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EDUCATION IN THE FREEWILL BAPTIST DENOMINATION.

We promised our readers to transfer to our columns from the October number of the Freewill Baptist Quarterly, the excellent article which it contains on the subject of education in that body. We we can get on the subject of Denominational Schools The Freewill Baptists of the States, in their origin and early history, come nearer to ourselves than any other religious body with whose history we are ac quainted, and from their experience and progress we may learn much that is useful. We insert the promised article from the Quarterly below, omitting such portions only as we think would not be especially interesting. We hope it will be generally

\*\* "In referring to education in our denomination we deal only with the existing state of things. Every Christian body has its policy and plans of operation. Not only the Theological Seminaries, but also the Colleges and Academies, are, with few exceptions, denominational. Not that they are necessarily sectarian; but established, governed, and patronized chiefly by their respective denominations. It is a natural and unavoidable result of pervading causes and

The views and practices of the first Free Baptists have been too frequently discussed, and are too familiar to our readers, to admit of lengthy reference here. We cherish no blind veneration for the old or the new. All good men have their excellencies and their deficiencies, and it is not the part of wisdom to extol or depreciate. Randall and his associates indifference, opposition, and persecution, they were instrumental in a few years of raising up a large connection of flourishing churches. They were men of thought and study; their sermons were instructive as well as spiritual; and they rigidly required study and improvement of their followers. In a word, they did their work faithfully and well, as adapted to their auxiliary, and part of the great means for the diffusion cuous dancing really exists, it is enough to determine comes to your mind, that not one of all these people

nominations generally, had greatly changed, a want was felt quite extensively among us of a change in our educational policy to enable us to meet new relations and duties. Thirty years ago, with churches (numbers of them large and strong), extending from Maine to Onio, and a membership of some twenty-five thousand, we had but a single minister with a colleblished and supply increasing calls for labor on every side, -to avail ourselves of the educational facilities constantly accumulating, and adequately furnish the churches and the community dependent on them. need was felt of advancement on our part; and this feeling was soon manifest in founding several institutions of learning, and has been gradually and constantly increasing.

respect judicious or otherwise -- whether we have gone fast enough, or too fast, and the like. But it is more to our purpose to pursue a different method. We and station, who shall question their antecedents? He structing their children and promoting their health wish first to examine briefly the question, why are we not educationally in a better condition than we

And on this point we would premise, that our condition is more favorable than many outsiders, or many of us, suppose. Modesty is very commendable. so also is confidence. While we should not think of ourselves more highly than we ought to think, there is no virtue in self-depreciation and detraction. Conscientious people know their own faults better than those of others, and so may disparage themselves to the discouraging of measures for improvement. But more on this topic further on.

As all are tallible, we must judge of individuals and communities relatively, with all due allowance denominational efforts commenced, much less was done than at present generally for higher seminaries. The standard in the public schools was much lower than at present, with far less facilities and helps So also with academies, and indeed all literary institations. The Congregationalists and Presbyterians which entered but gradually and slowly into the work. We put ourselves down as least and last of all. Our Churches were mostly in the country, and often in unfavourable situations, with various premuch such things have retarded our progress.

Add to these our lack of experience in founding and building up seminaries. It is not strange that we have not always made the best use of the means at our disposal. There has not been sufficient concert of action and cooperation. Ardent men, not always the most competent, have taken the lead, and gone so far that others have felt constrained to fall in with the measures, or to relieve embarrassments and save credit, when different procedure at the outset would have secured much better results. Unfavourable locations of our schools have been a serious detriment. It is not enough that a location be such as will suit the convenience or taste of one or two. however influential, men; but it should be such as shall commend itself to the impartial judgment of all, and secure general interest and cooperation.

Various things are to be taken into the account in locating a school, -as the religious and literary character of the community; there should be a church in which the ordinances of the gospel are regularly and well sustained, pleasant surroundings, central position, and easy of access. Such things require time tial advantages. We are not aware that in this respect we have suffered more than others in engaging

It is not of so much consequence that great achievements be made, as that we do our work faithfully and

Intelligencer, can do so at the Rookstore of Messrs. BARNES & ture, but deplore their moral and religious condition ing for it. and influence. We should profit by their example, to secure the good and reject the evil. It should be women for the service of sin. Every seminary should | the abundant helps and facilities at hand. be a fountain of sound morals and nursery of piety, in which the Bible is honored and prominently studied, where religion sanctifies every exercise, and a constant revival influence is enjoyed. There are seminaries well known, and whose benign influence is blessing the world; we may claim the same in a measure for our own institutions, though not so much as they may and we hope will be.

A second point of remark relates to the present are very desirous of affording our friends all the light state of education among us. We have alluded to our felt and acknowledged deficiencies. While some doubtless overestimate what has been done, and think too favorably of our condition and prospects, others inderestimate it and look too much on the dark side. We are not disposed to go into any analysis of particulars, or historical details, or stastistical account' of matters so familiar to the reader, and open to the judgment of all. We put the present with the past, not for invidious comparison, not for boasting, but as ground of encouragement. A little more than thirty years ago our first seminary was opened in an humble building. We then had no men of literary eminence or patrons of literature, no costly edififices, libraries, apparatus, or funds of any amount. An effort to obtain such was wholly an experiment.

How do we stand to-day? Our readers and many others know something of Bates College in Maine, our Literary and Theological Institutions in New Hampshire, Lapham Institute in Rhode Island, Whitestown Seminary in New York, Hillsdale College | They were practiced in the ancient heathen orgies, | vince and the world generally. in Michigan, North Western College in Minnesota, for the very reason of their impure tendencies. They and a considerable number of other schools, not yet have ever characterized the corrupting worship of pamade so prominent by circumstances, but which exert a wide and beneficent influence. These institu- of Egypt, Assyria, Greece, Rome, and other nations, had the countenance and support of good men gene- of dissipation.

state of the country, of society, and of Christian de- reform. To their influence and labors very largely or should ever be tolerated by a Christian.

it. It is not for us to question the ordering what will ultimately be a fatal harvest. We might in this place consider the question whenever saw West Point. He takes men reared in there is a kind which is free from those tendencies, has the same right, and sometimes exercises it, of which are so abundantly furnished at the present

the office shall be limited to any particular school to eternity. - Tract Journal. course. Let God and an enlightened conscience tent course be pursued.

Let us not be misunderstood, or any advantage taken through misconstruction of our remarks. We would be explicit and deal plainly with all. No one to us the following letter:has a right to minister in sacred things without the requisite qualifications. If he has them, it is not of DEAR BRO. McLEOD-1 have entered upon my an-

in new enterprises, though of course more familiar things. For several years past every graduate of our Our churches already pretty well appreciate these Theological School had been engaged to become a

well, especially avoiding the faults and errors into | And from the letters and requests received from the which others have fallen. With all of the advantages | churches, we doubt not but the case would have been furnished by many of the older institutions, we should the same, had the number in each class been much Quarterly has been on our table several weeks. This her, offering the blood to their god! Happily, another not covet them with their concomitants. We honor larger. Indeed, in this respect, the churches are in them for what they have done in science and litera- advance of the ministry and the young men prepa-

Now what we need is PROGRESS. What we have glo-Saxon Church; 3. The Support of the Ministry; au-Prince, divulged the whole affair. The uncle and with this Paper or otherwise, should hereafter be directed to made a first object in all our institutions of learning the best account. Wherein we have erred or been in the Freewill Baptist Denomination; 6. Abolition have therefore been arrested, tried, condemned, and we should appreciate, be thankful for, and turn to 4. The Doctrine of Divine Providence; 5. Education aunt, and six accomplices, four men and four women, delinquent in the past, let us be on our guard not to of the British Slave Trade; 7. Lady Huntingdon; in the highest degree to every student. It is useless, repeat. Wherein we have been enabled to do some- 8. Contemporary Literature. and worse than useless, to educate young men and thing, let us seek to do more, and avail ourselves of

DANCING.

Is dancing sinful? If so, why is it sinful?

that there is a growing tendency to countenance quently we meet with a single article in it worth and much desire is felt that the true character of this minister in our denomination would subscribe for it, have now at command. A few words only we will scriptions be in before January 1st. venture to advance, and those simply as hints at the principles which we regard as involved in it. Dancing, as it is commonly practised in balls, and

public assemblies in which the two sexes unite, we reasons, that it is of licentious tendencies. Not that those who engage in them are corrupt, or are always that they do not exist. The attitudes, the motions, them at as early a date as I possibly can. the familiarities connected with the waltz, and all kindred movements, can not, as human nature is, be Western steamers, and can never forget the feelings of astonishment and shame we felt at the exhibition. gan deities, as all who are familiar with the history

tions are not so well supplied and furnished in any both ancient and modern, are aware, and they form respect as is desirable; but the promptness and a part of the disgusting revelries of the lowest haunts liberality with which the calls for pecuniary aid in of vice in our cities. We repeat it, that many of our were not, with a single exception, educated in the this direction have been met hitherto are full of youth who are attracted by the music and gaiety of . In the minds of many there is a great misappreschools. They, deeply imbued in their own hearts promise for the future. With all our errors and the ball-room, are not themselves aware of the nature then. Their superstitions, their practices, the with the spirit of the gospel, came out from churches deficiencies, it must be allowed that a pretty good of the influences it exerts. We are very sure that if grotesque forms they worship, their profound ignorbeginning has been made, which needs but continued the truly refined ladies, who often grace it with their ance, awaken pity—a sense of puerility and weakand judicious application to enable us to fulfil the presence, could overhear the remarks which are ness; and in this sense is lost the true conception of ty, some of whom now read the Gospel in their own litin or any other service, nor is there any sum named for the Miperficial forms and human attainments. Their great objects of our mission as a people. It is gratifying drawn forth from those with whom they share in the too abhorrent to the purities of civilized life, to draw to reflect that in all our progress and transitions thus gaiety, they would blush at the revelation made to aside the veil which hides the enormities and the far, our union and harmony as a denomination have them, and henceforth as carefully refuse their pre- crimes in which idolaters indulge; and because they success. With small earthly helps, in the midst of been preserved; that our educational efforts have sence as from the more open and recognized haunts who are conversant with them dare not speak of them,

been exclusive, but moderate in their demands, never or their tendency to promote a taste for frivolity. Scriptures of truth disposed to magnify their cherished objects to the and dispel serious thought and feeling, -if the essenneglect of others; but to regard their plans as tially corrupting influence now charged upon promis- of persons every day, and the thought constantly

theological seminary, a college, an academy, or dis- amusements, of which it is not too much to say they insulted. trict school. The history of the ministry proves are not needful to the development of the mental or It must not be forgotten that the heathen have a that it is not. Circumstances do not always allow physical character, while they may sow the seeds of conscience which reproves them for the vices in which

the back woods, on the farm, in the mill, and in the that fact should be made certain before it is per- Jesus. shop, without school advantages, for governors, sena- mitted. And even then we think that Christian tors, presidents; and when they honor their work parents, with all the facilities for interesting and inputting men under similar circumstances into the day, may, without difficulty, find for them amusegospel ministry, and it is not for us to gainsay it. ments equally attractive and far more consonant We do not insist that in future all candidates for with the solemn ends of human life, and its relations

WORSHIP.

so much consequence when, or how, or where they | ticipated mission, and according to appointment prowere obtained. The requisite qualifications are not | ceeded to this place, where I met Elder Taylor and a for the influence of circumstances. At the time our possessed without mental discipline and study. The number of friends, who gave me a hearty welcome. great advantage of books, teachers, schools, is that The church in Beaver Harbor was organized by Bro. they enable the student, as a rule, to make more Taylor, whose labors, as you know, were much blessrapid progress, and secure a more symmetrical and ed, both here and on the Islands of Campo Bello and thorough discipline and development than he could Grand Manan. During his eight years' labor in this otherwise obtain. Those positions are too obvious, County, he has greatly endeared himself to many and too amply attested by experience to require aug- friends. Our people here have just completed a handmentation. Time is precious, the wants of the world some little chapel, with a neat tower. It is capable are pressing, and it become us to work with our of seating 150 persons, or more. It is pleasantly situated on a hill, by a grove of trees, and can be seen Little countenance should be given to a young for miles out at sea, guiding to a haroor of temporary man proposing to enter the gospel ministry, who re- rest, as well as pointing to a harbor of eternal rest ases or neglects to avail himself of the best facilities beyond the storms and tempests of this life. As it Progress of Christianity in Madagascar.—The our dead heroes who had fallen in defence of their within his reach for obtaining the necessary qualifi- was to be dedicated last Sabbath, a number of our adherents to the cause of Christ in Madagascar concations. Ordaining and licensing bodies, ministers, friends, with Bro. G. McDonald, licentiate, and Elder tinue to increase, but the idols receive from the Christians, especially the candidate himself-all have Barnes, came over from Grand Manan, and also Queen increasing public recognition and homage. a high responsibility in this matter. Great as is the another vessel freighted with church members from Among the people, on the other hand, they are remoral and spiritual destitution, and the demand for Campo Bello, among whom was Elder Babcock. On garded with growing indifference. There are rumors laborers, no excuse is thereby furnished for neglect the evening of their arrival there was a public meet- of a change in the Government, the Prime Minister of the requisite means of preparation, but the opposite. ing, in which I endeavored to preach the word of life. (according to French accounts received through a The cause is not strengthened but weakened by The Sabbath was a bright and beautiful day, and a French channel) having been dismissed, on account, inducted into the sacred office incompetent, inefficient large concourse of people assembled at an early hour. it is said, of his insolent bearing towards his colmen. Said an experienced clergyman of another I could not but notice their apparent intelligence and leagues and the Queen, when under the influence of denomination: "We have nominally ministers respectability. An appropriate hymn was given out habitual intemperance. His brother, the command- through a strong gate, then down a stairway of twen- cheap labor, as the French girls are as nimble with enough, and too many. They are always seeking by Bro. T., when the writer read the 6th chapter of er-in chief, has been appointed his successor; he is ty five or thirty feet, accompanied by a guide. Here their fingers as they are with their feet. She can replaces. I got a place for one such a while ago. A 2d Chron., and Brother Barnes offered prayer. Anoth- known to entertain more liberal views, in relation few months after he again applied to me for a place. er hymn was sung, and Elder Taylor preached an both to intercourse with foreigners and the improve-How is this, said I, I thought you were at B. He appropriate and timely sermon from Matt. xvi. 18. ment of the people, and the change, therefore, is likereplied, 'I dld engage there for a year, but before my It was a solemn and profitable season, and I cannot ly to advance the interests of the country. The intime was out the people offered to pay up for the better describe the feelings of the audience than by crease in the number of Christians is not confined to whole time, if I would leave.' Such men are only quoting Gen. xxviii. 17, "How dreadful is this place. the capital; it extends to the surrounding province, a borden to the cause and in the way of others." A This is none other than the house of God, and this is and the Betsileo country. From Fianarantsoa, a millike experience is realized in all denominations, and the gate of heaven." Prayer was offered by Elder itary station in that territory, eight days' journey to and room after room, sometimes as many as five sto. and there is also a saving in time of thirty days." we have our share of it. There are "places" enough, Babcock, when the Doxology was sung, and the be- the south, the brother of the governor and a number destitution vast, urgent calls for labor, yet numbers nediction pronounced by Elder Hopkins (Baptist), of the people waited on Mr. Ellis, to ask for a misare standing idle in the market, because no one The friends from the Islands remained until yester. Sionary. There are already at this place forty-six that not less than two hundred miles of these subteremploys them, and the sacred cause is thereby re- day, when all left but brethren Babcock and Mc- converts united in Christian fellowship, and more than ranean streets may be traced, and that six millions Mr. Brown, and several published documents, to show for examination, and a question of location should proached. If men are without either the heart or proached. If men are without either the heart or location and a question of location should proached. If men are without either the heart or location at present of a good two hundred attendants on public worship. The location should proached. If men are without either the heart or location should proached. If men are without either the heart or location should proached. If men are without either the heart or location should proached. If men are without either the heart or location should proached. 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Massu. which latter, the ruling tribe, the missionaries have every thing desirable cannot be always combined, upon those providentially disabled, to whom indeed A letter from Brother Babcock, written since the been chiefly in contact) are spoken of as a docide peo-

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tents:-1. Education for the Ministry; 2. The An- Twelfth-day, escaped from them, and getting to Port

The Prospectus of the 13th volume has been issued, and the publishers announce that the present cost of materials and the increased price of labor, have compelled them to change the terms. The price has been raised fifty cents, making the club rates one dollar and fifty cents per copy. At this advanced These are inquiries which, in substance, have been rate, it is still very low, and we can recommend it to ing are, 115 feet in length, 68 feet wide, and 42 feet several times recently proposed to us. It is alleged our friends as a valuable and cheap periodical. Fredancing as an amusement among Christian people, more than the year's subscription. We wish every practice should be set forth for the instruction and and read it. We will furnish it at \$1 currency for the South Sea Islands, during an address given by may increase at every decennial period for all times. warning of the young. A full consideration of this the next year. This will about cover cost and postsubject would require more space and time than we age in American money. It is necessary that sub- axes with which Mr. and Mrs. Gordon were killed by Parliament would sit annually some months.

(For the Religious Intelligencer.)

KARS, K. C., Nov. 29, 1864. DEAR BROTHER-Through your paper I wish to inform my friends of my whereabouts, and the reason regard as positively wrong, for the simplest of all I have not been able to attend my appointments. The General Association. Lord, in his great mercy, has visited the Church at Lake meeting house with some revival. I have bapconscious of those tendencies. But this is no proof I shall be free to leave I cannot tell, but will visit

Hoping to see a greater work accomplished, I depractised without a tendency to influence the sensual from the awful end of the wicked, yea, that I may passions. We were once made an involuntary spec- | see the slippery steps on which they stand, with flery tator of them while travelling in one of our elegant | billows rolling beneath them. My prayer is that God will give me a more earnest desire for the souls of the children of men, and that He will pour out His Spirit more fully on our churches throughout the Pro-

ROBERT DOBSON.

FOREIGN MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCE. THE GUILT OF HEATHENISM .- An English Mission ary in China, the Rev. F. Langhlan, writes to the London Missionary Herald, on the guilt of heathen-

there are many who are unwilling to believe the lost been appointed to go from house to house to read if not all the speeches made by the delegates. condition of heathen without the Gospel, or that they and explain the Word of God. One of them is sup-We need say nothing, then, about the evil effect of are exposed, and deservedly so, to those fearful judg-The pioneers of education among us have never | balls upon health, or their waste of valauable time, | ments denounced against idol-worshippers in the

times and circumstances. Had their successors to of the gospel and the salvation of souls. They have its moral character. If to this be added these last- in all human probability, but will go to deserved and the present day done as well, there would be little ever been the staunch friends of the ministry, the mentioned effects, all of which are undeniable and of eternal perdition. The impression left upon my churches, Home and Foreign Missions, freedom, grave importance, they surely put it beyond the pos- es in England, was, that the heathen were more to Coming down to a more recent period, when the temperance and other measures of improvement and sibility of question whether the indulgence is wrong, be pitied than blamed, I pity the heathen not less are we indebted for the position we occupy on these In respect to dancing in families and schools, or I have heard or read from universalists, and tendervarious subjects. Thus it should ever be. All good among children, we may freely admit that it is far less of heathendom increases with my knowledge of heathcauses have a common basis, arrive at common objectionable than that just described. But so far as en religion, life, and practices. When I was in Engultimate ends, and should be mutual helpers. \* \* it involves the intercourse of the two sexes, the prin- land, the first chapter of Romans sometimes stag-It remains, that we remark briefly on the course to ciple is not essentially different. It is for judicious gered me. It is more intelligible to me now. You be adopted in the future; and our limits require us parents to judge to what extent children can engage will, I know, excuse any liberty if I say, when speaking of heathenday, speak of its will. to confine ourselves chiefly to the subject of theolo; in parlor dances without approaching that dangerous it. It seems to me not simply the truest way, but giate education, and one Academy, then recently put gical education. And here we say with all the frank- ground. We fear it would be at an earlier age also the most powerful, inasmuch as a mind in harness, that it is not necessary for every one entering than many suspect. Whenever the practice falls mony with the law of God (and a Christian's is supthe gospel ministry to pursue a course of study in a short of that, it is to be classed with those other posed to be so) will be more moved and stimulated

they indulge, and the crimes they commit; that they of Providence, or to establish lines of distinction In a word, then, this is our test of dancing. As Their guilt should render our pity the more profound. or caste which He has not authorized. He makes commonly practised among adults, it is wrong, be- But our pity were misplaced if it lead us to palliate brave soldiers and skilful officers of men who cause it is of impure tendencies. If it be thought the enormity of their guilt, or to imagine any escape ed against idolatry, except through faith in Christ

Legge, who has been an English missionary at Hong Kong for twenty years, cook with him there in 1843, of spirits among 9,000 people was discovered at the If I am I should like to be corrected. three Chinese Christians. On the first day of the rate of five gallons each. The result was sickness, present year his church and their families numbered insanity, and crime to an extent that was absolutely three hundred souls, one of whom was one of the shocking. The inhabitants of London lay out annudecide in this matter, and a reasonable and consis- BEAVER HARBOR-OPENING OF PLACE OF original three, who greatly rejoiced at the progress of ally £3,000,000 sterling on spirits-that is at the the truth. Dr. L. says that had those in the depart- rate of a sovereign per head of the total population; The Home Mission Board has engaged Brother A. ment of Hwuychow been included, there would have while Glasgow spends £1,000,000 for the same purhall, with the exception of the central area, were Marsh to labor a few weeks under their direction, been two hundred more. Mr. Donald Matheson con- pose. Brother M. has commenced his labors, and forwards firms Dr. Legge's views, and says that thirty years ago there were but two or three native Christians in China, but they now number not less than 1,500. He mentions striking instances of the great success of lated by one of the speakers, which we find reported Lawrence remarked that Mr. Galt held out to Canathe native Christians in influencing their country- in the last issue of the New York (Baptist) Chronicle: da the prospect of manufacturing for us, and be the word of God is now finding its way in all direc- recently visited Washington on business with the tions in the interior, causing many interesting con- President, was, on leaving home, requested by a bour and coal are required. Canada has all these versions. The knowledge of the gospel is also wide- friend to ask Mr. Lincoln whether he loved Jesus. in abundance, or at her command, and a valuable ly spread by the patients who come under the treat- The business being completed, the question was ment of the Christian misssionaries in the five large kindly asked. The President buried his face in his hospitals, whose benefits reach about 100,000 patients handkerchief turned away and wept. He then turned, is one of her staple articles of export. Canada has annually. The Bible and tracts are thus circulated at and said; immense distances by patients who come from all parts of the empire, many of whom, after returning to their country homes, have induced their neighbors to turn from idols and serve the true God.

1862, and of our class of four the present year. has also been much strengthened and restored. nieces, a girl of about eight years of age, for a human can be obtained at publisher's prices.

sacrifice to their god, the Snake; strangled her, The October number of the Freewill Baptist flayed her, cut her up, cooked her, and then devoured number completes the 12th volume, and contains se- girl oi fourteen, stolen from the high road to Portveral articles of value. The following are the con- au-Prince, and destined for another similar feast on shot, and their dwellings have been burnt to the

> RELIGIOUS AND SECULAR MISCELLANY. The new Methodist chapel at Charlottetown, P. E. Island, was dedicated on the 13th ult. Rev. Dr. Ritchie preached from Zech. xii. 13. The collection subjects that absorb the most of the time of the taken up was £115. The dimensions of this build- gislature. The proposed House of Commons high to the eaves. The material is brick, made on the Island, and the trimmings of Nova Scotia free-

The Rev. Mr. Geddie, returned Missionary from him in the Baptist church, Halifax, showed the two come. It is, therefore, but fair to assume that the natives.

The N. Y. Evangelist thinks that not less than of the members, but I will venture to say, know 2,500 persons have been hopefully converted in the what we do of the extravagance of Canada, that several counties in New Hampshire during the last year. This is gathered from reports made at the Parliament, and it will no doubt be so ordained.

Twelve Protestant clergymen of the city of Kingston, Canada, impressed with the Sabbath desecration caused by Sunday funerals, have signed a paper after British Columbia and Vancouver's Island declaring their determination hereafter to abstain from attending them, unless in cases of necessity.

During the last ten years, notwithstanding the terrible Sepoy insurrection, the success of missions in things incident to similar bodies will be constant India has been more than doubled. According to arising to delay and protract the Session and add the most reliable accounts the number of converted Hindoos has increased from 112,000 to 213,000. The 648 native helpers have become nearly 2,000. Ordained pastors, once idolators, have risen from 48 to

Since the middle of July, Rev. S. H. Taylor has said in Conference, but I see by the published agbaptized in the First Colored Baptist church, Vicks- ment that provision is distinctly made for this serve burg, Miss., sixty-two, and thirty-six have joined by experience and by letter. The church now numbers over 250 members.

A few years since, the education of high caste females was unknown in India. -Two years since, a a navy?" He says there is no such item provid school was opened at Madras with five high caste for. He is mistaken; girls, whose number had increased last year to seven- I have shown. There is no specific sum named language. There are several similar schools in India. Many educated Hindoos are now anxious that their main and leading ground urged for Confederation wives and daughters should receive the advantages of the necessity that there exists for military and naval education. At Nellore, two native Bible women have defence. This certainly was a salient point in most ported by the native church, partly by the produce | therefore to my mind clear (as the agreement proof cocoanut-trees dedicated for this purpose by the vides) and there will be a Navy and Standing Army; native Christians, every Christian householder having and the amount I have named-\$2,5000,000-10 is very oppressive. You see hundreds and thousands set apart a tree, the produce of which is sold once a it would be in Confederation. month for the support of the Bible women.

REQUEST FOR PRAYER. - We clip the following from

seven Christians who have agreed to pray twice a day, penditure of the Federal Government. \$15,000,00 prayer-meeting at Glo'ster-hall, on the 22nd inst. Territories of the West." minutes, even at that carly hour.

Laughs at impossibilities, and cries, 'It shall be done.'" will use it for her own advantage, and if I am not Further particulars may be obtained of Mr. Saw- much mistaken, means for raising money under the

change for good in the constitution and government of the country has taken place than in Austria. It needle points to the pole, could this result take is the resurrection of a people. Constitutional ideas place. have made surprising progress in the court as well as the country, and religious liberty is, perhaps, even more fully secured than in Italy. The Protestants are making the best use of the liberty thus allowed ask the Secretary whether it is proposed to abolish them, and churches are rising up on every side.

In the parish of the lower Seine, the consumption The latter is my impression, but I may be mistaken.

At the Tenth Anniversary of the Massachusetts Sunday School Teachers' Convention held in Boston on the 18th ult., the following touching fact was re--A gentleman, known to the speaker, having asked:-

requested my countrymen to pray for me, I was not but, and other woods in abundance. She has 500 then a Christian. When my son died, the severest tanneries, with abundance of the finest bark, and trial of my life, I was not a Christian. But when I from her great agricultural position, hides and skins went to Gettysburg, and looked upon the graves of in abundance. country, I then and there consecrated myself to

Bishop Crowther, the new black Bishop of the Niger, has been received in Africa with much cordiality. He made an address to the pastors and people

persecutions of Nero and his successors. After going prayer day or night. Street after street was found, the Mississippi to New Orleans and thence by vessel, ries in height. A mile distant are the catacombs of He argued that owing to our distance from Canada,

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The Hon. A. J. Smith has published in the letter in answer to the Hon. S. L. Tilley's re-

his former one. The following most important tions of this letter we transfer to our columns . The Secretary's letter has not changed my My estimate, I still repeat, is low, and he has fail show the contrary. He takes exception to the amount, \$600,000 sumed by me as expences of the General Legisl

My firm conviction is that it will exceed this

Local bills and bills of a private nature, it is

occupy considerable time, but it is large and ge establishment of the union, is to consist of 194 bers. Now it is but reasonable to suppose the popular assembly, so large, will and must necess onsume much time in discussion, particularly there are conflicts arising out of local interests ealousies, as there most assuredly would be it House; besides the number is not limited to 198 scheme does not disclose what the salary of th vernor is to be, nor does it say what is to be the will be no small sum. It will be urged that the should be commensurate with the dignity of the g Conference, it would appear, thought it prude leave out these figures, and not to settle them Federation was acomplished. Think for a mon what the travelling expenses would be, particul brought in ! Imagine, too, what a business a se tiny would be in the "House of Commons," witnesses brought from Vancouver's Island and oth the general expense. I therefore think that I am b

fully examined the resolutions of the Conference, can see no such item as an Army and Navy vided for, nor was any thing said about it in Co rence. I of course do not know what was or was Among the powers conterred upon the General gislature, I find the following in paragraph 12 Militia, Military, and Naval Service, and Defend I would ask the Secretary what this means? De it or does it not mean that the Federal Governm ther from the public speeches of the delegates, the militia force is only auxiliary to a standing army.

ow the mark when I put down \$600,000.

The Secretary says in his letter that he has car

this service, is in my judgment infinitely below what The Secretary does not controvert my estimate for the canals of Upper Canada, I may therefore, I think, fairly assume that he admits its correctness. It appears somewhat strange that he did not mention it in Will all God's people who may read this unite with the estimate given by him of the contemplated ex-

morning and evening, during the ensuing week for is a large sum, and would seem to be worthy the sum of £1,000, to be sent before the 23rd Sep- notice. Nor does the Secretary notice the propose tember next, to clear off the debt upon a chapel in expenditure for opening up the Great West. Hor the centre of London, where the Lord has saved Mr. Brown in his speech at Toronto says-and many precious souls during the past twelve months, so says the agreement-" As soon as the state of the and the work is still going on? This petition was finances will permit, communication is to be opened laid upon the heart of one returning from the all-night up from the North West of Canada, into the great The rest agreed to pray. This was in the streets at Now, let me ask who is to determine when the "fi

six o'clock on the morning of the 23rd. Three got nances will permit," not us, because we only have 15 on their knees directly as they gained their houses, out of 194 members; not Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, and as an earnest £40 15s, was sent in less than ten | Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick, for they altogether, only have 47 in a House of 194. Canada Faith, mighty faith, the promise sees, and looks to that with her 147 members, will undoubtedly determine day, the minister, 6, Vernon-street, King's-cross road. power conferred for " the raising of money by all or There is no country in Europe where a greater any other modes or systems of taxation" will be ound, so that before long the " finances will permit," and this work will be undertaken. As surely as the

The stamp duties and the postal tax upon newspapers, are, every one will admit, a very obnoxious tax-these now exist in Canada. I would like to these as soon as Federation is completed, or will they

> [Condensed from the Presbyterian.] MR. LAWRENCE'S SPEECH.

On Tuesday evening Joseph W. Lawrence, Esq., of this city, addressed a public meeting in the Mechapretty closely filled, and even in it there were several rows of seats well filled. If there were less than 600 persons we are very much mistaken.

In arguing that New Brunswick would derive no

Who is right? To carry on manufacturing to adhome market at the very doors of her manufacturing over 300 factories for the construction of cars, carria-"When I left home to take this chair of State I ges, and agricultural implements; she has oak, wal-

Foreign Hides, sole, ..........26c. Domestic Hides, sole,........24 Domestic Calf Skins ...... ..70 pr. lb. pr. doz. 60

Boots and Shoes, same proportion. Canada has 132 woollen factories, the raw material costing them 37c. per lb., while our Mispeck factory pays 45c. Her tallow chandlers pay 5c. per fb. for tallow, ours pay 6c. The wholesale price of mould An American gentleman has lately visited some of candles at Toronto and Montreal is 10c, to 101 cents the subterranean cemeteries of Rome, where the early per lb. ; New Brunswick, 18 cents. Common soap, Christians buried their dead, during the times of the | which sells at 21 to 3 cents in Montreal, costs in St. John 41 cents per lb. Canada has a number of cotcandles were lighted, and he found himself at the en- ceive her supply of cotton from the Central Southern trance of the city of the dead. It is laid out in States at a lower price than it can be delivered at streets three or four ft, wide, with perpendicular walls either Lowell or St. John. In Hunt's Merchants' in which the dead are deposited, and the grave is Magazine, for June, 1861, it is stated, "That there closed up by masonry. Some of these streets are has been sent east to Boston, for some time past, very long, others shorter. Some rooms were found twenty car loads of cotton per day; the price for twenty feet square, being lighted by an opening in carrying it from Memphis to Boston is \$4.50 per bale the top, in which an hundred persons might meet for of 500 lbs. This is cheaper than it can be sent down

St. Sebastian, and four miles, in another direction, particularly as compared with Portland, or even Bos early Uhristians buried their dead in hope of a glo- tion, be a large expenditure for Canadian canals, and also for military and naval defence, and he held that Mr. Smith's estimates were far more reasonable than

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and we are to select according to the balance of essensuch remarks do not apply, but for the benefit of above, says: "We are enjoying some revival interest ple. Mr. Ellis has visited that part of their country, THE LONDON QUARTERLY for October is received. those of Mr. Tilley. According to Mr. Lawrence's The articles are: 1. Cochin China and Cambodia; estimates, the sum of \$15,489,412 will be rehere. Yesterday I baptized three persons, and I shall from which the deputation came, in order to ascertain 2. Workmen's Benefit Societies; 3. Rawdon Brown's could not be raised even if the Canadian torist were probably baptize again next Sabbath. Appearances if it would form a suitable spot for missionary ope- Venetian State Papers; 4. Dr. Wm. Smith's Dic- applied to all the Provinces. There would be a defitionary of the Bible; 5. Sanitary State of the Army clency of nearly six millions of dollars, and Mr. Law-We learn that some revival has been enjoyed Cannibalism at Hayri.—At Bizoton, about two. in India; 6. Life of Lockhart; 7. Photography; 8 rence, in describing how it should be dealt with, is pastor some time before his graduation. So it was at Queensbury, under the labors of Elders McMullin miles from Port-au-Prince, there resided two wretches, with our class of five of 1860, of our class of seven of and Curry. Six have been baptized. The Church a man and his woman, who stole one of their own British Quarterlies and Blackwood, of whom they Financiering celebrity, or the Finance Minister

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