DEACONS.

The election of a deacon in our church has always

been an event of absorbing interest, from the fact

that so many individuals have invariably considered

themselves eligible to the office, their respective

am happy to state in proof of the good sense of our

thizing heart, and a firmness which is indomitable.

contrast with this, is the conduct of some of our

His home is adorned with lovely children, who rise

up and call him blessed, and who are bright examples

roughly appreciate their father's character, and enter

eartily into all his schemes of benevolence. Without

being what the world calls rich, he has a handsome

competency, and how well he uses it, those who know

him best can testify. Simplicity and economy mark

his household arrangements, that he may have where-

withal to clothe the naked and feed the hungry.

Spending but one dollar on himself where he dis-

burses three to charitable objects, he is one to whom

in the last day the Master with smiles will say,

DEACONS THAT ARE NOT DEACONS.

But I am compelled to turn from this character so

dle! and in his heart I doubt not he is sorry for all

described, can scarcely be exaggerated.

crack, if they let him in, I guess !"

as Deacons. - [ED. INTEL.]

beauty of the Christian religion.

wives agreeing with them perfectly on this point. I

boy takes about ten years to learn to read his own language in its ewn characters; but we have only to teach him our alphabet and he learns to read it in as fore I sit down, and that is Polynesia. We have lately printed 10,000 copies of the Word of God in the the money which we expended in sending them the Word which has made them holy and happy. There is not a house in Samoa where there is not a Bible, the Tahitian Scriptures. Have sent large supplies to "Raratonga," and "Mangaiw." We have printed the versy carefully excluded from its columns. Tongan Bible, a new edition of the Maori Scriptures for New Zealand. Then there is Savage Island. Ten We now respectfully appeal to our patrons and years ago they had not a written word in their lan- friends for their continued support. We tender them guge, and now 2,000 savages can read the Bible in their own tongue. Fifteen years ago no sailor or our sincere thanks for past favors and patronage. Our captain dare cast anchor in their waters, and now a paper has been welcomed to the firesides of families ship is welcome. The natives often when a ship is belonging to all the religious bodies in the Province. leaving call a special prayer meeting, and pray to the We have aimed to make it acceptable to all. We shall point to such triumphs as these which are brought continue to do so; and we trust that the numerous Lord for the safety of its crew. Can civilization about by God's Holy Word? But I have only been subscribers not belonging to our own body will concarrying you round the fringes of this great work. tinue to give us their support, and renew their sub-There is one lady I want to introduce you to. She scriptions as they expire. calls at the Bible Society's house and leaves some times £100. She has left £11,000. Her initials are "A. B. A." I am glad to tell you that this lady is still alive, and I was going to say that I hope she will live for ever. Her heart is in the right place. She has abundance of wealth, and she feels it to be

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ALL LETTERS FOR US, either on business connect with this Paper or otherwise, should hereafter be directed to It is no little gratification to us to know that hund- young church members now, who will descend to a

Religious Intelligencer.

THE PAST AND FUTURE. READ! READ!! READ!!!

THE PAST. Two numbers more of this paper, after the present Intelligences that do not take any religious jour- Israelite indeed in whom there is no guile," it is this will be felt by those who will thus see that they are issue, and the twelfth volume (including the semi- nal ! Should not an effort be made by our ministers one. With a heart as large as the world itself, he withholding their duty. In my congregation, we monthly one of the first year) will be completed. Just and others to put our paper into all of those house lives only to do good. He may and probably has publish the names of all—those who pay, and those of Christ will give an account of their stewardships twelve years ago, and, without capital, without a sub- holds? Do we ask too much, when we say, -should had deep spiritual conflicts, but they have left no scriber, without a single promise of support, but not each minister himself be a subscriber, and endea- trace behind them, and it does not seem possible from with much fear and misgiving, we determined to com- vour to extend its circulation in the churches and his present appearance, that the old serpent ever and do not, are reported as defaulters. In fact, we mence the publication of the Religious Intelligen- communities which he visits? A small effort on the got far enough into his heart to render a battle with give to our people a full and fair and honest balance CFE. It was not a sudden conception, hastily engaged part of the right persons would greatly add to our him necessary. This remarkable brother, I think I in without due thought and reflection; it was the subscription list, and benefit the very people and may safely say, is as nearly perfect as it is possible in St. John were startled by some of my statements, result of long and prayerful consideration, and of a cause for the prosperity of which they profess to for any of earthly mould to be. His excellent judg- and said they did not know things were so. If you deep and abiding conviction that it was the path of labour. duty. Some of our own personal friends were startled BRETHREN-SISTERS-one and all-can you not do Widows and orphans turn to him for protection, and good folk from the sin of ignorance, and show them at the sight of our first number, and wondered at our something to increase the circulation of the INTELLE- "those who have no helper but God" safely trust in tation is required. presumption in supposing it could find sufficient pub- GENCER among FREE BAPTISTS? Have you no duty him. lic favor to sustain it. Not a few of our brethren in in relation to this matter? Ask yourselves the the religious body to which we belong regarded it as question as in the sight of God, and answer it as bea sad departure from the simplicity and spirituality tween Him and your own souls! of our early denominational experience and faith. The difficulties against which we had to contend, and the prejudice we had to meet in many of those whose judgment and counsel we respected, were by no means few nor feeble. We are certain that nothing but a thorough conviction that the work was of God, would have emboldened us to undertake the labor and responsibility of it, or to meet the strong prejudice which existed in many sincere minds against it. In originating the Religious Intelligences, simplicity of purpose was to us, unwittingly, a bulwark of defence. We had no guile in it; we had no sinister motives. With the same disposition, the same aim, and under the influence of the same spirit with which we entered the ministry, we also commenced the labors and responsibilities of editor; and He who opened the door for us in our ministerial capacity, disposed the public to favor our humble endeavors to do good in this way also; and in a few months the INTELLIGENCER had a larger circulation than any other religious journal in the Province. Such was the humble origin, and such the circumstances under which this paper was brought into existence. In its proprietorship and financial management, there have been several changes during its existence. With some of these we have been connected; with others of them we have had but little to do. Our editorial connection with it has never ceased. For twelve years, every week in succession, with but two exceptions. the columns of the Intelligences have contained a paid will expire in January. You will confer a great portion of our labor. For more than nine years its entire editorial management has been in our hands. possible During the last four years we have been sole proprietor and editor. The burden of its finances, and the responsibilities of editor, have both been upon us, without the aid or help of a single individual. During that period we have enlarged the paper to the size of the other religious journals, while the price of printing paper has increased to more than three times its former cost in American currency, and the Island, where he wrote his last report, on the 7th

what they william, lishing is now more than double what it formerly | " ... was. Under these circumstances, we have been com- has attended the Fourth and Fifth District Meetings, advance in the expense of publishing.

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swerved in any way from our original intention in its and commodious F. C. Baptist meeting house will be publication. No other journal in New Brunswick or completed by October next." With him we pray Nova Scotia professes to occupy the same ground that the new church may prosper. with us. The Religious Intelligences is an "evan- He has nothing especial to report from the field of gelical family newspaper," for all denominations. his present labours. He says: " At present things Such it has been-such IT WILL CONTINUE TO BE. The look dark ; but I hope in the Lord to see souls condesign with which it was founded has been strictly verted. Should there not be some interest here, I will adhered to, and no deviation therefrom will be soon go on down the Lake." I hope the visit of our allowed while we control its columns.

interesting than any former one. We shall endeavor the people where our missionaries labour will do what to exercise our best judgment in making religious they can towards their support. selections; and we intend giving occasionally on our The last we heard from Bro. Marsh, he had gone first page a SERMON by some distinguished and able from Beaver Harbor to Calais. So far his labors have his hand at pen and ink sketches of Elders, as well minister on some subject of Christian doctrine or been blessed in connection with his mission, and we practice, which we think will instruct and benefit our pray that the Lord may continue to pour out His Spireaders. We shall do this, partly, to meet a felt want | rit and save sinners. in many communities and families where our paper Those of our brethren and friends who have not goes, and who do not enjoy the regular ministry of paid their subscriptions to the Home Missionary Sothe word. Particular attention will also be paid in ciety, will please do so as so soon as they can. making selections for the young, in relation to having the matter both interesting and useful. We contemplate inserting occasional articles addressed to young | Carleton, Dec. 16, 1864.

Every Bible Society an wers, No! In Bengal we Christians, but which may be read with much profit have printed during the past ten years in 21 different by Christians of any age, from the pen of a pious "Somebody with two eyes" writes an article in dialects, nergy 2,000,000 copies of the Word of God!
About China I could say much, but there is one fact that I wish to tell you. We are now printing that I wish to tell you. We are now printing the New York Observer on "Our Deacons." It is suggestive, although we think the deacons he describes of both classes, are rather scarce. We shall this Province last winter, as deputy from the Irish Chinese Testaments in Roman characters: or spel- think it will prove acceptable and beneficial to our scribes of both classes, are rather scarce. We shall this Province last winter, as deputy from the Irish ling the sound of the Chinese word by our own let- readers, we shall transfer to our columns. To reli- set down the first two described as Model Deacons, ters. The advantage of this plan is this; a Chinese gious matters in our own Provinces we shall pay par- and the last two as deacons that are not deacons. ticular attention.

many weeks. I might speak two hours to you on Our Secular Department will always contain a speak to you of Finland, of Norway and Sweden, and synopsis of the current news, with impartial extracts Russia. I might tell you of the vast circulation of from speeches and addresses of public men on importhe Scriptures in every part of the earth; but there | tant subjects; and selections from contemporary pais one part of the world that I wish to mention be- pers on matters of public interest. When we think it necessary to give our own views on current sub-Samoan language, and they have already sent us jects, we shall not fail to do so. The Religious Inback a large donation. These poor Islanders do not TELLIGENCER will generally contain whatever news of ask you to give them the Bible; they have sent all interest or importance is found in the daily or weekly secular papers.

In short, our paper will continue to be a Family and if you open those Bibles you will find that they Newspaper, always having a large variety of religious were all printed by the British and Foreign Bible and secular reading, news, &c., suitable for house-Society. We have lately printed a new edition of holds of all denominations, and with sectarian contro-

FREE BAPTISTS.

merely because we are one of their ministers; but it up in such a way that you felt he was every inch because the Religious Intelligences is the acknow- a man, and that his power of will was indeed remarkher privilege to give for the circulation of God's ledged organ of their body; and because in its co- able. "Years," said he, "after I had thrown away by their pastor, and by no means adequate to what umns alone are the interests of the denomination re- the noxious weed, I became aware what a slave I had ported. It is their only medium of communication been to it, by travelling a certain road, and coming hands. with the public, and alone is set for their defence. to a particular tree under which I recollected to have It is not devoted to one interest of the denomination smoked an unusually good cigar, and which I had vocacy of any measure; it is not influenced by par- like it came upon me with such power that I had to tiality or prejudice in its reference to persons or basten, and strive mightily against it, or it would have things; but aiming at the general good, it commends overcome me." Of such stuff should all soldiers in or condemns, as the interests of the cause may re- the Christian warfare be made. In what a striking

them from the first number; and who will not do sooner than go without them, spending far more in SAINT JOHN, N. B., DECEMBER 16, 1864. which each number brings them; but are especially But I would not have you think we have but one interested in that which relates to the labours of our | bright and shining light in our candlestick. There brethren, the state of our churches, and the condition | are at least two burning with a steady lustre, which | sums contributed by each to the support of their miof the denomination generally.

also of Free Baptist families that do not take the there lived a man who like Nathaniel of old is "an

To our numerous friends in Nova Scotia we tender our grateful thanks. The FREE BAPTISTS of that Province have patronized our paper nobly. To Elders Knowles and Western, among the ministers. we are especially under obligations. Several lay brethren who have acted as our agents have done us great favours. We respectfully solicit the continuance of the patronage we have heretofore enjoyed, and we trust some increase will be made to our list

Our terms, as all have been informed, have been increased to Two Dollars a year. This was from necessity and not from choice. Taking the cost of publishing into consideration, the price is still as low as ever it was. The increase is but a trifle to each of our subscribers, but the aggregate will be an important sum to us. We trust that but few will withdraw their patronage because of the change in the

credit. Payment in advance is an important matter to us, and we are quite sure is much more satisfactory

Subscribers and friends, we solicit the continuance of your patronage. The period for which many have favour by renewing your subscriptions as soon as

TERMS-TWO DOLLARS a year, IN ADVANCE. The motto of this paper is-" THAT GOD IN ALL THINGS MAY BE GLORIFIED THROUGH JESUS CHRIST."

For the Religious Intelligencer. MISSIONARY REPORT.

Our missionary, Elder Downey, is now at Cole's expenses of printing and presswork exceed double inst. Since his labours have been reported through the Intelligencer, sickness in his family has required him to he at or near home two or three weeks; he

pelled to raise the price of subscription, and to ask and spent some time at the Kinnear and Steeves' setour patrons and friends to assist us to meet the large | tlements, where he has organized a church of twentyeight members, as the fruit of the revival in connection with his labours there. Of the new church, he says: " It is formed of better material than I hoped On the first Friday in January (if the Lord will) to get into it. Some joined that I did not expect we shall issue the first Number of the THIRTEENTH would do so; others talk of uniting with us soon. VOLUME of this paper. It is needless for us to make | Some of those I baptized have moved away from the promises in relation to the future management and place, and will unite elsewhere. Only one of the character of it. The past is our guarantee for the thirty-three has united with any other denomination." future. We are not conscious of having as yet He has also "made arrangements by which a neat

brother may prove of great encouragement and bless-But we think we shall make the next volume more ing in that section of the country. It is hoped that ness respecting traits which greatly injure Christian

G. A. HARTLEY, Cor. Sec. Home Mission Society. A PRESBYTERIAN MINISTER ON MINISTE-RIAL SUPPORT.

General Assembly to the Presbyterian Churches in New Brunswick. We have been deeply interested in the perusal of Mr. Johnson's letter. On the subject of ministerial support he makes a strong argument. We were not aware before that the ministry of the Presbyterian Church in this Province was so poorly provided for. Mr. J. says : -

If the cause of Presbyterianism is to exist or ad vance in your Province, both the Church Courts and the laymen of the Church must do vastly more for church, however, that, as in Presidential campaigns, the ministry than they have yet done. It is not so in this, it is not always those persons whose wives either just or generous to let your present staff be concur with them in thinking they are of all men best starved as they are, and left to sink or swim as best they can; they deserve better, for their own and for ago, our church put a man in this responsible posi- they can, they will be surprised to find what they tion, reared in their midst, whom I am sure God ex- can effect, whilst they will be so much more likely pressly made for it. I am confident that any one to secure the sympathy and the support of their

who could have looked at him in his cradle would Visitation Presbyteries may, like anything else, of worship has been opened. As an illustration of what they had heard was all good," and, he added the scene of worship has been opened. As an illustration of worship has been opened. have seen deacon written as clearly upon his infantile | be permitted to lapse into mere formality; but if features, as apple is written upon the unfolding bud | they be effectually worked, they can and will accomof this tree. If there ever was a right man in the plish much. No minister likes to lodge a complaint right place it is this one, and how modestly he wears against his people for non support. But when the Presbytery comes, and calls for a full statement of his honors, many who look at his venerable face from the financial affairs of each congregation, and makes but well-meaning workman, who embraced the gos- the weed, he disliked the habit. None but those week to week in the sanctuary can well attest. He a minute of what is done, then the report will, or is possessed of excellent common sense, without should be, followed up by a visit of some other miwhich no character is symmetrical, and to this he nister and an elder, and the justice and necessity of adds remarkable judgment, great acutenesss of mind, is required. I do hope the various Presbyteries will which he shows most happily in commenting upon go to this work in thorough earnest, and deal with the Bible and all religious truths, a warm and sympa. the membership with fidelity and affection. If they do, I feel fully assured a brighter day will dawn on Being convinced in his younger days that he could will be cleared away from many of your ministerial disciples has grown into a large congregation." The A committee was appointed to take the matter in many a heart, and a dark and dismal background not conscientiously use tobacco to which he was ad- friends. I visited very few of your congregations Pope meanwhile, still retains the Jew Cohen in his hand, and as Mr. Freeze informs me that he has solved that £2,000 be Upon FREE BAPTISTS we have special claims. Not dicted, I have heard him describe his struggle to give who could not do much more for their ministers than what they are doing; whilst the contributions of too many who had themselves prospered in the world, were utterly unworthy of the labours honestly given the cause of Christ deserves and requires at their

The following suggestion relative to publishing the accounts of the church, including the sums contributto the exclusion of another; it is not local in its ad- never passed since. The hankering for another just ed by each is, we think, most excellent; and we should be glad to see the plan adopted by some of our churches. The cost of publishing these accounts for distribution among the members of the Church and congregation would be but trifling, and then the liberality of each would be seen. Such a course would do more towards correcting the inequality expenses, we may have some idea what this indulreds of our brethren of influence and intelligence grog shop, and be found handing change over its which now exists in giving, as well as in increasing gence costs us. What return do we get for all this after which, having passed a vote of thanks to the have been subscribers to our paper for years; many counter for segars by the side of the church, than any other course we outlay? None. What redeeming feature can we speaker, the audience dispersed, apparently well saknow of. In most churches, the large increase in the find in its use? Not one. without it. Its weekly visits they cannot dispense the course of a year for the gratification of this receipts by this plan, would much more than warwith. They love the rich freight of religious matter injurious habit than they give to convert the world. rant the expenditure in printing. Mr. Johntson says:

Printing with you is very cheap, and I think it would be a very good plan to publish a list of all the adherents in your several congregations, and the irradiates all the pathway around them. Let me in- nister. Let this printed report be put into the hands port a minister, taking their own word for it. I in-But we regret to state that there are yet hundreds troduce you at once to another model deacon. If of all your people. Each will then see what the other is doing. Honor will be given, or at least justice to those to whom it is due, and I hope shame noticed before the report is issued; the poor who are ment is proverbial, his benevolence inexhaustible. will adopt this system, you will at least save these where work is to be done, and where enlarged susten-

> We do especially commend the following paragraph on Christian liberality to our readers. We endorse it most heartily, and the excellent hit in the last senof all that Christians should be; having walked the tence, we hope will not miss those for whom it is innarrow path from their earliest youth. They tho- tended. He say's :-

I do hope that those whom God has blessed with more or less of wealth, will give as the Lord hath prospered them in this effort to establish the cause of Christ and our own apostolic Presbyterianism in the various districts of New Brunswick. The model to set distinctly and keep continually before them, is that of the Christian Church in its first and blessed days-" Then the disciples, every man according to his ability, determined to send relief unto the brethren," Acts xx . 29. This was the secret of the wondrous efforts of the early Church, and this is the mode of action which turned the world upside down. Well done, good and faithful servant: enter thou Oh, that God wou id, in mercy and love, supply the churches with the same spirit in this our own day. into the joy of thy Lord." Long may he live to bless with his example and prayers those who know and what might not the church of the precent day, with love him, and nobly to illustrate the power and the same effort, effect? This spirit shall yet be poured out upon us from on high; "then shall they offer bullocks upon thine altars." I will long to hear of your progress in this important work, and hope you will write me what you do, and how you get on. delightful, to view another, affording a contrast suffi- You have men amo agst you who are able, and men ciently striking to be painful. A third deacon there who are willing to vork and give. I hope they will is, who has the grace of modesty and humility left come generously ou t, and do now a work for their hurch which will live when they are dead, and We really cannot afford to send our paper out on out of his composition. He verily thinks he is the stand forth a fine me nument of their wealth and their tallest and most brilliant light in our candlestick, and | worth. Some men | ove to talk, some love to object; that he flashes his rays upon the entire church, so as some love, and seem to live to grumble; but commend completely to dazzle their eyes. In fact, I don't be- me to the men who love to give, and prove thus the

lieve he considers the sun anywhere, beside his can-

CHRISTIAN PROGRESS ABROAD. churches, of whatever name or denomination, which are deprived of the rays which emanate from such a France. - "I do be lieve," say the Paris correspon luminary as himself. Mistaken brother! If he dent of Christian Work, "that there are thousands could only listen for one half hour to the real opt- all over our country h ungering for the simple exponion of the church and the world upon him, would be sition of the gospel, and starving in the presence of be disabused of this idea! No, never! He is too tho- those who might feed them. There are multitudes roughly satisfied with all he says, all he gives, all he beneath the currents of Ultramontanism and infideldoes, all he thinks, and all he feels, to be shaken in ity who want to serve God, and who are feeling after this opinion. There is no work to which he does Him, if haply they may find him, only they cannot not consider himself competent, and which he is not endure the priestly bod y. Many go to mass, because ready to ascime, whether it belong to minister or they know no other way to express their wish to people; and from a lofty height he looks down pity- please God, but abstain from all other ordinances. I ingly upon the church and all mankind generally have lately met several such souls, and the zest with who are not gifted as he thinks he is. "Ipse dixit" which they grasp at the truth in Jesus is striking written upon his forehead, on the palms of his Take the following inc ident in the late travels of a hands, and upon all his garments; and as to the di- colporteur, as an example. One of these humble rection not to let your right hand know what your workers lost his way in a distant province, and at the left hand does, I think he has not come to that in end of a rocky path h ; heard the voice of an aged reading his Bible, or left his glasses off when he did shepherd. He soon je ined him, and asked his way. -so unsparingly does he blow his own trumpet. After gaining the information he needed, he inquired Though such an individual may be a worker in the of the old man whether he knew the way to heaven.

vineyard, the impression he makes upon the world, " . For ten years have I been seeking that way," and the injury to his influence by the taaits I have was his reply; 'for ten years I have asked all nature around me, my children, the priest who absolves me, I have but one other deacon of our church to dis- but always, always, I get vague answers, undecided pose of, and the subject is so very small, that it will ones, which leave me in despair more terrible than consume but a moment of time. I regret to say that death a thousand times ! Can it be possible I have some of the dealings of this individual in the com- found on earth one who can discover it to me? Do munity, have been such as to cause the blush of you know it? Say! say! Oh! how happy for me shame to rise to the cheeks of his lenow entirch mem-bers. Said a woman with regard to him who was if in my old age I could have the certainty of going the very important subject of Education. There is deranged, but whose original keenness of mind was up above the blue sky!'

bird's quill into a musquito's eye, and the musquito would'nt wink! La!" she continued, "they won't have to open the door of heaven but a precious little

us these things,' said the colporteur, at last. The I would not be unnecessarily censorious and unshepherd took it. charitable, but I speak the words of truth and sober-"But,' said the other, 'if your cure knows you District (taught by Mr. Joseph McLeod), and in the possess this book, will be not object, and dissuade

We should like "somebody with two eyes" to try you from reading it?" be able to make me forget the Saviour whom you have taught me to know, or throw aside the Book REVIVAL AT MIDDLELAND .- A good revival interest that tells of Him. Henceforth this New Testament exists in the F. C. Baptist Church at Middleland, shall be my companion to the end of my days.'

under the labors of Elder Perry. He has baptized . "Several Protestant churches have been opened

ingly pleasing and fraternal festival. Ten pastors of ultimately prevail, and I know no reason why not no ord begun by the lamen various denominations joined in the service."

also met with the most encouraging success, and in each election (in this County at least), but as soon many millions of our race the lowest districts of the great capital the gospel has the canvass is over, it is seldom mentioned till to been found the glad tidings of great joy.

pying that place in the public journals, and the should have a good, honest, system of education, and public thought and speech, which, a while back, one that would give us "equal rights," which was occupied by the question, purely political, be- something that we do not enjoy quite as fully now a tween the Pope and the King. The evange ist has we might, although New Brunswick is suposed to be Religious Intelligencer. now only to plant his foot in any place, and the a free country. country is being converted into a great spiritual they pledge themselves never to learn to use either conversion of his immediate relatives. One after evil effects produced by it. another, a wife, a brother, a sister, a sister-in-law, One of the chief motives of these meetings, how. to have broken out in M asylum, and the father is overwhelmed with grief.

THE TOBACCO NUISANCE.

MR. EDITOR-Is it any wonder that money is scarce, and that we hear constant complaints of "hard times" when there is imported, annually, into this little Province of about a quarter of a million in habitants, two hundred and forty thousand dollars are so very liberal that I can see nothing to prevent (\$240,000) worth of tobacco?

If to this there be added the loss of time, of health, together with the loss of property by fires caused by old and young. the use of tobacco, besides the other little incidental

Talk about Missionary and Bible Societies; talk about supporting the gospel at home; why sir, let us save but our tobacco money, and we will have an abundance for these purposes. I recently visited a locality, in which the people were too poor to supquired what amount they paid, annually, for tobacco; and, after calculation, was told at least two hunddollars (\$200). Look at the inconsistency of this. I should like to know how professed followers at the judgment, when they have spent more money for tobacco than they have for Christ and his cause? You may leave the tobacco devotees to settle this question between themselves and their own consci-

Not long since it fell to my lot to address a few words of advice to the pupils of one of our parish schools, and, among other matters, I called their attention to the growing habit of tobacco using, and expressed the hope, their teacher would draw up a RELIGIOUS AND SECULAR MISCELLANY pledge for all, both male and female, to sign, promising that they would never attempt the use of tobacco, as that paved the way for the use of ardent spirits. The teacher at once informed me that he had in a paper a pledge which he thought would suit, and he read, as

"We the undersigned, having resolved to volunteer in the temperance army, and become members of the Young Home Guard, do hereby declare our allegiance to temperance and purity, and promise faithfully that we will henceforth drink no intoxicating liquors as a beverage, that we will use no tobacco, and that we will not be guilty of profanity. May the Lord keep us faithful to this pledge."

A few weeks after I called again, to procure a copy of the pledge, and enquired of the teacher what he had done. "Done!" said he. "I placed a copy of the pledge in the hands of each of four of my boys, and sent them out as recruiting officers. I have not yet received their report," he continued, "but can call for it now, as all are present." He called for the reports, and they came in as follows: the first boy had obtained 45 pledges, the second 37, the third 34, and the last 24, making in all 140 in that one locality. Why Mr. Editor, if all our teachers would adopt a similar course, what an amount of good could be accompplished. Who is prepared to "go and do likewise." You will remember that I was present at your last General Conference, when the report on Sabbath Schools was under discussion, and although not a member, yet by permission, I called attention to this in the Roman Catholic Church. The writer is a sinvery subject, and then proposed to meet this growing | cere lover of the Church, its doctrines and order. pernicious habit in the Sabbath School. Get all the But his soul abhors the foul wickedness practised in children to sign a pledge never to touch tobacco, 'Touch not, taste not, handle not." The argument was, that nine cases out of ten began in youth from a false idea of what constitutes manliness; that we must correct such ill-founded notions; that by obtaining pledges in youth they would be more faithfully kept than those made in maturer years. I believe this is the only means left us to abate, or stay this mighty, and rapidly increasing curse upon the human family. Who among our teachers will give this matter a faithful trial, and state the result of said

EDUCATIONAL MATTERS. Upper Wicklow, Carleton County,

first report? Yours truly,

December 3d, 1864. Mr. Editor-Knowing that you are favorable to the educational interests of the Province, it may be interesting to you, as well as to some of your readers, to hear of some of the doings of Mr. Freeze, the tioners. very efficient Inspector of Schools for the Western District. I was much pleased to learn, a short time ago, that occasionally during his semi-annual tours he convenes public "school meetings," as he terms them, for the purpose of addressing the people on perhaps nothing of more importance to the human increased rather than diminished by it-"Do you see "The colporteur prea ched Christ to him, and every race, and which has a more direct bearing on the that man? You could blow his soul through a hum- word that fell was treasured up in the old man's happiness of all ranks, than education. Hence I believe the course taken by our Inspector to be a step ". Here is the Book that God has given to teach in the right direction; one that will doubtless be productive of incalculable benefit. On Tuesday last he inspected the school in this

tunately the weather was very unfavorable, and on otherwise have been. The meeting was organized by the selection of a Chairman, after which Mr. Freeze proceeded with his address, which was delithirteen, with the prospect of further accessions. lately; one at Beauchastel (Ardeche), another at things by which both teachers and parents might be and about 1,200 professed Christians. Heathen Bro. Perry has engaged with this church for a year, Lamastre (Ardeche), and another at Perigneux. The benefitted. I was much pleased to hear him speak worship is dying out in Rotumah. and is already enjoying a good season in his new pas- bathing establishment for the poor was opened at in favour of "direct taxation" for the support of Dr. Van Dyke, of the Syrian mission, announces Beuzeral, on the 12th of August; it was an exceed- schools. In my opinion it is the system that must the completed translation of the Bib.

as well as at some future time. The question is in hich has occupied sixtee The work among the rag-gatherers of Paris has variably brought forward and discussed on the eve application of this translation time arrives for another canvass, when the sar ITALY. - From Italy we hear that more and more ground is gone over again. Let some action be take the question between the gospel and the Pope is occu- in the matter, and it would not be long before

whole neighbourheod is in commotion. Their ene- Before closing, Mr. Freeze referred to the prevail the first of January. We mies are at work with unexampled activity. Excom- ing habit of using Tobacco. I suppose by what he munications, anathemas, furious invectives, are flying said that he does not like the practice very well. He and readers generally. thick about; everything indicates that the whole also introduced a pledge for the young, by which adapted to this office who get it. About forty years their works' sake. If people will only try to do what battle-field. At Bergamo the prests have publicly intoxicating liquors or tobacco. The tobacco using declared the excommuncation to the fourth generation portion of the audience received his remarks in th of all who go to hear the evangelist. Nevertheless, best humor imaginable; and one gentleman (an inventor the truth makes its own way. At Pavia a new place terate smoker), in speaking afterwards, remarks that THE GREAT FIRE AT the manner in which the work grows may be men- "the tobacco too." Of course he would not like to tioned that carried forward in the village of Peraz di publicly oppose a habit to which he was himself a distance of 20 or 30 mile San Martino, in the vicinity of Turin. "It was slave, but I am quite certain that, had he been candid ed particular attention a commenced by an humble instrument, an ignorant he would have acknowledged that, though he liked be quite near the spectat pel, and forthwith bestowed all his efforts on the who do use or have used the filthy weed know the land. Ninety-five build

were gained, in answer to prayer. A little reunion ever, is to impress on the minds of the people the for worship was begun in the family, and neighbours | importance of procuring a "District Library." On were invited. The thing was largely talked of in account of the small attendance on Tuesday even. efforts, by active and sp the neighbourhood, until the small band of fervent ing I am unable to know the result of the efforts, forth to relieve their necessary keeping, though the boy's mother is in a lunatic been very successful elsewhere, I think that they can to aid the sufferers, and with very little difficulty raise the desired funds, be raised by subscripti The terms offered by the Board of Education to those desirous of procuring a library are exceedingly libe- Portland, and placed in ral. When any District shall raise twenty dollars, son, to provide for the the Board shall give them ten, and in addition a map destitute of New Brunswick worth about six dollars.

All will admit that each District should have a Library, and the inducements held out by the Board every school district in the Province obtaining that which would undoubtedly be a great benefit to both

Mr. Freeze having concluded his address, the Chairman made some interesting and appropriate remarks, sfied with what they had heard, and fully repai for venturing out on so disagreeable an evening. Hoping you will pardon me for occupying so much

space in your valuable journal,

I remain yours, etc.,

REVIVAL.

Beaver Harbour, Dec. 12, 1864. DEAR BRO. McLEOD. - As revival news is always acceptable to the readers of your paper, I would just say, that the Lord has revived his work in this place, Since the dedication of the new meeting house, I have baptized eleven persons, and united them to the church; the work still goes on. The brethren and sisters are much encouraged, and we hope to see more good done yet, before we leave the place. Bro. Geo. McDonald, of Grand Manan, is with me now. His labors are useful and acceptable to the people.

F. BABCOCK.

In Utah, which claims a population of 100,000 people, with a metropolis (Salt Lake) containing some 20,000 people, there is not a single bookstore, and except a little wretched Mormon literature from the Deseret News office, almost no Work sold.

A slave woman fifteen years ago ran away from her master in Maryland, and came north to Hartford. A freedman, recently brought home from New Orleans by a Connecticut officer, on seeing the woman, discovered her to be his wife. They were re-married.

The Christian Intelligencer states that the Rev. Mr. Talmage, of Amoy, lately announced to a congregation in this country, to whom he was preaching, that the Consistory of a church in Amoy had recently suspended a member for worldliness, and asked the uestion whether that would be considered a disciplinable offence among the churches at home?

Rev. George W. Young, pastor of the First Baptist church, Zanesville, Ohio, died Nov. 13th. His death is said to have been caused by his accidentally swallowing a small piece of oystershell, which lodging in the bowels, produced great suffering and finally terminated his valuable life.

ANTI-ROMAN CATHOLIC NOVELS .- Two novels have lately appeared in France producing a tremendous excitement. They are written by a Romish priest, who has thus far eluded the most active efforts for his detection. The novels are aimed at the corruptions, the horrid abuses, the avarice and crime that abound her name and under her protection.

THE WHOLE BIBLE FOR SIXPENCE .-- It is stated that in England the Bible is now published and sold for sixpence sterling, or twelve cents, the New Testament for four cents, and the Gospels for two cents.

The anniversary of the Episcopal Foreign Missionary Society was held in Boston on the third week in October. Forty missionaries are supported by this Society abroad. Receipts for the year, \$31,088.

The gospel is now preached in Pekin, the capital of trial through the press? Let it be taken up in both the vast Chinese Empire, without let or hindrance. The harvest in China," writes a missionary of the American Board, "is drawing nigh. I think it may out of the trial. Good may. Who will give us the be said that hundreds are now uniting with the Christian Church each year." Forty members were received by the American Presbyterian Church at an out-station near Ninpo, during the last year; not one of whom receives any support from the mission. They have a native pastor, supported in part by the Church. In all, there are about two hundred members, two native pastors, and four licentiates or proba-

TEACHING CHILDREN TO PRAY .- It is said of that good old man, John Quincy Adams, that he never went to his rest at night until he had repeated the simple prayer learned in childhood-the familiar "Now I lay me down to sleep."

Is there not something inexpressibly touching in the thought that these words, breathed from the rosy lips of infancy, went with him away down through old age into the dark valley of death? Some people object to teaching children forms of prayer, lest the act become only a form. But did not Christ teach us to say, "Our Father?"

Rotumah, one of the Fiji Islands, has been visited evening held one of his "school meetings." Unfor- by Rev. J. Calvert, of the Wesleyan Mission. He found that the persecution from which the Christians "'Never,' said the shepherd; no priest will ever this account the attendance was smaller than it would there had greatly suffered had subsided. For five years the native church had been left wholly to its own resources, but the missionary found that the teachers had not been unmindful of their charge. vered in rather good style. He brought out many There are now eleven chapels in the island, besides points quite new to some, and there were many four houses used for worship; there are 280 members

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