ty sent a dress, necklace, and earrings for the peasant's wife. It is impossible to be more goes out alone on foot, and enters the the at the public door. One day the portress at the Angennes theatre caught a gentleman in the act of puffing the smoke of his cigar at her cat, which he had found in a corner and kept there. Rushing forward to rescue her favourite, she seized the tormentor by arm, and on his turning round recognised the

## Mew Brunswick Baptist AND CHRISTIAN VISITOR.

ST. JOHN, N. B., WEDNESDAY, JAN. 23, 1861

ebient con AN APPEAL:

TO THE MINISTERS AND CHURCHES OF THE ( ) KASTERN AND WESTERN N. B. BAPTIST ASSOCIATIONS.

ton bearing their work A. DEAR BRETHREN :- Circumstances seem to render it important that you should have a condensed sketch of the origin, progress and present position of the Christian Visitor, and now probably is just the time to give it. I therefore notice

1st. Its origin. I have not been able to ascertain who first suggested the thought of getting up a religious paper for the Baptists of this Province; but I am informed that the matter was spoken of freely by brethren Robinson, Very, Frances, McDonald, N. S. DeMill, McHenry, A. McL. seeley and others, and the conclusion was to submit the question as to the propriety of Association. This was accordingly done at a meeting of the Association held at Jackson-town, in July, 1847. And after a full and prayerful discussion, the following resolution nously adopted :-

was unanimously adopted :-"That this Association gratefully acknowledge the obligations of the Denomination to the Editors of the Christian Messenger, for their long continued and highly useful labors in conducting that excellent Periodical; but with the necessity which exists in this Province for a cheap Periodical to meet the wants of the Province, and recommend, that a Committee be appointed to correspond with the Editors of the Christian Messenger, on the best possi-ble way to effect that object without injury to that Paper, and gain all the information they can by the time of the meeting of the Conven tion; and they further recommend, that Brethren Robinson, Very, and McDonald, form that Committee."
This Committee attended to their duty,

made the necessary enquiries of the Editors of the Messenger, and then called a public meet-ing of the brethren in the City to consider the subject. We learn from Minutes kept in the records of Germain Street Baptist Church, by the Clerk, Deacon George A. Garrison, that this meeting took place in the Germain Street Baptist Chapel, Oct. 15, 1847, Rev. S. Robinson in the Chair. After free discussion it was resolved to establish the paper, and having Rev. Messrs Very and McDonald were ap pointed by the meeting a Committee to enter into an arrangement with them to publish the

Amongst the provisions of that agreement were the following:—500 subscribers pledged at 10s. per annum, and one page of the Visitor for advertisements. The appointment of the Editor vested in the denominational Committee, with power to change when deemed necessary. The Editor to have a pound a week, and that to be paid by the Publishers.

Under this arrangement Bailey & Day continued to publish the Visitor until Vol. 2, No. 6. At this time they failed in business, and the Visitor was for a short time suspended .-But the Committee in charge very soon made such an arrangement with Mr. Cameron, of the St. John Observer as enabled them to go forward with their original design.

ASSOCIATIONAL ACTION AGAIN. The first Associational meeting after the commencement of the Visitor, took place at Moneton, July 1848. There the proceedings of the Committee were formally sanctioned by the unanimous adoption of the following reso-

REPORT ON THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR.

The Committee upon the Christian Visitor beg leave to report: That they highly approve of this paper as a religious publication. That in their opinion its continuation will be productive of great good to the cause of God in this Province. The Committee would recommend it to the sure nittee would recommend it to the sup-The Committee would recommend it to the sup-port of Ministers, Deacons, and members of all Churches of our Eastern Association, and also to our congregations. The Committee would ex-press their hope, that the paper may not suffer any embarrassment through the want of pecuniry support—that those who can, will contribute o enrich its columns with original matter, and hat all who are in arrears will forward their ues which is necessary to sustain properly the

dues which is necessary to sustain properly the undertaking.

The Committee would further express its approbation of the manner in which the Christian Visitor is conducted by its talented and worthy Editor, Elder E. D. Very, and hope the Lord may sustain him in his duties as an Editor and

W. JACKSON, Chairman,
In behalf of the Committee.
The Western Association, which met at St.
George in the September following, resolved
as follows:—

CPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CHRIS-TIAN VISITOR.

ve to report as follows: That they regard the Christian Visitor as an atremely valuable auxiliary to the other means of instruction enjoyed by the community; and would express their approbation, not only of the style in which it is conducted, but also of the promptitude with which all matters pertaining to the interests of the denomination.

CHANGE ON THE DEATH OF MR. VERY. So the Visitor went forward under the guidor, the beloved Very. By this the paper. Accordingly a

g held in Brussels St. Chapel, of the Pastors and Brethren of St. Jehn and Portland for the

then appointed Rev. I. E. Bill, Chairman and paid.

J. F. Masters, Secretary,

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On motion it was resolved that the Rev. 8. Robinson and I. E. Bill be joint Editors to conduct the Christian Visitor with the priviege of engaging the services of any brother to aid them in their work, and that two pounds and that they correspond with any brother they nay think competent to take the permanent Editorship, and submit such correspondence to this Committee for their approval." (Signed) J. F. MASTERS, Secretary,

This action was reported to the meeting of 1852, and the following resolution was adopted :--

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN VISITOR. The Committee on the "Christian Visitor." be eave to report that-

Whereas the "Christian Visitor" has, from its origin, been not only the organ but the property of the Denomination; and whereas two of the members of the Committe, appointed at the commence-ment by the United Association Body, have been re-moved by death, in the Providence of God, reducing the Committee to one surviving member; and whereas it is necessary to take measures for the temporary conduct of the Visitor, until some permanent arrangements can be made in regard

Therefore Resolved, That the following Brethren be appointed as a Committee to manage the Visitor and consult together for its interests until the meeting of the Western Association.

Brethren A. McL., Seely, Thos. McHenry,

N. S. Demill, J. F. Marsters, Geo. W. Roberts, Isaiah Wallace, Stephen Gerow, Geo. F. Miles, John Smith, E. H. Duval, and the Ministers of the Churches of St. Joh

That this Association request the above-men tioned Committee to continue the present arrangement for editing and printing the "Chris tian Visitor," under the supervision of Brethren Robinson and Bill, until they can obtain the services of a competent person or, failing in that, till the Meeting of the Western Association, and that the Brethren when they meet at that Association be requested to take final action upon the

That in the meanwhile Brother Isaiah Wallace e requested to continue his services as the Agent of the Visitor, for the purpose of collecting debts and extending its circulation. All which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES SPURDEN, Chairman

The Western Association which met at Prince William, in September of the same year expressed their will in the following language: The Committee on the Christian Visitor, report that they desire to submit to the solemn spensation that has deprived them of the laours of the late Editor of their religious Journal, Elder E. D, Very, and feel thankful to God that they were permitted to enjoy his valuable

They would give expression to the satisfaction they feel with the appointment of Elders I. E. Bill and R. Thompson, to succed our departed Brother, as associate Editors of the "Christian Visitor," and hope that they may have the con-Brethren throughout the Province in discharging

They rejoice at the success that has attended the labours of Bro. Wallace, the Travelling Agent f the Visitor, in increasing its circulation. earn from his statement, that since June last he has added upwards of 200 Subscribers to the list, besides collecting about £120 of subscriptions.
We are pleased to learn that arrangements have been entered into for enlarging and improving the paper, at the end of the present quarter. and we truly hope that the "Christian Visitor" ounded as it is upon purely Christian principles, may continue to increase in its circulation : to this end they ask the prayers and assistance of all who love the Saviour. In behalf of the Committee. CHARLES SPURDEN, Chairman.

But the Committee having the matter in charge found it so burdensome that they resolved to dispose of it as best they could, in accordance with the original design of the naper. Accordingly they called a meeting, and after prayerful deliberation came to the followng decision:

The Committee in charge of the "Christian Visitor" having determined that they could no longer upon their own responsibility conduct it called a meeting of the Denomination on the 27th Oct., when it was unanimously decided that the Paper should be handed over to any suitable Brethren upon certain conditions who might be willing upon those conditions to conduct it as the rgan of the Denomination.

At a subsequent meeting of the Committee, the Brothers who were acting as Editors made prorosals, which were favorably received, and the ollowing resolution was then moved by Bro. A. McL. Seely, and seconded by Bro. N. S. Demill.

Resolved: "That the proposals of Bro, Bill and
Thomson to take upon themselves the Proprietorship and management of the "Christian Visi-tor" on, and after the 17th January, 1853, be accepted, and that the Secretary, Bro. J. F. Mas ters be requested to furnish them with a written ocument to that effect."

The Committee having fulfilled their engage ments with the Publisher, now beg to observe, that as they had on the Death of the late Rev. E. D. Very, appointed their brethren the Rev. I. E. Bill and R. Thomson to be joint Editors, have been perfectly satisfied with the manner in which they have performed their duty, and they trust that this act of placing the paper in the entire charge of these Brethren, will meet with the sanction of the Churches, and that every minister in particular, and the Brethren in general will evince the same by giving them their utmost support in their laborious and important undertaking. Samuel Robinson, Pastor of Brussells' St. Church

John Smith,
N. S. Demill,
A. McL Seely,
Edmund Hillyer Duvall, Committe

This arrangement was duly reported to the astern and Western Associations, the former f which met at Hillsboro', July 1853, and the atter in September of the same year at St. George, and the following action was taken :-The Committee on the Christian Visitor rerted as follows-

The Committee on the Christian Visitor beg leave to Report, that they learn with much regret that the sum of £442 8s. 1d. remains due nto the hands of the present proprietors, of which sum £216 1s. 1d. is due the Estate of our late esteemed Brother Very, and that sum nust be paid to prevent the sale of the property of the widow and children.

The balance of £226 7s. will probably be

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any other duties relating thereto, viz: Rev. The amount due the estate of the late editor I. E. Bill, Deacons N. S. DeMill, A. McL. in harmony with this resolution was appor-

As my primary object in identifying myself permanently with the paper was to contribute what I could in this connection to the interests of the denomination. I resolved from the first to have as little as possible to do with its financial affairs: and as all appeared to have per week be allowed them for such purpose; full confidence in the integrity of R. Thomson. A. M., I allowed him to keep the books and manage the monetary department. In this way the VISITOR went on, until an expose was made of Mr. Thomson's character, which took us all by surprise. The effect of this disclosure was to place Mr. T. under the necessity of leaving the Eastern Association held in Sackville, July the city immediately. But unfortunately he had become involved in debt to a considerable amount which he was unable to pay. At this juncture, brethren N. S. DeMill, A. McL. Seelev. and T. McHenry came forward, and gave him some £20 each, to enable him to meet his liabilities outside of the denomination. This they did to save the body from reproach-a generous and noble act.

But in the meantime I had advanced at diff ferent times to Mr. Thomson, until he had become personally indebted to me to the amount of £67, for which he gave me the following

Saint John, November, 29th 1853. Three months after date, I promise to pay to the Rev. I. E. Bill, or order, sixty-seven Pounds six-shillings, for value received ROBERT THOMSON, A. M.

Pavable at the Commercial Bank, Saint John This of course remains unpaid; but beyond

his, according to his own showing at settlement, he had collected VISITOR money to the amount of upwards of £60 beyond what he had paid out. This he could not refund. But what was still worse when I enquired for the cash book in full, kept by him, his reply was first that it was burnt up; and when I reproved him for so disposing of it, he said, perhaps it could be found-but it never came to light. The loss on my part of some £130 by him was bad enough: but the destruction of the cash book was all but ruinous, for it threw the accounts into the utmost confusion, subjecting me to an immense expense in sending an agent round to the subscribers to ascertain how they stood, and to this day I have never been able to learn how much money he collected, of which he furnished no account, or what portions of any of his collections belonged to the old debts. His final giving up the papers to me reads thus :--

SAINT JOHN, April 29th, 1854. DEAR BROTHER :- I have handed in the Books and Accounts belonging to the Christian Visitor, and find that I have received £61 5s. 2d. more than I have paid. I now resign the bove paper into the Rev. I. E. Bill's hands renouncing all further claims with every good R. THOMSON, A. M. Rev. I. E. Bill.

Witnesses to the signing of the above—Asa Coy, W. Seeley.

Nearly all the brethren who had advanced money to establish the Visitor, and especially those who had given the most when they transferred the paper to us, as I understood, generously relinquished all further claim upon it, and it was expected that all would do the same. If any should not be so disposed it was hoped that enough would come in from back dues to neet the amount. But these brethren know ng the loss the Visitor sustained by R. Thomson, A. M., have never from that day to this made any demand upon it. The truth is, the "experience of six months," as they justly remark, taught them if they continued to provide for the paper, that their liabilities would be increased rather than diminished. The experience of the Committee is illustrative of my own, for instead of receiving any remuneration for my protracted services in connection with the Visitor, I have expended of my own personal property hundreds of pounds. It is true there is a great deal of money scattered over these lower Provinces, Canada and the United States, but from present appearances my loss in the issue will exceed the whole amount advanced by the denomination to establish the paper, and to meet the dues to the estate of its original Editor. I do not so much regret this after all because my aim from the beginning was not to make money, but to do good, and I very well know that hundreds of families have enjoyed the reading of the Visitor for ong years and have been benefitted by it, that would not have received it if I had demanded cash in advance: and if I had the means to expend now no Baptist family in this Province expecially of the poor of the flock should go without the Visitor if disposed to receive it

The Visitor had not been very long wh n my own hands before its circulation more than doubled, and as it went on increas ing it became exceedingly burdensome especial ly in relation to its finances; and so much so that I resolved to embrace the first favorable opening to dispose of it. Accordingly as stated in a former "issue, I proposed at a neeting of the Western Association at Gagetown, Sept. 1858. to pass it into their hands. They were not prepared to accept it, but took the following action.

The Committee appointed to report on the Christian Visitor have attended to the duty assigned them, and beg leave to say :---1st. That the present Proprietor and Editor, he Rev. I. E. Bill, is anxious to transfer the pa-

the Rev. I. E. Bill, is anxious to transfer the pa-per into other hands, in order to relieve himself from the embarrassments and cares which it im-poses upon him, and in order also, to be able to devote himself entirely to the pastoral office. 2d, He proposes first, to make said transfer to any person or persons belonging to the Baptist denomination in this Province, having the con-

8d. Unless such transfer can be made to responsible parties in this Province, he will then feel himself at liberty to dispose of said paper to any other party or parties with whom he may be able to agree.

4th. The Committee beg leave, however, to express the hope, that in either case, the individual and denominational interests in the Visitor will remain undiminished, and that all of its friends may exert their utmest endeavours to extend its influence and circulation, and thus lend it their ample support.

S. H. Filmore, Chairman.

This decision, you will see, fully authorized me to dispose of the Visitor as best I could to relieve myself, and at the same time preserve its denominational relationship. Rev. H. P. Chilifard.

any other duties relating thereto, viz: Rev.

I. E. Bill, Deacons N. S. DeMill, A. McL.

Seely, and Brethren D. Roberts, Thomas McHenry, and J. F. Masters. This Committee with a most cordial response, and the debt was then appointed Rev. I. E. Bill, Chairman and paid.

The amount due the estate of the late editor in harmony with this resolution was apportioned amongst the several churches, and met with a most cordial response, and the debt was paid.

We have a coordingly made propositions which were accepted; but he not being in a condition to bear financial responseitly, a few months experience taught me that I must have additional aid. This led to the transfer of its financial concerns into the hands of Mr. McHenry, taking care in each case that its columns should be devoted, as originally designed, to the best interests of the

The first Associational meeting that took place after this transfer was held at Hopewell, July, 1859. I reported my proceedings to that Association, and they sanctioned my doings in the style following :-

The Committee on Periodicals beg to leave to

That since the last meeting of the Association changes have been made in the proprietorship and editorial department of the Vicitor.—Elder Guilford has become joint proprietor and Editor, and Mr. McHenry has taken the financial affairs and secular department of the Visitor in hand.—These changes have relieved Elder Bill from undue pressure, and by dividing the labour, and en-larging the means of conducting the paper will in various ways work beneficially.

They are glad to learn that the circulation of

the Visitor is well maintained, and that some progress is being made in settling the accounts which have been long due. The business of conducting a newspaper involves a large outlay and weekly expense, funds must therefore be obtained, and unless subscribers pay, and pay punctually, and unless subscribers pay, and pay punctually, it is impossible for the conductors to meet their obligations. A large subscription list and ready payment enable the Editors to introduce improvements, and incur expense for the advantage of their readers. The Committee think that they are expressing the unanimous opinion of the Association when they strenuously urge the prompt settlement of all outstanding claims, and the adoption of prepayment as a general principle.

In view of the great advantage of a well conducted periodical, and the powerful influence which will

ed periodical, and the powerful influence which wil ed periodical, and the powerful influence which will inevitably be exerted by a religious newspaper, they cannot too strongly recommend the journals of the Denomination to the hearty support of the people. They would remind the local agents, and ministers, that their co-operation is still required for the purpose of extending the circulation of the Visitor, and attending to its interest, they trust therefore that these brethren will not relax their exertions which have already been of execution services. these brethren will not relax them exclude have already been of essential service.

All of which, &c.,

C. Spurden.

In the meantime Mr." Guilford not succeed ing according to his expectations or mine in his new position, concluded to resign, and consequently his connection with the Visitor ceased.

The Western Association at Fredericton held soon after Mr. Guilford's resignation, reported thus :-

The Committee on Periodicals reported :-That soon after the last session of this Association, Elder Guilford became joint proprietor and editor of the Visitor with Elder Bill, and Mr. McHenry undertook the management of its secular department and financial affairs. Lately, however, the Rev. H. P. Guilford has relinquished his connextion with the paper, so that it now remains in the hands or the Rev. I. E. Bill and Mr. McHenry. They are glad to learn that the circulation

of the Visitor is maintained, and that some progress is being made in settling the accounts which have been long due. They would strenuously urge the prompt settlement of all outstanding claims, in order that the conductors of the periodical press may be in a position to meet their obligations, and may continue to merit and receive the patronage of the

The Eastern Association at its meeting Salisbury, July 1860, furnishes the following

Committee on Periodicals submit the following Report, which was read by Elder D. Lawson, and unanimously adopted :-

That we regard the religious press as nighty instrumentality in the conflicts of error and the propagation of truth, and that it becomes the duty of every Christian to give it his uncompromising support.

That we regard the Christian Visitor as the exponent of Baptist Principles, and although not held in its proprietory right by the denomination vet as its columns have ever been levoted to our interests and as it has faithfully opposing influences in the sectarian press. we commend it to the liberal support of the lovers of Bible truth. We are the more convinced that advance payments are the only safe basis for the permanenty of religious Periodicals, and hope the time is not distant when the Christian Visitor shall be raised above pecuni-

ary embarrasment thereby.

We would again commend to every lover of our youth those religious papers that are devoted to Sabbath School interests. All of which is respectfully submitted.

DAVID LAWSON, Convener. and finally, the last Associational action was taken as late as the 18th of September last. We gave it in a recent Issue, but the completion of this sketch requires that shall give it again. It reads thus The Committee on the Christian Visitor

That they regard the Christian Visitor as an invaluable auxiliary to our Denomination in this Province, and therefore commend it to the sympathy, confidence and undiminished co-operation of all our Ministers, Deacons, and Church Members composing the body.

We also recommend the full adoption of the eash, or pre-payment system as the only sand permanent plan upon which the paper c be published, thereby freeing the pro from the crushing embarrassment which he has to daily experience arising from the delinquency of subscribers.

THOMAS TODD, Chairman. From the above sketch you learn the fol-1st. That the Christian Visitor was go not by an individual, as has been represent the out by the united action of the Baptists of the

2nd. That it has passed through severa changes and some fiery trials, yet notwith-standing it has maintained unbroken its deno-minational connexion, and that even the finan-cial transfer to Mr. McHenry, which has recently called forth so much remark, has been

In conclusion, dear brethren, I have only to add that I take it for granted you will neither desire or expect me to reply to the scurrility of the Watchman of last week. Frail humanity might luxuriate in doing so, but there is one sweet passage coming fresh and pure from the Great Teacher's lips, which places a veto upon the spirit of retaliation. It reads thus:

"But I say unto you love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you." In the presence of

a precious season. The meeting next week will be in Rev. Mr. Bennett's church.

DEATH OF REV. WILLIAM D. FITCH.

It becomes our painful duty to chronicle

the demise of this beloved brother in the Lord and faithful Minister of the New Testament. He was the son of Mr. George Fitch of Aylesford, N. S., and the grand son of the late Rev. Thomas H. Chipman. of Nictaux. He was born March the 11th. 1819. He experienced religion in the days of his boyhood, was baptized by Rev. N. Viditoe, and united to the Baptist Church in Wilmot. He gave early promise of Ministerial gifts and by the advice of his friends spent some time at the Institution at Wolfville, preparatory to his engaging in the work of the Ministry. March the 22d, 1843, he was duly licensed by the church in Wilmot, to preach the gospel of Christ, wherever God in his Providence should direct him. In the prosecution of his sacred mission he came to New Brunswick, vissited several of the churches up the River Saint John, and was joyfully received as an ambassador of Jesus Christ. Amongst others, he visited Woodstock, and there in 1845, if we are rightly informed, by the advice of a council of Ministers, and by brethren from sister churches he received ordination. In 1847, he accepted a call from the Church at Canning, to the pastorate. While presiding over that Church he was united in Wedlock on the 15th of March, 1849, to Miss Sarah Ann, daughter of Enoch Lunt, Esq., of Maugerville .-After fulfilling the duties of the pastorate faithfully and successfully, in Canning, for some two years, he was induced to remove to Salmon Creek. There he devoted himself by labor upon a farm for two years preaching the gospel on the Sabbath, and on week days, as opportunity offered .-While at Salmon Creek, the health of his beloved wife began to decline, and it became necessary for her to be removed to her father's residence at Maugerville. Her disease proved to be consumption, and after a protracted illness, she departed this life Sept. 10th, 1854, in the comfortable assurance of a resurrection to the life everlasting in the heavens.

He again accepted the pastoral charge of the Church at Canning. During his second pastorate it was deemed advisable for the Church to divide and form a new Church at Gagetown. This was done by the united consent of the parties concerned and he became the Pastor of the new Church. While he officiated at Canning and Gagetown, two neat and commodious chapels were erected-one for the former. and the other for the latter district.

Feeling disposed to visit the Churches any kind appearing about it, has led to the supin the Easterff Counties, he resigned his position that you would indefinitely postpone pastorate and accepted a general agency publication, and then drop it altogether. pastorate and accepted a general an opportunity of preaching the word ex-tensively and of accomplishing much good. Wherever he traveled he was cordially received as a good minister of Jesus Christ,

In the summer of 1858, while on a visit to his friends in Nova Scotia, he was seixed with hemorage of the lungs. From that time his health was not reliable. At times he was able to preach and to attend to other duties for months together, and the prospect of perfect restoration seemed exceedingly hopeful; but disease had fastened permanently upon his vital organs, and therefore the symptoms of returning health

were only temporary.
In 1859 he married as his second wife Miss Jane, daughter of the late Reubin Peck, Esq., of Hopewell, by whom he had one child; but it early passed over Jordan, to be there in good time to meet its redeemed father in the better land. By his first wife he had two children, one of which bloomed for a time like a morning flower, but was soon cut down by the death scythe, and only the immortal lives to bloom in the paradise of God. So but one child, a little

girl, survives the Father. During the winter and spring of 1860. his health rapidly declined, and all through the summer and autumn he was exceedingly feeble. As the winter came on his debility increased, until Thursday evening last when his blood-washed spirit took its flight to a purer world. In his illness he was remarkably sustained by the cheering manifestations of the Divine presence, and by the full assurance of hope in the sinner's friend. With calmness of spirit he velcomed the King of Terrors and entered into his rest.

We tender to his surviving widow our Christian sympathies, and trust she will be divinely sustained. Want of space compels us to reserve further remarks for a future

OPINIONS OF OUR MINISTERS.

St. Andrews, Dec. 31, 1861. DEAL BROTHER BILL,—I feel sorry that the affairs at the capital about Editors and Publishers are so sad at the present time, it places our leading men in an unenviable position before the public. I do feel for you my good Brother; I do hope that in your "patience you will possess your soul."

I have observed traits of character in you that I wish I could possess,—I refer to that of mildness, forbearance, and watchfulness against resentment or retert. against resentment, or retort. The prese to yourself and co-workers. Now is one to yourself and co-workers. Now is one of the times in your spiritual warfare that you will be expected to play the man for our God in enduring hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ, always remembering that the weapons in the war "are not carnal." I perceive your opponent, in his defence, is wary and wily, and I think will require cautious handling. Tell my dear Brother McHenry not to let his anger come up in his face, or if it should let it evaporate from theses and not go down his right.

They are the Hopewell Hill, Albert County, I January 14th, 1861.

It is with deep regret that I have looked upon your recent troubles, which have unexpectedly areas concering the Christian Fields and Vatchmen, and while I do not entertain any other feeling, than good will and respect that I processy negret that I have looked upon your recent troubles, which have unexpected that I have looked upon your recent troubles, which have unexpected that I have looked upon your recent troubles, which have unexpected to the process of th

son's Church, on Tuesday afternoon. It was that our good Bro. DeMill and Mr. Day should its various departments. God bless New publish the Watchmon under existing circumstances, as it will certainly create discord and trouble amongst the Baptist Churches of this Province. And whatever good will Mr. Day may have cherished for the Baptists of the Baptist of the these Provinces, yet his present undertaking as to my whereabouts, and let you know I is most unfortunate, and in my judgment, does do not intend to play truant very long. not argue much in his favor, concerning his pretended good will for us, as Baptists. Why My labors are altogether too great for my weak constitution. I find that preachshould the Christian Visitor be supplanted by ing five times, a week, besides attending the Watchman, or loose its birthright, after entwo prayer meetings, and now and then a during so long and respectably the burthen and heat of the day? Does not every Baptist lecture, has the effect of making my throat of this Province know, that the Christian Visi-tor has ever sounded the true shibboleth? complain most bitterly, and urge me to a shorter allowance. There is no very spewhy then should it loose its valuable life at cial movement in the Church, though the the "passages of Jordon?" I do feel concongregations seem solemn and attentive. strained from a sense of duty, thus publicly to I hope God is prospering you in the City. I would like if you would favor me with a short note, that I may thereby learn the give my opinion, as a conciencious man, and do confess that I feel much grief that anything of the kind should have taken place. I do how-ever confess that Brother Demill has a perfect true state of things. right to publish a Paper if he choose to do so, With sentiments of the highest regard, but he has no right to interfere, or endeavour Most cordially yours. to unsettle the good-will amongst the Baptist Churches cherished towards the Christian Vi-

sitor, and its Editors. And therefore his pre-

sent undertaking cannot otherwise than be re-

garded as untimely, and injudicious, by the great majority of the Baptists of this Province,

present movement concerning our Denomina-

tional paper. Discord, strife, disunion, and every evil work must be the natural conse-

quence of such an untoward undertaking. May the Lord in mercy bless his people and pre-

serve them from evil and give them wisdom

and grace, to know and do their duty, in such

charity which endureth all things.

LEVI H. MARSHALL,

a time as this-and endeavor to cultivate that

DEAR BROTHER BILL. I hope you will

not get discouraged by the opposition you have had to meet of late. I have received the

first number of N. B. Baptist and C. Visitor, and am much pleased with its appearance and

improvement. It is worthy of the name it bears, and should commend itself to every Bap-

tist family in the Province and elsewhere.

hope our Baptist friends will be consistent

with themselves after passing the resolution at

our recent Associations regarding the Visitor

as "A valuable auxiliary to our denomina-

tion," commending it to their sympathy and

co-operation, and not patronize another paper

which every one must see was got up in opposition to the Baptist and C. Visitor. I think

as Baptists we are bound to stay up your hands

and to double our diligence for the support

I hereby tender to you and Mr. T. McHen-

ry my sympathy, and you will have my co-ope-

MY DEAR BROTHER,-I was very glad to

receive the "Visitor to day, the fact that it did not come last week, and no intimation of

FREDERICTON, 11th Jan. 1861.

Yours truly,

FREDERICTON, Jan. 17th, 1861.

C. SPURDEN.

ation and support. T. W. SAUNDERS.

and circulation of your valuable paper.

sent us for the last few months.

best. I like to give praise where it is due.

God's people. I do not mean to say that

in this place, I suppose in hopes that it may be taken in preference to the Visitor. The Visitor will find in me a warm friend. I am get-

ting along nicely in my field of labour; every-thing is quiet. One thing I wish and pray for, that God will bless us, and send us a gra-

cious refreshing coming down from his pres-ence, that sinners may be converted and saints made to rejoice in God their Saviour. Bro-

ther pray for us, and may the God of all grace

Yours, in Christ, W. J. BLAKNEY.

bless and cheer you in your labours is my

Correspondence.

LETTER FROM REV. J. E.

BERWICK, West Cornwallis, N. S.,

Dec. 29th, 1859.

REV. AND DEAR BROTHER,-I have

my mind to accept the invitation, and re-

prayer.

Yours truly, J. C. HURD.

CAMBRIDGE, Jan. 12th, 1861.

PRINCE WM., Jan. 17th, 1861.

DEAR EDITORS,—I purpose, (D. V.,) being with the first Baptist Church, Sackville, on the first Sabbath in February, at eleven o'clock A. M., and with the second Baptist Church of the same place, at six o'clock P. M. Collections will be taken at the above places for Home Missions.

THOS. TODD, and while I thus speak plainly upon this sub-ject, yet I have no other feelings, than kind-ness and good will prompting me thus to deal with this matter plainly. As a Minister and Pastor I dread the consequence and effects, that cannot otherwise than grow out of this

Upper Sussex, 22nd Jan. 1861.

Religious Intelligence. BAPTIST MINISTERS IN ENGLAND .-We learn from the Freeman, that the num-

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ber of Baptist ministers in England and Wales is 1,725; in Scotland, 87; and in Ireland, 13—making a total of 1,825. If we add to this double this number for those who occasionally preach the Gospel, the total will be 5,475. Of those ordained to the ministry, 318 have at present no pastoral charge. Of this number many are engaged as tutors, secretaries, editors; &c.; and others are

disabled by sickness, infirmity, or advanced

age. In the list of ministers, 33 have B. A. attached to their names; 34 are M. A.; 14 are D. D.; 7 are LL.D; 2 are LL.B.; 1 is Ph.D.; and 1 is M.D. BAPTISTS IN MASSACHUSETTS .- There are in the State fourteen associations, viz., Barnstable, Berkshire, Boston, North, Boston South, Franklin, Lowell, Old Colony, Salem, Sturbridge, Taunton, Wachusett and Worcester. Of churches there are 368; of ordained ministers, 283; add by

Total present membership in the State, 36,250. BAPTISTS IN MAINE.—The Baptists in this State have 278 churches, and a mem-

baptism last conventional year, 1094.

bership of over 20,000. BAPTISTS IN TEXAS,-It is The type is good and readable, I would preform a just estimate of the elements of fer paying more for such printing than be comstrength which belong to this body of Bappelled to read the miserable type that has been tists. With more than twenty associations, and a membership of about 80,000 -with vast pecuniary resources and a ministry of high mental culture, promise is given of a lorious future in their history.—Home and DEAR BRO, I can assure you Sir, that we

Foreign Journal. feel proud of the appearance of your New Series. I say we, for the same opinion is BAPTISTS IN CALIFORNIA .- Last year they reported thirty-six churches, and everywhere expressed by the friends of the Baptist and Visitor in Fredericton. Certaintwelve hundred and forty-six members. y its present appearance will compare favour-This year they reported fifty churches, and ably with any paper published in the Provinces. fifteen hundred and ninety-six members. This is what we want. I have no suggestion to make with regard to further improvement. I am no fault finder, and when men do their Of this increase, about one hundred and seventy have been by baptism. There are now in the State sixty-five churches, and nineteen hundred and thirty-one members. Wishing you every success, I remain, in These churches have twenty-nine houses of worship. Some eight or ten have pastors devoting their whole time to a single church: DEAR BRO. BILL,-My heart is pained twenty-five or thirty more share pastoral when I hear of divisions and strife among or ministerial service with other churches, while the balance have preaching only oc-easionally. Since the first of January last are the means of it, far from it, but is it not painful when such things occur? I know it is so to you as a minister of Christ. I am sorry nine houses of worship have been dedicated, and two more. Stockton and Nevada, that this new paper has commenced, for it has sown the seeds of discord, already, I feel its efwill probably be completed by the close of fect in my churches, and fear it will be the the year. The increase in available church means of doing much evil in our-denomina-tion. I think that the Visitor will be taken property during the year, including what has been paid on church debts, will reach generally if the price does not exceed the seven nearly \$40,000, against which there will be and sixpence as before. The Watchman has an indebtedness of less than ten thousand been sent to a number of the Baptist friends

dollars .- Evangel. BAPTISTS IN SCOTLAND.—The Concorrespondent of the Morning Star writes: "The Baptists of Scotland are largely page. ticipating in the revival. Although carecent origin in Scotland, they are every year gaining a firmer foothold; and since their definite existence as an Association, their progress has been far more rapid." During the past year; six students received education with a view to the ministry, partly at the University of Glasgow.

BAPTISTS IN GERMANY .- At the recen Baptist Triennial Conference in Germany it was stated that within the past three years, within the bounds of the Conference, 3,077 persons he ve been baptized. Net increase, 2,277. The churches within the same period, have advanced from sixty to sixty-five; the out-stations, from 674 to 756. Total number or members, 7,908.

taken leave of N. B., for a while. I came away very suddenly indeed, which accounts for my not calling to see you before I left. I came to N. S., to make my friends a short visit, expecting, in all probability, to return to N. B., although my friends in Gagetown had not provided us with a Mission House, and I did not feel inclined to board during the winter, for various reasons, which I need not stop to mention, but thought probably we might engage but thought probably we might engage which has resulted in the conversion of at home, I received a pressing invitation from the Berwick brethren to supply them for a few months in the absence of their some twenty souls, Many others are asking prayers. The work is still going on The pastor has received into the church 115 during the last ten months."—Rev. T. 8 Rogers writes: "The Baptist church in Clifton Park, N. Y. is enjoying a revival Sixteen members have been recently re-Sixteen members have ige, tized five converts at Pine Plains, N. and if not, I might, during my stay here, look out some other field of labor. I do gress at Port Chester, N. Y. in connection contactive, and guided by the light of the Samouth New Bords, I feel that I can afford to commend the Editor of the Watchman and all those of kindred spirit, to your pity and your prayers. There I leave them, susting that through graces they will come to possess a more peaceful spirit.

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The Daily Union Meetings of the churches of the City, closed on Friday afternson. They were attended with the delightful unstin set of the done it was resolved to done