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nor did they come to the school regularly enough | nave to be erected and repaired-ministers must be to be called pupils. She began repeating to them, supported-sabbath schools must be supplied with the words of the lesson, and made each of the m books-missions must receive contributions, and repeat as she did, till they could do so alone. After various interests will need fostering and support from training them a while in the Bible lessons of the the church's treasury, or the tabernacle of Christ school, she took up the Shorter Catechism, and will fall down.

continued this course till her pupils could each repeat all the words contained in its questions and answers. No matter how many other pupils might be absent this class were sure to be present. As soon as they were old enough, they each came to substantiate in a future article, and suggest some into the Church, and have been the most consistent | remedy.

of any youth I remember having united during this time.

Years after, an acquaintance of this lady, influenced by her example, began instructing his class The subject of free sittings in church has recently trial for him; but finally they became interested as he could judge, as their teacher, all the words of the regular lesson, and the Catechism lesson besides, on each Sabbath. The class grew too

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### DENOMINATIONS.

The want of strong unwavering denominational | the movement, and 2. Money for two objects, viz : attachment has been one of the faults of the Free Baptists of this Province. This we shall endeavor

# MATTERS IN FREDERICTON.

FREE SITTINGS IN CHURCH.

in the same way. It was made up of the most un- been occupying a little more attention than usual in promising material, and for a long time was a sore this usually quiet capital of New Brunswick. It may not be generally known that the sittings in the and could repeat from as lively an interest, as far Cathedral, and also in the Parish Church (St. Ann's), were intended by the Bishop, when those places were erected, to be free. The sittings are not sold as the large for the room, and the time of meeting was pews in some other churches, neither is rent received changed to another hour. Here it became an from those who occupy them. The general idea is, anxious meeting, and seventeen of these pupils if we understand it correctly, that any person has a became Christians and united with the church. right to enter either of these churches and occupy any vacant seat he may find. Now we think this is

most congenial to the spirit of public worship, but as selfishness is sometimes found in church edifices as well as other places, it seems difficult to carry this Any person sending us Ten Subscribers, with the money- freedom out. The conduct of some of the hearers in both the Cathedral and St. Ann's affords evidence of this. Several communications have been published in one of the Fredericton papers, complaining of Intelligencer, can do so at the Bookstore of Messrs. BARNES & "annoyances and affronts occasioned to a large number of persons, owing to the free-sitting system." It ALL LETTERS FOR US, either on business connected appears that some families are in the habit of sending one of their number to church a considerable time in advance of the hour for service to take pos-

session of a pew and hold it to the exclusion of strangers, by occupying the seat in it next the entrance, Our Post Office address is Rev. E. McLEOD, Frede- and "expanding themselves out beyond even a vain proportion," so that others beside those for whom the sittings are held by this sentry, cannot obtain a seat in one of those guarded pews without "making a bold push against an extended pantalooned knee, or a great tower of crinoline-for both sexes are about as devoutly inclined in those matters." One writer recommends as a remedy for those annoyances, not a return to the pew system, "but to define each seat

It is a matter of considerable doubt with many in- by placing arms along the benches as 'arm chairs,' telligent and thoughtful christians, whether the di- say three feet apart, and let there be an understandvision of the christian church into denominations and | ing that as persons come into church they shall take bodies of different names, is for the best and most the further end of any pew they may select." Our general interest and prosperity of the cause of Christ. opinion of the mode suggested by this writer is, to The question may be argued, and clear and cogent say the least of it, that it would make public worship every individual in fellowship is taken cognizance of

crowned Him with thorns. I've had a sight of Him;

I've heard Him uttering that fearful cry, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" I've seen We learn that a number of ladies in this city, be-Hin hanging on the tree; and oh ! I know He died longing to different churches, contemplate having a Tea meeting, probably, in the Temperance Hall, at an early day? The object is-1. "The social and religious improvement of all who may countenance

Lengthy details might be given of the labours ex-Mr. Rand's Indian Mission, and the Home for the pended among the masses for their welfare and con-Fallen, located in St. John. All of these objects version. Scotland, Ireland, and Wales, are also the commend themselves to the sympathy and support scenes of extended efforts in the same direction. of the benevolent and good, and we trust the meeting will receive the liberal patronage which its wor-FEMALE PREACHERS.

thy projectors earnestly desire.

### THE CHRISTIAN WORK.

BENEVOLENT TEA MEETING

Deeply interesting accounts reach us of the progress and results of evangelistic labours in some of the cities of Great Britain, and also of the state of some foreign fields ; and the efforts to dispense the gospel labouring man, who sat close to her, fell down upon among the destitute and ignorant both at home and his knees deeply convicted; others, also, both men abroad. The Jews are by no means overlooked in the and women, were deeply affected, and some of the efforts expended. Among this numerous class in cases appear to be blessed conversions. She is very London missionaries are employed, who furnish in- sent, but all were thoroughly solemnized and the teresting reports of conversations with them, which | Lord's people were one and all pleased. She has dein many instances afford evidence that the strong cided gifts-the gift of much faith, believing prayer, Jewish prejudice to the Messiah is giving way, and great simplicity, plenty of utterance, and an impres that hope is dawning for "Israel after the flesh." sive, pleading manner. She is to hold other meet-From a report also of a Missionary tour to the continen- port, in order that the Lord's people may pray. tal Jews, by a gentleman employed for that purpose, we learn that among the large number of Jews on the Continent, deep conviction begins to be felt that they the subject by the Word ; but I, for one cannot show somehow do not truly understand the Scriptures of that Miss Marsh or Miss Graham should limit their their own prophets. And yet serious difficulties to meetings to women only. Philip had four daughters them exist in the New Testament. God in human that prophesied (Acts xxi. 9). I have no doubt they flesh, and "Christ crucified," are still a stumbling spoke to all. The woman of Samaria spoke to the block to the Jew.

The labours of Richard "Weaver, the converted col- pnesy ; it would be difficult to show that men are lier, and William Carter, the sweep, are still eminent- not to listen to them. LIGHT DAWNING IN PORTUGAL. ly successful among the degraded outcasts of London To the foregoing extracts, shewing the progress of and other places. Many narratives are furnished of the truth in some hitherto unproductive fields at singular conversions under their labours. One writer home, we add the following facts. In Portugal mmunicates to the Revival the following :--One of the most remarkable sights in London is where the papacy has held almost undisputed sway the church meeting at Victoria Hall, Friar-street, over all classes, there are indications that the edu-Blackfriars. Here last Lord's-day morning we sat cated men are becoming alienated from the priests. round his table with about 400 of his people, many of A pamphlet, written by a young man belonging to whom have been hewn out of the ruggedest rocks and dug out of the deepest pits of fallen humanity. Men the university, has recently been published in one of and women whose histories are a panorama of vio- the chief cities of Portugal, which speaks of the lence and crime, and fraud and shame, but are being papacy in the most violent terms, calling it a system washed, and justified, and sanctified, in the name of of violent oppression, and charging that " the insatithe Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God. This able daughter of Gregory VII., the great Babylon of work bears witness to the honour God puts upon patient continuance in well-doing, and shows the Borgias, the apostate of humanity, in a word, Rome, practical result of pastoral care following evangelistic spreads corruption far and wide under the mendacieffort. By a wise and well-devised arrangement, ous name of Catholicism." A Paris journal says, "The Roman system is daily losing ground, not from week to week, while all are more or less emonly in the kingdom of Portugal, but in its Indian ployed for Christ, and the gifts which He has given SPECIMEN OF WEAVER'S PREACHING. BELGIUM.

for me. Oh, young men, there's no thieving in hell. vance of the Sabbath. I know that's your game now; but you'll have to look at Him as your Judge. On, come to Him now and trust Him as your Saviour, while He is waiting to receive you.

Several Christian females are named as engaging

in direct public effort. A letter from Aberdeenshire, says:

Miss Graham of Edinburgh, has recently been in this neighbourhood, and has assuredly been a great blessing. She spoke to a mixed audience of men and women, and at the conclusion of her address, one simple and faithful. Many careless men were preings this week and next ; and, God willing, I will re-

Miss Marsh has been mainly blessed in speaking to men. Some are disposed to think that a woman should only adoress women. I have tried to weigh "men" in the street. In the last days God is to pour out his Spirit, and his daughters are to pro-

expand to the Comfort and Relief of the Destitute in mocassins. He walked on snow-shoes and blazed his way through the pathless forest with his hatchet. all lands.

him, and he soon gained an absolute sway over them,

His influence has now so widely extended that he

has thirteen churches. He makes a circuit among

them from Sabbath to Sabbath. And he has elders

to conduct the devotions when he is not himself pre-

FRIDAY, Jan. 8 .- For Nations : For Kings, and all He had no home to shelter him. He was contented who are in Authority-For the Cessation of War, | with the chance shelter of the rudest hut or shanty, for the Prevalence of Peace, and for the Holy Obser- and with the coarsest fare. He carried no scrip, and he had no money in his purse. The sorest trial of

SATURDAY, Jan. 9.-Generally for the large out- his faith was to brave, in the crowded hut, the cupuring of the Holy Spirit, and the Revival and Ex- taneous affections to which his countrymen are proension of pure Christianity throughout the World. verbially said to the subject, but he passed courage. SUNDAY, Jan 10. - Sermons : Subject-The Chris- ously through even this ordea!. He would take no tian Church : its Unit, and the Duty and Desirable- reward for his labours, except the primitive hospitality of the people. Such disinterested self-sacrifice had a higher reward. The people learned to love and honour

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CHARACTER AND TENDENCY OF THEA-TRICALS

sent. The people are now distinguished by their We are aware that the habitual frequenters of the piety, industry, and temperance. To make them a peculiar people, and to mark them off from the world, theatre and kindred places of amusement, rarely read a religious newspaper, and hence anything we may as the Israelites were from the heathen nations around, publish in our columns will not be likely to come their pastor has enjoined the apostolic kiss on all, and has forbidden the eating of pork. The bodily exercises under the notice of such. There may be others who at public worship also form a marked peculiarity. only occasionally frequent those places, and who may The people on account of these exercises receive the sometimes be entertained by an article in a religious opprobrious names of "Jerkers," "Kickers," "Jumpjournal; the eye of such may rest upon this article; ers," &c. 'The term "jerk" describes the peculiar notion of the head when the congregation is affected. if so, we recommend them to read it thoughtfully : The head is convulsively jerked forward, the chin a third class are those who have never yet come falling upon the breast, and then suddenly jerked within the temptations and dangers of the play- backwards. Cries of distress usually accompany house. We transfer to our columns this article from these movements. A whole congregation going the Canada Christian Advocate on the character and through these exercises presents a very singular spectacle. The jerks are evident involuntarily. The tendency of theatricals, with the hope that it will repeople feel, that when wrought into a certain state of strain the desire of some of those who might heremind, they cannot prevent the access of the jerks, after fall in the way of temptation to this species of After a time, the jerks gave way to another exercise, that of dancing, singing, and clapping of the hands, amusement. The incident referred to in the closing This is a joyful exercise, and represents the gladness paragraph has a melancholy aspect. A retired merof the sinner when set free from the convictions of ant residing in Toronto, came to the city of Hamilsin. According to Mr. McDonald's nomenclature, ton, and on the same evening went to the theatre, the proper name of the jerk is "stroke," and the while there was taken sick, and died almost immedi- joyful exercise is the "work." When these exercises at first appeared about 30 years ago, he did not know ately! From the theatre to the presence of God! how to interpret them, but as they were accompanied Startling thought ! The Advocate, after adverting to with deep religious feelings, and a change of character, the demoralizing character of the play entitled "Jack he regarded them as the direct work of the Holy Spirit. With this view of the subject, he felt bound

Sheppard," says :--

to encourage the work, and in the course of time it The general character of the French, British and became the most characteristic feature of his form of American plays is by no means an improvement on worship. Sometimes the work comes like a strong that which we have chosen, and we cannot glance at tempest, and at othor periods it subsides into a the bills, advertisements, and eulogistic editorials of gentle breeze. It reached its climax shortly after the late remarkable revivals in Ireland, but, unlike these our day, without lamenting that public taste is so revivals, it continues in full force. It is not surprisvitiated. Besides, the influence of the modern Drama ing that Mr. McDonald should at first be perplexed pon the passions as well as the taste is most perni- by these psychical phenomena, as he did not enjoy ious. The style of dress-the low vulgar jest, often the advantage of those researches which have shed bordering upon the obscene, and the company with so much light upon the subject. Still, his practical good sense has prevented him from falling into grave whom the theatre brings the young into contact, error. While he acknowledged the fact that the combine to inflame the passions, and to weaken the genuine operations of the Holy Spirit may be accomnorals of all who frequent such places of gay and panied by such strong emotions as to produce violent physiological effects, still he perceived that these fashionable amusement.

effects might be propagated without any supernatural It is a principle that "evil communications corrupt operations. Sometimes the exercises are exhibited good manners ?" Then may it not be fairly asked, in a very striking form by those who, he is confident, can we associate with the ungodly and the gay-the have no true spiritual convictions, and in such a case profane and the licentious, without being contamin- he tells the party to stop, and the work ceases at his ated? can we take fire into our bosom without being command. In some of the revivals of New England, the jerks formed a prominent characteristic, but it burned ? A man is known by the company he keeps, was found that they spread as if by contagion, withand surely the frequenter of the theatre cannot be out any religious impressions. Sometimes the sensisafe company for a young man. Many a young man tive subjects were seiz d with the jerks on horseback. has entered the large city with a pure mind and a Sometimes they were attacked in sleep, and, starting has entered the large city with a pure mind and a good character, but by degrees he has been led by person communicated the jerks to another without some gay company, first to the theatre, then to the the intervention of any religious impression, so that saloon, then to the brothel, then to the prison, and the jerks is not a proof per se that the subject has finally to the gallows. "The way to the pit" may undergone any religious change. Mr. McDonald is saved from any practical error by maintaining the be seen placarded in entering the play-house, and supremacy of the Bible as the rule of life, and by how true, alas, it is, that the way to the bottomless insisting on a walk and conversation becoming the pit, often begins by entering the pit of the theatre; Gospel. He has been sometimes accused of Antinomany a soul in the pit of damnation would tell the mianism. But this has arisen from the too strongly sad tale, if allowed to speak, that the first step figurative manner in which he speaks of Paul's dis-tinction between the natural and spiritual elements which led thither, was taken at the theatre. The in the heart of the renewed man. Mr. McDonald character of the actors must not be overlooked. It speaks quaintly of the spiritual Donald, and the cannot be denied, that as a general rule religious men natural Donald-of the old Donald and the new Donald. He sometimes alludes to the old Donald as do not choose the theatre as a profession; and it is a being quite distinct from himself. But the error is no less true that we seldom find men like Sheridan one only of phraseology; he entirely repudiates the Knowles exchange the stage for the pulpit. In many | idea that the new Donald is not responsible for the instances the actor whether male or female is, if not deeds of the old Donald. The result of his labours affords a practical proof of this. His followers are a drunkard, at least a tippler. It was said that Kane distinguished by the exemplary character of their would sometimes drink a whole bottle of brandy lives, and are willing to make any sacrifice for the during the performance of a single play. Then, as cause of religion. Mr. McDonald- is now about 80 to profanity, how few of our modern actors do not years of age, but retains the vigor and vivacity of swear; and how seldom do we find the actor, during youth. the week, attending church on the Lord's day. To LETTERS. sum all up-the modern play house is the haunt of We are pleased to receive the following note from the irreligious, the gay, the godless; while the actors Brother Hartt, and to learn that his health is so much and actresses are drunkards, blasphemers, Sabbath- improved.-[ED. INT.] breakers, profane, licentious, and in no way benefit-Jacksontown, Dec. 11, 1863. DEAR BROTHER MCLEOD .- I think it my duty to ters of human society. From what has thus been adduced, it must be obvi- write to you and let the friends know through the Intelligencer that my health is much improved; so ous that the youth of our churches and our families, that now, if necessary, I could attend two or three can obtain no good by attending the theatre; and it meetings a day without much inconvenience to myself, is equally evident that unspeakable evils have re- although it is hard work for me to walk much yet, load is gone." Yes, my old brother and sister, if There was perfect liberty to meet for worship, and suited, and may result, from frequenting the play- but I am still mending. The Lord be thanked for his my deep unworthiness of his kindness and care. It is argued, we know, that the Drama is an inno- have been attending meetings in different places for cent amusement, and that there are worse places two or three weeks past, and I expect to carry out than the theatre, after all. As to innocence, be it the mission given to me by the Conference, if the noted, that no amusement is innocent which tampers Lord will, as far as possible. There are a number with our morals, or endangers our souls. No pleasure of churches in this part of the country, within the distance of twenty miles from my residence, that have is ionocent which lays a stain upon the conscience or no pastoral care, and after visiting them, I think, if which weakens our moral powers; and no christian the Lord will, of returning to the lower part of the word of salvation sent. "Whosoever will, let him Paris was sustaining seventeen city missionaries, will be where he would feel ashamed to meet his Country. I should like to spend the little time that Saviour. If the play, and the play-house, should may yet be allotted to me, if possible to the glory d God, and to the best good of his cause. often confounded with the former, is the very reverse. It seeks the interest and prosperity of its own body Your Brother in tribulation a desire to engage in the work of the Lord. One or defile the mind, or vitiate the taste, or inflame the SAMUEL HARTT. poor woman had gone forth among the scavengers of passions-then the play-house must be an evil-it FROM BROTHER BABCOCK. Southampton, Dec. 14th, 1863. cannot be a place of innocent amusement. BRO. McLEOD. - I am just leaving this place for As to the fact that there are worse places than the theatre-that is very true, for example, hell is a home. I came here from Kingsclear, where I had been laboring just one month. The meetings I atworse place than the theatre; but because hell is a tended there in connection with some of my minisbad place, it does not follow that the theatre is a tering brethren were good; of which some notice has good place. This mode of argument is most perni- already appeared in the Intelligencer. Twopenny. Now, you'll be quiet, like good follows, Christians of all lands are again affectionately invited cious. It is the devil's own logic; and if it be ad. I baptized while there, seven, and the cause of religion was in a prosperous condition when I left. T to observe a Week of Special and United Prayer at mitted, it would lead to the conclusion that the jail, kindness and co-operation of the brethren there will the penitentiary, the tavern, and even the brothel are not soon be forgotten. good places, because hell is a worse place than any I came to this place on the first day of this month, and have been holding some meetings here since. The cause of God is rather low, but many are hoping and We require to make no formal application of this praying for better times. In the Campbell settle theme. The stunning tidings of Monday night's oc- ment there is some revival interest. Brother George currence in our own city, is a practical though painful Jewett, a Baptist brother, is laboring there just now, commentary on the Drama. Mr. McCutcheon entered and two other preaching brethren are with them, all the theatre, hale and healthy, and was carried out of of them unordamed. it a lifeless corpse. What a sudden and awful change! Yesterday I met with them in the forenoon, and a Theatre one night when Mr. Carter was preaching, providence, and who have faith to discern his good An immortal spirit borne from the gay and the god- It was a solemn and interesting occasion, and the less scenes of earth, to encounter the solemn and prospect there looks encouraging. I should like to tarry among them for a time, but cannot do it at pro dreadful realities of the Judgment seat ! sent. Truly the harvest is plenteous and the laborefi few. That God may still continue to bless his own THE "JERKERS" OF P. E. ISLAND. cause is the prayer of every brother in the Gospel. F. BABCOCK. Some of our readers have heard of the very singular

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an answer satisfactory to all, and removing all doubt, We refer to this question of church sittings because are developed into healthy exercise. cannot be given. The church in her triumphant it is one that concerns us all, and it is difficult to state, will undoubtedly be one; no denominational ascertain just what is always best. Sometimes it is differences will exist in the body of Christ in its necessary to sell or rent the sittings in order to pay completed condition. But whether in her militant for the church building; and sometimes it is the London, and preached in the City of London Theatre. state, which is necessarily one of trial and toil, and most judicious way to secure the minister's salary. We give the following extract from his discourse. yoke by which they have been spiritually involved one in which she comes in contact with every des- But we believe no single rule in this matter can be His text was-"To you is the word of this salvation for ages. There are 6000 secular priests, who with cription of opposition and temptation, there is not the found to be the best in all places-expediency must | sent." He said :wisdom of God even in her distinctive names and pe- be consulted, and what will do in one case may not culiarities, is more than we dare to say. In all that do in another. is really essential to salvation, all true christians of

# GARRISON AMATEUR THEATRICALS.

every name agree. The opponents of christianity Some little flutter has been made in this quiet city was, far sunk in iniquity, almost in hell; but there's and as for the press its spirit is rapidly becoming frequently point to the so-called divisions in the among a few of the "baser sort," in consequence of christian church, as an argument against the unity the Temperance Hall being refused for Theatrical and truth of religion ; but they forget that among performances by the Garrison Amateurs ; and it ap-God's true people, however different their names pears that these gentry have concluded to transfer him to come to me. "Now said I, "let's kneel dress before the Evangelical Alliance, on the progress may be, and however differently they may see in their services in consequence from Fredericton to St. down," and he did. "I won't pray with thee," I some matters of religion, they are nevertheless, in John ! The Mechanics' Institute (?) of that city, is relation to all that is vital and essential ONE. True, always "to let" when exhibitions or entertainments there are those who call themselves by the name of are offered which are likely to vitiate the public taste, denies the divinity of our Lord in hell. No, 60,000; but there was a great deal of infidelity in Christ, but who, notwithstanding, in works and doc- or help to corrupt the morals of the youth. The they believe it now. Looking up, he should at the the city, and even of a species of superstition and trine deny him, whom experienced christians cannot Temperance Hall, in Fredericton, has hitherto been fellowship, and which may seem in the eyes of the the head quarters of everything that has been offered world to argue division and discord. But a correct to the citizens in the shape of public entertainment, understanding of the circumstances in these cases much to the scandal of the Temperance body, and it hear? "The harvest is past, the summer is ended." father said there was no God but the sun, and that will remove the erroneous conclusion. On the whole, is to be hoped that the refusal of the Hall to these There is no scaling ladder in the pit of dark damna. any one who taught otherwise was only leading the we are inclined to regard the denominational distinc- Amateurs is the inauguration of a new rule relative tions which exist in the christian church with favor, to its occupancy. The Head Quarters, in a brief I tell you you are going blindfolded to hell; and you most remarkable, however, that the Roman Catholic and as conducive to the interest and spread of chris- paragraph sympathising with the rejected applicants, who are too proud and too self-righteous to stop, religion, by the great mass of the inhabitants, was tianity rather than otherwise. With the immense administers a very just rebuke to the managers of the you shall be driven away in your wickedness; but utterly derided. They were ready to hear the truth. variety of human mind that exists, and the influence Hall for allowing it to be occupied for vile and imof the different phases of society upon the human moral purposes heretofore; but we hope that it will heart, it is not clear that God has not wisely permit- never again be disgraced by entertainments such as ted denominational differences to meet exigencies have been allowed in it. We refer our readers to an bend." "Well," I said, "if thou canst not be bent, his friends found them ready to receive tracts in their produced by human depravity, and social education. article in another column on theatricals, which we The idea is worth a thought, if not affording a basis copy from an exchange, and recommend to their for staunch argument. careful perusal. But to advance a step further in this subject. We

# THE INDIAN MISSION.

do not understand denominational distinctions to Several weeks since we referred to the visit of the necessarily require the spirit of sectarianism for their Rev. Mr. Rand, Indian Missionary, to this city, for use and maintenance. Denominational patriotism, the purpose of labouring among the large number of and in your despair you have thought of going over carried out with strictness), and against assembor in others words, love to the religious body of Indians who reside in the neighborhood of Frederic- the precipice of London-bridge; but you are not too ling in the open air, or in other than places of which we are members, is a necessary virtue to be ton. Mr. R. is still here, almost daily visiting the highly commended, while sectarianism is a vice to be Indian families, reading the Scriptures to them, concondemned. The former is the duty of every chris- versing and praying with them. How far he may be is not fallen. Come, my sister, like Mary Magdalene, the good work that was going on by their prayers tian, it increases his interest in the cause; it begets successful in the great object of his labor, which is the to the Saviour's feet. To all of you to-night is the and pecuntary contributions. One gentleman in within him the spirit of liberality, and leads him true conversion of this degraded race to Christ, we canto desire the prosperity of others. The latter, though | not tell; but we are assured that his labours are ge-It seeks the interest and prosperity of its own body and other vices to which they are addicted, have been of heaven, if you'll excuse the expression, says, at the expense of any or all others. This is not com- lessened since his visits commenced. Mr. R. preachpatible with a broad and liberal christianity. It es occasionally in the churches of Fredericton, and eannot be denied, that sectarianism is a serious ob- really seems to be very earnest and quite sanguine in stacle to christian union, a stumbling block to many the success of his mission.

sincere souls, and a scandal to the christian church. The labours of Mr. Rand seems to have stirred the We may be denominational without being sectarian. | ire of the Roman priest of Fredericton, Mr. McDevitt, But there is sometimes danger, in our anxiety to shun very much. A few mornings since Mr. McD. found the latter of coming short of the former. This is the Missionary in one of the Indian houses, to which while he speaks to you. also an error. Every christian should unite with place he had been invited by the owner. In a most some church. Loose stones in a building are apt to ungentlemanly and unceremonious manner he ordered be dangerous; they are at least but little use, and him out of doors, and in addition to much abusive weaken the wall rather than strengthen it; and so it language, declared that if he had a horse-whip he says, when I was five years old my mother's last try, in every quarter of the globe, Christians have is also with christians, who are without proper at- would horse-whip him. We learn that the language words were, "Damnation 1 give me some gin !" tachments to some one particular body or church. of the priest to Mr. R. was angry, violent, and insult. At ten years of age I was the companion of young covenant God, and to plead with Him for blessings They are in reality nowhere. "But," says one, " is ing, which certainly does not speak very highly for it not enough that I am a christian, why is it neces- Mr. McD. as a gentleman, any more than a christian. after that to Clerkenwell; at interest I was in received to getter in his gate. I have been all my life one of the biggest been graciously answered. The Lord has been in his sary that I should join some particular church ?" But few of our readers probably are aware that the We answer, christianity is not only designed to save Government of this Province pay to this Mr. McDevit those who receive it, but to make them instrumental from the public chest the sum of Two HUNDRED DOL. in saving others, and union is strength, and the LARS annually for Missionary labour to the Indiana church is God's own instituted co-partnership in the in and about this city. A greater imposition could great work of saving souls, We need therefore to be scarcely be practiced anywhere. The only labour denominational and attached to some church in order given for this sum of money from the public chest is, that our efforts may be properly directed and have to keep these poor Indians degraded and miserable, proper efficacy. Church fellowship is also designed and to prevent by all possible means their instruct for mutual edification and growth; and no christian tion and enlightenment. The recent violent attach tary drill. They call him Ned. He is now a barge- many countries; the shaking of Papal and Pagan by the name of McDonald, whose followers are usually can be either useful, nor increase in spiritual stature on Mr. Rand is proof of this. It is high time that or strength, who voluntarily excludes himself from such abuses of public funds were stopped. If that the regular visible fellowship of some body of chris- Province must contribute something for the benefit tians. To float about-to be birds of passage-to be of the Indians, let it be given to some person or some loose stones in the spiritual building, without a de- society who will make an effort, at least, to do then, to speak to you to night. I am grieved to see those agreeing on earth as touching the things they should finite place anywhere, is to be both useless and un- some good.

Mr. Weaver has been preaching at Leeds, and at Aldershot with success. Recently he paid a visit to

Good, moral, church-going people dont know what poor blackguard feels when he gets converted; but salvation anywhere this side of the pit, and to you | assimilated to that of France. now the word of this salvation is sent. While I was

preaching the other night, a man was disturbing the after-meeting. He called himself an infidel. I asked said, "thou art but a hypocrite. If thou was a real infidel thou wouldst not kneel down at all." There The great mass of the people were nominally Roman isn't a sceptic in hell; there isn't a unitarian who Catholics, the number of Protestants being only about top of his voice, "Tom Paine I But" said he, in- ido.atry. A scholar in a Protestant school once stantly, "we mustn't look up for thee." Then kneel- came to his pastor and told him that his father would ng down, and with his head near the floor, he again no longer permit him to attend, because the teaching shouted, "Tom Paine ! Voltaire !" Ah, what do I there was all nonsense. The youth added that his tion. The wicked shall be driven away in his people astray. This was an illustration of the state of wickedness. Drunkard, stop. Blasphemer, stop. religion among great portions of the people. It was to-night the word of salvation is sent to you. A and to admit that the Protestants were right, though oor old man, who was convinced of sin the other generally speaking they refused to change the religiday, said to me, " Ah, Mr. Weaver, it's hard work on in which they had been born, Protestants had for me, to believe ; I am like an old oak, too hard to easy excess to the people, and he (Mr. Baxter) and the Lord can knock thee down." "He has knocked houses, and in some instances they thanked him me dowa," cried the poor old man: "can He pick most cordially for visiting them. The conclusion to me up !" And very soon, whilst his granddaughter which he and his friends had arrived was, that the was praying with him he jumped up, crying, "My whole of Paris was now open to Protestant effort.

eighty years have crossed your path, to you to-night for circulating the Scriptures from house to house. the word of this salvation sent. There are some of The only prohibitions were against giving away you here with blasted characters and blighted hopes, tracts in the streets (although even that law was not bad for Jesus; let Him into your heart, and He'll worship. Mr. Reginald Radeliffe, however, had obgive you a character. Perhaps you are a poor fallen tained permission to hold meetings in other places. aughter. Fallen! where is the man or woman who The duty of British Christians now was to assist take the water of life freely." The Lord Mayor, and had expressed his intention, if God should when he makes his dinners, does not say, whoseever prosper him, to increase the number to thirty. In Whosoever will;" my house must be filled, bring them in-the poor, the maimed, the halt, the blind ; help the poor cripple in; lead them if they can't see. the children and parents together to expound to

" Come, all the world, come sinner, thou, All things in Christ are ready now."

The second speaker is introduced by Mr. Carter thus; Now, my friends, here's another of your comons that wants to say a word to you. You know

After Twopenney follows a dustman, a sober, subdued, calm, thoughtful man, of perhaps fifty years of age, whose whole demeanour bespeaks a man who has to do with God in secret. My parents died, he each has thus been hallowed. In almost every counthieves ; at eleven I was sent to Brixton Reformatory ; after that to Clerkenwell; at nineteen I was in New-

Different from this however, is the record from Belgium. There is no indication of any disposition on the part of the people generally to shake off the the inmates of the 600 Convents, make up 20,000 persons, most of them in the prime of life, devoted to I know it, and some of you do; it is something for us the promulgation of their system. Scarcely a teacher to be made new creatures. Some of you are like I in a College can be found who teaches Bible truths,

PROGRESS IN PARIS.

Robert Baxter, Esq., of London, delivered an adof evangelical truth in Paris. He said :

Paris, visiting them from house to house, and gathering

PROPOSED WEEK OF SPECIAL PRAYER THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE WORLD-JANUARY 3-10, 1864. the beginning of the New Year.

For four preceding years the commencement of met to present one offering of thanksgiving to our both for the Church and for the world.

It is encouraging to know that their prayers have

them the principles of the gospel. 1864.

#### MINISTERS' PRAYER MEETING.

The first duty of every man who avows faith in Interesting meetings for prayer and conversation our Lord Jesus Christ, is to find a home in some chris- have been held by a number of the ministers of Frit tian church ; and having done this, it henceforth dericton, every Monday morning for several week ; becomes his duty and interest to help as God gives past. The first meeting of the kind was held in the him ability, to support it by his influence, prayers Rev. Mr. Sterling's study; since which they hav labors, and means. It is his home-his spiritual met at the residence of the other ministers, and usual t dwelling place-to it he should endeavor by example | ly spend about one hour together. United praye and persuasion to draw his household, his friends, is offered for God's blessing on their labours, and for

happy.

and those who are not members of other evangelical their churches and congregations, with several other her hand. I've been a great brute to my wife. If I bodies. At every meeting of the church, whether on special and some general objects of prayer. The the Lord's day or week day, whether for preaching, Methodist, Presbyterian, Baptist, and Free Baptist for prayer, or for the management of the business of Ministers, with the Rev. Mr. Rand, Indian Missionthe church, he should be present, unless prevented ary, at whose suggestion the meeting was inaugurated, had spoken to her, Mr. Carter turned round to his WEDNESDAY, Jan. 6 .- For the Christian Church unavoidably, As God prospers him, he should liber. are all interested in it. Interesting seasons are enally contribute of his means to support and maintain joyed, the spirit of union and brotherly love cultivathe denomination of which he is a member, and the ted, and we cannot doubt but essential good will result church in particular. No church can be properly to the ministers themselves, and to their congregasupported without a treasury. Places of worship | tions also.

wretches on the face of the earth, but the all merci- the midst of his people gathered together in his ful God has saved me. I turned into the Victoria name. They who have watched the progress of God's hand in passing events, cannot fail to acknowledge and I found that I was a sinner in danger of going to that, notwithstanding the audacity of infidelity, the hell. I came after that to a tea-meeting of dustmen past four years have been remarkable for the very and scavengers, and that night I was converted. blessings sought for in earnest and united prayer. When I used to see a policeman I ran off pretty Amongst these may be named-the power of the sharp; but, bless God, I can shake hands with the Holy Spirit manifest in religious awakening and revilicemen now. val ; the progress of the Gospel in heathen and nomi-

A tall, muscular young man, next comes forward nally Christian lands ; the emancipation of slaves in -one who has evidently been accustomed to miliman on the Thames. He tells them he has been in powers ; the Christian activity that has carried the known by the name of "Jerkers," in consequence of and out of prison all his life. Has been a thief and Gospel to the neglected masses of our great cities; a housebreaker; has served in the militia, and been and the triumphs of truth in many places over various forms of error. flogged in the navy. But he had a pious mother.

Therefore let Christians again plead before God, I thank the Lord, he says, that He has permitted me young men laughing. It hurts me, because I have ask, remembering the promise, " It shall be done for helped to make them what they are. I've tanght them of my Father which is in heaven." them all manner of wickedness. But the Lord has The following topics are suggested as suitable for saved my soul; and I don't suppose there's a greater a prominent place in the exhortations and interces- people :--sions of the successive days :-sinner here than I have been. One night last winter my wife and I were going by Astley's and we went about to lay hold of me. I stood behind a pillar, for ment in Prayer. I was ashamed to be seen there. When he had done,

Mr. Carter put his hand out and pointed to where 1 'in hell." He came and spoke to my wife, and took | Christ.

saw a man look at her, I was so jealous that when I got home I've knocked her down and kicked her. Gentiles; and for a Divine Blessing to accompany the Highlands of Scotland were without ministers, Twelve days after we were married, I turned her out. the efforts made to Evangelise the Unconverted of all in the rain at night without her clothes. After he ranks and classes round us.

wife and said, "Thank God, the woman's saved." and Ministry : For Sunday-schools and all other And I said, "And I'm damned." I went home Christian Agencies, and for the Increase of Scriptural faced the privations and suffering he endured. With miserable. I was in the Baltie, all through the Rus- Life, Activity, and Holiness in all Believers. sian war; they tied me up to the triangle and flogged THURSDAY, Jan. 7.-For the Afflicted and Op- beasts of the forest, the almost Arctic severity of the

me. I deserved it; but my Saviour was the Holy pressed : That Slavery may be Abolished, that climate, and above all the indifference and degradation Presquile. At this latter place the diptheria has been One; they lashed him, they scourged Him, they scourged Him, they berecution may cease, and that Ohristian Love may | of the people. His feet were covered with untanned | prevailing to some extent, and a number have did

and eccentric Presbyterian Minister on P. E. Island the singular bodily exercises they have when engaged in worship. Professor Leitch of Canada, who

SUNDAY, Jan. 3.-Sermons : Subject-The Work with the Rev. Donald McDonald, of whom I had n to hear Mr. Carter preach, little thinking God was of the Holy Spirit, and our Lord's Work on Agree- often Leard in Scotland, and whose life forms one of

was standing, and said, "Young man, where will you National Blessings, with Supplication for Divine diction. He prefers holding a direct connection with spend your eternity?" And my heart answered, Mercy through the Atonement of our Saviour Jesus the Church of Scotland. He was licensed by the

TUESDAY, Jan. 5 .- For the Conversion of the Ungodly : For the Success of Missions among Jews and came to the Island. At that period the settlers from and had sunk into a state of great religious indifference. Without a mission from any Church, he devoted himself to the task of supplying the spiritual the zeal and heroism of a Xavier, he braved the wild

## LECTURES.

Arrangements have been made for the delivery a course of five or six lectures in the Free Bapti Church, Fredericton, by ministers of different deno minations, on subjects that will be interesting and visited St John and Fredericton last summer, also instructive to the audiences. The admission to thes met with the Kirk Synod in P. E. Island, and on his lectures will be by tickets, at rates that will allow return home communicated to the Canada Presby: persons who wish the opportunity of attending them terian the following account of Mr. McDonald and his The proceeds of these lectures are to aid the Sabbala

School in connection with the church. The Choir a "June 27.-I had the pleasure of meeting to day the church will be in attendance, and will sing, previous to the lectures, appropriate pieces of music the most singular chapters in the history of Mission. The first of these lectures will be delivered by the MONDAY, Jan. 4.-Penitential Confession of Sin, ary enterprise. Though he attended the meetings Rev. Dr. Hurd, on Tuesday evening next, the subject and the Acknowledgment of Personal, Social, and of the Synod, he has not put himself under its juris- of which will be announced by hand-bill, and the will be continued weekly on such evenings as will not Presbytery of St. Andrews, and was ordained by the interfere with other Lectures, and at such hours a Presbytery of Abertarff. It is now 84 years since he will not trench upon religious services.

Det myine tes.

"Brother S. CURRY writes to us from East Let ter B., Maine, that he and Elder C. McMullin are la boring there in revival; that ten had been baptized and twelve added to the church. The work was still extend to the church at the Tracey meeting house

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