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All Ministers of the gospel, who will send us the ad-tance, for six new subscribers, will get the "Visitor" for one year free of charge.

(F In accordance with the request of the editor of the "Presbyterian," we copy, as below, his leading editorial of last week on the subject of debate between us. Our reply occupies a lit tle more space than we had intended, but we trust he will honor it with a place in his next issue.

THE "VISITOR'S" ACCOUNT BOOK

The Editor of the Visitar accepts our offer. but thinks that accounts should be settled first. as we are in his debt. How? He has neither published nor answered our last article. Could he not answer it ? Was he straitened by it ? Why did he not give it to his readers? Above all, why does he ignore its existence? No, not that quite be He passes it over as "small talk," and speaks of "side issues." He wants to decide this controversy by a text-a single text. If he had said by a dodge, (we know of no other term by which to describe it) he would have been nearer the mark, not an original dodge either, but one we have met before in the Baptist controversy, and, we suppose, one of their patent stereotyped plans. We have £100 offered for a single text which distinctly proves Infant Baptismproves it to whom? to Baptists-for we could furnish many texts, each of which, proves it to the heart and conscience of nine-tenths of the Chris-But let us only produce one of thes tian world. unsupported by others, and this is surely what the Visitor means-the Baptist objects, we reply by adducing reasons, and by comparing spiritual things with spiritual, and our good brother says, oh, we called for a text which *distinctly* proves it; my £100 is safe-and then he raises Io triump/e, and because we will not rest the issue on the production of a single text, he says we should make an ingenuous acknowledgment that "Our theory is not in the inspired book, and that the celestial guide gives no intimation of such and ordinance," and he calls upon us to abandon a dogma which "we cannot sustain by a single precept or a single example from the in spired guide." We must give him in so many words, a "Thus saith the Lord," for infant baptism, or cease to hold and practice it. Now, supposing it to be a fact that we could give him no text which would, by itself, distinctly prove it-is his conclusion correct, is his call to be obeyed? Have we no honest refuge but to be converted and dipped? Let us see whither his principle of reasoning would lead us first. It might lead us into the Baptist church, but would it leave us there? We fear not! Let us see. The Visitor's reasoning is,"You refuse to rest infant baptism on the production of a single text which distinctly, clearly, unmistakeably and of itself proves it, as an honest man then you must reject it." Of course every other dogma is to be treated in the same manner, for there can be no reason why Baptism should be treated in this way, which will not equally apply to every other doctrine, and overy other ordinance of the Christian Church. If the principle is good for one ordinance, it is equally good for another. If it is fair it must be of general application. If we are bound to become Baptists because of the want of an explicit "Thus saith the Lord," let us see whether we are not bound to become something else which the Baptist church will not permit us to become, and, if the "Visitor" says, stop, I wont allow you to apply the principle in other cases, we reply, you can't help yourself, and, if executing the villany you have taught us, we should even seem to better the instruction, on our teacher's head be the blame, and at his door lie the crime. Suppose us now convinced and converted by the sapient reasoning of our friend the Visitor. that since there is no explicit statement in Scripture, that infants should be baptized, we should reject Pædo-baptism, become Baptists in opinion and in practice, get dipped on some fine morning, when the ice is some four feet thick, and the thermometer about zero, and fairly become a member of the Baptist church—let us try to rea-lize our state of mind. Of course we look on the Abrahamic covenant in its bearing on this subject as moonshine, on the various endearing ex-pressions of Christ with regard to children as only the result of pity, on the Baptism of households as affording no ground of support to the Baptism of infants; indeed we look upon all this and much more as so much cobweb sophistry, and we ject as moonshine, on the various endearing exhave come to this conclusion simply because there is not in so many words the command. Let infants be Baptized, or because there is not an example be Baptized, or because there is not an example of their Baptism, which, taken by itself, might not be a subject of dispute, and we begin to reason thus. This is an admirable principle. See how we have been converted by it, and are now a member of the pure holy Apostolic Baptist church by it. There is surely no doctrine held by this church, no practice adopted by it to which this admirable principle will not apply, and which will not come out of it as gold tried in the fire.

Baptist church, we will be under the necessity of of form, which will cut off at of the Baptist communicants, urging a mean least the one h er than before. He styles it a dodge aptist Church to a moiety of its and reduce th reotyped plan," " sapient reasoning," a case it would be much betpresent self, in he time that it s for a convert, a least on the Visitor's principle of reasoning or if the Baptist church is not willing to go through with the principle which their worthy instruct spiritual father has taught us, i for us wishing to be consistent Visitor's principle, to leave the will be and applying Baptist church and set up one of our own in which females shall not be admitted to the Lord's table. Being converted on the Visitor's principle we see no help for it but by the same principle to des- the subject of infant baptism is referred to as a troy half his church. Sad necessity! but con- law of our Saviour, we promise to do our very sistency knows no remorse, and logic laughs at pity. The principle of reasoning, which sweeps infants from the covenant of a Saviour, cannot be it would really be worth seeing. better employed than in driving their mothers

from his table. Why should they remain the guests of one who, though he took children in his arms and fondled them with an apparent kindness, and blessed them, has no place for them in his house, and who, though he said that others must dom, has no place for those who are the patterns to whom the convert must be confirmed. Ofter have we wished back the days of childhood, amid all it tears, for then we felt gentle, affectionate, reliant, and in our best moods of mind we have felt that the spirit of God was bringing back the spirit of childhood, and that conversion to God was something like a renewal to what we once in the kingdom of Christ below, and since there is no "Thus saith the Lord," that infants such as departed infants, whether you are admitted to a communion table! What cousolation can you have when you think that there is no explicit promise, giving assurance that the child of prayer, and tears, and love, is gone to happiness before you. The Editor of the Visitor has produced an argument which nullifies all your hopes, dissipates all your fond imaginings, and bids you for ever despair of meeting with the loved and the lost.

That the principle of reasoning adopted by the Visiter is false, is thus evidenced by its remorse less exclusion of women from the Lord's Table. and precluding our entertainment of any hope and duties it would anihilate them too,-and still further, if admitted in law, as a principle of evidence, no chain of circumstance would be sufficient to evince either the truth of a plaintiff's or convict a criminal of guilt-nothing would be sufficient save one single, distinct, explicit testimony. Utterly false, therefore, is our Visitar's principle. The "reward," out of which it was produced, was fanfaronade, itself is a sophism, and the whole thing is an absurdity.

If the Editor of the Visitor will please copy the above article, we will do equal favour to his retion to misrepresent our opponent's arguments.--Accounts will thus be more easily settled.

How Accounts stand with the Colonial Presbyterian.

have a prominent p y give up the search. How is the application ceived this time? We regret to say no betinfant baptism has a "a steas female commun On this subject tour

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sion is too obtuse to see it." Now we must say that it is not just the thing to upbraid people whose "vision," is dim, and at the same time chide them for asking for information regarding a matter which they cannot see of themselves. If our friend would get into a more kindly frame, fondly supposed, by the magic power of his bapand direct us to the chapter, or to the verse where | tism, was all a mistake that he was not then best to brighten up our eyes for the occasion, for

SOROT da All our Pedo-baptist friends from the period when this law was first introduced into the church, away as far back as the opening of the third century, about the time that the dogma of baptismal regeneration, the consecration of the be like them ere they could enter into his king- baptismal water, the use of sponsors, the use of material unction at confirmation, offering of pravers and oblations for the dead, &c., &c., gained a standing in the church, we say from that time to the present, our Pedo-baptist friends, embracing learned doctors, theological professors, christian pastors, priests, cardinals, and popes. were, but by this remorseless principle of the have, all in their turn been searching the Visitor, we are taught that we had then no place good book for this law, but they have not been able to produce it. Many of the most learned we were shall be saved, had we then died, we and godly amongst them have frankly confessed, could not have had a place in his kingdom above, with Neander, that the word of God is silent on What matters it then mothers who weep over the subject. This being the fact, surely if our good friend of the "Presbyterian," has made the discovery, he ought, instead of withholding it. proclaim it as with trampet tongues, from the housetops, and, especially should he have compassion upon the poor Baptists, and not leave them to perish in their ignorance. One who can talk so eloquently about the yearnings of maternal love over loved ones excluded from heaven. and lost, eternally lost, because this remorseless "Visitor" won't allow them to be baptized without divine authority, ought not to hesitate a moment that infants may enter the kingdom of heaven. to furnish us with the information required. But If applied in its extension to many other doctrines instead of doing this he leaves us where he found us, searching and pleading just for one single precept or example from the inspired law book, to go and bring our little ones into the "covenant" plea, or establish the innocence of the wronged, by this baptismal ceremony, thereby saving them

from perdition's fearful depths, and inspiring their fond mothers with a joyful hope of meeting them in heaven when they die. Well if this were all we would try and think

that "ignorance is bliss," and so console ourselyes as best we could: but our trouble has but ply. We shall thus be both under less tempta- just commenced, for strange to say, our brother of the Presbyterian suddenly becomes a convert to the "doctrine of the "Visitor," and is inspired with such carnestness to get into the Baptist Church, that he rushes in through ice four feet the lips of a Romish Priest, but we confess we acquaintance with the deceased, but learn that thick and the thermometer down to zero. What are shocked when seeing it from the pen of a she was generally esteemed as a young lady of

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of Municipal Institutions, and of popular educ tion under the guidance of religious teaching oung convert waxes and eloquent, and he goes on to give us to understand that the emorseless principle of the Visitor," has taught him that his early conversion into 'the kingdom of Christ below" as he had

> The Leader is designed to sustain the Libera Party in New Brunswick, and will doubtless have their cordial support.

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It is printed by Mr. George W. Day, appears on good paper, and in first rate style. Mr. Day now prints seven papers per week exclusive of the Family Casket. We love the Spirit of enterprise, and are glad to give to it the hand of encourage-

THE LEADER .--- We

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ters, as liberal in its politics, and as such a frie

TEMPERANCE LIFE .-- We rejoice to see that ur good friends of the Temperance cause in the city are wakeful and vigilant. A number of meetings have been held in the Temperance Hall during the winter of thrilling interest. A series of public meetings in the Mechanics Institute have been arranged under the auspices of the several divisions which promise great good. The first was numerously attended, and passed off admirably. The second is to be held on Thursday evening next, at the Institute. May God prosper the effort.

OMINOUS .- The "British Constitution" says. the Lord Bishop has resigned his seat in the Legislative Council, and that the Roman Catholic Bishop entertained his Lordship at dinner during his recent visit to this city. How true the adage, Birds of a teather flock together."

FREDERICTON Jan. 28th, 1857 DEAR BROTHER BILL .- You may recollect the insertion in the Visitor of the marriage of Mr.

James A., Smith, to Miss Matilda Yerxa, of "What matters it then mothers who ween over departed infants, whether you are admitted to a Douglas, on Christmas eve. Mr.S. being the son communion table! What consolation can you of a much loved brother of mine as may be suphave when you think that there is no explicit posed, I feel a deep interest in the prosperity and promise, giving assurance that the child of prayer, welfare of the parties thus united, and entering and tears, and love, is gone to happiness before you. The Editor of the Visitor has produced an upon that new relation of life; but how frail and argument which nullifies all your hopes, dissiuncertain are all earthly prospects and objects. pates all your fond imaginings, and bids you for Mrs. S. a few days after her marriage, was atever despair of meeting with the loved and the tacked with fever- which terminated her life on the evening of the 22d inst. Thus in less than Now if this pathetic passage means any thing one short month the bridal room became a place its whole drift goes to make the impression, that if mothers do not have their children baptized of death and mourning, and the remains of the they can have no hope of meeting their loved deceased was conveyed to the silent tomb last ones in heaven, they are lost, eternally lost. This Lord's day, the funeral services being performed surely is the good old Popish doctrine of baptis- by the same Minister who had so recently solemmal regeneration with a witness. It might do upon nized the marriage rite. I had but a very slight

the Marsh Bridge to the York Point is to accommodate in the way of removing materials from vessels to the places where they will be wanted along the line. It is supposed that this will ef-

fect much saving of expense in teaming. There seems as far as we could judge from all we saw, a disposition on the part of contractors, and all concerned to push on the work as rapidly as thoroughness of execution, and other circumstances will permit.

The enterprise is one of serious magnitude de manding unity of design and effort. It is a matter implicating largely the interests of the whole people, and therefore should have their sympathy and support.

On Monday evening the Hall of the Mechanics Institute was crowded with a highly respectable audience to listen to a lecture from Rev. E. Clay, M. D., on "Physiology and Hygene, in School House life." The lecturer (who was assisted by various diagrames and a skeleton of a French lady) spoke in terms of just condemnation of the disgraceful school-houses in which New-Brunsw) :kers permit their children to spend so great a portion of their lives, some of which he declared "were not large enough to admit air sufficient to carry on the resuiratory functions of time cats, especially if they were expected to catch mice, as the very exertion necessary to this action would tend to lessen the amount of pure air fit for breath ing." He -deprecated the practice of sending vorne or sickly children to School, uron e it as a required law, 'but children should receive a body ere they had the powers of their unnd developed to such an extent as to weaken their corporeal system. He spoke of the injurt us effects of forms and "three legged stools" so common in all schools. and highly eulogized the way in which the comfort of the children is attended to in the Schols of the Union by providing, in most cases, for each pupil, a separate seat with a back, and, both back and seat nicely cushioned. Whilst on this part of his subject he threw out a high, which it would be well for the Directors of the Institute to work out, namely : the desirability of having our Halls fitted up with "cushiened" seats, as children are not alone subject to inconvenience from the plain, hard, bourd seats.

Mr. Clay, throughout his admirable lecture, kept the idea constantly before the minds of the hearers, that the health and comfort of the children should not be neglected by parents and teachers in the desire to see their "smartness" quickness, intelligence, or clev mess,

GOVERNMENT NOTICE .- Her Majesty has been pleased to accept the resignation by the Lord Bishop of Fredericton of his Seat as a Member of the Legislative Council of this Province.

PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENT .- His Excelency the Lieutenant Governor has been leased to appoint, provisionally, Commander John James Robinson, R. N., of Campo Bello. in the County of Charlotte, to be a Member

aside from sectarian preferences. Progress in Railways, the gradual de of Free Trade policy, the system of Registration of Voters, the Ballott, and the continued extension of the Elective Franchise will receive its cordial advocacy. made a member of Clirist, and an inheritor of the

kingdom of God." Hence all his fond dreams through life bringing him "back to the days of his childhood," when as he had thought he "had a place in the kingdom of Christ below" are all

blown to the wind. He finds that not only is Infant Baptism swept from the board by this demand for scriptural authority in its favor, but with it goes the Popish dogma of "baptismal regene-

ration." This is serious, very serious, but the plain truth is as both came into the church together as twin sisters so they must go out together. Both rest upon the same basis, hence they must stand or fall together. But really we were not aware until our Brother told us that he attached such saving virtue to this baptismal ceremony. If we had been arguing with a Puseyite or with a Roman Priest, we should have looked for such an avowal, but certainly we were not prepared to meet it in its present connexion. but this explains why our friend clings so tenaciously to his favorite theory. If Infant Baptism does save the soul, the soul's best affections

should cluster about it, but we must confess that to our "obtuse vision" the foundation seems very sandy, so much so that we should not like to build our hopes of heaven upon it.

Our good Brother finding himself by the doctrine of this "remorsless" Visitor left without hope appeals with touching power to doting mothers. who are left in the same sad plight and the appeal is so rich in all moving pathos, that we must copy it in this connexion. Here it is :-- and loo

dience, from Zechariah, 6th, 12th and 13th. The tor will soon commence operations. The average this law is disclosed, we were not able to find in-Christ Jesus ; for as many of you as have been sermon was an able and practical elucidation of number of men employed on the whole line is the slightest allusion to the Baptism of uncon- baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There the text, and peculiarly appropriate. The chapel not far from 220. The grading is nearly comtered, while they appeared to give almost as nence to admit any other party to partake of any ther ordinance we never doubted the right of emales to participate of the Lord's supper, but since we have been converted by the Visitor's principle of reasoning, we have sought for an ex-press warrant for admitting them, and can find none, and though we have applied to the Visitor and offered him a hundred pennies, he either won't or can't supply our lack, and we must, if we are still continued in the membership of the Bapscious babes. is neither Jew nor Greek, their is neither bond pleted from the York Point to the Cuttings, and much puin to himself as to those persons in is large, commodious and chaste, and our prayer some instance legally subject to the common transitions of independence and poverty. No one could transact buisiness with Mr. What next is to be done? We are told it is in nor free, there is neither male nor temale : for we a that it may be filled with devout and spiritual the rails are laid about three fourths of the disthe good book somewhere, and, notwithstanding, are all one in Christ Jesus." One in spirit and tance. There has been some delay in conseour good friend of the Presbyterian has chided us one in privilege. Now as our brother knew all quence of the detention of a cargo of iron from New York, which was expected some time ago. The severely for presuming to ask his guidance in our this before he came into the Baptist Church and Wolhaupter and come away with the impres-IF The Christian Messenger was suspended perplexity, yet we must venture to renew our appeal in the hope that he will be in a more oblig-ity for female baptism, female membership, and sion that he was anything less than a warm-hearted gentleman whose harsh word or op-pressive act had never been heard or known. only one week in consequence of the fire, and not vessel went ashore at Holmes Hole, but report two as we had supposed from the fact that its wel- says she has got off, and will probably be here are still continued in the membership of the Bap-tiat church protest against the admission of fe-males to the Lord's table, unless some worthy Baptist will condescend to find for us that while their some seeking, samely an express warrant for their some worted and Reptized and inducted into the s good christian man honestly say so, that we soon. The Engine recently brought on from the He was in the 57th year of his age, and ue-1 - 25 - 5

In interchanging remarks with our friend of does he do in this new connexion? Does he the Presbyterian on the baptism of infants, our like the good Apollos when he came into the object has been throughout to keep our Brother Society of Aquilla and Priscella strive to to the main point involved in the controversy, "learn the ways of God more perfectly?" namely, the scriptural authority for the ordinance Not so, he becomes a general disturber of the in debate, and to argue out the question upon its peace. He is different from any convert from own merits, but this we have so far found a very the Presbyterian fold we have ever had, they difficult matter to do. He is connected with a generally make excellent members, but this church, the published standards of which recog- youthful disciple begins to rail at us for admitting nize the Bible as the only rule of faith and prac- females to our communion. He assumes without tice. This doctrine, is the boast of Protestant- one particle of evidence, that there is no more ism, "The Bible, and the Bible only is the reli- scriptural authority for admitting them to the table gion of protestants." Under these circumstances of the Lord than there is for infant sprinkling. he comes forward as the defender of the dogma and therefore these females must be excluded, and of Infant Baptism, and seeks to indoctrinate us as he is bound by his conversion to the doctrine in his favourite theory. We very naturally reply, put forth by the Visitor to take the Scriptures for "friend, you profess to take the word of God for his guide, and to have "a thus saith the Lord." your guide, pray tell us, is your law of Infant for what he does if we don't yield to his wishes. Baptism to be found there? If so, please tell us and cast out these females he will quit us at once, where it is, that we may read it for ourselves." and set up an entirely new concern and neither mothers nor their babies shall have part or lot But how does he treat our appeal for information? Why instead of kindly telling us where his law in the matter. If the latter must go to perdiis to be found in the Christian's Law Book, he tion for the want of the baptismal seal because upbraids us for our folly in making the request, their is no scriptural mandate for its application and then flies off to talk about matters altogether it is only right that the former should go with foreign to the question in hand, such as "female them; the mothers and their little ones must not communion," and " women talking in the church," be separated come what may, they must go to-

&c., Again we remonstrate, and say, friend gether. this has nothing to do with the case. You say It is true that mothers just like fathers may do that Jesus Christ has instituted the law of "Inall that the stipulations of church organization fant Baptism." and, therefore, all ministers of and privilege as given in the New Testament rereligion should, as a matter of course, enforce quire. They may be instructed and then repent this law, and see that the infants as well as the of their sins, believe in Christ, get baptised and adults are baptized, and he who fails to do this is become useful active members of the Church, all living in the habitual violation of the law of of which they obviously did in apostolic times, but Christ. This is felt to be a grave matter, and as none of which, their unconscious babes can do. our teacher utterly refuses to give us the neces- Yet they must stay from the Lord's table until their sary information we have recourse to our Bible, loved ones can have the "seal of the covenant." asking for divine guidance in this season of True, Paul in his inspired letter to the Corinthiperplexity. Any Domony analy videoteral. ans, 11 chap., addressed the church as a whole,

In our earnest endeavour to know the truth, making no distinction between males and females, we carefully examine what the four gospels, but speaks of them as "one body," and classes Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John have to say on them one and all, not as males or as females, but the subject, and then we pass on through the as the members of Christ, saying : "For I have Acts of the Apostles, and their epistles to the received of the Lord that which I delivered unto churches, carefully pondering every word that is you, that the Lord Jesus the same night in which uttered. In the course of the examination we he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had find a great deal said about the law of Baptism given thanks, he brake it, and said "take, eat, this as instituted by Christ, the mode is defined in is my body, which is broken for you; this do in the terms of the law which enjoins it, and the remembrance of me. After the same manner parties receiving the ordinance are represented also he took the cup when he had supped, sayns penitent, "confessing their sins," and "bring- ing, This cup is the New Testament in my blood : ing forth fruits meet for repentance," as "be- this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance lievers receiving the word of God gladly," as of me. For as often as ye eat this bread and "partakers of the Holy Ghost," as worshipping drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till one Lord, trusting in one Saviour, inspired by he come;" and he further states of believers with-

Protestant minister

Our good Brother must have been unduly exsubject of serious impressions, that she had when cited when he penned that extraordinary passage: but we are prepared to make all due allowance, in health, been frequently noticed by members for his introduction into the Baptist church was a of the family, to retire and engage in secret most exciting affair. He had to find his way prayer. Her pious mother, I am told, entertained through that ponderous cake of ice, no less than a good hope in reference to her future state. berg as this. It was fortunate that he escaped fidence in the instruction of pious parents, acwith his life.

The truth is like some young converts we have have come in by the good old baptismal door inexample when he was baptized (immersed) by John in the waters of Jordan, and thus like the we hope to be able to impart some useful lessons of instruction to our new convert, and we are not without hope that he will become a teachable

obedient disciple walking in all the ordinances and commands of the Lord blameless.

Home Mission Appointments.

The Board have recently appointed Rev. John Magee to labour for three months in Newcastle, Miramichi, North Esk, Little South West, and since Elder Scott left it. The Board has done brother will meet with a cordial greeting. months mission to King's Clear, Prince William, and neighbouring settlements. We doubt lic opened to receive him.

The friends of the missions must remem that the funds of the Board are wholly dependant upon the free contributions of the people. It is therefore expected that those who enjoy the advantages of missionary labour will do all they on these exertions. Heresten to not The Apostolic doctrine is, that they "who preach the Gospel should live by the Gospel."-"A word to the wise is sufficient."

most abiable disposition, that she had never made of the Legislative Council of this Province. a public profession of religion, but had been the

FIRES -On S.Jurday morning at 4 o'clock an alurm of fire was giver in Portland, which was find to proceed from the roof of a house owned by Mr. J. Wasson, near the Episcopal Church, Portland, The fire had gained some headway before it was discover-"four feet thick." It is no trifling matter for a man While I have no confidence in the virtue of a ed. Some of the Engine Companies found to come in smashing contact with such an ice- parents piety to save a child. I have good con- their way to me spot but they were unable to renderious service on account of there being no water. The fire spread to the two houses adjuining owned and occupied by two brothers of Mr. Wasson, and the three buildings were barpe to the ground, Most of the furniture and effects were saved. A barn adjoining, belonging to Mr. Brattley, escaped destruction although somewhat endangered. Had the wind prevailed the fire would have been much more destructive. We understand that there was insurance on the houses destroyed. The origin of the fire is unknown, double Another fire broke out about 9 o'clock on Saturday murning in a work-shop owned by Mr. Magee, boat builder, Paradise Row. The house occupied by Mr. Sweet was in danger but the building being constructed partly of brick it did not catch fire. The shop was destroyed together with a portion of tools which

it contained .- News. PUBLIC DISPENSARY .--- We are pleased to learn that matters are progressing favourably towards the speedy establishment of this much desired institution, and that several of our leading citizens are taking an active part in the movement. We know of no city that stands in more need of a Dispensary than St. John. Cases daily come under our notice where its charity could be dispensed, and be the means of alleviating much misery, which has to be endured on account of poverty. The professional gentlemen are indefatigable in their exertions; and we beleive that their efforts for the benefit of the suffering poor will be crowned with success .- News.

The brig Lilla, from Halifax for the West Indies, returned to port on the 26:b inst., after baying been at sea about 25 days. She experienced very severe weather, and lost the Captain and mate overboard on the 4th, during a gale .- The Captain's name was Zwicker, and belonged to Mahone Bay .- N. Brnns.

BENJAMIN WOLHAUPTER, Esq.,-High Sheriff of the county of York, expired at his residence in Fredericton on the morning of Monday last, the cause of his death being Si'lious oclic, terminating in apoplexy.

This sudden dispensation of Divine Provi-dence is justly considered a public calamity one hope, and members of the same spiritual body. out distinction of sex, "By one spirit are we all Progress of the Railway. **Opening Service**. &c., &c. The history further states that the wo- baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or in Fredericton, and will be felt so throughout We have recently passed over the line of Rail-way in progress between York Point, and the men as well as the men were admitted to the ordin- Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have The new Wesleyan Chapel on Exmonththe whole country, where the mild concilia ance, for "when they believed Philip preaching been all made to drink into one spirit, for the street, was opened for Divine Service on tory deportment of Mr. Wolhaupter had for tory deportment of Mr. wonaupter had for many years been so well known and appreci-ated.—Never did he oppress a poor man, and even while in the faithful discharge of duty, the unpleasant appliances of his office were ever kindly received because kindly adminis Cutting, a distance of six miles. There are three the things concerning the Kingdom of God, body is not one member but many." And again in Friday last, at 11 o'clock, A.M. The Rev. M. Ritchie, D. D., President of Conference, preach- contractors on this branch, two of whom are they were baptized both men and women." But his letter to the Galatians, he tells them one and Let us try it on the right of females to partake of the Lord's supper. Before we learned from the *Visitor* that it required an express warrant to admit any subject to Baptism, and by conse-quence to admit any other party to partake of any other ordinance we never doubt the terms. ed on the occasion, to a large and attentive anafter examining every single passage in which all, "For we are all the children of God in faith

Affectionately Yours JOHN T. SMITH.

DEAR BROTHER ;-Please say in your next issue that the necessary arrangements are made for can towards defraying the expense attendaut up- brother W.J. Blakeney's return to the Seminary, and that he is expected immediately, Yours truly, C. SPURDEN.

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companied by these fervent prayers, as a means

in God's hands, of favourably influencing the known he was in too big a hurry to get into the minds of their children while young and more Church. He should have waited until he could susceptable of impressions, in reference to their soul's salvation, and trust that those prayers were stituted by Christ, and opened by his own spotless heard and those instructions owned and blessed in this case. in the set of any ris be

I pray God that this bereavement may primitive christians have been "buried with sanctified, not only to those most deeply affected Christ in baptism." If he had done this, it is al- by it, but to many others, till such scenes may most certain that he would not have threatened follow as I recollect to have witnessed in that us with such unheard of disasters. But we will Settlement, one Lord's day morning, some not dispair, the excitement probably is only tem- years ago, when you baptized, I think, twenty porary and will soon pass away. We have a two young persons on profession of their faith in choice old book of inspired directions, from which Christ, and subsequently gave them the right hand of fellowship in the body of the Chapel.

Our much esteemed friend W. D. Hartt Esq. also died on the evening of the 22d inst., after a long illness. Between Mr. H. and myself an uninterrupted friendship had existed for nearly thirty years, he was one of the few persons I have found during the course of my life, whose kindness and friendship remained the same under every variety of circumstances. Mr Hartt had filled the Magisterial office here for many years. and recently the office of Judge of the Court of vicinity. This field has remained unoccupied Common pleas, and at different periods, various other offices of a local nature, with great credit their best to supply it, but they have not been to himselt, and benefit to the Community. In him able to do so until now. We doubt not our the happy traits of decision of character, with Rev. James Walker is appointed to three to an extent not usual. In his Christian character he was unassuming, but he unquestionably lived the life of a christian, and died as he lived, trusting alone in the blood and righteousness of not he will find the houses and hearts of the pub- Christ for Salvation. The death of Mr. Hartt, will be long felt as a loss in this community.

FREDERICTON, 20th Jan., 1857.