Pastoral Destitution. No. III.

This matter of pastoral destitution is really one of very serious consideration. Let us endeavour to understand thoroughly the causes which have led to this unfortunate state of things, that we may, if pos-

sible, apply an effective remedy. The first cause that we shall mention is the feeble ness of many of our churches in regard to ministerial support. Some of the larger churches have been divided and subdivided into small fractions, and by these very divisions have been disqualified for progressive action. In some places there are two, three, or four churches, where there ought to be but one. Union is strength-division is weakness. As the case now stands, several of these churches have to unite in the same pastorate or remain without pastoral supervision. It is generally sufficiently troublesome to get one church to harmonize fully in choosing the same minister; but when three or four independent churches have to be consulted in this choice, there is much less prospect for unanimity. The man that will suit one church may not suit another. Then, if all are agreed in him as their minister, perhaps a question will arise as to where he shall live, whether in this or in that church, and the settlement of this question may defeat the whole plan. If union be effected it is only for a limited time, six months or a year at most, and then one or more of the churches refuse support. The result is separation.

Again, there is too much covetousness. Wealthy members do not, as a general rule, contribute freely of their substance for the support of the ministry. They are not willing to make the necessary sacrifice. The minister in most cases has a family dependent upon him for support. The fact that he is a minister does not so far destroy all natural affection, as to make him willing that his wife and children should be regarded as common paupers, dependent upon public charity for a living; and therefore if the people over whom he presides fail to give him the needful support, he will seek some other church, or turn his attention in whole or in part to some other calling for a living. He may be told "The Lord keep you humble and we will keep you poor," but this will not satisfy the cravings of hungry children, or meet the just claims of a dependent wife.

Another cause of this destitution is to be found in the lack of system in our churches regarding ministerial support. In most cases we believe the subscription list is the plan adopted. The people engage to give the minister a certain sum, and then attempt to raise the amount by subscription. This is sometimes subscribed, but frequently not in full. Then who is to collect it? The deacons say people ought to pay what they subscribe without being called upon for it, and so they ought, but will they do so? Some will, others will not. Who will look after the delinquents? Must the minister go round to collect, hat in hand, for himself? If he be a man of spirit, such as every christian pastor should be, he will say rather than do this I will leave my post. Some say amen, let him go, we will do our own preaching for a while, and save the expense of a pastor. Those who are willing to do their part, and wish to see the cause progress, feel that their minister is driven away, and is trouble in the church. lost their pastor, and are not in a state to unite in esteemed pastor, in preaching the gospel in his extencalling another. Months, it may be years, of destitution follow, and the church becomes barren and He travels a distance of forty miles or more from the

love of change. The pastoral connection in most of route he finds houses and hearts open to receive the our churches has no permanency attached to it. It is simply a bargain for three or six months, or for a church extends for a considerable distance along the year as the parties may agree. The pastor is regard- Main River, and is a rich farming district. Their ed as a mere mercenary hireling, who is to perform so much labor for so much pay, and when his time of them feel that they must very soon have a new has expired the contract ends. The minister goes about his business elsewhere, and the people are surrounding districts quite throw theirs into the again released from the enormous burden of providing for the pastor. They must have a long breathing they are abundantly able to do so. unsettle a pastor, or to render him so uncomfortable that he prefers to resign his post. A change someinterious to ministers and people. Let us ponder tion more fully to this matter. this matter prayerfully, and enquire for guidance On the opposite side of the Macnaquack is the from above to a more excellent way.

Editorial Correspondence.

Keswick, Nov. 9, 1863. site formerly occupied by the old house, where the of christianity. fathers worshipped long years ago, and a more beaudirection, and a long distance up in the opposite by the name of Hendry. course. The meandering river, the fertile intervales, and the surrounding hills, all combine to form a landscape of surpassing beauty.

of the times, and many meetings were held to settle religious services. upon some plan of operation, but nothing decisive ditable to the builder, to the church, and to the com- a tract of land that would suit him for farming pur-

The Sabbath services were full of interest. Preaching in the morning by Rev. I. E. Bill; in the after-interest, at the house of a valued brother by the name ing in the morning by Rev. L. E. Bill; in the afternoon, by Rev. W. Harris, and in the evening again,
by special request, by Elder Bill. The esteemed pastor (Rev. W. W. Corey) and Rev. J. Tapper took ago in that place, has lost its visibility. Lack of pasbranch religious whole be raised.

That the Governors of Acadia College be requested to release Elder Thomson from the agency on behalf of the College, for a limited time, in order that he may engage with the Baptist Education Society in New Brunswick for the shore object.

inds of the people, and there is reason to hope that good was done in the name of the Lord Jesus.

On Monday morning a short discourse was delivered by Elder Bill, after which some business matters, appertaining to the house, were disposed of

This visit to Keswick has brought up reminiscen-

ces of the past, of no ordinary interest. Twenty-two years ago last May, we first visited this district of country. The lamented Boice, at that time connected with the Fredericton church, over which we then presided, had just entered upon the work of preachng Christ. He went to Keswick to proclaim the tidings of salvation, and the Lord was with him to bless. Indications of revival appeared, and we were sent for to aid in the work. The Spirit came in mighty power to save souls. We had several baptisms, and in the beautiful stream a few rods from where the house now stands, we had the pleasure, on a beautiful Sabbath morning, of baptizing eighteen rejoicing converts. The word of God that day was sharper than a two-edged sword. Young men in the bloom and vigor of their days were humbled at the foot of the cross, and joyfully accepted the overtures of life. Twenty-five newly baptized believers received the right hand of fellowship in the old house. at the close of a morning service. The place was filled with the power and majesty of the divine presence. Saints rejoiced, sinners cried aloud for mercy. The impressive scenes of that hour are just as fresh in the minds of many of the people to this day as when they first occurred. It was in this revival that Geo. F. Miles experienced a new born faith, and began warning others to flee from the wrath to come. Nobody dreamed at that time that he would now be the pastor of the Amherst Baptist church: but God's ways are past finding out. A cousin of his, Elijah, son of the late James Miles, Esq., of Keswick Ridge, was arrested in one of these meetings. The line was very distinctly drawn between the saint and the sinner. Young Miles, a manly looking fellow, was in the gallery before us, an arrow from the Almighty reached his conscience, the big tear coursed down his cheek, and he trembled under the burden of conscious guilt. It was a moment of intense agony, but the Saviour appeared for his relief, and he devoted his life to the service. He was called to his rest n the midst of his days, but he was ripe for the change, and met it in holy triumph. Brethren Harris and Tupper, in turn since that day, have had the pastoral care of the Keswick church, Bros. J. Hughes, Tozer, and other valued brethren, have ministered unto the people in holy things, and through the ministry of these servants of the Lord the good work went forward until the old church became large enough to form two distinct churches. Two new chapels have been erected, one for each church, and our valued young brother, W. W. Corey, has the pastoral charge of both. He is much beloved by the people. May a rich blessing attend his labors. He has been greatly encouraged in his work in the upper church, where a blessed revival was experienced a short time ago, and some forty converts were added by baptism. May the good work go on in mighty power.

Canterbury, Nov. 16, 1863. We have spent the last few days very pleasantly in company with our valued friend, Bro. Geo. Burns, at Macnaquack, Scotch Settlement, Springfield . Caverhill, Nackawick, and Southampton. These places we had never before visited, and we have found it sive field of labor, publicly and from house to house. place where he resides to the upper section of his Another cause of the evil of which we complain is circuit. This is laborious for him, but all along his message of truth from his lips. The Macnaquack place of worship was built some time ago, and some house. The tasty houses that are being erected in shade. Well, they have only to arise and build, for

spell before they can make up their minds to employ | Progress is being made in fruit-growing in this another. Where this love of change prevails in a region. Rev. Jas. Tupper is setting a praiseworthy church, one captious individual is quite enough to example in the cultivation of apples. He grew some this year in his orchard that measured thirteen and a half inches in circumference. This will be deemed times is beneficial to pastor and people, but this is almost incredible, but the fact was communicated to the exception to the general rule. The church po- us by himself, and by other parties equally reliable. lity of the Baptists makes no provision for these nu- This shows what might be done by cultivating fruit merous changes, and therefore, as a whole, they are in this country, if the people would turn their atten-

Indian village, so called. There are quite a number of frame houses, all very small except the one occupied by the Indian chief. This is a two story building, and seems large compared with others. They As the new church erected by the Baptists of have a respectable looking chapel, where the villagers Upper Keswick was to be opened on Sabbath, the 8th worship according to the rites and ceremonies of the inst., much anxiety was felt about the state of the Roman Catholic faith. Judging from the external weather and roads, and many prayers were offered appearance of the village, one cannot help feeling that that Providence would grant a pleasant day. The there must be plenty of work for the "Micmac Misprayers were answered, and the weather proved as sionary," or for some other missionary of the gospel favorable for the season as could possibly be desired. of Christ, to do amongst the sons and daughters of The result was a crowded assemblage, to participate the forest before they will be fully prepared to apprein the opening services. The house is erected on the ciate the privileges of civilization or the advantages

The Scotch Settlement is up the Macnaquack, about tiful spot nature never formed. The ground is suffi- six miles from the Main River, and promises to be, at ciently elevated to give a commanding view of the no distant day, a flourishing farming district. It has whole country, and as the high land here happens to a very commodious house, which is used both for extend out to the banks of the magnificent river pro-educational and religious purposes. It is open to all ceeding through the valley, as you stand by the Protestant denominations. At present they have an sanctuary you can see far down the valley in one excellent school, taught by an engaging young man

Springfield is some six miles beyond this place, further in the interior. This district was obviously settled at a later date: but it is equally promising in The people had felt anxious to have their house of its agricultural resources. One house here also serves worship well in keeping with the progressive spirit the double purpose of school room and a place for

Between the road leading to Springfield and what was done until Mr. Samuel H. Boone took the matter is called Lake Settlement, there is a dense forest of in hand. He formed the plan of the style of house about three miles in breadth. It was in this forest which he thought would meet the necessities of the that the young man Becket, whose melancholy displace, made an estimate of the cost, placed an upset appearance has been so repeatedly noticed by the price upon the pews to cover the expense, and then press, lost his way. He accempted to cross by put them in the market. A sufficient number was marked trees from a Mr. Flemming's to the lower sold to justify him in proceeding with the erection of part of Springfield, some two months ago, on a beauthe building. He has persevered amidst all discour- tiful morning, and has not been heard from since. agements, and the result is that, with the timely as- Hundreds of people have gone in search of him: the sistance of his father, Mr. Benedict Boone, Mr. James Indians have spent many days in the search, but all P. Clayton, and some other warm friends, he has erect to no purpose. The word came up from Fredericton ted a house, which for architectural chasteness and for the people to turn out again, but no person seemed accommodation, is rarely to be met with in a country to entertain the shadow of hope that he could be district. The tower and steeple are somewhat origin found either dead or alive. The case is altogether nal, and differ in some respects from any that we have inexplicable. He was a young man recently from seen, but they are both in admirable propertion, and England, and in perfect health. He had with him a add immensely to the external beauty of the edifice. | compass and a gun of superior mould. The day was Inside, an orchestra is made in the tower for the unclouded, his path distinctly marked out, the disrs, of sufficient dimensions to accommodate a tance through the woods only three miles, and yet choir. The pulpit is commodious, but if it had strange to say, notwithstanding all the search, not a been placed in the opposite end of the building it trace of him can be found. The whole matter, up to would have been an improvement upon the present the present time, is wrapped in impenetrable mystery. ment. Altogether, this house is highly cre. It is said he was exploring the country in search of

toral supervision has, to a great extent, been the cause of this catastrophe. We understand that the York several donations were handed in, and the resolutions Quarterly Meeting has taken the case in hand, and have appointed their next meeting in that place. They hope to be able to sustain a missionary there a portion of the time. It is truly missionary ground, and something should be done to revive the cause. tend his labors to Springfield.

As we passed through Coverhill we were informed that diphtheria was doing its work of death there. Three of one family, by the name of Miller, two soms and a daughter, had recently been cast down by this grown, were both laid in the one grave at the same time. Let the living take timely warning, and close in with him who is the "resurrection and the life." On Friday we arrived at Nacawick, late in the afternoon. A few heard of our arrival, and met us

at Mr. George Clarke's, where we endeavored to pro-

claim to them the word and testimony of God. The Nacawick, like the Keswick and Macnaquack rivers, extends far back into the interior of the country, and, like them, offers good facilities for lumbering operations. These branches send down immense quantities of lumber into the great River, whose mighty current hastens all forward to St. John. But these lumbering facilities, after all, do not appear to yield much profit to those who engage in this hazardous business. Speaking to a person of the Nacawick as opening a highway for the lumberer, the significant reply was, "the Nacawick has ruined many

people." The same probably may be truthfully said of all those vast tributaries which pour their treasures into the St. John. The fault, however, cannot be in these tributary waters themselves, but must be traced to some lack of proper management in those who risk their property upon them. If there could be a proper division of labor, so that the farmers could attend to he is dependent for support. The paper, so far as their farms and the lumberers to their lumber, it

The Sabbath was spent in Southampton and Canterbury. In the former place, in the morning preaching, and in the latter in the afternoon. The attendance good, and the divine presence manifest. The and adopted. church at Canterbury is one of the oldest in the Province; if we are rightly informed, it was organized as far back as 1798. It has passed through many changes, and has frequently been rent by the spirit of internal discord, but it still holds its way. Rev. J. G. Harvey has had the pastoral care of this church for some time, but had just preached his farewell sermon, and they are to be left without the guidance of at all, it is very desirable that a full and accurate one an under-shepherd. The Southampton church is just across the river, and its organization and reception into the Association are of recent date. But they have a commodious little chapel, and the labours of a faithful pastor, who watches their souls as one that must give an account. He has had some success in his work amongst them, and we trust ton and Lower Woodstock ought to be united under the same pastorate. Altogether this would form a pleasant field for one efficient man, and might yield a good support, but when divided between two or three preachers, the supply to a great extent must be temporary. We were sorry to find deacon Tompkins

are offered for his restoration to health. On Sabbath morning the running ice made its apmiles on its way to the waters of old Fundy. We crossed in the afternoon, and our little craft pressed his blessing. her way through in perfect safety, although com pletely encompassed with drifting ice. The water is very low for the season of the year, and it is confidently expected that there will be a great rise before the river closes for good. The rain is pouring in out amendment. torrents while we write; a few hours continuance will produce a very marked change.

as to be quite incapable of conversation or of per-

orming the duties of active life. Fervent prayer

Rev. J. G. Harvey takes us in charge this morning, and will kindly drive us on as far as Woodstock. Many thanks to ministers, lay brethren and friends for their very great kindness to us during this route. May the Lord richly reward them. How precious immortal souls! How sweet the Gospel of vine decree, he departed this life on. Saturday, Aug-Christ! How delightful to be counted worthy to just the 1st, 1863, in the 34th year of his age. He proclaim its joyful messages of grace and salvation experienced the grace of the Redeemer while a student to those who are hastening with us to the bar of

The following reports, adopted by the Western N. B. Baptist Association, appear in the minutes of that body, just issued from the press of Mr. John work. Having completed his theological studies he Graham, Fredericton.

EDUCATION. The Committee on Education presented the followng report :-

Your Committee have taken into serious considertion the claims of Education upon our Ministers and churches in this age of progress, and suggest the ollowing resolutions :-

1. That as an enlightened and sanctified Education constitutes an essential element in the social progress of all communities, therefore, as individuals and as associated churches, we should cherish a deep and lively interest in the educational Institutions of our 2. That the progressive spirit of the age especially

demands that our young men, called of God to devote their lives to the weighty responsibilities of the sacred ministry, should be provided as far as possible with the means of mental culture. 3. That, as our Institution at Fredericton is de-

signed to nourish and extend the education of the rising youth and the growing ministry of our denomination, it has therefore special claims upon the prayers and contributions of our Churches

4. That this Association highly approves of the action of the Committee in placing the boarding de-partment of our Seminary under the direct superinendence of its esteemed Principal. This arrangement cannot but give it an additional claim upon the confidence of our people. 5. That as the attempt to pay off the debt by

collecting twenty five cents each from our Church nembers has failed, therefore this Association approve of the recommendation of the Eastern Association to appoint an efficient agent to raise the required amount. by general subscriptions, and it is highly desirable that this should be done without further delay. 6. That the growing necessities of our denomi

Institution, and we would therefore recommend our Educational Committee to take such action as shall furnish Dr. Spurden with such assistance as shall fully meet the reasonable demands of our people. In conclusion, your Committee have only to add

1. E. BILL, Chairman The subject of education was advocated by A. D. hompson, I. E. Bill, J. Walker, B. Hughes, and H. aughan. The report was adopted.

The Association resolved itself into the Education Society. The Rev. I. E. Bill, President, in the Chair. The report and accounts were read, and the following

That the Rev. A. D. Thompson be earnestly requested to undertake the task of raising the amount required to pay the debt, and further, that he be

After addresses by the above named brethren were adopted.

THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR. The Committee on the Christian Visitor submitted

The value of a sound religious periodical, in which the Baptists of this Province can place entire con-We hope to hear that Elder Burns has decided to ex fidence, is an acquisition to the strength of our denomination which we are by no means likely to over estimate. We need it as an exponent of our distinctive principles; as a means of preserving the history of our Churches, our Ministers and their labors of love; as an instructor in the family, in the Sabbath School, and the Church; and as an auxiliary i fearful disease. The two brothers, one a young man every good and benevolent work. It is needed also to defend us against the attacks of prejudice and envy, and the wilful misrepresentations of unscrupulous bigotry. In every department of Christian labor it becomes a power for good, and in nothing can it be dispensed with without serious embarrassment and

Such a paper, in the judgment of your Committee, is the Christian Visitor, now so well and ably conducted by its well known, and highly esteemed editor and proprietor, the Rev. I. E. Bill. We congratulate the denomination on the success which has hitherto attended the efforts of our Brother to furnish a paper. in every way so well adapted to its wants, and sittcerely hope that he may continue to receive in return such sympathy and encouragement, as will ensure the still further enlargement of its efficiency and

Your Committee are firmly of the opinion that such a paper as the Christian Visitor now is cannot be published, without serious loss to the proprietor, for less than two dollars a year in advance; and even at that rate, the list of subscribers should be greatly increased to place it on an adequate financial basis. The friends of the Visitor should not rest or its publisher be satisfied until its issue shall bave reached at least three thousand. There are Baptists enough in New Brunswick to do this without feeling it; they would be all the better of doing it, and the editor would be placed in circumstances far more satisfactory to himself, and creditable to those on whose patronage your Committee have been able to learn, has up to the present time given very general satisfaction, and would doubtless be a great improvement upon the they have very great pleasure in commending it to the earnest and hearty support of the whole denomi-Respectfully submitted,

J. C. HURD, Chairman. The report was advocated by James Walker, A. D. Thomson, S. Robinson, J. C. Hurd, C. Spurden,

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools reported:-The letters show the following statistics:-- No. of Schools 29, Teachers 159, Scholars 1106, Vols. in Libraries 3431. No improvement on last year. Your Committee urge the necessity of a more thorough report from the various Churches. Let the Pastor see that particulars are given, for if we give statistics

METHOD OF CONDUCTING SCHOOLS. -- We would recommend as much variety as possible, and a style of Teaching suitable to the youthful mind. Superintendents that have been very successful find that singing is one of the most attractive phases in Sabbath School instruction, and therefore we would recommend for use of Schools the "Sabbath School Bell No. 1," of the "Golden Chain." And to attract the that his ministry will be increasingly blessed. The Children, get a monthly paper, and the Reaper being truth is that the churches of Canterbury, Southamp. a Baptist paper, one of the best and cheapest, only \$8.00 for 100 copies per annum, to be obtained at Brother John F. Marsters, St. John.

The Monthly Concerts are also found to be very beneficial, details of carrying out which will be found from time to time in the Visitor. And now, in conclusion, the sum of the whole matter is this : - Getting a flourishing School is all right and commendable, but the grand object should be the conversion suffering seriously from physical debility, so much so of the soul.

ADVICE TO TEACHERS Therefore your Committee those under their charge to the saving knowledge of

the truth as it is in Jesus. To this end let the Teacher be fully prepared with his lesson, and let pearance for the first time this autumn in the Saint the Children be assured by kindness of manner of John River. It had doubtless come hundreds of the Teacher's affectionate interest in their welfare. the throne of grace, and there wrestle with God for Respectfully submitted. T. P. DAVIES, Chairman.

spoke on the subject. The question of recommending the use of a Catechism in the Schools was discussed, but the report of the Committee was adopted with-

DEPARTED BRETHREN. The Committee on Departed Brethren submitted the following report :-

Since our last report our esteemed Brother the Rev. E. B. DeMill has been called to the service of the upper sanctuary. He is not here for God has taken n. After protracted suffering by consumption. which he bore with Christian resignation to the diat Acadia College, and under the influence of deep religious feeling resolved to consecrate his life to the duties and responsibilities of the Gospel Ministry. His subsequent studies therefore at Acadia, in Brown University, and in Newton Theological Institution had reference to a thorough preparation for this great accepted the pastorate of the Church at Amherst, N. S., and labored successfully in this connexion for some three years, when declining health induced him to accept a call to the city of St. John. After one

year's service as City Missionary, he became Pastor of the Marsh Bridge Church, and subsequently of the Church in Leinster Street. As a Christian pastor our lamented brother was highly esteemed, and was justly regarded as an instructive preacher, and an able and faithful minister of the Lord Jesus. His experimental and practical knowledge of the inspired word, combined with his intellectual culture, gave much promise to his church and the denomination of foture usefulness in the work of the Lord. But it has pleased the wise Disposer of all events to remove him thus early from the church militant that he might join the church triumphant. We deplore this sad breach made in our Ministerial ranks, but we bow in submission to the will of Him who has said, "Be still and know that I am God." We tender to his bereaved Church, and to his sorrowing widow our deepest religious sympathies, and pray God to enable them to realize the sweetness of the promise, "All things work together for good to them that love God, to them that are the called according to his

Our esteemed brother Peter Knight has also been

emoved by death during the year. He was a native of the Island of Guernsey, but for several years resided in this Province. He was bapized by the Rev. G. F. Miles and united with the Church at Newcastle, Grand Lake, His knowledge of the French language, and the sympathy he felt for the people themselves, pointed him out as a suitable Missionary to that interesting race: he was accordingly employed by the Home Missionary Board in that capacity, both in Westmorland County and in the Madawaska Settlement. There is reason to believe that his labour in this field was not without fruit. Although latterly unconnected with the Board, he did not cease exerting himself in the work of the Lord when opportunity offered. His death occurred very suddenly, last autumn, at

his son's house in Woodstock, as he was on his way to visit his daughter at the Grand Lake. that they rejoice at the indications of progress and efficiency of Acadia College. Surely God hath done great things for this school of the prophets whereof we are glad. May success still more brilliant mark to visit his daughter at the Grand Lake. He was a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and gave himself with fidelity to his Master's work. His kindness of spirit and aniable disposition endeared him to all his associates, and his loss is deeply felt, especially in the upper part of the Province, where the laborers are very few.

> I. E. Bitt, Chairman The Committee on the Union Society presented

That they regard this means of raising funds for present are able to adopt, but even this is of no benefit unless suitable efforts are put forth to keep these agencies in active working order. We therefore exrequired to pay the debt, and further, that he be requested to continue this agency until the whole amount, together with the expense of the agency, be obtained.

That the sums received be placed in responsible hands, and, if possible, put out to interest until the whole be raised.

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The therefore express it as our opinion that it is the duty of every Police in the duty o

That we as Ministers and Delegates pledge or elves to use our utmost endeavours in all reasonable ways to raise the above named sum, and that if it cannot be accomplished without, we recommend to the Home Missionary Board the employment of one

or more agents to assist in the work. We also deem it best for the Churches and Ministers to hold at suitable seasons, public Missionary meetings, at which the claims of these various objects shall be presented and collections and subscrip-E. C. CADY, Chairman.

The Union Society as an essential auxiliary to all our benevolent operations was advocated by Brethren Bill, Miller, Spurden, Vaughan, Thousan, Burns, Robinson, and Cady. The Report was adopted.

HOME MISSIONS. The Committee on Home Missions made the followg report:-

From the earliest period of the history of the Church of Christ we have abundant evidence of the enterprise; and no lover of God can but believe that | into the cause of it should be instituted by the Go have remained in utter destitution of spiritual life and knowledge had it not been for this efficient medium. We therefore hail with joy the opportunity of again urging the claims and demands of our Home Mission hearts which have been enlightened from above will not only so, but also see to it that the fields already possessed by the victories of the cross be not abanoned for want of pecuniary assistance.

Your Committee would also state with much deight that they confidently believe the dear brethren occupying our Missionary fields to be in the possession of that very desirable qualification of the Missionary, viz: A relish for the work. Men who love God and precious souls. Men whose zeal for the appuilding of the Redeemer's kingdom increases

whereunto the Lord of the Vineyard hath called them. ter at the present time the only County overlooked, and a County too fully prepared for its reception. In its shire town a new and commodious Chapel will soon be completed, thus furnishing an opportunity to hold forh the light of life, which, by God's blessing, will enlighten the region round about.

every year is crowned with renewed tokens of God's year be added new proofs of your love to the Saviour by giving as you have been prospered, ever bearing n mind that an impartial account must ultimately be rendered up to Him, who judgeth righteously, of our stewardship. Respectfully submitted,

B. F. RATTRAY, Chairman of Committee. FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Committee of Foreign Missions presented the following report :--

Hundreds of Millions of our race are perishing in heathen darkness, and are emphatically without God and without hope in the world. How can they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? How can they hear without a preacher, and how can they preach except they be sent? The Head of the Church commands us, his people, to send forth the glad tidings of his grace. Have we not in this mater been sadly delinquent? Will not the blood of the heathen be required of us at the last day?

The Baptist Convention of the three Provinces has resolved to commence at the earliest date possible, an independent Mission in some section of the great Burman Empire, and one or two brethren have offered themselves for this service. If accepted, a large increase of funds will be required to sustain The Association therefore commends this important subject anew to the prayers and contribu

tions of our Unurches. I. E. Bill, Chairman. Remarks by I. E. Bill, S. Robinson, and A. D. TEMPERANCE.

The Committee on Temperance reported :-That among the various objects sustained by our denomination none is of more importance than that And also make a rule to take each one individually to of Temperance. In watching its progress it is evident that it is doing a great work in promoting peace and happiness where once discord and evil of every description prevailed. The good thus accomplished A. D. Thompson, E. C. Cady, and J. F. Marsters, aby such movements is worthy of devout gratitude to the God of Temperance, and although we have asked for assistance from the Legislature to enact a law to assist in carrying out the great objects we have in view, and our petition in that particular has been denied, yet we trust by the efforts of its friends and the blessing of Kind Heaven to teach lawmakers what is their duty in that respect. We believe in preaching, lecturing, and labouring in every lawful namer to extend the furtherance of our happy prin-

ciples, hoping that all Church members will

ful to throw their influence on the proper side of the

question. Report adopted.

We are happy to learn that the Church at Canning, with the extensive branch at the Macquapit and French Lakes, have united with the Church at Maugerville in retaining the pastoral services of Rev. P. O. Rees. We trust this arrangement will receive the divine benediction, and be mutually advantageous to pastor and people. The recent visit of Brethren C. Spragg and McLatchey to the Lakes has been attended with spiritual good, and several have put on Christ in baptism. May this be as the dawn of a brighter day for that whole region of the country.

For the Christian Visitor, The Bible.

B. N. HUGHES, Chairman.

Translated from the French of Fenelon, by Nettie. The Scriptures surpass in simplicity, life, and grandeur, all the writers of Rome and Greece. Never has Homer himself approached the sublimity of Moses in his songs, particularly the last, which all the children of the Israelites used to learn by heart. No Greek or Latin ode has ever been able to attain the loftiness of the Psalms; for example, that one which commences thus: " The mighty God, even the Lord, has spoken, and called the earth," exceeds all human imagination. Never has Homer or any other poet equalled [Isaiah describing the majesty of God, to the sweetness and pathos of an ecloque, in the pleasing pictures which he draws of peace; at another time he rises so as to leave all beneath him. But what is there in profane antiquity comparable to the affectionate Jeremiah, deploring the ills of his people; or of Nahum, beholding afar off, in his mind, the proud Nineveh fall under the attempts of an innumerable army? One believes he can see the army, and imagines that he can hear the sound of the arms and war-chariots; all is described in a lively manner, which satisfies the imagination; he leaves Homer far behind him. Read also Daniel, announcing to Balshazzar the vengeance of God all ready to full upon him; and seek, in the most sublime originals of antiquity, something which one is able to compare with them. As for the rest, everything sustains itself in the Scriptures; all things there preserve its proper pate the end. in character, history, the detail of laws, descriptions, vehement passages, mysteries, discourses on morals; finally, there is as much difference between profane poets and the prophets, as there is between true and false enthusiasm. 'The one, really inspired, expresses sensibly something divine; the others, striving to rise above themselves, have always too visible in

The Tea Meeting at the Chemical Works took place according to notice. The amount of cash

Secular Department.

* BARNSAINOLOS

The first meeting of the third session of the Natural History Society, of New Brunswick, will be : 00 held in the room of the Society, in the Mechanics' Institute, on Friday evening next, the 20th inst., at 8 o'clock on which occasion the opening address of the and session will be read by Dr. Hamilton, Subject "Method of Study in Natural History, "wamadirach A.

We deeply regret to record a sad and fatal accident on the river St. John, which has resulted in the loss of eleven valuable lives. On Friday last the new steamer Sunbary, while proceeding on her way to Fredericton, and on starting from Oak Point Landing, suddenly exploded, and utmost immediately afterwards sank to the bottom. Happily an accident of satisfactory and glorious results of the Missionary this kind is rare in our waters, but a strict inquiry many souls have been converted, and Churches vernment, and if any person is found guilty of neglect planted in sections of our Country through the in- of duty he swand be severely punished as a warning strumentality of the devoted evangelist, which must to others who may be entrusted with the lives and property of travellers. The Globe says :--

It appears that but eleven persons are lost. Mr. Varner, the Clerk of the Sunbury, and some of the intelligent passengers, state this to be a correct number, upon this Association, fully believing that those and there names are. Miss Wilson and Miss Atherton, who were in the ladies' cabin, the former aged 12 make use of more strenuous efforts to send the Lamp | years, and the latter aged 13; Lockwood Burpee, G. of Life to those in the gloom of moral darkness; and E. McLaughlin, and G. Summers, passengers, The two Livingstons, who were the stewards : Mr. Tibbitts, the engineer; Estey; Junes Garvey, a fireman, and Albert French, a deck hand, of the boat. It was rumored that there was twelve or thirteen ladies on board, and that only three were saved, but this is incorrect, as Mr. Varner says there were but five, and his opportunities of knowing the number of passengere are better than those of any one else.

All the accounts of the catastrophe are very neagre. Mr. Varner was standing in the gangway, with the increase of their labor and toil in the work superintending the disembarkation of passengers and freight, the boat about two lengths below the wharf, In reviewing the distribution of Divine Truth by the schooner tashed alongside and slightly astern. our denomination in this Province, we find Glouces-ter at the present time the only County overlooked, boat, Mr. Varner shouted "Is there any thing more to go ashore?" when the shock took place, and the ights were all put out. Even the lamp which he held in his hand was blown out by the shock. The steamboat immediately sank under his feet, and he felt that he could do nothing nor did he know any-In conclusion, therefore, we would say that as thing about the state of affairs on board of the boat, and he stepped into the small boat and pushed off for love to you all as his redeemed Children, so let every the shore. The steamer drifted back with the current and sank in about three minutes. Mr. Charles Burpee, with the assistance of Mr. Rainsford, succeeded in dragging his wife out of one of the cabin windows just before the boat went down.

A large and highly respectable audience assembled at the Mechanics' Institute last evening, to inaugurate the Lecture Season of 1863-64. His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor was on the platform, together with a large number of gentlemen interested in the Institution. The President, Isaac Woodward, Esq., gave a very interesting sketch of the history of the Institute, after which the Lieutenant Governor addressed the audience, extolling the address which had just been delivered, and this and similar Institutions, The National Anthem was sung at the close of the meeting, and three cheers given for the Queen. - Wit.

LAW SOCIETY .-- At the Annual Meeting of the Law Society of this City, held on Friday evening, 13th inst., the following gentlemen were re-elected officebearers, viz:

Hon. John W. Weldon, Q. C., President; Hon. Charles Watters, Sol. Gen., Vice Pres.; G. Sydney Smith, Esq., Treasurer; W. M. Jarvis, Esq., Secretary ; W. Jack, Esq., Charles Duff, Esq., Q. C., A. R. Wetmore, Esq., Q. C., Committee. At a meeting held at P. Brown's on the 7th inst.

the following persons were elected Office Bearers of the Loch Louisid Agricultural Society for the ensu-Arthur M'Lean, President; R. Sands Armstrong,

Vice-President; H. Bunker, 2nd Vice-President; Richard Sands, Recording Secretary; C. A. Wade, Corresponding Secretary; Richard M'Donald, Trea-Directors. - John Armstrong, Robert Douglas,

James Dunn, Robert Bowes, Thomas Davidson, James Brayden, Sen., Thomas Robinson, David Collins Daniel Robertson, Patrick Brown, Robert Hastings, Robert Foster, John Parks, Michael Horrigan A. A. Darrah, and Thomas Dewer. Sixteen sheep were taken from Mr. Leonard Dixon's

pasture, near his dwelling house, on Friday night last, and Mr. Harmon Humphrey had a horse valued at \$80 stolen out of his barn on Saturday night. Mr. Matthew Bennett, of Hillsborough, has com-

menced two barques of between five and six hundred tons burthen. Mr. Nebemiah Bennett, Hillsborough, has just commenced a barque of 500 tons burthen. Mr. Chambers has just furnished the model, as also he did for the Tantamar launched here on the 29th of

August last. Mr. Edwin Bennett is also building a Schooner in the same yard as the latter. - Borderer.

FATAL ACCIDENT .- A sailor belonging to the barque "Oriental" lying at one of the wharves in Carieton fell between his vessel and the barque " Dr. Kane" on the night of the 15th inst., and was so severely injured that he died three hours afterwards. Joseph Battersby, Esq , a merchant in Manchester. England, died on the voyage of the Asia from Liver

The New England will continue her regular trips to Boston until about the 20th of next month.

pool to Halifax. He was puried in Halifax.

ENGLISH AND CONTINENTAL.

The Observer, says-We are enabled to state upon the best authority that Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales will probably be confined in or about the last week in March next.

The Government has issued instructions that in all nstances in which vessels of war are sold out of the service, the greatest possible care is to be taken in removing all the gun fittings and returning them to the War Department. It does not require a marvel-lous amount of preception to see that the immediate object of these instructions is to prevent completely fitted fighting ships from falling into the hands of Confederate agents.

The subject of the coronation of the Emperor and equalled Hsaiah describing the majesty of God, to the eyes of whom "Kingdoms are as but a grain of dust, the universe, us a tent which one pitches to day and the Papal power in Rome. The Empress desires the raises to morrow." Now the Prophet has all the sanction of the Pope to her coronation ceremonial, but the Holy Father is said to have some scruples upon the matter which at present be is unable to overcome. As an inducement to comply with the imperial wish, the Pope has been offered the restitu tion of two of his provinces if he will go to Paris to crown the Imperial pair, and this offer has created considerable discussion upon the subject at the Vati-

from her visit to Spain. It is stated upon excellent authority that her Imperial Majesty has visited the Spanish Queen solely to reconcile her to the idea of Mexico being annexed to Franca.

Affairs in Copenhagen daily assume a more serio aspect, and the general impression on the mind of all classes is that, notwithstanding all the efforts on the part of England and France to prevent it, the long hreatened Federal execution will now be carried o and the unavoidable result will be a war between Denmark and Germany, of which no one can antic

the threatened country, since Sweden will be an ally of Denmark, and the treaty engagements of France would bind her to co-operate with England. The special correspondent of the Times at Warsaw has written a letter descriptive of the state of that city, in which, it appears, seizures, confiscations execu-tions and murders, are things of every-day occurrence All public confidence has been destroyed, and ever on appears suspicious of his ne