wrapper, from the post-office; that he never al- by no means superseding the necessity of a careful lowed the sheet to be read by other members of application of revealed truth to our impressions. Perthe family, but after looking it through himself, sonal experience and observation confirm this view. would fold it up, lay it in a drawer and lock the The following circumstance will illustrate our present drawer securely. Being inquired of at one time subject: Aroused after midnight by a loud knocking, why he did not have a Universalist meeting in the village, he answered, in substance : "The people here are too wicked. They need to have eternal name of a pious female of our acquaintance was given punishment preached to them. If Universalism in response. Thinking that she bore a message from was taught them, I don't know what would become some person supposed to be dying, requiring our of them, they would be so utterly bad !"-Christ presence, we asked with some trepidation, " Is any says. "The tree is known by its fruit."- If the one sick ?" "No!" was the reply ; "but I have a doctrine of universal salvation tends to make bad message for you from the Lord." After our visitor \* men worse, can it be of God ?"-- Watchman and was admitted she proceeded to relate, in a very calm Reflector.

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#### SAINT JOHN, N. B., MARCH 25, 1864.

#### SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES." No. 2.

In a former article we referred to the importance passage were, "Thou art in the gall of bitterness," certain the mind of the Spirit. There is much mis. | ance? apprehension in many minds, we are persuaded, in consequence of the neglect of this very natural principle. Texts are brought forward to prove doctrines unquestionably scriptural, which have no reference to the doctrines in whose support they are introduced ; and as a matter of course, their tendency is to weaken the truth which is sought to be established. It is not objected that the words of scripture are used in the sense of accommodation; for instances of such a of him, resulting in typhoid fever, and finally produuse it is thought by many may be found in the scrip | cing death. To his widow-who is a sister in Christ, tures themselves; but we ought to be careful not to and also a relative, his worthy family, and aged mooffer them as proof passages. An example or two may set this thought in a clearer light. In the first sympathy. chapter of Isaiah the prophet represents Jebovah as head is sick, and the whole heart faint. From the sores : they have not been closed, neither bound up, in proof of man's native depravity-a doctrine which. by strangers in the presence of its owners-why should they be stricken any more? upon what part now ? As proof of depravity the passage is useless; although as a figurative mode of expressing that depravity it may be employed to good purpose. not, handle not." It is given as part of a parentheti. christian brother. cal clause, and although the precise reference may not be easily reached, it is very evident that the passage ought not to be adduced in proof of Total Abstinence, as if the apostle enjoined such abstinence by employing these words; and yet some advocates of Temperance actually regard this text as proof positive in favor of their principles. We need not say that we believe the Bible is our best weapon of defence against intemperance. This is not one of its shafts. however. As indicating an abhorrence of the traffic which entails so much misery upon the world, it may

that the raper was always brought to him in its into all truth," as affirmed of the Spirit, is a promise we put the usual inquiry, "Who is there?" The and interesting manner, some exercises of mind

through which she had recently passed, concluding the whole with the joyful tidings that a wonderful outpouring of the Spirit was about to take place in our town, which would fill all our churches with one of them. She had been divinely impelled to come and tell us of this, that we might be prepared for it. She offered as proof of the propriety of this midnight with violence in the early part of the night, in answer ALL LETTERS FOR US, either on business connected to prayer. No such event as was predicted came to pass: and yet the visitor was honest and sincere. Many wonderful things are told of relief afforded Our terms of ADVANCE PAYMENT will in every case in fu- by opening the Bible fortuitously, and reading the passage which first meets the eye. This is not practice once very common. We do not deny the possibility of God's employing this method of comforting his children, but we do not know where the Scriptural warrant for such a practice is to be found; and we think its recognized use will lead to disastrous

> results. What is to hinder us from gathering false impressions? Suppose in the search for relief we come to the passage, "Thy sins are forgiven thee," would it be evidence that we were pardoned? If the

of an examination of the context in our efforts to as. &c., would it set aside all the evidence of his accept-

THE LATE MATTHEW McLEOD, ESQ. Our paper last week announced the unexpected demise of our dear friend and relative, Matthew Mc-Leod, Esq., of Studholm, King's County. This event forcibly reminds us of the uncertainty of life. He enjoyed, we learn, his usual good health until only a lew weeks before his death ; when disease laid hold

ther (now very ill we learn), we tender our chr

## THE RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCER.

#### REVIVAL AT HAVELOCK.

Salisbury, March 21st, 1864. DEAR BRO. McLEOD .- Since my last I have been holding a few meetings with the 1st F. C. Baptist Church, Havelock, King's Co., and the blessing of God has been manifested among the people. I have baptized nine, and fourteen have been added to the Church. We had some blessed meetings in which the power of God was signally displayed.

I had to leave on Friday last. It would appear as it the good work had but just commenced. My brother Samuel Downey, was with me a few days and rendered valuable assistance. He intends to remain and labour for a short time, and I have no doubt a number more will be baptized, as there are many seeking God sorrowing, and some who have found him to the wide is the prayer of your brother in Christ.

WM. DOWNEY.

THE REVIVAL AT OROMOCTO. - We learn that the work of revival is still progressing at both the North and South Branches of the Oromocto. On Sabbath latter place ; and on Monday five at the former. learn that in consequence of the failing health of Bro. J. the meetings would cease for a few days, to be resumed again soon, however.

Since writing the above, we learn that Brother J has gone home, but will return again in a few days.

REVIVAL AT RUSHAGONISH .- We are gratified to state that a very gracious work of revival is now in Protestantism .- Methodist progress in connection with the Free Baptist Church, at Rushagonish. About two weeks since Brother Arthur Marsh, Licentiate from the Fredericton Church, commenced a protracted effort by holding a series of meetings, and by assiduous household visitation. A thorough awakening has resulted ; the Church is beginning to take hold in earnest, and a public gave to the committee larger pecuniary help number of persons have already found peace in be than ever before, and besides the saving from temlieving. We spent last Sabbath with them by request, preached twice, and baptized six persons. In sent, and took part in a recent meeting, at which, the evening nearly thirty penitents came forward for though the attendance was smaller than usual, of prayer, and a number professed to have found peace those rescued the proportion to the numbers present before the meeting closed. Brother Marsh is still was greater than usual. It was indeed a solemn and labouring with much zeal and acceptance. We engaged to return on Thurday, but in consequence of - who had previously put into the hands of knots of the accident by fire to our premises referred to in outcasts, coming forth from the dancing saloon or another article, we are not quite certain that we shall public-houses, the loving invitation, in a sealed be able to fulfil our promise.

Baptist Church at Moncton has received a large But Christ like tenderness was there, and as they sat on to their numbers lately. Their new pastor, and listened to words of warning and love also, hearts the Rev. Mr. Corey, has baptized a number, and the grew soft, and tears flowed fast when mention was Mr. McLeod was universally respected. He was Rev. I. E. Bill, who visited them, also baptized on

Church, in the St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church, on Sabbath worning, March 6th. His subject was Communion of the Saints," based upon the clause the true ground of Christian union or fellowship: 1. That all Christians are one by faith in Christ Jesus; 2. They hold substantially the same truths; 3. They possess similarity of spiritual character; 4. munity of joys. His second point was how this fellowship of believers. His allusion to the prayer what certainly the majority have been-lazy, dirty, of the great Tholuck, in a meeting of clergymen of helpless, unhelpful, and good for nothing-droning last seven were baptized by Brother Johnson, at the several denominations at the house of Dr. Reed, of chants, devouring the substance that ought to feed Edinburg, a few years since : "O Lord, grant us a the working servants of God in this world. The new revival of the old faith !" was very impressive, very basis of their fraternisation is a fallacy. If a nly exceeded in touching pathos as in closing he | man desires to separate himself from the world to do described the communion of the saints in glory, and God's service and aid God's creatures, the thick and waxing warm, the tears filling his eyes, he exclaimed : | the middle of the worldly throng is the place for him. "And, oh! may I be there!" Such an act is a wor-There is the true retirement for a heart pure and Mr. Collins, an American citizen. By the completion this able minister of the New Testament. He has solitude or prayerful purpose and meditation, its thrown the weight of his ripest and deepest experi- energies are free to do those duties from which no ence into the scales for the closer outward union of class was created to be exempt. The proper convent

THE MIDNIGHT MOVEMENT IN LONDON.

The midnight movement has been a blessed history, which, if fully written, would fill the heart of every Christian reader with thankfulness and joy. W have watched its beginnings, and traced its gradual development. During the year 1863, the Christian poral ruin, the work of conversion has been very lecided, as well as extended. The writer was pretouching scene. While mighty London was going to rest, a few of Christ's servants, matrons and men

envelope-first sat down at the respective tables with the ninety young persons, who, bewildered by the MONCTON .- We learn from the Visitor that the povel scene of a large room lighted up, and a kindly welcome given, seemed at first to think it all a dream.

Such is this most notable measure-one by no MIC MAC MISSION SOCIETY .- The annual meeting means inferior in importance to the report of the com- of this society was held on Monday evening in Gra mission which Thomas Cromwell issued in England, ville street Chapel. The attendance was better than We have fellowship one with another"-1 John 1: and which Henry VIII. followed up by purging the usual. Dr. Avery presided. Devotional exercises land of all its monkish haunts and profligate nun- were conducted by Dr. Pryor. Mr. Farquhar, the neries. It is sometimes attempted to maintain that Secretary, read a most encouraging and interesti that report exaggerated the debauchery and corrup- report of last year's operations. The indefatiga tion existing in these unnatural societies; but state missionary, Mr. Rand, then addressed the me records show that crime, imposture, faction, and vice and was heard with breathless attention. Rev. M They possess community of interests, and, 5th, com- literally festered in many of them. In some active Maxwell moved a resolution expressive of confidence coining was found to be going on; for the grille shut in the work, and a determination to prosecute it with As my other appointments were pressing upon me, union might be promoted : 1. By avoiding bigotry out justice, but not avariance. Much of the same renewed vigor. This resolution was seconded on the one hand, and latitudinarianism on the other; nature will be discovered and proclaimed in Italy, Mr. Robson and passed unanimously. Rev. M 2. By recognizing and cultivating fellowship with when the serge frocks are doffed, and monks and McMurray moved a resolution to the effect that the rue piety wherever we see it; 3. By acquainting nuns get their liberty. What they have been and are missionary should be relieved from the work of col. ourselves more fully with the views and practical to that land, everybody knows who knows it through lecting. This most reasonable resolution was second workings of those who differ from us. These points its literature. Open Boccacio at any page; and if ded by Mr. Beckwith and passed. We trust it will were severally elaborated with great skill and force, the story be more than usually salacious, be sure the be promptly acted upon. Mr. Robert Murray mon with an array of scriptual and rational proof most hero is a monk. Talk with a Tuscan or Lombard a resolution nominating the office bearers of the Se couvincing and encouraging. It was a noble and peasant, and before very long a bitter proverb is sure ciety for the present year. The meeting was closed grateful sight to behold the venerable man, the Nes- to leap forth from his mouth with the monk for its with the benediction by Principal Ross. We trust joy of their heart. May the good work spread far and tor of the New-York pulpit, now nearly an octogen- butt. Human nature forbids that a congregation of that the friends and supporters of this mission will arian, thus standing forth in the pulpit of another lusty men and middle-aged women, living in seclusion, not be tardy in sending their contributions to the communion, between which and his own the peculiar should be what they profess to be. Some among Treasurer, the Secretary, or the missionary himself tenets of Calvin and Arminius once created such a them may live sincerely weary of life or ignorant of A great deal of time is wasted in the work of collee. breach, and advocating, by his teaching and example it; and some may really pass their time in good tion, and it is simple justice that the missionary not only the spiritual but the practical and open deeds and pious services. But the majority must be should be relieved from the burden.-Hal. Witnes The Railway News, an English paper, states that the British Government has "granted the conces sion of a right of way through British Columbia for an electric telegraph, to connect the existing United

States lines with those to be extended from Russia across Behring's Straits, a commission for the latter portion of this world-girdle telegraph having preof these lines communication between this country and America will be established, without encounter, ing the risks of a submarine cable across the Atlan or monastery, we say, is in the densest haunts of

misery and sorrow. There a pious soul may be at The District Court of the United States in New once alone and busy. But to further the domination York has decreed the restoration of the British bark f the Church these unnatural men-warrens and Saxon, captured by the Federal sloop of war Vander. bilt, to her owners. This decision will remove one ground of complaint of the English Government against the United States; but the charge against Lieutenant Donovan of the Vanderbilt for the murder of the mate of the Saxon, is not yet disposed of.

The London Post says " the foreign press persists and holier than those of ordinary men. It was a in calling the infant son of the Prince of Wales the theory which blasphemed nature, and has broken Duke of Cornwall. This is an utter mistake. His down everywhere in the vicious disregard of the vow Royal Highness's father, the prince, sits in the and calling professed. Passions and propensities are House of Lords as Duke of Cornwall-the Princeconquered by defeating daily temptations, and not by dom of Wales being in no shape a parliamentary

apon the industry and resources of Catholic countries, called by his Christian name, with the prefix of prince, has enveloped in its own unpopularity really useful until it may please the Crown to confer a peerage aic and religious confraternities of charity and upon him.

However, this bill promises to begin to do for Italy At her baptism, the Infanta, to whom the Queenof Spain has recently given birth, received the names of what Cromwell and his royal master happily effected or England. Introduced by a Minister of the Crown, number of names being, according to the Madrid and discussed in such a Chamber as the liberal spirit

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women-wairens were established; and it has been pretended that giving other people's money away. astead of earning some to give, and singing matins and vespers in chapel, instead of raising the perpeual anthem of a good life and the true music of an honest household, were methods of existence higher stting out of their way; and what is worst of all, title. his long lived sham, this holy humbug, this incubus The infant prince, after his christening, will be

touch, taste, nor handle the pernicious thing. We lose the meaning of some very significant portions of God's word by overlooking the context, and the loss of meaning is in many instances a loss of comfort .-- Promises are by this means divorced from exhortations, of which the following may be given as an example. In the epistle to the Philippians, occurs the following very important suggestion : " Be careful "-care-ful, full of care, that is, anxious-" for nothing : but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God?" But what a pity it is to separate this exhortation from the words which follow : " And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Jesus Christ." Taken as a whole we are encouraged to look for the peace of God-a peace which passes understanding--to keep the mind as well as the heart, through Christ, on what might be called three conditions : First, that we dismiss all anxiety ; secondly, that we take every thing to God in prayer; and thirdly, that we abound in thanks giving. This agrees with what is taught elsewhere. premises, from which we were so unceremoniously tion. namely, that the higher joys of christian experience are dependent upon a constant, believing reference to God: as, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee, because he trusteth in Thee ;"-and " He shall not be afraid of evil tidings ; his heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord." Another example of the importance of the context to give the rence until we were nearly home the next day; but ings until the whole country shall be blessed with still infests Italy. There is consternation among the meaning of the scripture is a passage in the second our family were hospitably entertained by our friends, revival interest. Yours in Christ, epistle to the Corinthians, iv. 17, 18, " For our light and everything done for them that was necessary affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory." The passage, as quoted, usually terminates here, but In connection with the above occurrence, we have its import is not fully reached until we read the fol- been made the recipient of an unexpected generosity lowing verse: "while we look not at the things which, in justice to our friends, we shall not let pass which are seen ; but at the things which are not seen ; without a public acknowledgment. On Tuesday for the things which are seen are temporal, but the afternoon, Thomas Temple, Esq., and Miss Eliza things which are not seen are eternal." It is while Atherton, called upon us with eighty one dollars, for

not be amiss perhaps to say that we will neither

saying to Israel, "Why should ye be stricken any several times elected to represent his native County several Sabbaths. more ? ye will revolt more and more: the whole in the Legislature, and, we believe we speak truly, when we say that no man in the House was more sole of the foot even unto the head there is no sound. highly estcemed for integrity by all parties in poliness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrifying tics than he. At the last election he did not offer as a candidate. Although from early life a subject of neither mollified with ointment." This passage from religious feelings and experience, he did not publicly the words, "the whole head is sick," is often quoted profess his faith in Christ until about two years since, when he was baptized by Brother Hartley, during a alas! is true-but the context proves clearly that the revival in Studholm. We have no doubt but his faith reference is rather to Israel's desolate condition-the cheered him in his last days, and that he did not country desolate, the cities burned, the land devoured regret the decision he took to be for Christ. We in it, the good hand of God in influencing him to should they be stricken, for they were full of sores retire from political life. He is gone-suddenly and unexpectedly removed from his family and friends : may the God of all grace sanctify it to those who Again, in the epistle to the Colossians, chapter se- our circumstances this week do not allow us to give cond, twenty-first verse, we read "Touch not, taste a more lengthy notice of our lamented friend and two years ago, he gave himself fully to God and His in the neighbourhood of the Haymarket.

#### FIRE! THANKS-UNEXPECTED GENERO-SITY.

Many of our friends will have learned before they see this, by paragraphs which have appeared in some of the Fredericton papers, of the damage which occurred to our residence on Sunday last by fire. We were absent from the city at the time, and Mrs. Mc-Leod and family, except two children, were at meetng. About half past 3 o'clock, P. M., George A. Perley, Esq., who was passing near, observed an unusual smoke issuing from the house, and on entering found that fire existed between the chamber floor and ceiling below, near where the stove pipe entered the chimney. After a quick but unavailing attempt to extingaish it, he gave the alarm, and proceeded at once to remove our effects. To Mr. Perley we are ndebted for the safety of our Library, consisting of four or five hundred volumes, with book cases, maps, &c., and we find on examination that they must have his funeral was the largest ever held in King's County, tion. The example and success of London efforts been removed with much care, as but little damage was done to them. Other gentleman were early on the spot, and rendered efficient aid in removing the forniture, while the fire companies succeeded in extinguishing the fire. Some articles of clothing hanging near where the fire burst out were destroyed, and County. May God comfort the hearts of his mourn- sive movement which shows very clearly its importsome damage of course occurred in the sudden removal of the furniture, but our wonder is, that a greater loss did not occur. The premises are owned by Mr. David Scott, and were insured. Our own property residence (also owned by Mr. Scott), was unoccupied, ejected, are repaired.

our thanks for the careful removal of our bocks, and there. also to a number of other friends, who aided in the The good word of grace on Grand Manan continues

several weeks past in connection with the Baptist There we found, to our great joy, a band of poor Church at Macnaquack, of which the Rev. G. Burn creatures, who after a night's reflection, came to is pastor. A considerable number have been bap- efter the happy "homes" connected with the movetized, and the work is still going forward. We learn tatle presents, and when they all knelt down with us, it is charactefized with great solemnity, and is affect- as we prayed with and for them, the tears fell fast, ing all ages.

For the Religious Intelligencer.

DEAR BRO. McLEOD-Your obituary list of last week's issue contained a notice of the death of your look back upon his history, and we can plainly see esteemed relative (cousin), Matthew McLeod, Esq., but also important statistics as to the results from well known to the public as the late M. P. P. for the beginning :-- "On a wretchedly wet and gloomy King's County. I deem it due to say of the deceased night, when tew persons would venture out, a few of that he was not only an honorable politician and an estimable gentleman, but that he was also an humble the power and promises of Jesus, they went out to survive, and who mourn his loss. We regret that and useful member of the church of Christ. During invit the poor wretched unfortunates on the streets the revival of religion in the Millstream Settlement to a comfortable, warm, and well-lighted restaurant,

cause. With many others at that time, I buried him tea, and affectionately spoken to respecting their He was just fifty years of age the day he was bapti- poor girls were rescued. zed. Never will that day be forgotten by many who February, 1860, forty meetings have been held, atwere present. When he came up out of the water tended by 20,000 poor girls, and 1500 at least have he fell upon his knees and most solemnly and ear- been rescued. Many of them are now occupying renestly prayed to God to keep him by his grace fron spectable situations; several have been married, and all sin, and never suffer him to say or do anything Since March, 1863, ten meetings have been held; two inconsistent with the profession he had then so pub- in garrison towns, Portsmonth and Woolwich ; one licly made. Little did we think his earthly pilgrim- at Southampton ; others at Ratcliffe Highway, Islingwould be short. His days here were but few. H: ton, City Road, Paddington, Red Lion Square, and was faithful in the prayer meetings, and took a deep two in the neighbourhood. The year, both on acinterest in the Sabbath school, of which he was the count of the number and character of those rescued. Superintendent. In his closing address to the school The evident influence of the effort has been great in last fall he said, in referring to the spring when the awaking other institutions, which aim at the same school would be re-opened -- " It is not very likely we end, to increase exertions, in many towns and cities

will all be present at that time." How true! He The writer, who is in the habit of visiting "towns has departed to be with Christ which is far better. and cities," fears that in some of them at least there He was buried on Sabbath, the 20th inst. It is said has been a decline of hope and effort in this directhere were one hundred and four carriages, many of from partial or temporary effort. Taken, however, which were double. The funeral sermon was preach- as a whole, Mr. Stabb is justified in saying of our ed by the writer; Elders Gunter, Wayman, and great towns that "some Christians have been induced Knollin were also present. He is deeply lamented, and will be much missed throughout the whole ing widow and children.

prosperity of Zion in connection with the church at Bald Hill Settlement. Elder McMullin has been lahad no insurance on it. Fortunately the adjoining bouring in that vicinity for two or three weeks, and the Lord has greatly blessed his efforts. I heard, a into which our furniture was removed the next day, few days since, that he had baptized seventeen, with still the motto of Italy; for she is moving on with a and where we shall reside for a few weeks until the the prospect of an extensive and powerful reforma- slow but steady step to the two-fold goal of geogra-

Elder Downey baptized five more at Rouse Settle-To George A. Perley, Esq., especially, we tender ment last week. The prospects are encouraging readers look a little South instead of North, and we

removal of other portions of our property, and having to spread. I learn that Bro. Barnes baptized eight a them safely housed. We did not hear of the occur- few days since. May the Lord multiply these bless-

G. A. HARTLEY.

nade of a "mother," and the "old house at home." ben came three addresses-all full of Christ and his alvation. Some were hardened and restless; others thoughtful and deeply moved. Next day we repaired MACNAQUACK .- A revival has been in progress for to Red Lion Square, to the office of the society.ment. The joy is pure and deep which such a specand I doubt not, were precious in the sight of God

and his angels Mr. John Stabb, the indefatigable promoter of this

blassed enterprise, has furnished me-expressly for the readers of the Messenger-the following notice the wo.kers connected with the Midnight Meeting movement met at its offices for prayer. Trusting in

with Christ in baptism, and gave him the right hand present and future prospects. The prayers of the of fellowship in behalf of the Free C. Baptist church. few disciples were heard and answered-thirteen

two in the neighbourhood. The year now nearly

are surely a rebuke to despondency, whether arising to hold midnight meetings, and thousands have been He concludes his communication in these words :- "There is one feature of this aggresance, that so many quite young and recently led Many of your readers will rejoice to hear of the astray, have listened to the advice given, and sought refuge in the 'homes' provided by friends."-British

### MONKS AND NUNS IN ITALY.

phical completion and internal development. The tirst may be attained sooner than many suspect; the hink we can direct their attention to something as well worth watching as the exploits of Germany against Denmark. The King's minister of Justice at urin has recently introduced a bill which has fallen shaven crowns, and gnashing of teeth in the couclave of cardinals; for the minister's measure aims at no-

of resuscitated Italy has sent up to Turin, it can journals, above eighty. hardly fail to pass into law It will ien deal with 382 convents and monasteries, and 84 religious orders-numbering, with mendicant friars, novices, lay members, monks, nuns, and all the varieties of black. ; since the amount proposed is liberal for a class which is not accustomed to luxury, and regards even | t pleasure, we should not be surprised to find forni-When we recal the immense benefit to England of ouses were closed, we can judge what Italy will gain by abolishing 2,382. One million and a half sterling

white, brown, and grey which make Italian streets hideous, about sixty or seventy thousand utterly idle citizens. Many of them will remain what they are ; their oath enjoins it, and their pension will permit soap as a vanity and vexation of spirit. But many, on the other hand, will give up the monastic life, when its dull security and serenity shall be taken away; and as they are to be restored to civil rights cation very generally exchanged for matrimony. King Henry's Act, although only 645 religious was thus restored to the service of the country, and among the lesser advantages of the suppression Unrist Church at Oxford was reared. The Italian gued strongly in its favor, again and again combatting Government, too, is doing what Bishop Latimer wisey advised ; it is retaining some of the places for colgiate, educational, and charitable centres. In every vay, therefore, we regard this measure with unconealed satisfaction. We do not forget that literaure found some, though an exaggerated, support in he cloister; and that Fra A gelico painted his divinely human Madonnas within the grille. But we weigh against the good men and women, and the good plausible, and the Provincial Secretary came to the to Italy of idleness and immorality-the filthy stories hey have pointed, the homes they have corrupted, he wealth they have wasted, the advancement they have checked, and the superstition they have laboriously fostered ; and we cannot spare them even a sigh, s we see the day approach which dooms them to be only historical. - Telegraph.

# THE NEWS.

### MARCH 25, 1864.

The Montreal Witness learns from gentlemen re urned from Washington that a very deep feeling o issatisfaction with Canada is entertained there, which will be likely to tell against us materially in egotiations concerning reciprocity, or anything else. This feeling is entertained not only by young and excitable politicians, but by old calm reflecting men, who are specially indignant at the vexations treatnent to which their Consul-General was subjected.

H. M. S. Styx, Com, Ward, returned to Halifax finally and in carnest, Mr. Monroe arguing in favor from sea on Sunday, after a cruise of 250 miles in of retaining the Intercolonial act upon the statute book search of the Italian frigate Re Galantuomo, report. until 1865. Mr. McPhelim followed in opposition to ed in a sinking condition. The Styx spoke a large the previous speaker, and in favor of Mr. Cudlip's number of vessels, one of which reported having resolution, as it was his opinion the North Shore had seen the frigate steering for St. Vincent, having ap- been deluded. Mr. Gray made a very pretty speech parently mastered the leak.

A stranger supposed to be Peter McEwen, a native of New Brunswick or Boston, was found dead in the woods, near Lunenburg, March 16th, when his body was brought to town, and after the inquest was held, decently buried the next day. He appeared to be about 50 years old. - Hal. Express.

urning at Stubbs' Hotel, has been discharged.

We learn from the Telegraph that on Monday C. W. Weldon, Esq., succeeded in obtaining a Judge s order for the release of Mr. Zachariah Tingley from | Dorchester Gaol, on his giving satisfactory bail.

The Miami left Halifax on Friday with the Chesapeake for Portland, Me. The Halifax Express says :

A notice from the Hon. James D. Halyburton, Judge of the District Court of the Confederate States of America, had been published in the Rich. expected, spoke out, and argued more that the Intermond Sentinel, Examiner and Enquirer, calling upon colonial railway act should never have existed, than the captors of the Chesapeake "to be and appear that recent circumstances have rendered its repeal before the said court to be held in the city of Rich | necessary, The hon, gentleman let loose considerab thing less than "the suppression of religious corpomond, in the said district, on the 22d day of March spleen against the Government, which did not by next, at 12 o'clock noon, if that shall be a day of any means serve to strengthen his position, or accomjurisdiction; otherwise on the next day of jurisdiction plash the object for which he contended. Previous thereafter; then and there to interpose a claim for to this an answer to a question from Mr. Cudlip, the the same and to make their allegation in that behalf. Provincial Secretary stated that the Government had ANOTHER MURDER CASE. - A man by the name of \$10,000 per mile to any company or companies, Gove, who has the reputation of being a desperado, which would construct railway lines to the Eastern got into an altercation about some property with two and Western frontiers, and branches to Fredericton, other men in Houlton, Maine, about ten days ago, St. Stephen, Woodstock, Miramichi, and the Albert and fired a pistol at both, but without injuring either. Mines. Mr. Ryan spoke against Mr. Cudip's The culprit took flight immediately after the perpe- resolution, and many others had their say. tration of the act, and was traced to the Madawaska but nothing new was brought out. In fact, the by the Sheriff of Bangor, Thomas Smith, who had question had been thoroughly sifted long ere it reached started in pursuit. At Little Falls he procured aid, this point, and as if by a pre-concerted plan, the Unief and following the scent, at last found Gove secreted Commissioner of the Board of Works cried "ques under some straw in a barn. In the struggle the tion !" when Mr. Fisher rose and stated that the Sheriff was so severely stabbed by repeated thrusts recent announcement of a new scheme on the part of from a knife in the hands of Gove, that he died in the Government had rendered an amendment of his fifteen minutes after. Gove was also wounded in two amendment to Mr. Cudlip's resolution necessary. H places, and now lies in a critical state at the house of therefore moved that the latter part of his motion be a settler in Maine, just across the river from Little expunged, and to take the question then. Mr. Kerr Falls. It is stated that Gove remarked when cap- objected to this, when Mr. Fisher said he would tured, that it was fortunate for his pursuers that they move that progress be reported. This would quash had crippled him, as otherwise he would have killed the whole matter, and prevent an expression of the whole party. He was armed with two revolvers opinion on the immediate question. So the opposition and a sharp double edged knife. He seems to be the said. The Government was now censured all round, party who has given so much trouble lately near condemned as having no fixed policy, having declared Calais, having taken to the woods and defied the law a day or two ago that they did not intend this season to otticers. -- Telegraph. bring in any measure relating to Western Extension, SAD END OF AN "HONOURABLE."- The Liverpool and now announcing the "bonus Bill." Recrimina-Mercury gives a melancholy account of the end of tion, charges and counter-charges, sharp language and the drunken and dissolute Hon. Jane Yelverton, alias confusion now followed, which was kept up till the Jenny Keele, by which name she was better known, day was well advanced. Mr. Fisher offered to withthe wildow of the Hon. Augustus Yelverton, brother draw his amendment altogether, if Mr. Codlip would of Lord Avonmore, and fellow uncle with that noble- withdraw nis. This the latter would not do. The man to the notorious Major Yelverton. Her body former then declared he would divide the House on was found lying in the gutter of a back slam in the motion to " report progress." Thus affairs con-Douglas, Isle of Man. Her husband died about two tinued for some time, when a motion to " report promonths ago. Such had been the habits of the gress and ask leave to sit again" was carried, and on wretched couple, that they had been committed to Saturday morning the whole matter was again opened prison fully 100 times as " drunk and disorderly." up, short speeches were made all round, and a lengthy At a coroner's inquest the verdict was " Death from one was made by Mr. Gillmor, at whose hands the "Government and the Provincial Secretary received a

Jovernmen THE LEGISLATURE OF NEW BRUNSWICK. point, and (From Correspondence of the Colonial Presbyterian.) sufficient a A bill w FREDERICTON, March 22. or three ti

A bill for the incorporation of a company which proposes to build a railway from Woodstock to Houl. ton, was under the consideration of the House. The most inveterate opposition was given to this bill by some St. John members, especially Messrs. Anglin and Skinner, because they saw the most dangerous results to the trade of the St. John river, arising out of railway communication between Bangor and the upper St. John. Some said that the whole thing was a "dodge" of some description, and that if the charter were granted, the railway would never be built. Mr. Cudlip was satisfied that the trade of St. John would be injured by the proposed undertaking, but could not on principle, legislate to prevent citizers investing their surplus means to the best advantage. Whatever may have been the intention of the movers of the bill, the Carleton county members arthe opposition of its enemies

At last the proper cord was touched, if this little line of railway were built to Houlton, the Americans would build a line from Houlton to Bangor, the city to which St. John was looking for connection by "western extension," and then would our American neighbours connect with a line from St. John at a point lower down the border. Never. This was eds of their houses, the execrable example afforded rescue, at whose request the obnoxious bill was laid over until the new scheme of the Government should be laid before the House.

Between the railway debates and the discussion on supply, a number of bills were introduced : among them one for the extension of Water street, St. John, to Reed's Point. A petition in favor of the same was also presented. Another petition against it was brought in by Mr. Cudlip. That everlasting claim of Mr. Foshay for extra work done on the Hampton Ferry Bridge, is again before the House. A bill, too, has been introduced by Mr. Cudlip to abolish the Provincial Board. It is not the hon. gentleman's intention to withdraw the agricultural grant altogether, but to abolish the Board, and distribute the sum now allowed to that body among the different county societies. A bill to aid constables in the discharge of their duties, the object of which is to secure the assistance of by-standers in making arrests, was adopted.

On Thursday last, St. Patrick's Day, the debate on Mr. Cudlip's resolution was resumed, Mr. Monroe leading off in opposition.

On Friday then the railway debate was gone into in favor of Western Extension, and the Intercolonia also. He threw some new light upon the subject and brought forth some new ideas. He thought that the fact of Nova Scotia having backed out of the scheme was a great boon to New Brunswick, as we could now make any arrangement with Canada that we pleased, irrespective of Nova Scotia. In this way Frederick Smith, charged with participating in the railway, instead of Halifax sharing that business St. John would be the great oceanic outlet for the with us. Canada, it was his opinion, would soon be compelled to sue for an arrangement of some kind

in the carrying out of the Intercolonial railway scheme, for there was every prospect that the Reciprocity Treaty would be abolished, as well as the transive privilege. Under these circumstances Canada would be completely closed in, the canals through the United States would be shut up to Canadian goods, and even a better arringement might be made by us with Lat Province than the present one. Mr. Anglin, as we

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we look at the things which are not seen, that is, at himself and a few other gentlemen, nearly all of whom eternal things, that our affliction is perceived in its are members of other congregations from ours. Miss true character, namely, as light and temporary (but Ather:on also presented us with thirty two dollars.

for a moment), for what is time to eternity ? the gift of a few other friends. These amounts, of Some passages of scripture acquire in course of themselves, particularly at this time, are gratefully time, and through frequent use for specific purposes, received, but the feeling of good will and friendship a meaning which can hardly be brought within the toward us, which they manifest, are far more highly compass of the words, as employed by the sacred prized than the gold itself. We recognize in it God's writer. For example, "Where the spirit of the Lord care, and have a fresh evidence that the hearts of is there is liberty" (2. Cor. iii. 17), is often quoted to men are in his hand, and he turneth them at his will. intimate that an opportunity is afforded to any one Our prayer is that He may reward the generosity of present to give utterance to his thoughts ; in a word, the donors not merely with earthly benefits, but with he is at liberty to speak. Such an application of the rich supplies of his heavenly grace. Our residence priate to the opportunity to which we refer in meet. expected tokens of kindness and generosity from our tings for prayer and conference; and such exercises people, and also from others. May God ever endow are conducive to edification; but the context refers us with a heart of humble thankfulness to Him, and to liberty in a sense very different from this; and it commendable gratitude to our friends.

#### would be hard to show that the apostle intended to include this thought in his statement of an important Mr. Samuel Morly, the wealthy Nonconformist, general truth. proposes to give one-third of the cost of twelve Dis

The advantage of a constant examination of the senting places of worship, each to accommodate 500 important as tending to preserve us from confound. ing mental impressions with spiritual influences. way for permanent buildings,

The possession of the grace of God does not of itself The Cotton Factory of Messrs. W. PARES & Son is The tenth of the series of sermons was preached by employment in religious ways, and for the foundation preserve us from mistakes. "He will guide you curning out from 5,000 to 6,000 yards weekly .- Pres. the Rev. Dr. Spring, of the Brick Presbyterian of institutions really useful for charity and piety.

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## CHRISTIAN UNION IN NEW YORK

rations, and the revised administration of ecclesiasti-"cal revenues." He proposes to the Chamber the abolition of all the houses of the "religious" orders, For some months there has been a movement in of the regular and secular confraternities, and of the ur city looking to a more perfect visible union among | chapters of collegiate churches, except such as are so

the Christian churches. It has merged itself into an | connected with the national history that they are exassociation of ministers and laymen who are devot- cepted by royal decree as historical. Aboacies and ng themselves to the question of a closer fellowship benefices to which no cure of souls is attached, are Protestantism with commendable zeal. Unless to be done away with, and, in tine, all the "perpethis association, disappointed in its aim of bringing tual foundations" of an ecclesiastical character, along the differing denominations nearer together by a more with the semi-laic societies and succursals which outward expression of the unity of the faith, should come under the category of ecclesiastical. To mitiresolve itself into another and additional sect, then gate so sweeping a measure for these drones of the we cannot see how its efforts can do otherwise than hive, some very tair arrangements are attached to the ccomplish good. We sincerely trust that it will con- bill. Monks and laici whose houses are suppressed, fine itself to its primary object. Then we care not will receive a pension, varying from 600 to 300 lire how persistently they pursue their efforts. The for- each for the first, and from 500 to 150 for the last mation of another church, it matters not how broad class. Nuns are still permitted to reside in convents, the confession of faith may be, will not, we are sure, but their number must not be increased; and, as it quicken the existing churches in the direction of diminishes, the inmates of two or three numeries are inion, but rather repel them from each other by dis- to be drafted into one, and those thus vacated will be couraging the true friends of catholicity and confirm- closed and secularized. Collegiate canons, abbots, and ing bigots in their unreasonable, unscriptural, and beneficed priests, who have any religious function possible pretensions. attaching to their stipend, will receive an annual

Among other methods of effecting their object, pension corresponding to its importance; out archhese gentlemen have projected a course of sermons bishops, bishops, canons, and certain others will not passage is but a play upon words. It may be appro- in Fredericton has been repeatedly marked with un- by prominent clergymen of the several evangelical be touched at present by the measure. It seques churches in the different pulpits of the city. The trates all the property of the houses, orders, and arrangement studies to bring ministers before con- corporations thus to be suppressed, and constitutes gregations between whom and themselves there exist with them a "chest" for rational worship, under a he tewest points of unessential belief in common; Minister. Their chattels and moveable property, thus allowing those who are least accustomed to however, will pass to the Department of Public fellowship to speak face to face, and so the sooner | Charity-the Italian Poor-law Board-and the real secure the final purpose by causing the furthest ex- estates to the dominions of the kingdom. It is calcutremes to meet. Certainly, if the clergymen con- lated that the sum thus transferred from hands which senting to present their denominational views of the only use it for languid liturgies and intrigues against true idea of a visible church fellowship will deal Italy will amount to more than seventy-two million Scriptures is seen in many ways. Thus it is very persons, and to be at the expense of erecting six thoroughly and impartially with the subject, the hie; and as this is taken from lists furnished by the iron rooms in destitute localities, so as to prepare the public mind must receive much additional light upon religious houses, and not at all likely on that account the most perplexing and yet the most important pro- to be veracious, the Minister of Justice expects that