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CHRISTMAS.

Our paper this week is published on the day set apart and observed throughout the christian world as the anniversary of the birth of Jesus the Christ. is more appropriate than that all should, in a suitable spirit and manner, commemorate the birth of the babe of Bethlebem, the world's Redeemer, and the wondrous love which gave such a Saviour.

and in our love to Him who gave Himself a sacrifice for us. It is a good time to begin to abound negation. Let me not be understood as rating too aspect of Christ's history should impel all to generous and loving deeds. His time was largely spent minister to their wants, go to the sick and soothe be to all-

A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS.

DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER.

on the churches and ministers.

apart as suggested by the Conference.

their individual christian life, and in their work | derful work is going on, and real progress being | wherever she may go, for Jesus. For some days previous to Pentecost | made, slow though it may be, was clearly shown the disciples humbled themselves before the Lord, at the Conference to which I have referred. A tions of the love and power of the Most High. In India where portions of the Bible are not being the history of our own denomination alone there read in the native languages. At the same time, have been very rich blessings received, which were every day's experience shows the wisdom of the answer to such prayers earnest, faithful and suc- in any sense religious. cessful ministers have been given to the denomi- "I think I ought to say also that in the course nation ; churches have been refreshed, and many of much intercourse with native gentlemen I scarcesouls have been saved. But in addition to the ly ever met with any bitter antagonism to Chrisknown blessings resulting therefrom, who can tell | tianity. They do not wish to become Christians, how much good, all unknown to us, has come to They say, at times, that Christianity is a very good both saints and sinners? Only the great day of religion, but that for their part they are content to the Lord's coming can declare it.

How much the Holy Spirit is needed by both ministry and laity. Societies may abound, there may be perfect system in church matters, every human effort may be made for the forwarding of all christian work, and yet little or nothing be accomplished. And all because the Holy Spirit's presence and power is wanting. It is not by (human) might nor by (human) power, but by the Spirit of the Lord that the great work can be done, How necessary then that the Holy Spirit be sought, humbly and earnestly. God is more willing to give land are most cheering. A wondrous work of Whatever his children are agreed in asking touching His Kingdom He promises to grant.

that need if we ask aright. Ought we not to ask? tion that will not arrange to hold meetings of continue crowded, and are deeply interesting. The formed Episcopal Church has been much more prayer on the first Wednesday in January. With themselves before the Lord of love and mercy, and On Monday, the 9th November, the Rev. Mr. Hugh to Jesus, resolving to live more as becomes a fol- thirty converts had professed Christ for the first lower of the Saviour, and the year they enter upon time. One of his Sabbath school teachers has will be fuller of blessings to them, and to others forty converts in his class. The Rev. William cise number of the laity who signed their declarthrough them.

devote it sacredly to humiliation and prayer.

MISSIONS AND ZENANA WORK IN INDIA.

A correspondent of the London Times is giving very interesting accounts of the missions in India. He speaks well of them, and manifests a genuine appreciation of the value of real missionary work. The Methodist quotes him as follows touching upon American missionary work :

" A curious feature of the educational life of In dia is the American mission work. The Ameri cans have two newspapers-the Bombay Guardian and the Lucknow Witness-given to saying hard things of unbelievers it is true, but edited, I believe, by self-denying men (the case of the Bombay to the purposes for which men were sent there. saved as follows: A few weeks ago I resolved that which represents the Pope draped as an old lady, You hinted you wished to hear of Halilax-I am of Mr. Alexander on the free labour theory; and Among other great efforts the Americans have es all the eggs laid by my fowls on Sunday, should in a crowd with Manning and other prelates, in glad to gratify interest in this direction. tablished what they call an American Mission the Lord. The enclosed is Sunday egg money. 1 the Lord. The enclosed is Sunday egg money. 1 fluence of the Prison Congress of 1872," it is young ladies, both Europeans and natives, who go It will be followed by similar donations hereafter. young ladies, both Europeans and natives, who go It will be followed by similar donations hereafter. which gives a bright light, and seems to write every State of Europe, and even in Japan, by the of population, is the ground. "Mrs. Pope" excorner Herd's Lane and Starr street. Our meetings assembling and transactions of that body; and imited to our necessary of the contract of population, is the growth of a trade directly in the children between eight and twelve years. out daily to zenanas (Hindoo houses) and schools

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"No Popery of the ground, "Mrs. Pope" extended in the children between eight and twelve years that many publications have been as interesting as they were in "Re-Mission has a Government grant of the same ligious purposes, would accomplish wonders. Try viper !! Frightenin' an old inoffensive party like sed us in the conversion of souls. amount. One of the ladies in Calcutta-Miss it, Christian women. Seelye-is a physician, and has established near to the "Home" a hospital for children, which is -Injustice. -The Christian Union tells of a dreadfully annoyed, and not least because represendant his coming was made a blessing to the citydoing immense good. She also practices among case that lately came to light in England, which tatives of some of the oldest Roman Catholic fami- the larger churches were most benefitted by his the native ladies, charging somewhere about 8s. a illustrates the injustice of the law of that country lies of this country have come forward to assert coming. I do not think any of the smaller churchvisit when it is right to charge, and giving her in relation to married women. The wife of a clerwhere. In the political world changes and revoluthe receive and giving her in relation to married women. The wife of a clerthe receive and giving her in relation to married women. The wife of a clerthe receive and giving her in relation to married women. The wife of a clerthe receive and giving to receive and giving the late from this labor gratuitously where it is not; but all her fees gyman named Lowe, having avowed opinions left matters as they were before, expressing the late from this source! And not only discrete the source of the source labor gratuitously where it is not; but all her fees good lady carries to the general account of the good lady carries to the general account of the society, far, I believe, beyond what she receives as set up against her by her husband. She was suddecreased by him heretical, a charge of lunacy was set up against her by her husband. She was suddecrees, from some irregularity in form, or in the decrees, from some irregularity in form, or in the decrees, from some irregularity in form, or in the composition of the Council, or indiscretion of the composition of the Council, or indiscretion of the composition of the council invites the attributed to a greater use of intoxicating drink. salary. The ladies have also in charge a foundling denly seized, and without any preliminaries, inthe composition of the council, or indiscretion of the council of the churches

the realm of science old to be cutta. The mission is altogether unsectarian, and in September, 1870. It is now conceded by all lics." Archbishop Manning, before he left for In November I had the privilege of adding six doctrines are being challenged, and in many in-Bombay, Oude, and Robilcund, which are denomible insane; yet, all her letters to her friends were supto be discharged in all the chapels of his diocese
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to be national. There must be unpleasant work at times pressed, and all her appeals to be brought before by fire. And in the religious world the same sp. We hope never to hear repeated those attempts at is approximated by the Scudder fammily, seven to do. A young lady who was recently assisting a jury, were unheard. Certain pecuniary complicut off from the communion of the Church. The bouring there since with acceptance, although he rit of change, of thoughtfulness, of earnest investiburlesque by which in more than one Legislative brothers of which are ministers. The family held temporarily in the Home told me that one day the cations at length rendered it necessary that she attitude taken by Lord Acton must have been as has not seen that which he and we so earnestly degation obtains. Writing thus, the Christian Guarhusband of a native lady she was teaching per should be looked after, and she was discovered in gall and wormwood to the Ultramontane party sires; a general turning and coming to the Lord dian goes on to say:emptorily ordered her away, and never to come the Hanwell lunatic asylum-to which she was here. He has deliberately charged several Popes of those who are without. I believe he will. there again, but the pupil whispered, " Never transferred in 1871, undergoing indescribable with the worst of actions, and has adduced the I am asked will the Free Baptist Church in Hamind him; he is merely saying this because his agonies. In reply to her application for redress, strongest evidence in confirmation of his accusa lifax live? How can it? I answer. It is alive. gress which is marked by the practical outcoming of Christian life, and the revival of the work of House of Assembly. It is our sad microry and micro taken in preference to the male order, and the visits she must seek her remedy at law. But as, under great impression on the public mind, and whether ceive how it can ever be called to pass through ligious journals of the day, or evokes within him destructive business, is usually the signal for legis forms to the shape of the hoot, and thus helps in continue as before. The lady who had this tri- the present disabilities of married women, only it leads to any overt division among the Roman more critical conditions than it has. And in every a deeper joy, than the movements under the head lative sports.

-all around life and beauty, and she buried.

"The teaching time ranges from an hour to an again without disgrace; she can only eat one meal | temperance." a day, and that of the coarsest rice, and her dress must be without ornament. At iron ring worn on and otherewise in zenana schools. They are not, the paper. faith the people do not seem generally to find an the suggestion we make. other. The position in most cases is one of pure

amongst the poor, the sick, and the suffering from such men, of all 'evangelical' denominations -1 She is a lady of fine culture, well supplied with The sponsors are the Queen and the Prince of any and every cause. To do them good, to bless use the word evangelical in its conventional sense historical and other facts, well informed concern. Wales. Of all the shams that claim to be religthem He was ever anxious. To be like Him we | -will meet for a united prayer meeting on Tues | ing the temperance movement, and a most enthul ious that of sponsorship is probably the greatest. should desire and strive. Seek the poor and ad day next, the fourth meeting of a series begun siastic and convincing advocate of the great reform. and induces a practical mockery of the most awful their pain, find out the suffering and help them thoughtful native of about 50 years of age, who fail to be instructed and convinced. bear their load. Be like Jesus, doing good. So has a large congregation in the Sunderbunds where She not only lectures on temperance, but on Wales took upon him to answer for the conduct of We think there are none who question the pro | this is a new effort. In fact, whatever may be the | impropriety in it. We were exceedingly pleased;

do as their fathers did in generations gone."

EDITORIAL NOTES AND COMMENTS.

-Another Name Wanted .- Another letter has ome to us without the name of the writer. It contained money, was registered, and mailed at St. Croix; but we need the name before the credit can be given or the acknowledgement appear.

-A GREAT REVIVAL .- The reports from Ire His Spirit to them that ask Him than earthly pagrace is in progress. The revival is becoming so given from the vouchers furnished. rents are to give good things to their children. extensive and remarkable, that the religious papers begin to speak of the year 1874, as the se-We have need. The Lord promises to supply have left Ireland for London; but the work begun themselves accordingly when asked for credit. during their visit, shows no sign of abatement. We hope there is not a church in the denomina. In Belfast, especially, the evangelistic meetings reports brought in by the city ministers to the one feeling and desire let the people prostrate noon-day prayer meetings, are most encouraging. He will assuredly give them the blessings they Hanna reported that, at a special communion in plead for. Let every christian reconsecrate himself his church the day previous, two hundred and Remember the first Wednesday in January, and at every place of worship. In Derry, a Sabbath school teacher said, that for fifteen years none of the land, his class had been converted; but the evening beand villages, great interest on the subject of re- them Refo med ministers. ligion b gins to prevail.

-SUNDAY LAID EGGS .- The New York Observer

has a letter, written by a lady to the Presbyterian Home Mission Board. She says: I enclose you one dollar and seventy five cents Guardian is almost that of an ascetic) and devoted tor the Board of Home Missions. This money was

umph is both pretty and intelligent. 'Her eyes, her husband could plead on this subject, and, as Gatholics themselves or not, it is training the mass of God in England, Scotland, and now in Ireland. The remarkable work of God in England, Scotland, and now in Ireland.

It is a gladsome time as it ought to be. Nothing of course, allowed to go out of the house, and the Now, we like the style of his letter, and have no Hoping when next you hear from or of Halifax, In our own country "the fields are white unto the Brahmoes are doing excellent work by prompting shadow of doubt that he can and will pay every vered to allow of her mother leaving England, and it will be "best" news, calling this "good." widow marriage and giving it effect wherever their cent as fast as possible. We commend his course of her own long-delayed visit to Eastwell Park. ufluence extends. It is difficult, if not impossible, to those of our subscribers who may be similarly bear Ashford, in Kent, a fine property purchased to represent work of this kind by figures of arith- situated. Let each state his case, pay what he can by the Duke for their residence. Their infant son that they should be joyous in the contemplation of metic. Beyond all question, the stable fabric of at once, and follow it with instalments as he is has also been "made a Christian" amidst much Hindorism is being gradually disintegrated; but able, and soon all will be paid. Those who have pomp and circumstance, ecclesiastical and regal. It is a good time to make a new dedication to with this certain and appalling disadvantage that, got in debt unintentionally, and cannot pay all Poor baby! it did not get the real baptism it Jesus-to be purer and more devoted in our lives in spite of all work and sacrifice, in losing one now, will help us and themselves too, by acting on would have had in Russia-a dipping thrice re-

---- to we, come time in America, having spent be a seven montis' child, and to have some defect derness. The contemplation of even the earthly last few days seen instances of a most rema kable four months in Nova Scotia, lecturing on temper. in one hand; so that the plea of infirmity might be kind of its great earnestness and devotion, coupled ance, is deserving the complimentary notices given advanced with something of veracity on its behalf. in some cases with rare and beautiful modesty. her by the press. Several lectures recently deliver. Well, sprinkling or dipping, its christening would "Not far from where I am writing, about 200 ed in Fredericton were such as are seldom heard. have done it qual good-which is none at all, under a late impulse of revivals. I met the other | Her diction is excellent, and her whole manner | kind. In this instance the Queen will probably try day, in the course of my inquiries, with a grave, decidedly impressive; and her hearers can scarcely to be useful to the child, it it grows up; but the

will your hearts be lighter, purer and more happy, he rules, I am told wisely and well, and seldom suitable occasions delivers religious addresses. his nephew till the youngster takes upon himself and this season be what we devoutly pray it may sees an European face. So far as preaching is con- Last Sabbath we were fortunate in having the the responsibility of his own doings. The Prince cerned, I should say the Methodists are most suc. privilege to hear her in the Fredericton Free of Wales has some excellent and many genial quacessful. A temporary chapel of theirs, not very Baptist Church. She preached morning and even- lities, but no one has yet detected in him any ability far from Government-house, is crowded. Upon the ling to large congregations, that in the evening for religious teaching; and the general opinion is whole, they eschew educational work, and direct being especially large, every portion of the church that he is already in arrears with as many undistheir efforts into the one given channel of preach | being occupied. Her discourses were models of | charged duties as he can overtake without add The General Conference at the session in Octo ing; while the Roman Catholics, with the skill simplicity, clearness and earnestness. More attending to the number. ber passed a resolution setting apart the first Wed | proverbial of them, take every available means by tive audiences never listened to preaching; nor nesday in January next, as a day for fasting and all agencies of bringing men into their Church. did hearers ever have the precious truth concern- been disturbed by many memorable events, but the temporary remedy; and under the present system prayer for the special outpouring of the Holy Spirit Yet the vastness of the work is beyond conception. It is inadequate, in Paine's Age of Reason is at present largely placard and more effective way. There is no doubt that gramme with which to meet the House of Com- that it reaches only a small proportion of of We bring the matter to the attention of the ed on all the walls of Calcutta, and I should say has many who came to hear were inclined to question mons. The do-nothing, rest and be-thankful pol fenders. Dr. Bittinger estimates that only oneministers and churches thus early, so that all may a very large circulation at 1s. a copy, and his argue the propriety of a woman occupying the pulpit, icy will not be tolerated; and when the adminis twelfth of the offenders against the laws get into have time to prepare to religiously set the day ments are just the kind to be appreciated. The but every one went away convinced that at least tration begins to 'needdle,' it will belie its own reach the eleven-twelfths who are at large, as well circle, perhaps. There are, however many good work has been circulated in India for years, but so far as Miss Armstrong is concerned there is no antecedents, and those of every other Conservative as the one-twelfth who are restrained. Dr. Wines for the want of trained power, and the work of priety of devoting a day especially to humiliation | cause, Christianity cannot be said to be progressing | and cannot doubt that her earnest declaration of | muddle.' Mr. Distaeli is very clever, but he be and supplication, to the end that God may especial in India in a ratio at all to be compared with the longs to the tribe who are 'too clever by half,' and four hundred thousand. One eighth of the numly bless and prosper His servants and people in efforts made by its advocates. Still, that a won. in no inconsiderable good. May God prosper her even his last Mansien House dinner speech did not ber, according to Mr. Brockway, of Detroit, are

-Debton's Beware.-We have received from English immunity from arbitrary arrests with the praying earnestly for His blessing and power. native community is growing up in a knowledge Mes rs. J. A. & W. Vanwart, a copy of the "Adver. harsh proceedings in the case of Count Arnim in Times without number in the history of the Christianity. I mean there is that important tiser and Collector's Chart" a monthly publication | Prussia; and Prussia tian Church fasting and prayer have been resorted fact-a second generation rising up with nothing by S. G. Lawrence & Co., of Lawrence, Mass., for claimer, which was given. Punch calls this "eatto, the result being large and gracious manifesta to unlearn. There is scarcely a nook or corner of which they are the agents at Fredericton. It is ing the leek,"-vulgarly known as "eating humdesigned as a medium in which to advertise, for ble pie;" and even if it were not so, the mistake sale, such bills, notes, or demands, due the subscri of using ambiguous language that could justify a bers to the Chart as are not paid at maturity and | r quest for explanation, was not one an English unmistakeably the answers to prayers of the people policy which, in spite of all missionary expostula- from which they wish to realize in cash immedi- Premier should have committed. The subsequent of the prisoner's accomplishing any good by reduring such seasons of special humiliation. In tion, has steadily refused to make the State schools ately, thereby converting "old bills" into ready disavowal had too much the appearance of timimoney where the payees are "good but a little dity to please John Bull, whose stomach for stickslow," by selling them at their market value. No | ing to a point, and striking for it rather than surclaim is advertised until ten days after a notice is render, is pretty much what it was in olden times. Louis, in the opening address at the last Congress, mailed to the payee at the last address known to A chivalrous deed, and even confession, would not "the discharged convict is cast out of prison into the agent, and all claims are withdrawn when set pass without appreciation; but Mr. Disraeli is not a howling wilderness of suspicion, repulsion, and tled as the lists are revised every month. It's credited with much chivalry or genuine humility. object is not to injure any one's credit, but on the | When he has passed into history, speculation will contrary, claims are advertised (not the debtor any be rife as to how it was possible for him to have usually branded prison slave. more than the creditor) to find what they will made the name and acquired the position that Society is to blame for this condition, not be are worth, and if they will not tetch anything the haps, prove that it was impossible, and reduce poor natural and just conclusion is that they are worth | Dizzy into a nineteenth century myth-a sort of nothing, and the creditor is money out in propor. symbolical way of indicating the revival of Jewish tion to the depreciation of the claim. By this influence, and the amalgamation of that influence method only the facts of the indebtedness is noted, with the tide of modern civilization, and that the claim is in hand of the Company for collection or for sale should a purchaser be found,

The "dead head" class is altogether too large. and business men are right in their efforts to ascercond "year of grace." Messrs. Moody and Sankey | tain who its members are, that they may govern

> - THE R. E. CHURCH .- The growth of the Re rapid than was expected by even the most ardent

triends of the movement. Bishop Cheney preached a sermon recently, giving an account of the progress during the past year. One year ago, ne said, they met to lay the foundation. There were seven ministers, including Bishop Cummins. He did not know the pre-Johnston noticed the largely increased attendance ation of independence, perhaps not more than 129 men. They had no one organized congregation in

To-day they had 40 ministers, 36 original church fore, he had the privilege of leading the last of fit | es and over 3,000 communicants knelt at the commueen young men to the Saviour. In Dublin, the nion table, and untold thousands were being reachcrowds attending the meetings were as large as ed by the Gospel from the Atlantic to the Pacific, ever, and the number of inquirers was increasing. in the West India Islands, and across the ocean the At the Saturday services, for children, it is said Free Church of England was gaining ground. that fully six thousand youths are present with Bishop Cummins wrote him that from the Bermutheir guardians and parents. In the smaller towns da I-lands the people were writing him to send

CORRESPONDENCE. OUR LONDON LETTER.

or father. She chases under the hardships, and lamous oppression, under the forms of law, has to which the ablest men of that school have had Our social meetings have been very interesting. ence decry the gospel as a failure to be superseded any system. The temperance brigades have not The Religious intelligences is published weekly, at told her visitor one day, with naive simplicity, led to the formation of a society for the reform of to resort, has been a feature of the discussion that by the teachings of earth-born systems, He is pourhas had a salutary effect; and the breeze of agita. God they have old-fashioned religion in Halifax," ing out His spirit calling the attention of men to Hitherto they have languished under the blight of tion thus created has done more to clear away fog after attending worship with us one Sabbath even ral, and compelling the acknowledgment, that the conquer. We predict this. The country calls for -Progressing.-We see it stated that about from the eyes of the people than the exertions of a ling last month. hour and a half in each case, and these good lady a thousand ministers, including Church of England dozen advocates could have effected. It has even wisdom of the world. In relation to the work in purpose, to step to the front against the enemies at five years of age, and in many painful instances temperate character, condemning the abuses of the stricting it to things obviously spiritual. The extraordinary difficulties in the future. widows. Some of your readers may know what liquor traffic; and the London Times compliments more moderate party are, of course, compelled to an awful lot is that of an Indian widow who may the conference warmly on "this evidence of the go to the wall; for the ultras are in power, and, the Lord, and success is their's. become so in early infancy. She cannot marry growth of a practical temper in the advocates of besides, they have the use of a pitiless tiger that spares nothing in its way. "The Pope is the rep- mily-but our loss is your gain. resentative and vicar of the Redeemer: the King | Four of our good sisters have left the city, but -THE WAY TO DO IT. - We have just received a of Kings; and what less can the Pope then be?" the Master went with them and remains with us. then-not by Mr. Gladstone himself.

> peated-or what, according to the English litur- with thanks, the receipt of a donation amounting gy, it should have had in this country unless too to \$42.00, from his friends at the mouth of Pres-Mise Annstrong. - This talented English lady, delicate to endure the immersion. It is said to quile, C. Co. most courtly must have smiled when the Prince of The even tenor of our public men has not

> > he has since disavowed. He seemed to contrast

The work of our Churches is going on steadily, and the public are left to draw their own conclu- vine influence, without which we can do nothing, sions and be responsible for the same. The facts are | but which is never absent from faithful labour. The revival services of Messrs. Moody and Sankey in foreign to that style of newspapers when revivals never, so far as I know, has London as a whole or in power since the days of Whitfield and Wesley, who will prove themselves to be far better than the tain the one that it can. If a man can not live in There is a paper sent to Jonas A. Larkin, East come here, and we may hope that some evidences of the same blessing that has accompanied them elsewhere will be granted. London is too large to be acted on en masse; and, even in detail, there are not places of meeting large enough for such ganerings as have been daily held in Dublin. Mr Boardman has inducted, in the Cannon street hotel, conferences on the higher christian life; and a ively interest has been awakened there upon that question. In two things most will agree, that we Divine grace and power; and that the calls of acive service are not to be sacrificed in the pursuit of an ideal inward illumination. FRATER.

DENOMINATIONAL.

HALIFAX .- Dear Brother McLeod, -- You may be astonished at my location as indicated below; but I am only on an exchange with Bro. Downey, visit of Miss Carpenter and Mrs. Brockway on reforma ing the Barrington portion of my Halitax congre- tory schools and prison discipline; of Mr. Brown gation; renewing old acquaintances and forming This week's Punch has a very amusing cartoon, new ones, recruiting my physical powers, &c. Mr. Watson on the possibility of extripating crime;

teachers go from one house to another from eleven and Roman Catholic clergy, have lately held a been shown that the Ultramontanists are themselves of visiting F. Baptists when in the city, the sympain the morning to about half-past four or five in conference in Manchester, "to consider questions disagreed in their views concerning the power of thy, material and social of the Denomination, and the afternoon. Then they also teach the children relating to the evil of drunkenness as affecting re the Pope in civil affairs; the one class admitting can be as blessed of God in the year to come as in dom from all approaches to what he calls excite this growing evil. Barnes & Co., St. John, or remitted to the Editor, at in zepanas—married ladies it will be remembered, ligion and morals." The resolutions were of a this to the uttermost, the other, desirous of re-

We have lost by the removal of Bro. A. and fa-

the left wrist is taken away, and a red mark, which letter from a subscriber, in which he expresses re- Those who admit the first premis, are seemingly strange that the hearts of men should be shaken is put on day by day at the parting of the hair to gret that he is quable at once to pay all he owes embarrassed in trying to escape from the condenote married life, must be put there no more for for the paper, explains his present embarrassment, clusion. It was worth while for Mr. Gladstone ney may be blessed to Halifax, that he may be folever. The woman or child is considered dead when encloses part of what is due, and says he will pay to cease to be Premier to accomplish this feat of lowed by a God-sent man. When you come to tendants. God has his own way of working. He her husband dies. Happily, there is a great revolt every dollar just as fast as he can, expressing his exposing Ultramontane policy; and those who Halifax, and are there on Sabbath, Monday or may come as the still small voice, or as the rushing against this fearful and unnatural system, and some unwillingness to do without "the valuable and most lamented his defeat in January, may now beof the widows are finding employment as teachers outspoken Intelligences," as he is pleased to call hold a compensating issue anticipated by no one even if the Pastor they may have is not a Puncheon, Talmage or Spurgeon.

I remain your's for Christ,

S. NASON ROYAL. FREDERICTON.-Three converts were baptized by the Pastor of the Fredericton Church, last Sabbath. Others are seeking Jesus.

Donation.-Rev. G. Gravinor acknowledges Brunswick. It says:-

CURRENT TOPICS.

PRISON REFORM.

The National Prison Association of the United States makes a satisfactory exhibit of its objects and work, in a report recently published. Of this, the Method st says:

The Association evidently exists for a purpose, and is working actively to carry it out. That purpose relates to one of the most important and difficult problems of civilized life-how best to secure society against crime. With this problem is involved one still more difficult and complicated -how to proceed to make the offender a trustworthy and useful member of society. Our law givers have principally confined their attention to the former question, and have worked very bunglingly at its solution. The Prison Association mbines the two. It regards the second as of ot inferior importance, and it hopes, by solving l it, to find the quickest and most certain way to the solution of the first. Such a question is one to which the best men may devote their best thoughts. Punishment is an imperfect remedy. offenders at between three bundred thousand and pass without constructions of a portion of it, which | brought under treatment every year. We may, from these facts, partly conceive the extent of the difficulties to be encountered.

The consideration of the gature of the diffi culties that operate to impede criminal reform, is varieties of character, requiring as many different ways of reaching men's hearts, the apparent total inaccessibility of a large part of offenders to moral toms of society, all operating to forbid the hope forming himself, and the defects in the adminis moralize him still further. "At present," said contempt. No one likes to employ, still less does any one like to work with a man who has worn the prison garb, the recognized jail bird, the

fetch in market, and expect they will fetch all they are his. Some highly rationalistic critic may, per. cause of its averted feeling, which is inevitable under the circumstances; but because it does not is of the law. "As things now are ours President Elliot, "the demoralization of prison life is so great and so sure, that the orison graduate is 'master of arts' in all villain and completely incapacitated, morally and inte though without any special indications of that di- The treatment, of which this is the fruit, is more particularly described: "To punish, to degrade vengeful feelings, would seem to be the aim, as it Ireland have been of a wonderful character, and is unfortunately too often the result. The question the Times' Dublin correspondent speaks of the re- of how we can make our prisons cost the least, is sults in that city with a respect which was once | yet more anxiously asked, in our City Council and State Legislature, than how the criminal can be were the topic of description. In London they will rock pile is the only industry for man or woman, meet with a state of things different to any existing by which the fine can be worked out; in the jails, Not necessarily. We try in other circumstances to in other places; and it is an extraordinary fact that | enforced indolence, and consequent demoraliza- | exercise the common sense principle that when we any of its rural districts been visited by this revival dred inmates have been sold to the best bidders, pastor that it would, let it accept and unitedly sus-Early in the year Messrs. Moody and Sankey are to average of men, if they do not look twice to their a house with all the modern improvements, he criminal, Dr. Bittinger, of Pennsylvania, outlined a philosophical treatment, when he said: "the but in great part; and when you put him in prison, Young Men's Carastian Associations are doing for he is to be cared of his disease; or into a school, in the absence of ministers, not to preach, but to where he is to be educated; or into a place of sale. pray and talk and sing with their discouraged keeping, where, being incapable of self-restraint, brethren, till something better can be done ?-if he shall at least be beyond the power of injuring | my one. A convict saved, is a man made.'

Light is given upon the details of the manner in which these principles may be applied in the paticularly in the reports of the committees on prison | blessing upon their efforts, and then, if they have discipline, on discharged prisoners, and on pre | the prayers and proper sympathy of their brethren, | est weather 5000 people assemble. ventive and reformatory work; and in the papers | help will come. on discharged prisoners' aid societies; of Mr. Ba

RELIGIOUS REVIVALS.

f Christian life, and the revival of the work of House of Assembly. It is our sad misfortune that

the work, but we are not prepared to accept all They need all these and a strong man, strong in know that anywhere in Scripture absence of excitethat the reason adduced implies. We do not nent is given as a proof of the genuineness of a work of grace, or that its presence should in any way awaken distrust. If a religious revival is the ening the faith and piety of believers, it is not upon dry ground. Let us be thankful if he comes in any way; and let us reverently adore the Spirit's work, by whomsoever or whatsoever manifested harvest." The sower has been long out with his |

OUR FEEBLE CHURCHES. The following article from the Star reads as though written for the F. B. Churches in New

eeble churches. Whether their weakness be caused by their small membership, by the scattered location of the members, by their want of temporal goods, or by their lack of spirituality and general efficiency, they can at least claim the benefit of the divine injunction, that the strong should bear the infirmities of the weak. They should certainly re ceive attention and sympathy, The denominational lathers, when they went

forth to preach the gospel, shunned the large villa God hath done it. To him be the praise." ges and cities. Churches were multiplied in counry towns, and many of them became strong and efficient. But the houses of worship were erected in the centres of revival influence, without much regard to the centres of business or population. Consequently our country churches, and those of ther denominations whose practice in this respect has been like ours, have suffered so seriously that discouragement and failure have often followed. We may go through Quarterly and Yearly Meetings, where thirty years ago the churches had fre quent and regular meetings, generally stated reaching, and scores were being brought yearly into the fold, and now find those same churches God will greatly bless you in your work and lafeeble, often without pastors, the meetings irregu lar, the congregations small, and the revivals existing mainly in the memory of the generation that

s just passing away. It isn't attempted to say what these churches night and ought to have done for themselves. Waiving that matter, let us inquire if our educaional efforts have hitherto been so directed as best meet their wants. Forty five years ago we had not one institution of learning, and but few perthe subject could have brought us to the desirable position we now occupy. In no sense have we accomplished too much. But white doing what we continuance and encouragement of the churches that are small? If we have done well in giving counsel to these churches, and to the young men called to the ministry, urging them to consider the ly well by those feeble churches that really can not apport a pastor so that he may give himself wholtively unable to sustain him. Will the Home Mission Society pay the balance that we can not? If

experience of our feeble churches. We hesitate to earliest possible date. uggest that such a course would be like that of those half-enlightened tribes who leave their feeble

and aged members to perish. fered near the close of the last General Conference. ing, by Mr. Fuller. The audience was large. . . er an early adjournment led to the conviction that ts burried consideration then might defeat its pur- been appointed assist ant minister of Forfar Parish, lose, and so it was withheld. The resolution was | Scotland.

Whereas many of our churches in rural districts wholly to their work, and are, consequently, beming weak and losing their visibility, therefore, Resolved, That the Committee on the Ministry be the aid of such Christian servants as they may be is now his P. O. address.

Must we keep silent on this subject lest the standard of ministerial education be lowered? ion, are a part of the penalty; and our State can not do as well as we would, we will do the best Prison is a farmed out workshop, where nine hun- that we can. So, if a church can not sustain the own pockets where they think once, if they think | does not say, "I will not live anywhere." If h at all, of the prisoner's soul." The men who have does, he doesn't deserve to live anywhere, God taken up the cause of prison reform, have practidoes not value a minister by the salary he receives. the instruction and moral care of the young, so and he is to be commended and helped in that from you. hat they shall not be turned into it. Then, for place, be it in the city or the country, in a large church or a small one

Can not our Yearly and Quarterly Meetings do or their feeble churches something like what the ought to be as into an asylum or hospital, where destitute neighborhoods, -send out pious bymen, indeed in every case one could do better than that. If these churches know of a man, minister or not, learned or not, whose heart is full of love to Jesus and those whom Jesus loves, let them secure pers which were read before the Congress, and his help, and so save themselves from barrenness which are published with its transactions; par- and death. Let them trust in God, seeking his

WHO WILL LEAD?

There must be some restraining hand laid upon | which has hitherto reigned witho at a rival. the liquor traffic of this country. Any one closely only fee charged is 2s. a month per head, but the organizations set to work under the imbefore the public that we hesitate even to show me!!!" It is quite certain that, whether the Pope In October, the Rev. A. B. Earle, of U. S. fame asks, and will thereby be kept out of politics.

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Prominent, however, is the fact that these changes buman beings to the grave with one half the ef- of Brooklyn, preached a sermon.

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THE WOMEN'S CRUSADE.

Though the novelty of the Women's Crusade against rum has ceased, and newspapers no longer give it the same prominence as when it was a suitnanifestation of the power of God's grace in con- able theme for sensational articles, yet the moveverting sinners, reclaiming backsliders, and quick- ment is far from being a failure. The women have learned to some extent their power; and in many to pretend to determine the character of any work suppression of intemperance, in a way that they of grace from its immediate mental or physical at | never did before. This is especially the case in Brooklyn, N. Y.

The new Temperance and religious paper, The

Morning, says :-"The Crusade is no longer a seven days wonder. and so the daily press gives it little or no attenion. Meanwhile the work is steadily progressing. The character of the meeting in Brooklyn and seed-bag, and the day has come when the chief call many other places reminds us forcibly of the seems to be for reapers to thrust in the sickle and gatherings of 1857, and are attended with similar results. In fact, this is nothing less than a great revival, in which God is using women to rescue the lost young men of the nation, by thousands and tens of thousands. They see that these young men not only need total abstinence, but salvation, " Meanwhilz, the ground is being contested more sharply, as the enemy well knows that the Our own denomination is not alone in having struggle is one of life or death. In some of the

> generations have placed themselves squarely against the traffic. "It is stated or good authority that in the entire country two thousand saloons have been closed, and among the thousands of converts, eight hundred are from the ranks of the liquor dealers.

large towns and cities especially, the liquor sellers

have gained temporary advantage; on the other

hand, scores of towns which have been cursed for

GOOD WORDS.

Our friends are very thoughtful, and in their etters containing renewals, speak good words concerning the Intelligence. They cheer us, and we are grateful. Says one:

"I could not think to do without it. It always has something to encourage and keep us on in the good way; and I love to peruse its pages. I hope

" Many blessings on you, and great success to the Intelligencer-a most excellent paper.

A FEW WORDS .- With this issue, we bid good bye to 1874. There is no reader of this who has sons among us of liberal education. There was a not, since the commencement of the year, lost some prison. Efforts, to be thoroughly successful, must prevailing indifference on the subject, not to say dear friend or friends—some member of the family things, and many loved and trusted friends that be no easy task. Nothing but the deep convictional with us yet. They will commence the new tions and wise and tircless efforts of those awake to | year with us; and will become richer and dearer, the longer we cherish them. The INTELLIGENCER has been with you during the whole of the year. have done to supply our churches with an educa. It still lives. It does not intend to die with the ted ministry, have we sufficiently provided for the expiring sands of '74. It will rather take in fresh vigour; and in the year and years to come, will be more and more earnestly the opponent of wrong -the defender and advocate of right, and the true in portance of a wide education and of exclusive friend of every one who reads its pages. Will not evotion to ministerial work, have we done equal- every one who welcomed its coming during the now closing year, bid it quite as hearty welcome ly to his work? They imploringly ask, "What | in the new year? Is it too much to hope that its shall we do? We would be glad to enjoy the un- readers have come to look upon it as a dear friend, divided labors of a pious pastor, but we are posi- from whom they are unwilling to part? The IF. TELLIGENCER is anxious to be your friend, or innot, then would you advise us to give up our meet. stant and true. To have it do the greatest, posings, or shall we fall back to the practice of former sible amount of good-you, dear reader, may years, and employ a minister who is obliged to de- strengthen our hands and cheer our her ru in the pend upon some secular business for a part of his good work. How? By praying that the paper These inquiries press themselves upon our atten | may be a blessing to you and ever , reader-by ion, and if we do not heed them, it is to be feared speaking in its favour to your frier ds who are not that increasing debility and extinction will be the subscribers, and by sending your renewals at the

THIS AND THAT, -A temperance lecture was de-A resolution on this subject was about to be of livered in the Academy of Music last Sunday even-The Rev. Geo J. Care, formerly of this city, has

ADDRE SES CHANGED .- Rev. Thos. Vanwart's are unable to sustain pastors who give themselves | friends will please take notice that his address from this date is Middle Simonds, Carleton Co. Rev. John Williams (Biptist) wishes us to say requested to inquire into the expediency of encour. for the information of his friends that he has reaging such churches to sustain their meetings by moved to Bridgewate", Luneaburg Co., N. S., which

To Correspondents. - Henry Kimball: The printers made us say last week just the opposite of what we wrote. What we wrote was this -- " There was no payment made as you supposed." The sentence following was correct Rev. W. C. Weston: Pubnico, but none to Anthony J. Should the \$4.00 be credited to Jonas A. ? . . . William L. Eagles: Is your paper addressed Lewis Eagles? We think it cal views on all these aspects of the question. And we should not. There is a place for every must be. Please write us immediately for the They would deal with crime, first by attending to preacher whom the Master calls into his service, credit of money you sent is withheld until we hear

THINGS IN SHORT METRE.

[BY PEN AND SCISSORS.] Rather Invidious. The idea is advocated in Great Britain of licensing moderate drinkers of intoxicating liquors and interdicting those who is . dulge to excess, in addition to licensing the selle is. -So says the Il. Christian Weekly.

The largest audience on this continent is the congregation that assembles in the Brooklyn T abernacle every Sunday to hear Talmage. In the estormi-

The Monarch Dethroned. It has hear , ascertained that there is a taller monatain in Europe than Mont Blanc, Mont Elubriz, on the 7 European side Under this heading the Provincial Wesleyan of the Caucasian range, which is 18,526 feet high or 2,742 feet higher than the m jestic monarch

Compulsory Education in Russi u. The Ministry have to be built.

Hall, it has been sought to frown the temperance a thanksgiving with the Rev. Dr. W. W. Scudder and fatal that it would continue to drag down of Glatonbury, Mass, and Rev. Dr. Henry Scudder,

above all, are beautiful—bright and liquid almost be seems perfectly satisfied that a heretic is neces beyond description; but she cannot be seem by any one of the other sex, not even by husband's brother public. We are glad to say that this case of in
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