verts. People throng to hear the gospel two or

and among them are two independent pastors, who

In Madagascar, Sunday is scrupulously observed

wherever the influence of Christianity has travelled.

churches built by the people since they renounced

are men of ability and eloquence, and the mission-

aries hear them preach with pleasure and profit.

One-fourth of their native ministers are foreign

gave an average of five and six dollars per member

In the city of Zacatecas, which has a population

of 30,000 souls, it is said the people are fully ripe

Mexico and at some other points, the Protestant

GIVING AND PRAYING.

They are very intimately connected. The follow-

ing is told by Mr. Spurgeon, of one of those good

old men, whose hearts are all alive in the gospel

work. It may perhaps be read with profit by a

brutish worldlings will decline it. If we are liberal

in serving the Lord's cause with our substance, we

JOINING THE PASTOR.

out its appropriateness to many people and places:

The following, from a centemporary, is not with-

We recently overheard a friend regretting that

are generally dressed in white.

the cause of benevolence

Christians are cruelly persecuted.

age on our whole issue!

intended for him to FREDERICTON.

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THE "OPEN DOOR" premium offer will hold good until the 1st of March. The many new subscribers we have received have encouraged u greatly; and to our friends who have so kindly interested themselves in the Intelligencer's behalf we tender again our thanks.

During the remainder of the month much more may be done. Shall we not have a general and generous response from all sections. Let the ministers, with all the brethren and sisters who are interested in the welfare of this paper go to work with a will, and a large number of new subscribers must necessarily be secured. Try it friends. Begin the work at once.

THE WAY IT IS DONE.

The Roman Catholic people of this Province, or any other place for that matter, if left to themselves are not averse to having their children taught something besides that which is imparted to them by ecclesiastical teachers. The priestly influence is into opposition to everything which is not strictly | pardon and peace. Papal—Papal at the sacrifice of everything else. A correspondent, writing from Rome to the New | Rev. G. A. Hartley, Corresponding Secretary Home Mis-York Observer, gives some account of schools there established for the training of the children in something beside the bigotry, heartlessness and Branch at the time stated. The month has been but his heart was there. His feet would have learn what is taught them. One case is given of once during the month past by the constant attend- in hand!" It was Father Sewell—an Israelite in- repealed. To repeal it is not the object of the adtwo children, who after a few days attendance ance of the friends of Christ amidst storms and deed—the very image of Old Honest in Bunyan's vocates of Separate Schools. The priests do not ceased to come. After several weeks absence they returned. It was thought necessary to hesitate anxious inquirers after salvation, about receiving them, and to enquire into the How many times we have felt that God by His | the deacons had brought all the plates into the table- object had in view is to so change the present noncause of their staying away. The mother was Spirit has been with us blessing and giving us pew. The pastor no sooner caught sight of his aged sectarian character of the bill, that the schools therefore sent for, and a vast deal of pleading was listened to before they were allowed to remain. "cleanses from all sin." I have baptized this month God's blessing on the proceedings of this evening." Among other things the teacher insisted upon twenty-five, and added twenty-six to the church. Father Sewell stood up, but he did not pray. He are not at all desirous of such change, the struggle knowing why they were removed. It was then ascertained that the father was much opposed to their removal, and that the mother was perfectly Still, there is now every appearance, that by con- with much perseverance "I am afraid," said the satisfied to have them at the school. Why then string were they kept away? Here is the explanation:

With much perseverance if an arraid, said the pastor, "that my brother did not understand me. and while I feel that I cannot consistently remain, if friend Sewel!, I did not ask you to give, but to taxed. What these people want to see is that if The mother was very sick, and, it was supposed, about to die. The priest was sent for, but he reter of the gospel to settle among them. Where is It would be hypocrisy to ask a blessing on that fused to give her absolution unless she promised to the man to come from? May the Lord give us which I did not think worth giving to." There public money instead of being appropriated to the take her children from the school. So the poor | more good ministers of Christ. woman, believing the priest, had to act against her own judgment and the will of her husband, for fear tainly is not very Christian. Just such influence the priesthood of to-day in this Province bring to collected on the North and South Branches, is bear upon their people; hence their opposition to \$131.16. the new school system. Their cry against the I can scarcely, in this report, express my thank- the Lord empty. To be allowed to give to the they are not one-third of the population. schools as being "godless" is the sheerest folly. They have not a very great reverence for the Bible. Whether the use of the Bible in schools is made | St. John, February 13, 1872, optional or imperative is the cause of their anxiety, though they profess to be very much shocked that "the Bible has been excluded from the schools by special act of Parliament." Every intelligent man knows that the Bible has not been excluded from the schools; and the only schools in which it will not be read will be those taught by Catholic teachers or under Catholic influence. Their trouble is that they are not allowed to teach the peculiar dogmas of their church. With any and every system that does not allow them liberty to do this at tians. Another, who was to have been one of the understand that he (possibly as often as she), had fullest license to propagate Papal monstrosities with money drawn from the people's pockets, will | departing to be forever with the Lord. quiet the clamorings which are now so loud.

For the Religious Intelligencer.

LAY PREACHING.

marks on the propriety of securing aid in advancing | works in all their habits and modes of life. the Gospel from the ranks of laymen. It is sad and much to be lamented, that in this and our sister objections to local preachers.

the Methodist church in England, and other countries. We could mention some good and excellent number, and only three pieces were of copper. Some which equally demand treatment? While we have men, whose services were highly appreciated by of the native ministers are profound scholars; others known many cases in which a young convert joined those among whom they labored in the capacity have a pioneer gift. Some of the ministers show the pastor instead of the church, we have known of local preachers; and who proved to be instrumental in the hand of God, of bringing many souls | which there is a record of 75 souls converted. into Christ. As you remarked, the field for chr tian work, is large; and we will not have to go very far to find plenty of work to do. How many places there are within ten miles of the city where Sah. London He is said to be as modest as he is gifted to be as modest as he is gifted to be the case. One peculiarity, however, is noticeand the said to be as modest as he is gifted to be the case. One peculiarity, however, is noticeand the said to be as modest as he is gifted to be as bath after Sabbath passes away without any ser- ascribing all his success to the grace of God. An vice? and the people have spent the day in idle- American Episcopal missionary lately heard him in ness and desecration. Not even will you find a he ever heard. The audience of 2,000 were spell-Sabbath School or a prayer meeting, from one bound while for nearly two hours he unfolded in year's end to another. Children are growing up in | comparative purity the doctrine of salvation by the growth of such by their example and negliversity. gence. Now, if some person, who was able to give a word of exhortation, or to explain the meaning of The work in Italy, under the care of the Southern the profound problem whether a knife is the same

POSTAGE .- To prevent any misunderstanding or ercising of their talents; and, every one whose difficulty, be it remembered, that no Post or Way Office heart has been changed, should feel in duty bound to keeper can collect any postage on the delivery of the be ready to work whenever any opportunity opens. INTELLIGENCER, as we have paid in advance the post- Which, then, is the greatest evil-to have the people of a viliage or a scattering settlement, to spend are two or three brethren who seem called to the the Sabbath in lounging about the houses, roaming | work of the ministry. Some of our Exchanges are addressed to St. | through the fields, or what is very frequently the John. The Editor's Office is in Fredericton, and case, playing ball out doors, and cards in doors ?--! Publishers will confer a favor by addressing papers or, to secure some one, as above described, to go | where tract distribution is vigorously pursued, In

and call them together, and talk to them about | the Vaudois valleys, 33 have recently been baptised; | men in every province of the Empire. their souls, and how Christ came into the world to save sinners? Which of these courses would be the Paris the meetings are well attended and the Sab- its size. Shopkeepers can all read and write and The Religious Intelligencer is published weekly, at | best ? and out of which would come the most good ? | bath school increasing, and a few anxious souls seek | keep accounts. The sons sons of well-to-do farmers Let the hearts of your readers answer. We do not wish to confer upon laymen the full and weighty responsibilities of the church-for we believe that these belong to the ordained man of God-but merely require proofs of fitness and competency Remittances may be sent to either Messrs. Barnes for the work, and then license them to preach, exhort, and teach the gospel of Christ; and also visit and selling of goods or provisions, even the water books the sick and afflicted whenever he can. In cases of for the use of the family is brought from the springs absence of a minister, and none near, they might | There are nine large chapels in the city, several of in China till within the last 2,000 years. be allowed to bury the dead, and for their services | which are provided with bells. The services last they will receive no salary, and their labors must about two hours, and are held in the morning and most perfect on earth. Their laws about succession be gratuitous; but, should their congregations see fit at any time to make them a donation, all well and good. If they work thus, they are chargeable to no man, and are of no burden to any district. 120 church edifices, built by themselves, The furnish. For lack of this their high moralities are There is another advantage, and that is this: if you have a staff of local preachers, you will have something to fall back upon to fill up your ranks of sided over by native pastors. They have also ministers, as one by one they pass away; or when schools, a College, a Theological Seminary and there is a demand for more laborers, you have a Female Academies. Some of the native preachers reserve from which you can select those to satisfy

> paper, and admire it more than any religious paper in the Lower Provinces. Long may it prosper, and bear precious seed, which shall hereafter bring forth abundant fruit to the honor and glory of God.

----, Feb., 1872.

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS. FREDERICTON.—The Lord has granted us some refreshing. Many hearts have been moved. Three converts have been baptized. Others are seeking that which makes them hesitate and draws them | the Saviour. O that they may believe, and have

HOME MISSION REPORT.

DEAR BROTHER, -As intimated in my last report, resumed my labors with the church at South superstition which has been taught by the Monks spent entirely with that church, with the exception carried him down to chapel two hours before, only be hoped that Protestant electors will see where by the "Christian Brothers" and "Sisters of Branch Church, and one meeting on the last Sab- cluded his business, off the old gentleman walked, fort to foist the burden of Separate Schools upon bath. The weather part of the time has been very saying to himself, "I'm afraid I shall be too late, the Province. It is well to bear in mind that there inclement. But we find that where there "is a but I shall at least see how they have got on. The are anxious to attend the new schools, and eagerly will there is a way," as has been proved more than Lord grant a blessing on the meeting and the work is scarcely a possibility of the School Law being snows. The house of God has resounded with the Pilgrim. There had been a meeting to raise money praises of the lovers of Jesus and the cries of the for home mission work, and the collection had just

many sonls. How many times we have rejoiced in friend than he said, "Our friend, Mr. Sewell, will shall be denominational rather than Provincial. the efficacy of Christ's blood-that blood that I am sure close the meeting by offering prayer for

to be done. Many souls are unsaved—many wan looking for something. He did not clasp his hands, case so that they may win the sympathy and sup-I feel sadly at the parting. The church at this place, and also at the North Branch, need a minisspeaker, "but I could not pray till I had given, but I could not pray till I had given, er than now, but probably heavier; and that the

meeting house, which is already up, and partly en- to the whole congregation such a sermon as they she would be sent to perdition. What does the closed. They need it very much. I am also hoping will not soon forget. reader think of that? It is very Papal, but it cer- that the friends at Hartt's Mills will erect a house of worship at that place. It is much needed.

> ulness to the people for their hearty co-operation and personal favors to me. May God bless them.

J. E. REUD.

INDIA. The gospel conquers men of all classes. A Hin. doo mendicant, or fakir, who had long sought salvation by heathen rites, has lately found it in Christ. In connection with the Arcot Mission, in September last, eight young men, students, were church. The complaint to which he gave utter- country to the furtherance of such selfish and unreceived into the church on profession of faith; ance is not without foundation. We have known holy ends. several of them were the children of native Chris- | many cases in which the young convert seemed to for him, and that he was joyful in the thought of | minister was the servant. And we have noticed

THE MISSIONARY WORLD.

the gospel receive it gladly. The gospel was first | to lapse into indifference, if not into immorality, preached among them in 1855, and the converts | All this is, of course, very much to be regretted.

In the island of Ceylon Christianity has taken a | treaty he has won to himself, he should take every strong hold of many large sections. Some villages | possible means to turn over to his church; or, bet At a recent meeting, on the collection-plate there own), much might be done to arrest and suppress it. were as many coins as persons present, 200 in But are there no other evils of a kindred nature, be left out in this case.

GREECE. Athens, and describes his discourse as the grandest

ITALY.

some simple passage, or to tell the story of Christ, Baptist Convention, continues to prosper, and en- knife after it has gradually acquired new blades will surely do, if indeed it has not already been up to follow the example. his life, death, and ascension, and the object of couraging reports come from the different stations. and a new handle. Still to them it was the same done. The better part of the United States press them, would not such a one be a blessing to those At Bari the meetings increase in interest, and church; for a church was not to them a body of treat the matter very calmly and fairly, admitting people and to himself? Would it not tend to the have been baptised. When the pastor is absent, the for the worship of God, and changing as its integral proper observance of the Sabbath; and who dares meetings are led by a government officer. A lawyer elements changed; but a deified concept which its pledge, and consequently that the British Govto deny the usefulness thereof, or m any wise place and a ex-Superior of a monastry are also active mem- had, in reality, no objective existence. boundary lines thereunto? There are men in every bers of the church. At Bologna the meetings are Plant half-a-dozen feeble churches between the What the result of the present difficulty will be is village, or near by, whose hearts have been changed from that of stone to from that of stone to that of flesh, and have been young men have recently been baptized, and the never join them. Transfer him to a distant city, opened to receive the divine blessing—yea, fully work is advancing. At Viterbo, a large town and ten to one he won't take a letter. He thinks scarcely possible that it should be so. England consecrated to God; men who possess talent and thirty miles from Rome, there is an important move- too much of the dear old church. If he does ask a and America cannot afford to meet in deadly array experience, to make them useful co-laborers with Christ's servants in this vineyard, if they were only into the harmonic of the harmonic opened a large of the harmonic of the harmonic opened a large of the difficulty and the latter and if the dear old church's is sensible enough not to talk him out of it, (as these dear old churches which converts are apt thus heartily to put into the harness, and set to work. Again, room for the same purpose. Hundreds of Bibles join are inclined to do), that is all he takes. He pray that a speedy solution of the difficulty may there are many, who, in addition to these, have had have been distributed, and a request for an evenge- can never, in all his wanderings, forget the flesh-pots be reached —a solution which will compromise the are about 4,000,000; while in all Western Europe repose or pleasure. Whoever stands at the Fifth good educational advantages, and are ready in speech, and, as the system of Free Schools grows of the gospel. There is a prospect of forming of the gospel. There is a prospect of forming of the gospel. There is a prospect of forming as may be to the Holy Land, ready to enter in and others, going for a ride, that its wanted as the five are not 100,000 of them. The statement avenue gate of Central Park of a Sunday afternoon, making the very most of the next best thing. It is advantages will tell upon the rising general persons of rank. A wide and effectual door has been opened for the preaching at the first advantages, to get the hear pot and the first a older, its advantages will tell upon the rising gen- a church shortly at Velletri, where the municipal demands that he settle down, with hearty and earneration; and there will be many on the farm, at authorities have twice placed their hall at the dis- est purpose, to Christian work, wherever God's pro- It is said that the best scholar in the University comes. In Palestine itself, however, they are few sideration, to so use the afternoon of the Lord's day. the forge, in the work shop—yea, in every vocation posal of the young Baptist evangelist. In Rome the vidence has placed him. He is never good for of Michigan is a girl, Miss White, of Kentucky, who and weak. There are colonies of them in Western On the Bowery and Third avenue there are five

pastors and churches, alike, should seek to eradicate A wonderful work of grace is said to have recently by inculcating broader and more generous views of taken place in Finland, and there are many con- denominational duty and responsibility.

three times a day. In the church at Jacobstadt ENCOURAGING FACTS CONCERNING CHINA. The London Missionary Chronicle enumerates the

following: -First, China possesses a written language through More laborers are needed in the vicinity of Lyons, which we may communicate our ideas to China

Second, Education prevails very extensively are now baptizing the members of their flocks. In Every village or town has schools in proportion to specia. instruction. The church have sent a con- and innkeepers, and many of the peasants who at ribution of 52 francs to the sufferers by the fire in tend markets, can read, though this is not true o

the mass of farm laborers. Third, Their Literature is all based on truth and moral maxims to which missionaries can refer with great power, even as we refer to the Bible. Fourth, The Chinese youth are indoctrinated in

Fifth, None of the Chinese classics encourag on Saturday, enough to last till Monday morning. idolatry. They denounce it. No idols were known Sixth, Their theory of government is among the afternoon. The people appear clean and neat, and the selection of the wise and the talented for rulers.

and their code of laws are all admirable. On the Sandwich Islands, there are 56 church But the great want is some vital and lofty princi organizations, in a population of 60,000, and about ple of action which their religious systems canno only theories while the life is vile. The body i idolatry are worth more than a quarter of a million there, the animating spirit is wanting. The temple of dollars. All but three of their churches are pre- of the King of Kings waits his occupation.

THE WESTMORLAND ELECTION.

which is to take place on the 24th inst., is causing considerable excitement, and a rather extensive Pardon us for trespassing upon your time and missionaries, and every church last year contributed newspaper battle is going on. The candidates are space. We are constant readers of your valuable to the missionary treasury. Some of the churches Messrs. Humphrey and Chapman. Both of these are conceded to be gentlemen of intelligence and standing in the County. If the contest were merely a personal one, it would perhaps make but little difference which gentleman was chosen to represent for a gospel harvest. The city of Cos has a stone the people. There is more at stake, however, church edifice, capable of accommodating 400 hear- hence the struggle for the mastery. Mr. Humers, and a Protestant church numbering 171 mem- phrey is in favor of Free non-sectarian schools, and bers—all converts from Romanism. In the city of Mr. Chapman is in favor of Separate Schools. The Freeman puts the matter distinctly when it says, "No Catholic in Westmorland, whether French or Irish, can conscientiously vote for Mr. Humphrey." Now why these conscientious scruples against votting for Mr. Humphrey? Simply because Mr. H. is opposed to the establishment of Separate Schools for Roman Catholics. The question could not be more clearly stated than in the above sentence from the Freeman, though we do not suppose that paper intended to put it in its true light. It is to forbade. As soon, however, as he had cop- they stand, and not lend their influence to an efcare to have the principle of the law disturbed. been made when the old gentleman entered, and They like the idea of taxation. The one and only And since the Protestant denominations, as such, As I stated in my last report, there is much yet did not shut his eyes, but on the contrary seemed is only made by the Papal body. They put their was not a bit of ostentation in the old man; it was real education of the youth of the country, will be During the coming summer, the North Branch his honest heart pouring out its true feelings, and, used to further sectarian ends. Experience goes to church, will, in all probability, finish their new odd as his behaviour seemed, his conduct preached show that when appropriations are made to denominations, the Roman Catholics always receive the Prayer unattended by effort is, before the Lord, lion's share. Of the amount which for some years as when the churl saith: "Be ye warmed and be has been voted as special grants to schools, the Receipts this month—\$37.45. The whole amount ollected on the North and South Branches, is been free in offering. Let none of us appear before the property of the population. Eternal God is an honour so great that none but If, then, the law should be changed, so as to make provision for Separate Schools, the presumption is, may expect him to grant the prayers in which we that they will continue to get more than the lion's ask him to establish the work of our hands upon us. share. And, when it is remembered, how they use money thus secured in teaching the dogmas of a Protestant Christians are cruelly persecuted. church, which, in constitution and practice, is thoroughly opposed to every form of civil government, and especially to the government under which we so happily live, it certainly becomes the gion, really join the pastor instead of joining the to prostitute one of the best laws ever given to the of the worthy people.

In the Westmorland election, they hope to gain the public expense they will be dissatisfied. Let number admitted, died of cholera before the day of entered into covenant with the minister who led strength by returning Mr. Chapman. Now, let it lished in 932 towns, with 47,240 scholars in attendthe people then remember that nothing short of the the reception; but expressed his simple faith in him to Christ and buried him with Christ in bap- be understood, that Mr. C. does not oppose taxation ance. Christian missionaries have caused the Jesus, affirmed that the world had no attractions tism, rather than with the church of which that for educational purposes. The only difference bethat in such cases, the young convert generally ran | tween him and Mr. Humphrey is this: Mr. Chap-The Santhals or Hill tribes, on the western fron- well, and worke I vigorously, so long as the eye of man believes in Separate Schools for Catholics suptier of Bengal, numbering about 200,000 persons, that particular pastor was upon him. With a ported out of the public chest; Mr. Humphrey believes like the Karens of Burmah, as soon as they hear | change in the pastoral relation he was pretty likely | the public funds, raised by taxing the people of every creed, should be devoted to the support of | Ministers of the Gospel are their servants as well as now number 800. They are distinguished by a Every pastor should be on his guard against suf-MR. EDITOR-We were delighted with your resimple faith, and by the change which religion fering himself to become surrounded by such adherents. Those whom by personal influence and en- tholics or any of the Protestant bodies want denominational schools, they should provide for their to realize that, with reference to the ever-pressing are to a large extent Christian. The public meet- ter still, to the church's true and ever living Head. support without aid from Government. Now, it is necessities of mission work, they carry "the Church's true and ever living Head. Province, Nova Scotia people have unreasonable ings are sometimes held from noon till evening, By a little attention to this evil on the part of pas- for the electors of Westmorland to say which gen- in their pockets. and the chapels, as a rule, are filled. The people | tors (who do not always, we are constrained to say, tleman holds the soundest, most common sense and They have not been taught to accept them as in manifested a considerable spirit of self-sacrifice. object to a following which is distinctively their liberal views, Personal and local preferences should

THE CLAIMS great ability to help themselves. One planned, cases equally numerous in which young converts submitted to the Board of Arbitration at Geneva | the 9th verse of the 111th Psalm. The middle erected and furnished a large building himself, in joined the church, Lut did not join the body of by the United States Government continue to ex-Christians with which that church was identified in faith and practice. For that church they were cite a good deal of interest and provoke considerwilling to labor and pray and give. In that church able newspaper discussion. The British Govern- chapter to read is the 29th chapter of the Acts of of that of 1870. The figures, taken from the official A popular Greek preacher, Mr. Latas, draws they took a degree of satisfaction which bordered ment and people are strong in their purpose not to the Apostles. The 19th chapter of 2d Kings statistics recently published in England, show this ment, they had little concern. Indeed, it seemed ericans. The English Press is unflinching in its utterly incomprehensible to some of them, how any opposition, and it is said that the feeling of the 11th chapter of St. John. The 8th, 15th, 21st and off of Irish and Scotch emigrants. During the year one could possibly interest himself in any other people is so strong that no Government could hope church than that church into which he was origito stand that would dare to submit to what is evinally baptized. That church they tacitly endowed with an individuality which was a mere figment of dently a piece of cool imposition on the part of the ignorance and wickedness; and parents fostering the growth of such by their example and negling the growth of such by the growth of such as a growth o deacons might give place to strangers, its member- withdrawal of the English representative from the ship might gradually be changed by death and en- arbitration unless the Americans strike out all forced absence, until its condition fairly suggested claims for indirect damages. This the Government ernment is only insisting upon what is just and fair.

of life, who would make useful men in this respect.

The lorge, in the work shop—yea, in every vocation meetings are well attended. Several more have been baptized, and the whole number in the city phrates. There are Jews in China, and in Cochin drinking, bowling, and for games of various kinds, an evil as joining the pastor; and an evil which averaging one hundred men.

Free Baptist Sabbath School, held a very pleasant Jews retain their traditions, customs, and hopes, Sociable in the vestry of the Church, on Thursday and though speaking nearly every language under the sun, are yet essentially one nation. evening last. The children and their friends were present in force, and evidently enjoyed the good connection with the Festival, and the church was priests who are tired of Ultramontanism. crowded in every part. The music was sweet, and the speeches by some of the ministers of this City, we should judge from one circumstance to be a were good and to the point. The whole affair pas- genuine work. One man told the minister that if sed off pleasantly, reflecting credit upon those who had the management. The cash result—about \$40 to be his duty, but went and did it. Such proofs -is to aid in paying for the refitting and furnish- of conversion are beyond gainsaying.

ing of the vestry. is in a very flourishing condition, more so than at any previous period. The attendance is large and increasing; the teachers are good and zealous; the Library is kept full of good books, and everything s done to make the school first class.

AN OUTSIDE OPINION OF THE SCHOOL LAW .-It is well to know in what estimation the Free vince. In addition to testimony heretofore given, we find the following in the Montreal Witness-one

of the best of Canadian papers :given for the religious instruction of the children to regular religious training. by those who may be appointed by their respective churches for that purpose. In this respect, indeed, it seems superior to the United States system, excelthan the statement that it encroaches on any one's eligious belief.

Went Visiting.—Letters go visiting sometimes. One mailed in Woodstock, for Fredericton, on the contributions amounted to \$2,450; other collec-29th January, did not reach the latter place til! February 7th. We had become somewhat anxious dentals to the amount of \$573 satisfied. The sysabout it, as it contained quite a sum of money. tem, says the writer, has merit in it, but it must be When it came to hand we discovered by the post- | worked patiently, faithfully, and regularly. marks, that it had been up to Florenceville. Such things we suppose, will occur sometimes in the best | the famons convent case lately tried in England. regulated offices; but it can be no harm to be a little more careful, as in this instance cited—the fessed that such had been the case, but excused direction was very plainly and distinctly written. herself by showing that it was a law of Conventual

REV. TIMOTHY HARLEY has resigned the pastorate of the Brussels Street Baptist Church, because of failing health. He has received a call to a church ordinary use is that of describing a cross upon the in Savannah, and will spend some time there to see floor with the tongue. I have seen this penance how it will agree with his health. If he does not performed through the length and breadth of the improve, he purposes returning to England.

new weekly journal, published in Toronto. It is an | visible. The natural moisture of the tongue being eight page paper, and the first number, which is of sores. The track begins to be red with blood; before us, is well filled with general reading of an but the cross must be completed. The blood flows interesting character, and a good selection of relig- copiously, but there is no pity, no respite; and long sous news. It will be especially devoted to the in- before the task is completed, the miserable sufferer terests of the Canada Presbyterian Church. It presents an appearance calculated to rouse the inought to be successful, and we hope it may.

Yen and Scissors.

After the German indemnity is paid France wil have the largest national debt of any country in the world, amounting in round numbers to \$4,500,000,-

their lives-more than eighty years-in the same | think of it with profit just now. house in which they were born, at Washington, N ., died recently, on the same day. Their funeral was attended by many friends and neighbors.

ninety-one years. This happy couple have lived together seventy-three years, and in the same neighorhood seventy-years, and have been worthy mempers of the Baptist Church sixty-three years. Dea. Ellis is now ninety-four years old, but his mental faculties are quite good, and his hope in the Redeemer unshaken. Mr. Ellis has sixty-four grandchildren, and forty-four great-grandchildren now living. The almond-tree shall flourish."

In the city of Zacatecas, Mexico, which has a opulation of 30,000 souls, it is said the people are fully ripe for a Gospel harvest. The city of Cos has a stone church edifice capable of accommodating 408 hearers, and a Protestant Church numberng 171 members-all converts from Romanism. In

most degraded and cruel of cannibals. Now there | us no little pain, on the other hand, we have found are 22,800 church members among them, 104,223 so much to encourage us, that we feel like thankattendants on public worship; schools are estab- | ing God and taking courage

LAYMEN'S OBLIGATIONS .- The Episcapalian, in

speaking of the Church, says: Laymen have something more than a mere incidental or accidental interest in the practical work of Christ's Church. Mission work is their work. duties without means, and the means can come only from the laity. The merchant, the banker, the capitalist and other men of business must endeavour drop down dead at once.

A Prisoner who was condemned to solitary confinement for life, obtained a copy of the Bible and ascertained the following facts, which are not uninteresting: The Bible contains 3,586,489 letters. 773,692 words, 31,173 verses, 1,189 chapters, and 66 books. The word " and" occurs 46,297 times the word " reverend " occurs but once, which is in of the 7th chapter of Ezra contains all the letters emigration from Liverpool to the United

sat, and people bowing down to pay homage to it. making eloquent speeches to assemblies of starving It was, in truth, a big joss-house; an idol shop, and peasantry to induce them to leave their homes. in Rome; but it was bad enough, and whatever labor would be among those already determined on might be said by those who turned to and professed crossing the Atlantic. An active agent, by mixing the Catholic faith, if they were not idolaters, there with the intending emigrants in Liverpool and were no idolaters on earth."

[And this is the kind of idolatry the Roman annually.—Tel. Catholics wish to have taught in the schools of this | SABBATH DESECRATION IN NEW YORK.-A cor-Province. Let the people make a note of it.]

most numerous in the northern part of Africa be- tinental ideas of the Sabbath into this city. The tween Morocco and Egypt. In the strip of Eu- churches are usually weil attended Sunday mornrope stretching from the Danube to the Baltic there | ing ; dinner comes, and the afternoon is given up to possess it whenever the summons they wait for years ago could not have been induced, or any con-China there are both white and black Jews-the with theatres, lager beer saloons, and gardens, and

SABBATH SCHOOL SOCIABLE.—The Fredericton latter being proselytes. In all their dispersion the

The movement in Spain for the organization of a National Evangelical Church has already enlisted things set before them. A Concert was given in the services and co-operation of one hundred

> There is a revival in Cold Spring, N. Y., which he was to be a Christian he must restore from \$500 to \$1,000 of unjust gains; and not only saw that

Mr. Spencer, from Manitoba, states that wild It may not be out of place to say, that the school strawberries, raspberries, grapes, plums and highbush cranberries grew in that province in great

IT HAS BEEN CLAIMED that the first Sunday School on this continent was established in 1811, in Brockville, Canada. The Philadelphia Directory of 1796 gives an account of three "First Day" or Sunday Schools which were opened in 1791-twenty years previous to the school in Canada. One of these chools was exclusively for girls, and the other for boys. They were intended "for the children of School System is held by those outside the Pro- the poorer part of the community who would otherwise have been running through the streets." Cleanliness was held next to godliness by the founders, who made it a stringent rule that "scholars should come clean to the schools." Secular educa-The New Brunswick law, we believe, is very tion was all that was at first attempted, reading carefully drawn, so as to secure the utmost respect and writing being taught, and these leading the for the right of conscience, and every facility is way to instruction of a higher kind, and gradually

THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM. - A correspondent of the Christian Union narrates a case of a church, that lent as that is; and nothing can be more untounded for years had been running behind in its salary to the preacher, the incidental fund, interest on a mortgage, etc. Through considerable opposition, the envelope system was inaugurated in January, 1871, and adhered to faithfully to December 31st, of the same year. In the twelve months the envelope tions, a concert, etc., \$823. The pastor was paid \$2,000 salary, \$700 of interest was met, and inci-

LICKING THE FLOOR .- Our readers know that in the young nun complained that she had been compelled to lick the floor. The mother Superior condiscipline. Here 13 a description of this "discipline." How would any of our young readers like to undergo the ordeal? An eye-witness writes :-"Perhaps the most cruel chastisement of all in

refectory, a large hall capable of seating two hundred people at tables placed in single rows by the sides of the walls. The tongue must leave The British American Protestant is the name of a along the entire surface, so that the cross is clearly exhausted, it is at last lacerated and made one mass dignation of every spectator not altogether brutalised by fanaticism."—Halifax Presbyterian Witness.

Because the Roman Catholics of New Brunswick cannot prostitute the public schools to the teaching of the dogmas which authorize such barbarisms as the above, they call themselves a very much abused people. Separate schools, as being struggled for by the Papists, mean nothing more nor less. Are Protestants willing to allow themselves to give 'Two brothers named Miller, who had lived all them aid? The electors of Westmorland might

RESULTS OF PASTORAL LABOR.—Rev. E. B. Synder, pastor of Trinity Methodist Episcopal An "old disciple," Mrs. Elizabeth, wife of Dea- Church, Indianapolis, in a quarterly report read at con Stephen Ellis, of Sumner, died Jan. 12, aged a recent love feast in his church, made the following statements:

My visits as a pastor, especially within the limits of our own membership, have developed some facts which it may not be inappropriate to state. 1. A. great lack of social intercourse among the members. Seventeen families complain that but few, and in some instances not one of the members have called on them socially, since they united with the Church. 2. A lack of home religion. In some instances, the family altar has never yet been erected; while in others it has not been thrown down. The attention paid to the religious culture of the children in the family is, in most instances, sadly limited, while in not a few instances, it is permitted to go the city of Mexico and at some other points, the families are sent to other Sunday Schools than our own, or go to no Sunday School at all. A few fa-Mrs. Potter Palmer is instanced as a heart-rend- milies who hold their membership with us have ing case of Chicago beggary. At a a New-year's re- rot been within these walls for months, and in one ception she wore a \$2,000 rep, and \$25,000 worth of or two instances for years. And this, not through rings on her fingers. Mr. Palmer, the day after the physical disability, but, if we may say, through outfire, announced himself a beggar, and the Chicago right indifference. A few families have not been so many persons, in making a profession of reli- duty of every loyal citizen, to oppose their attempt press is slightly satirical over the pitiable condition at a single week night service since the continuance of the protracted effort. While some of the facts THIRTY SIX years ago, the Fiji islanders were the | that have thus come to our notice have occasioned

What Mr. Synder found true of his own Church, every faithful pastor will also find in a measure true

"Ten gallons of kerosene, thece pounds potash, one ounce of strychnine, mixed with soft water. It was according to this cheerful, not to say convivivial formula, that a quantity of whiskey seized last week in Newton, Mass., was compounded, the recipe having also been found in the possession of the unfortunate dealer. If you want "gin," add quantum sufficit of oil of juniper! The mystery is that men who drink this diabolical fluid do not Juarez has ordered the purchase of two revenue

steamers to prevent the smuggling of silver on the Pacific coast. The revolution in Jalisco was unsuccessful. There were 700 deaths from small-pox n the city of Mexico during January. Romero is ck. Heavy quantities of material for a railroad have arrived at Vera Druz, and the impression now s that the road will be finished in eighteen months. The Government is impeded in the work by the drafting of numbers of laborers into the army.

in the alphabet except the letter J. The finest | during the past year has been considerably in excess longest verse is the 9th verse of the 8th chapter of able. While the number of emigrants from the Esther. The shortest verse is the 25th verse of the | Continent has augmented, there has been a falling 31st verses of the 107th Psalm end alike. All the 1871, the total number of emigrants leaving the verses of the 136th Psalm end alike. There are Mersey for the United States was 134,885, of whom no words or names of more than six syllables. 68,509 were English, 26,414 Irish, 2,483 Scotch and REV. MR. Spurgeon has given his people a live- 37,470 from the Continent of Europe. The increase ly account of Peter-worship in Rome. He says:— of emigrants in 1871, as compared with 1870, from Liverpool alone, was over three thousand. "I saw gentlemen wiping his toe with their These figures teach us that we need not instruct handkerchiefs and kissing it, old women being our emigration agents to labor for the promotion of helped up to do the same, and little children lifted emigration, but simply to turn a portion of the ever flowing tide to New Brunswick. Some people "There, also, was the chair in which Peter never | cherish the idea that an agent's duty consists in nothing better. It was not the worst image-house Instead of that it will be seen that his best field of other ports, might turn thousands to our shores

respondent writes to the Boston Journal as follows: DISPERSION OF THE JEWS.—The Jews are now | It is easy to see the gradual introduction of con-

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