

in different parts of the colony, harmoniously and successfully.

Her Majesty, Queen Victoria, has been graciously pleased to favour this colony with a certain degree of self-government.

Umpandi "the great black king" of the Zulus, is as big a scoundrel as ever. He seems to have inherited all the cruelty of his predecessors, Chaka and Dingan, without their energy and perseverance.

POWER OF AN OLD BIBLE.

The following pleasing incident is given in a letter of one of Dr. Pinkerton's correspondents in Germany:—

In 1823, my eldest brother, a merchant in Memel, came home to dinner one day, and said to his wife: "You must not be astonished to see a very large Bible brought into the house this afternoon; I have been buying it at auction."

The large volume came to the house, and for weeks was found in the way of every person in the dining-room, where it had been deposited.

At last one of the younger brothers of the proprietor discovered that Luther's Introduction to the Epistle to the Romans had been printed before that Epistle, and that the work contained many other explanations, taken from the writings of Luther and others.

ing something written by the Reformer himself.

He read, and read, and understood what he read. After finishing the Introduction, he read the epistle to the Romans: his eyes were opened to the leading truths of revealed religion—sin, law, grace, holiness, &c., and the young man, who had often before endeavored to read the Bible, and wondered how little he understood of its holy contents, had now found the key to the Divine Volume.

He went to Konigsberg, and commenced the laborious study of German theology under the late Dr. Olshausen, and has ever since looked back to that most wonderful event, as the beginning of many a blessing that has since by his preaching in various countries and languages, been brought by the Word of God into the hearts of perishing sinners.

We will only allude to one fact more, that eight young men, who belonged to his small congregation at Strasburg, are now preparing for the Gospel ministry as missionaries in South Africa.

CHRISTIAN VISITOR.

SAINT JOHN, FRIDAY, JANUARY 4, 1850.

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE NEW-YEAR.

Resolutions adopted under unusual impulses, and without the deep conviction of our own feebleness and fickleness cannot be expected to result in much good: this however should not discourage the honest and conscientious from making resolutions.

Procrastination and neglect must inevitably result from doubting this. Decision and resolution cannot be sustained without believing it.

Experience we think establishes this fact. We know that until the mind is resolved upon an immediate commencement of any difficult undertaking occasions of procrastination seldom or never lessen: and especially is this the case in regard to breaking off our natural courses and confirmed habits to pursue a life of godliness.

It is God who has endowed us with our several abilities, it is He who has ordered our various conditions, and it is He also who appoints us our duties; and we may be sure therefore that these will most perfectly harmonize.

regard to any of us that all opportunities may soon cease, and this year put an end to our probation.

Observation will at any time teach us the perfect practicability of the present. We may at all times find some who are happy in the service of God; in the darkest and most trying times there are those who remain faithful, and these how many or how few—soever they may be are God's witness against all the rest, that is, their obedience and service prove conclusively that obedience and service at these times are practicable, and those who excused themselves on account of difficulties acted without a good reason, for others show they were all surmountable.

If these matters shall be thus regarded, and a suitable resolution made under Divine aid, we shall confidently expect that in tendering to our readers, the courtesies of the season they will amount to more than wishes, and that with many 1850 will prove a happy year.

OUR DEPUTATION TO ENGLAND.—We learn by last mail that our brethren were very successfully prosecuting their labour in Liverpool; they had not up to that date laboured elsewhere.

The Revival at Yarmouth, we understand, continues and extends. Brother Reed has baptized 70 or upwards. Brother Burton's church also, is sharing in this refreshing.

A protracted meeting was in progress at Digby Joggins, last week. The spirit of revival prevails through that vicinity. We would be much obliged if our brethren in these favoured places would communicate for the comfort and encouragement of those at a distance, the particulars of the work in their respective neighbourhoods.

THE ECLIPSE: or Ruin of the Lovely by Strong Drink.—This neat little pamphlet from the press of J. & A. M'Millan, has been laid upon our table, which we find to be a Temperance Tale, by our respected bro. Rev. J. D. Casewell.

The total quantity of tons of Shipping, and Timber, Deals, &c., shipped from the Port of St. John, to Ports in Great Britain and Ireland, in the year 1849, are as follows:—123,724 tons of Shipping, carrying

93,137 tons Red and White Pine Timber: 10,959 tons Birch Timber: 1,16 tons Spruce Timber: 85,055,000 superficial feet of Deals: 181,319 pieces Railway Sleepers: containing 5,062,000 superficial feet: 1,326,000 feet of Boards.

Shipped in 1849:—125,974 tons Pine: 8,531 tons Birch: 1,386 tons Spruce: 93,061,000 superficial feet Deals: 6,742,590 superficial feet Railway Sleepers: 1,233,400 feet Boards.

New Books just received and for sale at the Depository.—Ollendorff's Method of teaching to read, write, and speak the French and Spanish languages without a Master.—These works are of great and deserved reputation, and to those whose means or circumstances will not allow the regular aid of a teacher, they will be found to be the very best of their class.

BIBLE ANTIQUITIES.—This excellent book for Pastors, Sabbath-school teachers, and for families is now issued in a new and larger form, with new type and additional matter. We have sold very many copies of this valuable book, and would now call a more general attention to one of the best helps to the Bible for Teachers and Parents with which we are acquainted.

MACAULAY'S HISTORY OF ENGLAND AND LAMARTINE'S HISTORY OF THE REVOLUTION IN FRANCE, 1848.—A new lot of these popular histories. Winter evenings may now at a very cheap rate be made to contribute to the happiness and improvement of old and young.

THE PREACHER: 2 vols. 9 vo. A compilation of sketches and skeletons of Sermons. Price, 13s.

THE PULPIT CYCLOPEDIA.—A compilation of 200 short sketches of Sermons with Essays and Addresses upon Pastoral duties, &c., by many of the most eminent divines of England and America. Price, 13s. 9d.

AMERICAN MESSENGER.—It will be seen by the advertisement that the price of this paper for this year will be ONE SHILLING instead of NINEPENCE as heretofore. The reason of this we explained in a late number. We can make no deduction from this: as beside all the labour, we are subject to considerable expense in freight, duty, cartage, &c., which must be covered.

Correspondence.

[FOR THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR.]

MR. EDITOR,—Without attempting to gainsay the sentiments advanced by your correspondent "Levi," even if I were able to do so, as he appears to have swept from the arena of Gospel order, all the Ministers in our connexion who at the time of their ordination were not appointed to the Pastorate of some Church, or who have not been able to sustain that relation; I wish to ask our good lay brother, to inform us what relation Timothy and Titus, Barnabas and Silas, Aristarchus and Secundus sustained to the primitive churches?—Were these ancient brethren who occupied such a prominent position in the establishment of the Apostolic Churches Pastors of any of them? If not, what position did they occupy among the ministry of that age?

GAIUS.

Extract of a Letter to the Editor from Rev. David Erandal.

"I am sorry that you are so poorly sustained in the circulation of the 'Visitor,' and by remittances. I am confident that if our leading brethren would do their duty as they ought it would not be the case. If all our Ministers would circulate this paper in their respective congregations, its benefits would be felt in their own souls, the advantages in reading it would not only assist them in preaching, but their hearers in improving under that preaching, both in understanding and practice. I have several times met this objection in pleading the cause of the paper, that it would prevent their reading the Bible, but it is exactly the reverse if rightly understood, for