ECHRISTIAN VISITOR.

ST. JOHN, N. B., DECEMBER 29, 1864.

The Closing Year!

Time speeds its course: the years roll on, and one generation passeth away after another. Many that were alive and vigorously pursuing the duties and avocations of this fleeting life at the opening of 1864, are now still in death. Plans unexecuted, aspirations unsatisfied, hopes crushed. They did not so ordain, but the great arbiter of life and death said it must be so, and frail humanity had to yield. Among the slain how many like the faithful sentinels died at the post of duty? Some, we doubt not, were faithful even unto death. For them to live was Christ; to die was gain. As they passed through the dark waters, the "shining ones" met them at the bank of the river and guided them securely to their heavenly home. Some of these were our devoted friends, brethren and sisters, dearly beloved in the Lord. We would have warded off the fatal dart if we could, but man's arm is puny, God's will is absolute, He speaks and it is done; He commands, and none can stay his hand, or say to Him what dost thou? Shall the thing formed say unto Him that formed it, why hast thou made me thus? But why should those so useful be taken while so many useless ones are left? We must not pry between the folded leaves. What we know not now shall be revealed to us hereafter. God's servants thus removed from earth have been raised to more exalted spheres of service and giory in the "better land." Their home now is in the "mansions prepared," their songs are the anthems of victory through the blood of the Lamb: their joys are unutterable and full of glory, and they serve God day and night in his holy temple. Happy deliverance! inconceivable glory! Who are preparing to join these departed saints in their glorified home? What if we ever meet them again? Who will account for an eternal separation? If such should be the issue, the sin will be at our own door. Have we entered upon the christian race? O let us press with a swifter step towards the mark of the prize of our high calling. Are we still in the three colporteurs, all of whom labor in India. broad way? Ten thousand voices call upon us to forsake the road that leads to death, and to enter at once upon the narrow path.

The year about to close has been signalized in the word of God to the nations of the earth. Africa, India, China, Japan, and the numberless Islands of the sea, have probably shared more largely in christian efforts put forth by God's redeemed this year than in any other preceding year in the history of modern missions, and by the divine blessing upon ture Readers in the counties of Westmeath and Sligo. these instrumentalities, multitudes have been rescued from the bondage of heathen superstition, and are now rejoicing in the liberty of the sons of God. And Evans, 33 Moorgate Street, London. Income for in propertion as the church has labored for the conversion of the heathen world, she has been aroused to increased earnestness in the home field. British christians have greatly multiplied their home agencies for | signifying immersion, good, and are bringing them to bear with wondrous power upon the social and religious elevation of the

In the Northern States of America the religious element has found new channels through which to extend its charities and its toils. If the churches lated. have done less for the heathen far away, they have done more for the needy and suffering at home. "Christian Commission" has multiplied its agencies | Secretaries, Mr. J. C. Woodlacott and Rev. J. Woodan hundred fold, and sent them to the war camps, hospitals, and to the battle fields with messages of mercy, and with the treasures of eternal life. The sick, the wounded, and the dying, have shared bountifully in those acts of christian beneficence, and have given glory to the great Supreme for a christian Edinburgh. Twenty-five Missionaries are supported church upon the earth. Tens of thousands who last in whole or in part by this Society in the "Highlands prize it. I cannoxpress the feelings by which I year were in the fetters of Southern slavery, are now and Islands" of Scotland. gathered into day and Sabbath schools, and are receiving such instruction as shall fit them to meet the responsibilities of their new position. The "cruel war" is not yet ended, and when this bloody strife shall cease, no one can divine: but one thing is certain, Southern slavery is doomed! It has been crucified in the house of its friends. They thought to extend its dark domain, but Jehovah had heard the groanings of his people, and down he came to work out their deliverance. Eighteen hundred and sixtyfour has been a glorious jubilee to multitudes, who last new year's day all but despaired of ever tasting the sweets of liberty for themselves or for their loved ones. The very means devised to perpetuate their bondage, God has overruled to break the chains of their captivity. " As the heavens are high above the earth, so high are his ways above the ways of man." "Be still and know that I am God."

But while this terrific strife has been going forward in the neighboring Republic, these Provinces have been marvellously preserved. More than once we have been apparently upon the perilous edge of battle; the sword has been drawn, and the arm uplifted to strike the deadly blow, but prayer, importunate and believing, has prevailed, and God has said. " put up thy sword into thy shield." O let us continue to pray that our homes and our firesides may never be desolated by the hydra-headed monster war. And while thus blessed with peace and plenty. have we truly appreciated the grace bestowed, and rendered to our merciful benefactor the honour and praise due to his name? We doubt not some have, but the multitude we fear have not. As Baptist churches we have occasion to regret that our benevolence, zeal, and increase, has not kept pace with the mercies showered upon us. Instead of placing them all upon God's altar, we have consumed them upon forbidden objects, and spiritual barrenness has been the result. How small the increase to the numerous branches of our Zion during the year. Where are the revival showers of other days? "Like angels visits, they have been few and far between." Surely in view of such unmerited goodness, and of such vile ingratitude, there should be deep searchings of heart, and humble prostration before the throne of grace. Mercy drops here and there have fallen upon thirsty hills. O let prayer be offered by all christian ministers and by all godly people, that these may be multiplied a thousand fold. "Behold now is the accepted time, behold now is the day of salvation." "To-day. if you will hear his voice harden not your hearts."

THE CANADIAN BAPTIST REGIETER, for 1865, is a pamphlet of some 80 pages, printed on superior paper, and in excellent style. It is replete with statistical information regarding the Baptist ministers, churches, associations, missions, and educational in- and encouraged by his liberal donations, stitutions of Canada, and is careful to note also the numerical status of the denomination in these Lower Street, to assume the charge of the new interest in Provinces, and throughout the world. As such the Brussels Street, Mr. Demill with his brother deacons, is a valuable guide-book, and should rejoined the infant church, took be superintendence of ceive a very wide circulation. We extract from it the Sabbath School, and heartily co-operated with the following instructive summary: -

REGULAR BAPTISTS IN BRITISH NORTH AMERICA. ciated Churches, 14.189; Baptized in nine Associations, as per tabular view, 747; Members of Unassociated Churches, 567; Total membership, 15,756.

154; Licentiates, 42; Baptized, 1,000; Total mem-

BAPTISTS IN SWEDEN Associations, 7; Churches, 170; Baptized in 1863, 840; Total membership, 7,191. New Churches organized during the year, 9.

BAPISTS IN GERMANY AND DENMARK. Churches, 74; Preaching Stations, 1,083; Mempers, 11,275. Of these 16 Churches, with 12 stations, and 1,678 members are in Denmark; one church of 211 members is in Switzerland, and with 883 members in Poland. Notwithstanding severe persecution, the mission under the devoted Oncken is rapidly extending north and east into Russia and

BAPTISTS IN FRANCE. Churches, 6; Membership, 490; composed exclusively of converted Roman Catholics.

BAPTISTS IN AUSTRALIA. According to the last census, taken 1861, there were 9,001 Baptists in Victoria, There is, however, a great lack of able and efficient ministers.

SUMMARY OF BRITISH BAPTISTS. Compiled from the English "Baptist Hand Book, for 1864." The total number of Baptist Churches in England and Wales is about 2,000. Of these 1,270 are associated, and contain a membership of 186,825. Total number of Associations, 37; Ministers, 1,850. In the year 1863 there was an average of one and fiveeighths member per church.

Scotland has in all 97 Baptist Churches, and 95 ministers. Probable membership, 5,000. Ireland has 37 Churches, and 24 Ministers, with a membership of about 950.

ENGLISH BAPTIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY. Treasurer, Sir S. M. Peto: Secretaries, Rev. F.

restrail and E. B. Underhill, LL. D. Mission louse, 33 Moorgate Street, London. The income of this Society for 1863 was \$154.000. It employs 2 Missionaries, a Comporteur and a Scrip-

ture-Reader in Brittany, 2 Missionaries in Trinidad, 3 in the Bahamas, 4 in Ceylon, 8 Missionaries and 8 native assistants in China, 2 in Haiti, 6 in Africa, and 41, with 120 native assistants in India. The Society also supports a Theological and Norman School in Jumaica. GENERAL BAPTIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY, ENGLAND.

Treasurer, Robert Pegg, Esq., Derby; Secretaries, Revds. J. C. Pike and H. Annual income for 1863, \$23,600. There are in connexion with this society, eight missionaries, nine female missionaries, seventeen native preachers and

BAPTIST HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY, ENGLAND. Treasurer, George Lowe, Esq., F.R.S., 9 St. John's Wood-Park, London. Income \$,5000. This Society maintains preaching at 66 principal and 62 substations. There are also County Societies, formerly church by new and comprehensive plans to give the classed as affiliated auxiliaries, not included in the

BAPTIST IRISH SOCIETY.

Secretary, Rev. C. J. Middleditch, 33 Moorgate Street, London. Income for 1863, \$12,600. The Society aids 16 out of the 24 Irish Baptist Ministers. sustains day and Sunday-schools, and employs Scrip-BIBLE TRANSLATION SOCIETY.

Treasurer, Rev. Dr. Steane : Secretary, W. W. 1863, \$9,200. This supports versions of the Scriptures, published for India, Ceylon, and the western coast of Africa. In all its versions the words relating to the ordinances of paptism are translated by terms RAPTIST TRACT SOCIETY.

Depositary, Mr. Elliot Stock, 62 Paternoster Row. London. Editor, Rev. W. Norton. Income for 1863, \$550. The Society's Tracts maintain Calvinistic and Strict Communion principles. Of these nearly three millions have been published and circu-

BAPTIST EVANGELICAL SOCIETY.

ard, liford, Essex. Income for 1863, \$2,450. This Society was formerly called "The Strict Baptist Society," Its aim is to supply means of instruction and improvement to brethren who preach the gospel BAPTIST HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY FOR SCOTLAND.

Treasurer, Chas. Anderson, Esq., Trinity House,

_	BAPTIST COLLEGES IN GREAT BRITAIN.	
	Professors. Students.	Income.
9	Bristof (1770) 3 26	\$5,400
ľ	Chilwell, Nottingham (1797) 2 11	3,800
3	Rawdon (Bradford, 1804) 2 24	7,000
	11)	5,400
	Regent's Park (Stepney, 1810). 3 34	10,000
•	Haverfordwest (1839) 2 19	3,500
)	Glasgow 1856) 1 11	1,200
,	Spurgeon's College (1856) 4 66	15,000
	North Wales (Llangollen, 1862) 2 11	2,650
,	BAPTIST PUBLICATIONS.	
	In England there are published one week!	v nine

monthlies, one quarterly, and one yearly. In Wales, one fortnightly, four monthlies, and one quarterly.

Prepares an Annual Report of the state of the denomination, and aims at extending brotherly love and unity of effort among all Evangelica! Baptists. It also aims at colecting "accurate, statistical information" relative to Baptists throughout the world. Scarcely one-third of the churches are connected with the union. Its Secretaries are, Revds. Dr. Steane, J. H. Hinton, and J. H. Millard, London. REGULAR BATISTS IN THE UNITED STATES [1863.]

Total of Regular Baptists in the United States. 1,039,400; Baptist Associations, 597; Churches, 12,551; Ordained Ministers, 7,952; Licentiates, 972; Baptized in 1862, 67,176.

COLLEGES AND INSTITUTIONS. In the United States there are 35 Baptist Colleges. of which 10 are suspended on account of the present war; and 12 Theological Institutions, of which one is

PERIODICALS.

There are 11 weekly, 1 semi-monthly, 9 monthly, and 2 quarterly Baptist Periodicals published in the nited States. Of these, three are published in the German language and one in the French.

[Remainder Next Week.]

It becomes our painful duty to record the death of S. Demill, Esq. He bad been suffering extreme ness for several weeks, which terminated fatally on nday evening last. For long years he has been of the most active and vigorous business men of this city, and has filled a large and influential position commercial relations. In this respect his death has casioned a vacancy that cannot be easily filled. Religiously, he was educated in the church of Eng-

and; but on a careful examination of the word of God, he became convinced that it was his duty to change his religious connections, and was accordingly baffeized upon a profession of his faith, by the Rev. S. Jobinson, and became united to the Germain Steet Baptist church.

In this new sphere of christian life he was exceedingly active, and as a natural consequence, soon became a prominent member. Freely, he had received. and freely he gave back in return, for the support of the cause of the Master. Church building and out educational and missionary institutions were fostered

On the retirement of Mr. Robinson from Germain his pastor in every good word and work.

On the removal of his son, the late Rev. E. B. Demill, to the city, he became associated with him, first at the Marsh Bridge, and subsequently in Leinster Street church, in establishing and building up these rably sustained. The recitations were performed in tion of prizes. The school and congregation were New Brunswick — Associations, 2; Churches, 15; 376.

New Instance of the feetations were performed in the school and controlling special speci

ed family, our heartfelt syr, and pray God to skilful performances all present were highly amused be their solace in this hourow. A voice seems and delighted.

to say to each and to all, e also ready." A more extended obitulice is promised for our next issue.

Social Tea and ion Meeting. In those days of delinquency to the nen who watch for sou is pleasant to record an expression of respect od will. Rev. W. V. Garner, pastor of Leinstet, has received from his people recently, such pression, by the presentation of articles adam domestic use, and of a christmas tree rich in plate, and valuable fruit, all amounting in vamore than \$200. This act of kindness on the pithe church and congregation took their paind his lady quite by surprise; but was not the gratefully received on that account. These lowns are mutually beneficial to paster and people shall be glad to hear that they are being multan hundred fold. Since writing the above following particulars

have been furnished. On Friday Evening Becember 23d, the members of the Leinster StBaptist Church, held a tea meeting in the bast of the Chapel. This was one of a series of | meetings which they contemplated holding any, but in consequence of the death of their pastor E. B. Demill, they were discontinued until theent. The season of the year, the presense of thew pastor, Rev. W. V. Garner, and his lady, are knowledge that in the spring it is their intento commence housekeeping, brought a large nu together who, with other kind friends had sent ilumber of articles, which

this time and under thrumstances. After tea and a timent in social conversation enlivened by music thention of the pastor and his lady were directed he of the antercoms where the various articles in had been arranged or tables, and on a fine stmas tree, lit up in the usual style, and loaded bonbons and the lighter articles of silver plate Mrs. Garner was escorted into the rooms by MrF. Marsters, who presented to her the various gifth the following address:

they supposed would eceptable as a present at

"DEAR MADAM Jugh the kindness of the brethren I have been rested to ask you to take a look into this room. The ears have passed since we met on a similar joy occasion. There was then one with us, dear to hearts as the partner of our bosom, one who we joy of our society, our friend and guide. But igased our Heavenly Father to answer to our unit payers, sent is another approved ing appropriate by Himself, and this companion in life. And now, as this is a time oyous visits we have come together, and broughlese few things for the acceptance of our pastor and wife, to assist in furnishing their new home. In tname then, and on behalf of the sisters, brethren! friends of this Church, permit me to present theo you, as a oken of our affection and esteem. I tit we shall have the pleasure and opportunity of spling many such tappy seasons together, and to shese dishes in use in your own happy home."

Mrs. Garner exceed her manks. Rev. W. V. Garnense and said, " Dear brethren to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, and friends, I hardknow what to siv. I feel something like printers pe when it is all knocked into pi. My position is mething similar to the antedflu vians, with this dirence, that whereas they were overwhelmed with ater. I am overwhelmed with surprise. Believe e, we shall ever regard your kind present most hily, not for its intrinsic worth, though that is not significant, but as the expression of your regard aresteem; as such we shall ever am exercised on the occasion. You will please accept the thanks to cannot be uttered. I trust, in the kind provider of God, we shall live to enjoy many seasons of endly communion together, that we shall have es others' regard. My sincere prayer is that younumbers and graces may be increased tenfold, anthat we may all have grace to labor diligently for e Redeemer's kingdom. Again. accept of our than and be assured we shall remember your kindaess hile we live."

Among the artis sent in were: -1 doz. ivory handled knives, self carvers, knife basket, block tin tea pot, breakfast, hner, and tea sets, 1 set of waiters, set of silver pled castors, set of dish covers, half dozen silver tespoons, 2 silver sugar spoons, 1 dozen silver forks, pair of silver salt spoons, 1 silver ver butter knife, 1 pper kettle, 1 table sett, a lot of kitchen tin ware, Loal scattle, I easy chair, handsome walnut whatot, It doz. glass salts, 1 silver and glass butter coler, glass preserve dish and pitcher, 6 cut glass goldts, 2 lass fruit stands, egg cups, and tumblers, parial pitners, 2 complete sets chamber ware, pearl back brue, comb and perfumery, 2 door mats, set of toilett mats, sofa cushion, fancy work basket, pair of pillws, 2 dozen table napkins, I dozen towels, I dress attern and toy tea set for little girl, and numerol other useful and valuable articles, to the amount of two hundred dollars.

For the Christian Visitor.

Our Seminar at Fredericton. Mr. EDITOR.—The annal Exhibition of the Baptist Seminary took placen the Temperance Hall on Tuesday evening, 20th ist.

The Hall was well fille by the parents and friends of the pupils; a small carge was made for the admission of the general polic, which insured a select and quiet audience.

The order of the exerses was as follows : Music. "Finerman's Glee." 1. Martin Lemont. 'Le Roncesvalles Strait. (Mrs.

2. John Paisley. Th English Cottage Home. 3. James Vanwart. he Mountain of Misen, 1st 4. Wesley Vanwart, lo. do.

5. Arthur Freeze. Orran on Emancipation. Music. "Thi laugh of a child." 6. Samuel Roberts. The laugh of a child."

7. Charles Chandler. Speech of William Pitt.

8. Edward Vavasour. Farmer Brown's Turnips.

9. St. Clair Hurd. An Orphan's recollections.

10. John Spurden. House Cleaning. (Franklin.)

Music. "Where will the soul find rest."

11. William Biggs. William Tell.

12. Allen Hovey. A farting.

13. Duncan Currie. A Bull Fight.

14. William Coultherd. The Moor's revenge. 15. William Smith, The old arm chair.

16. Harvey Smith and Arthur Freeze. Self Interest. Our way across the Mountain," and, "Man the Life Boat." 17. Thomas Gabel. Wreck of the Fairy Queen.
18. Frederick McPherson. Hector and Andromache. (Homer translated.)
19. Henry Lemont. Napoleon's return. (Mrs.

Sigourney.)
20. Edward Phillips. The Launch. (Longfellow.)
21. Denton Mitchell. The Village Preacher. (Gold-

22. U. Chandler and S. Roberts. Nothing in it.

Music. "The crystal spring." and his assistant, Wm. Jones. The exercises were our esteemed paster, Rev. E. M. Starratt, founded on conducted by the Principal, and although they lasted Eccles, xii. 1. We trust lasting impressions for good over two hours and a quarter, the interest was admi- were made. We met last Sabbath for the distribu-

This is the second time that the annual Exhibition of the Seminary has been held in the Public Hall, and thus far, the result of the experiment has been very satisfactory, and I have no doubt, will exert a beneficial influence on the Institution itself, much to the encouragement of our esteemed and valued Brother, who has so long been at the head of it.

Whatever is got up in the form of a public Exhibition under the auspices of the Baptist Seminary, is sure to prove a success. The exercises, it is well known, will be of a high order; the recitations will contain nothing but what will harmonize with the most fastidious taste, and everything will be conducted according to apostolic rule "decently and in order."

Boys trained by Dr. Spurden, acquit themselves on such occasions in a manner highly creditable to him as a teacher, and it is devoutly to be wished -that the denomination at large in this province, will more fully prize the advantages offered to our young men in the Baptist Seminary at Fredericton. Very truly, yours, J. C. HURD.

For the Christian Visitor. A Question Answered. DEAR BROTHER - You Diquire, Tin yours of last

week, whether the British and Foreign Bible Society aid the Baptists in their Bible work in the East? In reply I quote from the last Report of the Society. They give the following from a Report of the Calcutta Auxiliary Bible Society :- We have received from the Baptist Mission in Orissa application for assistance in printing a revised edition of the Old Testament in Orissa, and have both entered heartily into the plan durselves, and secured the cordial co-operation of the British and Foreign Bible Society at home."
If I remember aright, it was at the instigation of this very Calcutta Auxiliary, that the British and Foreign Bible Society adopted their more recent and unfriendly policy in regard to versions of the Scriptures made by Baptists in accordance with their own honest convictions. It is well to see these good people, both in Calcutta and in London, disposed to shew kindness, in any way, to our body. This, I believe, is only one instance of what they are doing in the same direction. Perhaps, though not yet, they may one day learn to do better still. Yours ever.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Dec. 11th, 1864.

On the retirement of Rev. James Spencer from his pastoral work at Digby to enter upon his mission in remove him from ad in due tine, as we believe in St. John, the church presented him with the follow-

DEAR BROTHER SPENCER-As God in His providence has been pleased unexpectedly to call you from us, to labour in a larger and a more useful field; we, therefore, feel it our duty and privilege to tender you our warmest feelings of love and respect as a minister of Christ, and we assure you, dear Brother, that it is with unfeigned regret on our own part that you leave us. Since your first connection with us, God has been graciously pleased to bless your faithful and untiring labours for the upbuilding of His cause in this place, and to make you the instrument in leading to Carist and to church membership about one half. of our own number; and we shall ever pray that God may bless yourself and family, and work through On returning to Vestry, when all were seated, grace, by His spirit, in turning many, from darkness

Signed on behalf of the Church. W. H. QUIGLEY, W. L. BENT, E. M. MARSHALL,

Digby, December 15th, 1864. REPLY

DEAR CHRISTIAN FRIENDS .- The thought of leavng you, to enter upon another field of labor, has been to me the cause of deep trial ; but in this as in all other changes which I have made in relation to ministerial duties, I have, I hope, been actuated by right motives. I have for some time felt that in jus tice to my health, I could not long continue to preach three sermons every Sabbath, and rightly attend to other onerous duties required by the pastor who ministers to the three churches over which I have

had the oversight.
It is highly gratifying that the feelings with which we reluctantly separate are mutual. For any good that has been accomplished through my labors, give God the glory. I heartily thank Him that He has been graciously pleased in any measure to use this unworthy "clay to open the blind eyes." I unfeignedly thank you for your prayer that God may bless my family and myself; and I sincerely pray that heaven's richest blessing may attend you, and "that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit and in one mind, striving together for he faith of the gospel.'

Yours, as eyer, in christian love. JAMES SPENCER. Digby, N. S., December 15th, 1864.

For the Christian Visitor. Hymn for Christmas.

Loud grateful songs and boly To Christ at Christmas time, Let bearts of every people Pour forth a merry chime. Be songs of grateful praises

O'er earth and ocean rang, All vie with holy angels, Who at his advent saug. The birth of our Redeemeer

We celebrate to-day, Who laid aside his glory And robed himself in clay. At his surprising advent

The angels tuned their song, In rapturous strains of music. And did their joy prolong. As heard by wandering shepherds,

The holy song began To God the highest glory, On earth good will to man. Exalt the blessed Saviour

For all his matchless grace, He raiseth up the fallen, And saves a ruined race. The captives find redemption,

Where e'er his presence goes

The dreary moral deserts

Do blossom as the rose. Eyes closed by nature's darkness Unsealed upon him gaze, And tongues in tomb-like silence Are loosed to speak his praise. SIGMA.

Elgin, A. C., December 5th, 1864.

DEAR EDITOR—Our Sabbath school was organized in May, 1862, in a new field, since which time we have moved quietly along, till we have risen from twenty-five in number to one hundred and ten. Our school for this season closed on the second Sabbath in October last, with a large and interesting congre-The above selections, as will be seen, evince, as gation. After the exercises we were entertained with usual, the good taste and judgment of Dr. Spurden, recitations, singing, and an appropriate address from

RELIGIOUS AND SECULAR MISCELLANY. THE COURT. - Much of the Queen's time is passed with the Royal family, her Majesty walking or driving in company with one or the other of the princes or princesses in the grounds and park. Her Majesty is almost a daily visitor to the mausoleum at frog-more, where lie the remains of the Prince Consort. On this beautiful tomb, which is now nearly completed, the most eminent artists in marble and mosaic work have been employed, and all that the fine arts could contribute towards its adornment has been lavished upon the work. Its cost has of course been great, and no expense has been spared in its construction non. The mausoleum and its approaches are underthe strict guardianship of the rural police day and night, and an admission to its sacred precincts would now be considered as one of the greatest marks of favor which royalty could bestow upon the subject. is encouraged in his field of labor at North Sidney. An ornamental bridge of smooth and rusticated Port. land-stone is being erected over the ornamental water at Frogmore, for the purpose of connecting the approaches between the Prince's mausoleum and that of the late Duchess of Kent, over whose tomb bronze lamp is kept constantly burning.

Mr. Spurgeon on Baptismal Regeneration The sermon preached by Mr. Spurgeon in June last on this subject has excited an amount of public attention yet unparalleled. When first it appeared many persons were anxious that it should have a circulation of 20,000, which is really not much short of the regular weekly circulation. Those persons began to effect the object they desired to see acomplished giving away some 50, some 100, and not a few 500 copies each, so that the demand had soon reached 50,000 copies. One lady offered to be at the cost of sending a copy to every clergyman in England. By such means the sale of that sermon had reached 190,-000 copies in four or five weeks. Still the demand continued, and was immensely augmented by the nu-merous phamplets which appeared almost daily either in opposition to, or in defence of the original sermon. These pamphlets varying in price from one shifting each to one penny; now number more than four score. than one hundred and eighty thousand copies!— rainable life may be spared. Wesleyan Times.

THE ATLANTIC TELEGRAPH AND ITS CONSTRUCTS There are seven copper wines to form the conduc-tor. The entire length of the telegraph will be 2,800 miles, so that there is 16,000 miles of copper wire. Every portion of this copper wire is subjected to electrical test, to ascertrin its quality for conduction be fore it is allowed to be worked up. The next stage is to coat these wires with eight successive coats of the insulating material, equal to an aggregate length for the author by Barnes & Co., in chaste style. Its of 18,400 miles. This core is next covered with jute, aim is to contrast Southern Slavery with the domeswound round it from ten strands; making 28,000 miles of jute yarn. Then comes the outer coating, formed of the tens covered iron wires. The iron wire itself is 23,000 miles in length, and each wire is covered seperately with five strands of tarred hemp, 135,-000 miles of the latter being required, making together an aggregate length of material employed of 15,500 miles, or very near as much as would put ten girdles round the earth, or form a line that would almos stretch from the earth to the moon.

A correspondent of the Bristot Post states that a working man has, after twenty years' labour, at length solved the problem of perpetual motion. The secret may be had for the trifling sum of £100,000.

Mrs. Francis L. Clayton, enlisted in the army in St. Paul, Minnesota, with her husband in 1861, and lought by his side till he was killed in the battle of Stone River. She was in 18 battles. £45,652 are to be expended in the purchase of

new park at Finsbury, London. A bust of Thackery, by Baron Marochette, is to

of Joseph Anderson. The late Mr. Watkin Lee, has left £1,000 by will to Mr. Cobden, M. P.

The enormous number of 291,597,240 eggs were imported into England during the first ten the present year, almost a million per day. A fearful calamity occurred recently in the harbor

of Glasgow by the upsetting of a ferry boat. 19 men ddressed, as wrender New T. beaworb congregations in the Music Hall, Edinburgh, The audiences were favorably and deeply impressed. He

which amounted to upwards of £150. The Builder estimates the amount paid to em-

one pound a week each. A gang of nearly two hundred ruffians, on the Erie Railroad lately robbed and insulted every man, woman and child, in a train and then quietly effected

Rev. Thomas Binney, of the Weigh House Chapel, London, is delivering a course of Sunday evening ectures to the young, on the life of St. Paul.

A 20-inch Rodman gun was recently tried with great success at New York. It weighs nearly 117,boutbs.; the carriage is in proportion. Its diameter or thickness is nearly 6ft, at the breech, and its bore is 20m. The solid shot it throws is 1,080 fbs. in weight, and the regular charge of powder is 100 lbs which may be increased to 125 lbs. if great range or extraordinary momentum is required to be imparted to its terrible missiles. At a recent experiment it sent a shot over 4,500 yards. This is the sort of

Perhaps one of the most curious features of the battle-day in America is the presence of the newsboys upon the battle-field with the latest papers. while the musketry is at its loudest, while the artitlery is most sonorous, and when the passing bullet, with its deadly "chirp," compels one involuntarily to duck one's head, the ragged urchins on horse-back are heard calling forth the papers.

There has been erected in the cloisters of the chapel of Charterhouse a monument to the memory of Gen. Havelock, K. C. B., one of the distinguished men who have been educated at that celebrated school. It is said that Gen. Forrest, the celebrated Confederate cavalry officer, has had thirty horses killed under him since the commencement of the war. At least he has done the State some service by supplying it plentifully with cats'-meat.

We understand that all the uniforms of the Confe derate Army are now being made in England-a considerable portion, indeed, in London,

There is a large emigration from sister States to Maryland since the adoption of the new constitution. We regret to learn from the Examiner that the Rev. Dr. Taylor, of the Strong Place Church, Brooklyn, has been compelled by failing ill-health to resign his pastoral charge. He has been unremitting in his toils for twenty-live years in a highly responsible position. The result of so much labor and care is premature prostration. How many of God's faithful servants are early broken down by taxing too heavily their physical and mental powers.

The Albany Argus says; "The Hudson River is frozen over between Albany and Randout, but from that point to New York navigation is unobstructed, except by occasional fields of loose ice."

The "oldest General" in the world is not General Scott, although that veteran thinks so, but Field Marshal Combernere of the British army. He is Scott's senior by seventeen years.

The first free school for negroes in Washington was opened about one year ago. There are now in that city twenty day schools, and seventeen evening schools for colored persons.

A call and draft for three hundred thousand men, to make up the deliciencies occasioned by credits on the last call, has been ordered by the President.

ments, and departed for the battle-field, leaving behind a young wife. A few months afterwards the lady gave birth to a child, and subsequently the name of the battles fought by the Potomac army. A body said to be that of her husband, was sent to her, and the remains were interred, she believing all the time that she was burying her husband. The lady remained single about a year, then removing her mained single about a year, then removing her nourning, was married again, and now has a child by the second husband. A few weeks ago the wife

was somewhat surprised at reading the name of her first husband in a list of Massachusetts soldiers who had recently been released from a rebel prison, he having arrived at Annopolis, Md. She now has two living husbands, and children by both.

We send the Visitor this week to a large umber of new subscribers, whose term commence the 1st of January. They will therefore get this copy gratis, with the understanding of course that the advance will be forthcoming, according to arrangement. All will please remember that our terms are

CASH IN ADVANCE. MARTEL TO THE TOTAL

Rev. T. H. Porter, jun., informs us that he Not long ago he baptized a very interesting lad on the profession of his new-born faith, a nephew of Rev. Geo. Armstrong. This youth is very decided and earnest in laboring for his Redeemer, and says he expects to spend his days in missionary labor in Burmah. The Lord grant that his expectations may be

Rev. James Spencer has arrived safely with his family, and taken up his residence in Carleton: Last Sabbath he preached his opening sermon as Seaman's Chaplain, in Smith's Hall, Prince William street. He has opened this place for religious service during the winter, where he designs preaching every Sabbath, at 3 P. M. We hope success will attend this new enterprise. A allege and a second ?

We regret to learn, that our esteemed friend Deacon Simon Vaughan, of St. Martin's, on his return home from the city last Saturday evening, was struck with paralysis. He was better when Dr.

We are requested to state that owing to the delay in painting, the 3rd Elgin church will be opened on Sabbath, the 8th day of January, instead of Sabbath, the 1st proximo.

SOUTHERN SLAVERY BY REV. WILLIAM SOM MERVILLE, A. M. This is a small pamphlet published tic servitude of the Jewish nation, and to show that the former institution being entirely different in its aims and influences from the latter is wholly unauthorized by the word of God. Reference is made to the principal passages of the inspired testimony bearing upon this subject, and the argument is brought out with great clearness and force. We bespeak for it an extensive reading. A colour of A

DAWN OF A NEW EMPIRE, is the significant title of small, neat pamphlet by "A British American," and recently sent forth on its Confederative mission by the Halifax press. It purports to be a reply to a pamphlet by "A Nova Scotian," who has boldly declared himself as the decided opponent of all these invente ideas about confederation, "A British American" argues out, to his own satisfaction at least, the four strong points urged in favor of confederation, viz. mutual defence, rapid growth of commerce be placed in Westminster Abbey, close to the effigy Intercolonial railway, and national importance. All these important interests, he argues, will be most effectually promoted by confederative union of these maritime Provinces with Canada. This writer thinks that Nova Scotia alone can hold the balance of power t Ottowa, and hence no danger of being by Canadian supremacy.

THE NATIONAL BAPTIST IS a new paper of large dimensions, superior type, and in all respects of highly commanding appearance, called into existence C. H. Spurgeon has been preaching to immense by funds, placed in the hands of the Board of the "American Baptist Publication Society" by certain persons in Pennsylvania and the Western part of took collections for two Baptist churches in need, New Jersey, for the express purpose of establishing a religious family newspaper of a very high order The donors demand that this new enterprise shall ployees of Sir Morton Peto's firm at £1,500,000 per give to the interests of the Baptists of Pennsylvania annum. This estimate is founded on an average of and New Jersey a special advocacy, and at the same time, as far as possible, assume a national character and position. The net profits of the paper are to go to supply needy and deserving ministers with tracts and small libraries. The Board assumes no financia liability beyond the amount of the actual donation and the income arising therefrom. This is a wis provision, which cannot be violated without seriou detriment to the "Publication Society." We ar exceedingly pleased with the style and contents of this specimen copy placed upon our table, and cord ally do we place its address upon our exchange list May the future of the "National Baptist" be a that its generous projectors anticipate.

The Bazaar of the Germain St. Baptist Church was brought to a conclusion on Tuesday evening b a public sale under the guidance of Mr. Stewart, th toy that will have to be brought to bear against the popular auctioneer of Prince William St. If the good did not bring their full value it was certainly not h fault. The ladies persevered nobly through the ter rific cold of last week, and have realized in the issu a very respectable amount (the precise sum is not y made up) to aid the building funds of the ne house, and have still many valuable articles on han which will be disposed of at-private sale, or reserve for another Bazaar. The ladies acknowledge wi gratitude the generous patronage of an appreciative

> DEATH BY DIPTHERIA. -This fearful disea has made sad breaches, recently, in several famili at Hammond Vale. M. Fowler, Esq., informs us th in one family of seven children, six died sudden with diptheria. In another instance the mother as her four children fell victims to this alarming disease Two other families lost four each by the same fa malady. We tender to those afflicted families o christian sympathies, and pray God to check the pr gress of this destructive power.

The annual Charity Sermon of the Germa Street Baptist church will be preached on Sabba evening next, by Rev. I. E. Bill, in the Marine His Britain Street. Collection taken for the poor .- C papers please copy.

We have not much in the shape of mere em compliments to offer to our readers at this fest season; but they will one and all please accept sincere wishes for their happiness now, hencefor and forever. Amen.

Secular Department.

Canada Progressive.

The Editor of the Morning Telegraph, now in hada, thus describes the liabilities and resource that rapidly growing country :

The debt of the Province of Canada is estimate seventy-live millions of dollars, to which imme-sum must be added the local debts of the several of to make up the deliciencies occasioned by credits on the last call, has been ordered by the President.

A gentleman in one of our suburban cities raised a company two or three years since for one of our regiments, and departed for the battledield leaving has been defined in the general debt), amo nicipalities (not included in the general debt), amo ting probably to sixteen millions more. In all ab ninety-one millions of dollars, or thirty-two doll for every man, woman and child in the country!

New Erunswickers, whose government has only