justly adopted by all nations professing corns eternity with more firmness and serenity than veteran thing to enlighten and warm his heart in the paper. is as follows :-tianity, as the great turning point in history-the soldiers or stoic philosophers, and after two centuries. The whole family improves in intelligence and public fixed era to which all other events occurring anteces of the most bloody persecution, lo, the Roman Empession. That family feels a greater interest in susror trimself is baptized in the name of the despised taining preaching and Sabbath school; it is every The birth of Christ, by many learned men, is said Nazarene, and casts his crown at his feet. Mahom- way more public spirited. Through such an influence to have occurred about four thousand years after the medanism has arisen and by the powerful aid of the more than one soul is likely to be drawn to heaven. creation recorded in the book of Genesis. This brings sword, her crescent, endeavouring to outshine the sun | Get new subscribers, dear reader, and be among those of christianity, has moved, blood-red, over the eastern | who are wise to win souls, whose joy and glory are The Roman empire had reached the meridian of its and African churches, passing over into Spain and treasured above. greatness; every nation, accessible to its arms, lay France. But the messengers of the Lord boldly stood prostrate before its iron power; rival monarchies and forth to stay the ravages of this flood which so threat- tangent. I took my pen only to tell you that I have contending princes had ceased their strife, and the ened to overwhelm; and now the kingdom of the been greatly blessed in reading your first article on

the mild reign of Augustus Casar. The boundaries arose in the bosom of the church, which threatened our devotion and attachment to it," struck my mind of this vast empire extended, on the north, to the to destroy the simple faith of the gospel. But truth with singular force. It is one of those happy blows which a loss would, of course, be sustained. To obrivers Rhine and Danube in Europe; on the south, has always broken its way through every maze of which hit the nail on the head. Every body admits viate this difficulty. Mr. Gladstone has consented that to the borning sands, which fence the interior of contending influences, and stood forth more fair and the truth of the remark in any secular business. The fund shall be invested in our own securities, or Africa; and from the British Isles, in the west, to the levely, forcing the nost of errors into submission. In Yet it is the sum and substance of what every person heavis; and some of these would now give the world, Montgomery, in two parts by Wesley Carpenter, river Euphrates and Syrian deserts, in the east - the middle ages the simple doctrine of salvation was means when he speaks understandingly of christian thus including all the countries around the Mediter- | so obscured by human additions that it could scarcely | consecration. ranean sea, the most lair and fertile portions of the be discerned, and was almost "of none effect." But the true spirit and energy of the Church powerfully But, alas! how gloomy, how doleful was the re- worked its way through the incumbering mass; again ness. I do not increase in intelligence and power as ligious aspect through all this realm, over all these placed the candle of the pure word on its cfindlestick; conquered nations. With the exception of the Jews and freed conscience from the fetters which bound it.

only, gross darkness of superstition prevailed-mil- In the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, deists, ions were chained down to superstition, morbidly materialists, and atheists, poured contempt on the | tend to my christian business. clinging to their lifeless mythologies, and sainly Bible; yea, the very heroes of the French revolution, in their wild fanaticism, and amidst scenes of the But the world was preparing for the dawn of a most revolting cruelty, set aside the God of the Christian, and placed the goddess of reason upon the throne | tail, however, under either head; but I will say that It would seem that the powerful influence of of the world. But the "Lord laughed, and had them

ligion which simed only to deify earthly existence, Napoleon, one of the greatest potentates and genecould afford no comfort in misfortune. The Roman rals of modern times, endeavoured to degrade the religion was ridiculed, and forever stripped of its | Church into an instrument for political purposes, and | to christian duty than to attend well any other busipower, by being degraded into a mere tool for politi- for the universal dominion of christianity to substitute ness. It would be more difficult without the All- to get over. cal ends, and by the exalting of worthless despets to the do. inion of the sword. But the Lord had a care powerful Helper, but such a helper we have in conthe rank of gods. The Jewish religion had sunk into for his cause, and hurled him from the throne; and all sinhtmuserans and forgentian and to miss had strong all theory into according with a

Within the last, and present centuries, rationalism Expectations that some extraordinary personage rose and wielded all the power and influence of learnwas about to appear, were at this time, in various ing and philosophy, advanced to a denial of God, and forms and degrees of clearness spread over the whole turned the history of our Saviour inte a book or world, by the political and religious contact of nations, myths. But their objections have been promptly

the approach of day. The Jews in particular, were | Thus we see that notwithstanding all the powers anxiously expecting the coming of a Messiah, whose of darkness have combined to prevent the spread of birth had been long foretold by the prophets; but christianity; yet it has grown and gradually extend. they imagined he would appear as a temporal ed; banished from one land it has flourished with prince to free their country from the dominion of the new vigour in another, pushing its way even to the uttermost parts of the earth,

Thus in an age suck in superstition, yet anxiously The most perfect systems of human wisdom have throughout the year. I had the privilege of organiawaiting for deliverance from its outward and inward perished; the mightiest empires have risen, flourished. mixery, -in such an age appeared the Saviour of the awhile, and then tumbled to decay; while the simple world. In humility; in the form of a servant as to faith of the Galilean fisherman shows itself to-day as the flesh, yet effulgent with divine glory, he came powerful as ever; and the gospel they preached, with forth from a despised corner of the earth. It is not its enlivening beams encircles the globe, imparting surprising that the manner of his appearance disap- joy in affliction, and triumph in death. For more pointed the expectations of the Jews. No royal pale than eighteen centuries the gates of hell have not preace designates the spot where he first appeared; a vailed against it; its streams still go forth to bless the lowly manger was the place of his nativity; Joseph, world; and the united efforts of all civilized Europe a humble carpenter, his reputed father; and Mary and America are now put forth to increase its spread. his virgin mother, though descended from the house Every breeze that sweeps the ocean wafts the Bible or bath that rolls around beholds the youth of Christian The life of our divine Saviour, may be summed up | lands gathered in the Sabbath-school, to be instructed humblest walks of life. To twelve of these, styled All these results encourage the hope that the time

NOTICE TO OUR EXCHANGES.

oblige us by addressing the papers intended for us to ces of the Church of Christ, represented by different

AGENT IN SAINT JOHN.

Animated with the desire of carrying out the great sented to act as an Agent for the Religious Intelli. notes to open the meeting. Every Monday morning for 201d. per foot, 8 inch average, and birch, 142 inch convenient for them than calling at Messrs. Barnes through all her sections, be a great olessing to this

> ALL FREE BAPTIST MINISTERS ARE respectfully requested to act as Agents' for this paper, and to use their influence to increase its circulation,

Nova Scotta, We tender our sincere thanks to the brethren in Neva Scotia (ministers and others). who have aided us in the circulation of the Religious Intelligencer in that Province. We trust, that at this efforts in its behalf. We want one thousand suband send a list of renewal.

LETTER PROM THE REV. D. M. GRAHAM My DEAR BROTHER -I have just received the Inprofess themselves the followers of the crucified Savi. telligencer, bearing date December 12th. The improvement in your paper is very striking. Most of my old friends in the way of papers come to me in diminished form and in greatly inferior dress. Many of our papers are printed on such material as would have ruined them six month sago. The people ar-Syria, traversed the towns of Asia Minor, and is said by | willing, apparently, knowing the high price of paper to submit to have their paper diminished or printe St. Paul carried the glad tidings of Christianity to the on very infector paper-any thing, they say, but a Gentile nations. Passing through the provinces of increase in the subscription price in these war times Asia, Pamphylla and Phrygis, he converted thousands Yet many of our papers in the States have increase to the Christian faith; from thence he visited Greece, their prices very considerably, as well as denint he where his labours were crowned with success; idota, their size and injured their appearance. But you try felt before his eloquence, and flourishing sharches Paper is very greatly improved every way, and ati-

'Consecration," Your happy remark in illustrating

This remark comes to this, negatively, I do not po loss prosper in business when I do not attend to my busia christian, because I do not attend to my business as a christian, or, affirmatively, I grow in intelligence | Company and power in my christian business, because I at-

This thought by its simplicity and completeness came home to me with power both in the way of re. veyed. buke and encouragement. I need not enter into de-I feel encouraged greatly to think that there is prog- of the British Government to deal liberally with the ress in christian life on the simple and safe condition | Colonies. The arrangement with regard to the sinkof attending to christian duty. That one needs not ing fund is an excellent one, as it allows us our own to retrograde. It is no more difficult to attend well secration. But I tax your patience too far.

Vunra inuly,

To the Editor of the Religious Intelligeneer. Ma. Entroa -- Will you oblige me by inserting the following in your paper, for the benefit of the common cause of true religion.

> DAILY PRAYER MEETINGS. " Pray without ceasing."

prayer meetings, I have thought that similar exercis might be accompanied with a great blessing in St. John, if continued not only for one week, but zing such a meeting in Halifax, three years ago, which has been sustained to this period without intermission. One was also organized in Charlottetown, P. E. I., which was attended with m ch spiritual influence; an impulse was given to the cause of religion which communicated itself to all classes and ominations, and the interest manifested in Halifax was truly surprising. The account of the origin of these prayer meetings may be interesting. They Street Dutch Reformed Church. A brother Lampreligious bodies. They last only one hour. The prayers are short, only five minutes are allowed for this exercise; the singing is simple and animating. Mr. A. N. Perens, Grocer, Union street has con- The chairman, who is a layman, is allowed ten mia clergyman leads the devotions. Applications for prayer are received from every part of the world. Yould not such a meeting, sustained by the Church city, meeting from day to day where Christian men and women would meet for prayer. I have confidence in all meetings purely religious which are sustained by the Church of God; any other organization, however useful, does not supply her place, and all meetings purely religious should emanate from that source, and that source alone, Yours in Christ Jesus. WM. HALL

THE NEWS.

JANUARY O. 1800.

Our readers will be glad to hear that the Hon. 8-Le Tilley, and the other delegates from the Provinces, have returned from their missions to England, and that arrangements more favorable that even the ofost sanguinary anticipated have been made for means to onstruct the Intercolonial Railway. The following from the Church Witness explains the terms and conditions on which the money is to be obtained :-

Our readers will learn with great satisfaction, we times in the Cabinet of Cavour. The statement of are quite sure, that the Railway Delegation to Eng. the policy of his Government has been favourall and has been entirely successful. The aid of the ceived by the Parliament, and it gives the promi Imperial Government is accurse for the construction | a prudent and vigorous Administration. He will of the proposed intercolonal line, and secored in such | to complete the internal organization of the cona way as to merit the warm gratitude of every in- and to represent Italy worthing abroad. Deel nabitant of these North American Colonies. By the "unshaken confidence in the accomplishme Dake of Newcastle's despatch, the Imperial Govern-ment offered to lend its influence to the Colonics to which might not be followed by immediate offered also the necessary funds, but now, with an onex- and "awaits the course of events without ille ampled liberality, it goes far beyond this, and agrees and without discouragement. In fact, his fee to take an active part in the undertaking, by ad- policy will be, substantially, that which every vancing the funds required on highly favorable terms. sible Minister must adopt, for the general dissail We give below an outline of the agreement which we tion which overthrew Ratazzi was caused rath Had in the Globs, and which we presume has been the manner and details of his conduct than

The annual burden upon the Province, when the perly conducted, but if light and triffing pieces are course westward, and visited Rome also. The other it strikes me, or you could not go on long at this rate line is completed, will be £35,000 or £40,000, and some persons think that it is beyond our power to pay such an amount. They forget that it is some years harm than good. Great care is necessary to maintain the gospel was proclaimed throughout every known sacrifice even for a great public good, which your yet before we shall be called upon to pay this sum. and that it is fair to presume that the resources of ! . Province will increase in the same or even a greater ratio than they have done within the last ten years, and thus this weight will be very considerably lessened. But the Canadian Government is setting an They are reducing the public expenditore in every lirection, cutting down the estimates for the Legislature, and generally inaugurating an economic reform in all departments of the public service. They God fearing Christians, and done its utmost to anihil- out the paper. It is also a great blessing which every will probably, therefore, be able to show that the ate the infant community. But the gospel has tri- reader can easily extend. If any of your readers has proposed railway will not materially increase the lialities of the Province, even assuming that it is entirely unproductive, and thus, of course, destroy at once all opposition to it. There is great need of the tructibility of christianity; every century responds deed whose influence will outlast all time. You have pruning knife in our public expenditure, and we hope The commencement of the Christian era is marked to the words of our Lord; "On this rock I will build not a subscriber who reads your paper enough to en- Mr. Tilley and his associates will have the courage to by one of the greatest events which ever has, or ever my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail joy it but that is able without any loss to himself to use it freely. The following are the terms agreed upon, according to our contemporary ;--The Imperial Government have agreed to ask

Commissioners of the Fund, and to issue their debentures, bearing a rate of interest which will enable "Neighbor I am going to send to the Intelligencer per cent. By this arrangement there will be no harge for commissions on the part of the Commisdiffused over the world. The day star had arisen, All the arts and philosophy of Greece have been office this week to renew my subscription; if you sioners for negotiating the loan, or receiving or payof the loan may be arranged through the Bank of England, who charge the Government an eighth per Thus a large saving will be some sions, and the interest will probably be but £105,000 instead of £120,000 as originally estimated, when it was contemplated that the Colonial Governments should issue the debentures for the money, under the Imperial guarantee.

The portion for which each Colony is responsible £1,250,000 Canada

Nova Scotia.

The interest is to be paid half-yearly into the Imperial Trea-ury, and the principal as follows; onetwelfth in ten years, two-twelfths in twenty years, four-twelfths in thirty years, and five twelfths in forty

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, following the usual precedents in such cases, waks that a sinking But, Mr. Editor, I perceive I have gone off on a fund shall be established, sufficient to liquidate the nebt at the expiration of the term named, but has consented that no payment to this fund shall be required until 1873, or ten years from the commencement of the loan. The sinking fund was objected to ages convulsed the world, had sunk to repose under | Heresics and schisms, even in the earliest history, your subject, "success in any work depends upon by the delegates, principalty because it involved the investment of this fund in consols bearing but three or three and a quarter per cent, interest, and by in such other securities as may be mutually agreed upon between the two parties. This concession has removed the principal objections to the sinking fund, as an arrangement based upon it can entail little or

The Imperial Government is willing that we should either build the road by Commissioners as a Government undertaking, or secure its construction and maintenance by paying an annual subsidy to a

Immediately upon legislation being had in the Colonies, two engineers will be appointed by the Colonial Governments and one by the Imperial Government, by whom the different routes will be sur-

These are, we believe, the principal points of the arrangement made. They are on the whole most satisfactory, and afford strong evidence of the desire choice of the investment of the fund, and in making this concession. Mr. Gladstone removed an oostacle that might have proved very difficult for the Colonies

The Hon, Joseph Howe has been offered the office of Fishery Commissioner, vacant by the death of M. H. Parley, Kon , and there is no doubt hut that he will accept it, especially as it will not involve his retirement from the Legislature, or even his vacation of the post of Provincial Secretary during the ensuing session, when the great intercolonial Radway project

will be under consideration, - Witness. The Secretary of the Cotton Districts Relief Fundin St. John, acknowledge a remittance of \$263.44 in New Brunswick currency, and \$129.50 in American Bank notes (\$392.94 in all) from Thomas Jones, Esq., The period of the year is approaching when it is High Sheriff of Charlotte County, amount collected customary to hold a week's Religious Services for in that county in behalf of the lund; \$108 from the prayer and exhortation; and as I have witnessed miners of the Albert mines; and \$259.55, and three many blessed seasons of refreshing attending daily gold rings, from the Sheriff of Westmorland, amount

collected in that county. We are requested to state that union prayer meetings will be held in compliance with the suggestions of the Evangelical Athance, in the Sabbath school room in Horsfield street, just opposite the Grammar School, commencing at 12 o clock, noon, on Monday, the 5th January, and to continue for one hour each day, to the end of the week.

The "union prayer meeting hymna" will be used Those having copies on hand are requested to bring

them .- Out, Pres. A SAD EVENT .- On Wednesday, the 24th ult. mmenced in New York five years sgo, at the Fulton | Capt. Joseph Bishop, of Harvey, Amert County, lost his life under the following circumstances; He was mer, member of that body of Christians, felt moved on board his schooner, Robert, on his way to St. in his heart to commence a daily meeting for prayer. Martins, loaded with hay. Mr. T. Calhoun, owner of Due notice was given, but as there was not much the hay, and his daughter, were on board. While faith in the movement, only five persons were present | nearly opposite Martin's Head, a squall of wind from at the first meeting. For the first half hour the good | the land, struck the vessel, and rendered it necessary man was alone, but he continued in prayer; another to take in sail. Capt. Bishop hauled down the flying was heard coming up the long flight of stairs leading jib, and went out to stow the sail. On returning, he to the vestry—then another and another solitary men, made a misstep, and fell into the water, and the vessel until at the close of the meeting five praying men passed immediately over him. Mr. Calhoun was at were there. Three months after that day, lour thou- the helm at the time, and saw him floating at the sand were accustomed to meet in Jayne's Hall, Phila- stern of the vessel, and made every effort to save him, lphia, embracing all classes of Christians, New He brought the vessel round as soon as possible, but York was filled with the praying element, and such the extreme cold produced almost immediate death, was the extent of the movement, that daily prayer Mr. Calhoun supposes, if he had proper assistance, meetings existed from Maine to New Orleans, and it the body might have been rescued; but as the man was supposed that hall a million of persons joined in | on board was useless, he was compelled, reluctantly, their respective churches during this period. An to give up the search. Captain Bishop has left five account of the way in which they are conducted may or six orphan children to deplore their loss .- Chris-

> Our late English advices report the sale of the cargo of the Ella A. Clark at an average of £7 19s. 6d, at auction. The Baron Renfrew's cargo from Miramichi, brought £7 15s.; that of the Lampedo from average, 18d. per foot.

We give the following as the quotations of the St. ohn market : Superfine Flour, \$5.50 to \$5.75 ; Extra State, \$5.75 to \$6; Canada, \$6.00 to \$6.25; Rye, \$4.25 to \$5; Corn Meal, \$8.25 to \$8.50 In molasses, sugar, tea, and the various articles that make up groceries and provisions, we have no

change to mention. The fluctuations that occur in them do not affect the range of prices we have so often quoted. In Country Produce, we have apples at 40 cents to 50 cents; butter in firkins, per lb., 15 cents; roll do., 16 cents to 18 cents; chickens per par, 25 cents to 35 cents; ducks, 40 cents to 50 cents; eggs, 20 cents per dozen; turkeys, 12 cents to 14 cents per fb.;

to 44 cents. - Pres. BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

The ministerial crisis at Turin has terminated.

geese, 30 cents to 40 cents; outs per bushel, 40 cents

Signor Farini has succeeded in constructing a Cabinet He is a scholar, a politician of moderate opinions, and an administrator of considerable experience. was Under-Secretary in the short-lived Liberal Administration of Pius IX., down to the murder of Rossi, and at a later period has held office at different multipleasies of purposes. This now deficione bean

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