TO MA IFE I've sought the city o'er to find Dearest I a fitting gift for thee : In vain : there's nothing to my mind

Of all the tasteful things I - won a q mend the or enapter 52; newsed Statutes of Local Government of Counties, Towns, and Parishes. Williston a bill relating to French paupers in the parish of Alnwick. Perley a bill to provide for election of parish officers in Sunbury. Fisher a bill to further amend law relating to parish schools. Kerr a bill to provide for expenses of Legislature. Both Houses adjourned till ten on Saturday,

as mark of respect to memory of late President of Legislative Council, whose funeral takes place to-morrow at 4 o'clock.

Legislative Council will choose their President on Saturday.

### FREDERICTON, June 23.

Address in reply to speech was moved by Kerr at 1 o'clock. Botsford asked that postponement might be made till Monday that Smith who has not yet arrived might be present. Attorney General objected that it would delay the public business and the House proceeded to consideration of address. Botsford, Young, and Caie, dissented from the Confederation paragraphs, the former speaking at some length, re-flecting on the Legislative Council and Governor. Johnson replied in a speech of great ability, reviewing all the powers and privileges of the two Houses ever since the establishment of Parliaments in England, and arguing from history and precedent that one branch could act on general questions independently of the other. Stevens followed in an able speech showing the entire constitutionality of the course pursued in the late dissolution, but maintained the House was travelling out of its record in discussing the powers of the other branch. The whole address than passed section by section by a vote of 81 to 7. The words in the 4th paragraph in any measure which may be proposed, being first expunged at the sug-gestion of Johnston and by consent of mover and Government.

Chandler introduced a Bill respecting offences to the army and navy. Williston a Bill relating to administration of jus-

tice in equity which was read a first and second time and referred to a select committee.

Stevens a Bill to incorporate the St. Croix Bridge Company. Attorney General gave notice of the following Re-

solution :- Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to mis Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to appoint delegates to unite with delegates from the other Provinces, in arranging with the Imperial Government for the Union of British North America, upon such terms as will secure the just rights and interests of New Brunswick, accompanied with provision for the immediate construction of the Intercolonial Railway. Each Province to have an equal voice in such delegation. Upper and Lower Canada to be considered as separate Provinces.

Governor received Address of both Honses at 5 o'clock. Saunders was chosen President of Council unani-

mously; nominated by Minchin and Harrison. Address passed to 4th paragraph.

Hazen proposed an addition praying that no mea-sure for Colonial Constitution be submitted to Imperial Parliament, until details of such measure have had deliberate consideration of the Legislature of New Brunswick. Amendment lost 8 to 12. Contents-Hazen, Odell and Seely. In reply to question, Mitchell said resolution would

be submitted, first affirming Union, and next insuring building of Intercolonial Railroad as absolute condition. Mitchell said delegates would receive instructions from Government. Could not say, but did not think the scheme of Union agreed to in Eng. and would be referred to the Legislature before adoption.

Williston introduced a Bill relating to the vacation of seats of members of Assembly in certain cases. W. F. Flewelling a Bill relating to weights and measures.

House adjourned at 5.45. FREDERICTON, June 25.

House divided 20 to 8 on third reading of bill sus-Bill providing penalty of \$20 or six months iment for enticing soldiers to desert, was agreed

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between Roberts Caleing to the latter and Mitchell. Several members paid a tribute to the United States

Government, and prompt action of General Meade in concurrence with the British Government, but for which bloodshed would have occurred. No division. Several Bills passed, including a Bill to incorporate Richibucto and Shediac Railway Company.

## THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR.

### ST. JOHN, N. B., JUNE 28, 1866.

### Religious Convocation.

The Wesleyan Conference of the Maritime Proinces holds its anniversary this year in St. John, inder the guidance of Rev. Dr. Scott, as the English President. We had the pleasure of free interchange of thought with this representative gentleman on board the boat going to Fredericton on Saturday and returning on Monday, and was delighted and profited by the interview. He was twelve years engaged in missionary work in Stockholm, Sweden, under the auspices of the English Wesleyan Conference. On Sabbath afternoon he gave a deeply interesting account in the Methodist Chapel, Fredericton, of some of the most important scenes of his mission life in that country, and on board the Olive on Monday, having first obtained the cordial consent of Capt. Weston to the arrange ment, he was respectfully invited to resume the subject of his Swedish Mission for the information and entertainment of the passengers present. To this proposition he very kindly assented. The saloon was well filled with an appreciative audience; and after prayer by the Rev. Mr. Tweedy, the Rev. Doctor was introduced by the Rev. I: E. Bill, and he proceeded to address the meeting for some thirty minutes, in a style which deeply interested his audience. At the close the Hon, Mr. Wark suggested that Rev. Mr. Bill should again take the Chair, and moved a vote of thanks to Dr. Scott for his eloquent and instructive address. This motion was seconded by Hon. A. McL. Seely, and passed unanimously. All seemed grateful for this unexpected intellectual treat. The Doctor expressed himself as being very much pleased with his trip on the noble St. John, and with his visit to the Legislative emporium of the Province. His stay was short; but Judge Wilmot took charge of him on his arrival, and drove him rapidly from one point to another, so as to give him a bird's eye view of the principal lions of the place. We feel assured that his visit, though so hurried, will long be remembered by Dr. Scott and his numerous new-made friends, with the deepest interest.

### The Wesleyan Conference

Of Eastern British America commenced its sittings in this city this (Wednesday) morning, at 9 o'clock. Nearly one hundred ministers were in attendance. After reading the Scriptures and prayer, the President, Rev. J. McMurray, made a few interesting and appropriate remarks, at the close of which he vacated the chair, which was promptly filled by the Rev. Dr. Scott, from England, who is to preside on the occasion, by the appointment of the Parent Conference. The Dr. on entering upon his official duties, delivered an address of great interest and power. That he is eminently adapted for the position was at once ap-Darent

The Rev. J. England is associated with the President as co-delegate. We shall endeavour to furnish our readers, in our next issue, with some account of

GRAN SIMON VAUGHAN, JOHN D. BHADSHAW, Deacons.

JAMES MCLEAN, St. MARTINS, June 18, 1866.

#### REPLY

THE OLD ESTABLISHED

DEAR BRETHREN-In reply to your very kind ad ress, permit me to say, that while the Master is calling me to a new field of labour, it gives me great pleasure and fresh vigor for my work, to receive such tangible expression of your love and appreciation of my labours and intercourse among you as a min-ister of Jesus Christ, that when I bow in prayer before God, I can feel a unison of heart with you in supplicating the throne of grace for your eternal happiness. And be assured, my dear brethren, I fully appreciate the strong and tender affection you have always manifested to me and my family during my stay with you.

I commend you to God and the word of his grace. which is able to save your souls, hoping and praying that the great shepherd of the sheep will send ou a pastor who will feed the flock of God with the oure milk of the word.

Mrs. Rowe and family join me in expressing their ender regard for you, hoping and praying that we shall all meet safely in the rest above.

Also, dear brethren, your liberal donation, on the eve of my departure, has met a deep response in my heart, and I hope and pray that you may receive abundantly the pure imperishable riches of Jesus Yours, in fraternal love, Christ. JOHN ROWE.

St. Martins, June 18, 1866.

Most heartily do we pray that God will attend the abours of our esteemed Bro. Rowe in his new field with his richest blessing. Our brethren in Carleton County, ministers and people, we doubt not, will give him a most cordial welcome.-Ep. C. V.

### Anniversary Papers. No. 4.

I omitted to state in my last, that a proposition came from the American and Foreign Bible Society to white with the Baptist Publication Society, and hus simplify to some extent the somewhat complicated, and sometimes inharmonious mechanism of the great Baptistic system of benevolence.

It was thought by many, and I think very justly, that the time had arrived for the gathering in of our scattered forces, and the consolidation of our energies under one leadership. The objects of these Societies were regarded as identical; and their union so far, practicable and desirable. But it was not accomolished. The opinions of two gentlemen (members of the bar) had been obtained with reference to the legality of the proposed union. These opinions differed. One giving as his opinion that there was no difficulty of this nature in the way. The other declaring the existence of certain legal difficulties which rendered such an union altogether impracticable. Under the circumstances the wedding was indefinitely postponed, and each party to the proposed aliance doomed (at least for some time to come) to lead a life of single blessedness.

It seems to be a little unfortunate that the wishes of the two Boards could not have been consummated. especially when we remember that the American Baptist Publication Society is already doing on a limited scale the work of the American and Foreign Bible Society. So thought the committee appointed by the former Society to consider this matter. They, submitted a report embodying two resolutions regretting the failure of the attempt to secure the union of the Societies. And expressed their belief that no serious obstacles to such union existed if the parties could agree upon the details, and that the cause of Christ would have been subserved had the result been

your new charge, in leading souls to ed thirty feet in the air, was adjusted-the final command-" keep very still"-given-the door opened for the entrance of sol's rays-and, presto, the thing is done. Six hundred faces are fixed on the glass, and soon will be transferred to a more enduring as

> well as satisfactory form. This beautiful picture now adorns one of my apart

ments. The sight of it reminds me of many pleasant things, and awakens within me delightful memories. Many of these dear faces will never more be seen on an anniversary occasion. Soon the tidings will reach us that some of these massive brains have ceased to toil. Before the present year's course is run, some of these venerable fathers in the ministry will be missing on earth, and perchance the young and stalwart in many instances will be numbered with the dead. At the next Anniversary there will be tears of affection shed over broken links.

This paper will end my Anniversary report. Permit me, in conclusion, to reiterate the statement made in the first paper-viz. I am sorry that the Provincial Baptists were not more numerously represented. They have lost a feast of love and of reason. Those of us who were permitted to be present, feel that we have been highly favored, and that we should have lost much had we missed the opportunity. G

### Missionary and Colporteur Agency.

To the Baptist Minister's and Churches in the Province

DEAR BRETHREN IN CHRIST-At the request of all our ministers in this city. I have been appointed by the American Baptist Publication Society at Philadelphia, as their Missionary Agent and Colporteur. In making the appointment, they address me as follows :--

"DEAR BROTHER-You are hereby appointed and commissioned by the Board of the American Baptist Publication Society as their Missionary Colporteur, for the space of one year : your field of labour to be the Province of New Brunswick.

" Object .- To labour with all the ability God may give you for the conversion of sinners and for the religious improvement of christians, will be your great duty.

" Means.-In accomplishing this object, you are expected to spend your time in going from house to house, praying for and conversing with their inmates on the subject of personal religion, and in circulating the publications of the Society. When in neighbourhoods where there is no stated preaching, you are to appoint and conduct meetings, so far as it may be deemed beneficial.

"You are also to visit Sunday schools already or ganized, and to organize new ones where it is possible to do so.

" The sale of the Society's books, not for its sake. but for the sake of souls, will be your chief work. To fail in this will be to fail in a vital point. This will be apparent when you consider-

" 1. That in many places there is a distressing lack of christian and denominational instruction. You will find very many of the families you visit without a single religious book.

"2. That these books have been prepared with the utmest care, and contain the cream of juvenile. practical and denominational literature.

"3. That the taste for fictitious and unsanctified reading can be best counteracted by the circulation of such books

"4. That they are issued at prices so cheap as to be within the means of every family. "5. That each book you leave in a family will act favourably with the best schools of New England. convocation of the servants of Go This fact should certainly stimulate us to press forward in this work, and to supply teachers and books to the extent of our ability.

The Baptist denomination-not only in this-but Baptists, and cling to their principles with great firmness. In Richmond there is one church of 2,300 another of 1,300; and in all these shurches there their record in the past has not been as favourable as

that of the white churches that surround them. They need judicious counsel and careful training. both in their family and church relations. Whether it is natural to the race, or whether the bondage they have been subject is the cause of it, the fact is cer-

kind and faithful friends to advise and direct them. plain as though written on "tables of stone" by " the finger of God."

There is another large class in the South that need instruction and elevation equally with the black race -what are called "the poor whites." One of the most interesting schools I ever visited was made up wholly from this class, and the change wrought in a few months in their personal appearance and their conduct, and the satisfactory advance made in their studies is most encouraging. If time would allow, there are many interesting incidents I could give illustrative of the points stated, but I fear of occupying too much space in your columns, and of exhausting the patience of your readers. N. P. KENP.

Fraternally yours, BOSTON, June 20, 1866.

> For the Christian Visitor. Pearls of Scripture.

Between the lids of our Bibles are "treasures new and old." Some may be brought forth in joyful hours; these are the diamonds, the great truths of Scripture, speaking through all ages, amid pagan darkness, in the far-off lands their light glimmers now.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son," is one of those brilliant gems : and when Christ comes to claim us as His, these are the jewels we love; when our hearts are full of God's grace, these truths are uppermost. Then there are pearls; they do not shine so brightly, but are priceless too. Come here with me and look at this one hidden in Our Casket : you who so lately received from God's hand the bitter cup.-" God shall wipe away all tears." Could you prize this pearl if tears had never dimmed your eyes? You who to-day are troubled and annoyed concerning spiritual and temporal matters, can we find a pearl for you? "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is staved on Thee ?"

Disciples of Jesus, at home by reason of illness and for months deprived of the ministrations of God's word in His temple, and the counsels of God's chiliren in the prayer-meeting, you want a pe

nities the children have enjoyed for study, their pro- tended by about one hundred ministers of that degress has been truly remarkable, and will compare nomination. May great good rault from this large

### Our Missionary Meetings

in this City last week opened quite as auspiciously as could be expected. In Brussels street the collecin all countries-should feel a deep interest in this tions and subscriptions amounted to some \$240 ; in work, for a large portion of the colored people are Germain street, \$140. In Portland we have not learned the amount. We were not present at Pitt street ; and the sum raised is not reported. At Leinmembers ; in Petersburg, one of 1,800 members, and ster street the meeting was tolerably well attended. and a liberal contribution to the funds, we doubt not, are now powerful revivals of religion. The negro is, will be made in good time. But it is understood that undoubtedly, very emctional in his character, and a this is but the commencement of the effort. We proper allowance must be made for the influence of trust there is a determination on the part of those this element in estimating the reality and value of who have the work in charge, to push it forward, nominal conversions. I am not aware, however, that until at least \$1,200 shall be secured in the City.

### The Eastern Association.

which commences its session at the head of Cumberland Bay, July, Thursday the 12th, will afford a fine opportunity for persons to renew their subscriptions to the Visitor, and to settle up thoroughly for the tain, that they lack system, prudence, economy and past. The Visitor absolutely needs every dollar due. foresight in all their relations, and hence the need of | Will the pastors and brethren who have this matter in charge in the different districts embraced in the What their future is to be, is beyond the reach of Eastern Association, please see that this matter is human conjecture ; but our duties to them are as duly looked after in good time? Do not compel us to employ a travelling agent.

> Subscribers at Bay Side complain that the Visitor is not received regularly. Our clerk assures us that he mails them at the proper time. The fault therefore must be in some of the Post Offices. We shall ask for an explanation in the St. John Office. Faildres of this sort are very annoying to the people and are equally so to ourselves. Please inform us if any irregularity occurs in future, we shall find out the remedy if possible.

### The Annual Report

of the Home Mission Board cannot properly be made up unless the missionaries in the field will send brief reports of their labors and successes for the year, to the Corresponding Secretary. Brethren will you do this with the least possible delay ? Let us know, if you please, how many stations you occupy, how many miles you have travelled, how many sermons you have preached, how many sabbath-schools you have in progress, how many conversions have taken place under your ministry, and what the necessities and the prospects are in relation to the future. Bear in mind, bretbren, that in the absence of this information, you must expect from the Secretary a very meagre report. Do let us bave particulars from your pen in the course of next week.

### Secular Department.

COLONIAL. THE VISITOR'S

editorial of last week "surprised" the Freeman, and was honored, as we are informed, with comments by the Globe. We beg to inform our contemporaries, once for all, that we neither write to surprise, to please, or to displease them or anybody else. The VISITOR is pledged politically to no man, nor to any class of men. We do not feel that it is our province to defame character or to decide upon motives. The VISITOR has to do simply with principles and with acts. When men pursue a policy that harmonizes with our convictions, they, as a matter of course, get our support. When they do not, while we may not condemn them, we shall take the liberty of showing, in distinct utterances. our disapproval of their acts. What seems to us wise course for politicians or any class of public men to pursue, in any given case, we shall not fail to point out. If the Freeman or the Globe, or any one else imagines that the VISITOR is so pledged to a party, in regard to Confederation or any other matter o public interest, that it must uphold such party right or wrong, then, we can only say, he is egregiously mistaken. We hold that the country has, in the most unmistakable manner possible, adopted the idea of Colonial Union. In so doing, however, the people have not adopted the Quebec Scheme, providing better one can be obtained. They voted, by tens of thousands, with the most distinct understanding that the Intercolonial railroad, in reference to the necessary guarantees on the part of England to raise the needful funds, and in respect to the commencement and completion of the work with the least possible delay. should be made legally and absolutely binding upon all concerned, and that a failure in this vital element of the plan would defeat Confederation in the bud. They understood with equal clearness that the Quebec Scheme should be re-examined in all its essential parts, and that every justifiable effort should be made to improve upon such of its provisions as are offensive to large portions of our people. Such being the facts of the case, it becomes the solemn duty of all versons, whether they voted for or against Confederation, to aid to the best of their ability in obtaining Union upon the very best terms possible ; and those n power should afford them the most ample opportunity for so doing. We have arrived at a crisis in our Provincial history when personal prejudice and party strife should cease, and when the representaive minds in all departments should combine for the purpose of consolidating our new empire upon principles of equity and truth. In all we say and write on this subject our one aim is the present and future

# PATRONIZE DOMESTIC MANUFACTURES

Mr. Young introduced a Bill to promote the cultivation of oysters.

Discussion took place on Bill incorparating Miramichi and Shediac Branch Railway Company, introduced by Mr. Williston-Mr. Smith showing that if North Shore is to have Intercolonial Railway, there s no necessity for this branch, and that, according to Mr. Williston's speech, the Quebec scheme would be carried out entire.

Mr. Williston denied that such was the spirit of his language.

Bill to authorize the Muncipality of York to assess \$1500 to assist in paying debt on Exhibition Building was agreed to.

Long and animated debate on a like Bill from the city of Fredericton for a similar sum. Debt on the building is \$9000, and suspicions are entertained by the House that the Government has made promises to contribute \$6000 to make up the required sum. All the members of the Government left their seats fearing interrogation. Messrs. Skinner, Ryan, Sutton, Smith and others refused to countenance such sops. Bill agreed to.

Messages were laid before the House at 31 o'clock, 

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correspondence on Confederation ; correspondence on Intercolonial Railway ; correspondence on Reciprocity Treaty ; correspondence on Treasury Note Bill. Despatch from the Colonial Secretary in relation

to Act on offences against person. of acti Despatch with enclosure relating to steam naviga-tion; despatch with enclosure relating to Act incorching t ating Woodstock Bank.

FREDERICTON, June 26.

have Bill introduced by Secretary to revive Act to pronestly vide for prompt payment of all demands against rprise. Treasury passed in Committee. Smith said Act had ot been required for the last three years, and was sary now. Tilley replied that late Government had borrowed \$10,000 from Commercial Bank by ! Isunder it

emory in The following Bills passed in Committee :-Bill in mendment of County and Parish Mnnicipal Act; an I calill to incorporate St Croix Bridge Company ; Bill thorizing Decimal Weights and Measures.

t tiny, 1 mith asked Government for papers relating to aptment of Judge Ritchie. Tilley replied he could all this hem by address in usual way.

nning w. ederation Resolutions were 'moved by Fisher ock ; spoke of large majority returned by redlavor of principle, and said Government in angers p ng Union would have respect to the views of angers sa and bes y; Quebec Scheme to be basis; but terms tory to all would be sought. The Railroad in ar would be secured and built. He dweit on en to us ? ges of Union, and said subject had been so ied to une. assed it was unnecessary to dwell on the haps we to Smith replied ; complained of brevity of statement, seemed to be object of Governconceal their intentions, alleged people had for Union, but not for the Quebec Scheme, and d not through fear of Fenianism and by unconstitutional as the Government had got into power; argued point at some length; then went on to show there was no prospect of mending Scheme. Re-d to Cardwell's views, Brown, Galt, and quoted vered ry sad ; e, showing that no alterations in the So permitted. He saw some ray of hope. He that Resolution only enabled our delegates th those of the other Provinces; some would at rest for by not send, and delegation not being full, not act. Affirmed full instructions should be to delegates, or act referred to this Legislature ve to Considered British Parliament would ass a Bill to which people of Nova Sectia was a opposed. Referred to convictions of House, a warm tribute to the Fenians. He wished wicked ed to give objections in detail to Quebec to press them on the House and the country would hear or not ; but soon after 4 ratiournment, which was reluctantly granted.

mber of ministers and laymen (over six hundred) most hopeful friends. Dur repaired to the front of the State House, in order to was engaged in visiting week-day and Sabbath schools adized, and were not fit men to deal ad that between Legislature, at the m-ment passing Act, and Government force, there was little difference. Coun-concurred in these views. Chandler, won, Kice, Ryan, and Kinnear spoke. Ind some perticent questions, and priety of effecting an arrangement which would do away with these diversified authorities, and the con-flicting interests which arise from their maintenance, and of adopting some general plan for the better go-vernment of this time-honored institution. If a sug-gestion of ours would not be considered auiss, we would propose that there be organized as apendity as circumstances will atmit, and the common and do Totals,....152,072 140,043 124,108 85,640 obtain a photographic memorial of this great in various parts of Virginia, and the testimony of We understand that the full representation of the gathering. The vast concourse was speedily arrayed on the Court House steps in proper order—the preliminary arrangements were scon made—the instrument perch-arrangements were scon made—the instrument perch sent, all toid, ministers and laymen, not far short of

the proceedings of this respectable body.

We are glad to learn by letter from Rev. George Seely, that he is much pleased with his new home at Harvey. He says the locality is beautiful the people kind-hearted; a splendid place of worship; congregations good; Sabbath-school large; and he hopes for prosperous days. Mrs. Seely's health, we regret to hear, has not been very good ; but is improving. May blessings, temporal and spiritual, encompass their pathway.

Letters from Studholm inform us that Rev. Trimble has been very ill for some time at that place, with congestion of the lungs, produced by severe cold. At one time he was supposed to be in a very dangerous condition; but with the blessing of God upon the skilful treatment of Dr. Sharp, of Norton, he is improving, and the symptoms are more favorable. Our brother is resigned in the enjoy ment of faith in the promises of his Redeemer. We hope his friends will remember him in this time of need.

Rev. H. A. Charleton in a recent letter in speaking of the mission cause, says he preached recently on the subject of missions to his people. He thinks if pastors would refer to this matter more frequently in their ministrations that more would be done for this cause. We add our hearty AMEN to this thought.

### Funds Wanted.

1st. for Home Missions ; 2nd, for Foreign Missions 3rd, for General Education ; 4th, for Ministerial Education : 5th, for Sabbath Scools ; 6th, for the support of superanuated ministers and their destitute widows and orphan children. All most important objects. The usual time for taking the contributions of the churches, is just before the meeting of our respective Associations. Hence the importance of the churches of the Eastern Association taking action at once. Some of them have already done so. We hope none will delay or postpone for a more convenient season. We have known some people refuse to give to these objects because they were in debt. "Are they not in debt to the Lord's cause, and if so, is not this the highest and first claim to be paid? We speak as to wise men, judge ye what we say.

### Pastoral Charge.

Rev. John Rowe has resigned his charge at St. Martins : accepted the unanimous call of the churches of Jacksontown and Jacksonville, and has accordingly removed with his family to that highly important field. On his retirement from St. Martins his friends presented him with eighty dollars as an expression of their appreciation of his valuable services, and of their good will towards himself and family. This, on their part, was praiseworthy, and to their retiring minister was cheering.

It sometimes happens that after years of self sacriticing toil and successful service, the devoted pastor is allowed by his people to retire without a single mark of appreciation or of sympathy. If angels blush, it is at such a spectacle.

#### TO REV. JOHN ROWE.

ine Council .- The Bill suspending Habean Rev. Mr. McKay's Church. The Journal furnishes es Council. - Inc Sussion. Odeil argued id be a clause making the Bill only opera-columntion of Governor in Council, powers essive, and no present danger. Mitchell essived and fait Government. but it is more (proportionately) than we do in New ments assign them their true rank and position among the following statistics of the principal Protestant bo-Brunswick for the siz objects embraced in our Misteel it due, both to you and to ourselves to offer you the assurance that we hold you in high esteem for your works sake—for the faithful manner you have preached the gaspel among us for a period of nearly seven years—for your kindly intercourse as a pastor among all classes of the community, and for many amiable qualities both of yourself and family, which the great families of mankind. Thus far the efforts lies in the Maritime Provinces, as shown by the last bordinate Lodges operating under was otland and England. In other of the P ionary Society. OI for an awakening to the im- put forth in their behalf have been attended with reensus : neve an anomaly of a like kind prevails. Wi cortance of our mission, and the responsibilities of markable success. The anxiety they manifest to be rise from the knowledge of the difficultic rise from the existence of such a state of our boly calling. educated is without a parallel in the bistory of the About 1 P. M., according to appointment, a large world, and their proficiency such as to astonish their n, we think the Fran

btained The Publication Society is in good working order.

That which cannot be said of many other benevolent rganizations, can be said of it-viz., its treasury is fush. Fifty thousand dollars were recently added hereto, by the family of the late John P. Crozier. the former president of the Society. This munificent lonation is called the Crozier fund, in memory of the christian philanthropist who has just been called to higher life, and is to be expended in furthering the interests of those particular branches of the Society's work in which the deceased manifested the deepest

interest. With the means already at its disposal, this Society nay greatly enlarge the sphere of its operations. And I am happy to be able to add that this is determined on On Tuesday morning, at 10,0'clock, the American

Baptist Missionary Union convened at the First Church, to hold its fifty-second Anniversary. The President, Hon. Ira Harris, U. S. Senator from New York, occupied the chair. This gathering was one of the largest during the series of Anniversary meetings.

Every portion of the large audience room in which e were met was filled to overflowing. This Society has a membership of about five thousand-a large portion being life members. The hymn commencing, Jesus, I love thy charming name," was sung by the assemblage. During the singing, these words of the psalmist came into my mind, "Let the people praise thee, O Lord : let all the people praise thee." And I thought if the psalmist were present that his soul would have been thrilled into raptures of joy by the praises of that hour. After prayer, Judge Harris delivered the opening address, in which he referred most happily to the operations of the Society for the more than half century of its existence. Great progress, he said, had been made, but the work of missions is only just begun. The much that has been accomplished only reveals the more that remains for us to do. As yet we stand in the vestibule of our great enterprise. Here we see around us the memorials of victories, and we hear the songs of triumph : but we must still press on. The goal upon which our fathers' gaze was fixed has not been reached. The realization of human hopes-the fulfilment of a divine prediction-is yet only to be seen in the dim | but that other question of overwhelming importance distance.

But we no longer tread on an uncertain path. We know that the future is to be filled with the most glorious triumphs. Before these can be achieved. however, much progress must be made. Oppression must cease throughout the world. Ignorance must the citizen-the pulpit and the platform-blend tobe enlightened-misery must be alievated and peace gether in seeking their highest temporal and spiritual restored. Freedom must be everywhere enjoyed, and the reign of Emmanuel every where established. Then, and not till then, may we rest from our labours, and all its fullness ; but there is some diversity of opinion proclaim the work of missions finished.

At the close of the address, which was listened with great attention, committees were appointed and reports read. One of these reports, viz .- the Treas- ries in the past, there does not seem to be any rea-

a missionary when you you shall have passed to the gave."

Permission is also given m to make grants each month in tracts and books to the amount of ten per cent. on the sales of the preceding month, thereby scattering and disseminating gratuitously the blessngs of a religious literature.

To prosecute this benevolent enterprise with success. I purpose, therefore, during the year visiting you all and asking you for your co-operation, and trust that our united efforts may result in the conversion of many precious souls.

I am fully prepared to furnish the most choice libraries for Sabbath schools that can be obtained, and at the cheapest rate ; also, the "Young Reaper," a semi-monthly Sabbath school paper for children, and the "Sunday school Harp," containing the very best hymns and tunes in use. Standard works, such as Bunyan's and Fuller's works ; and also " Cruden." "Carson," "Curtis on Communion," and "Christ on Life," &c. &c., always on hand, so that ministers and families may be at any time supplied.

Sabbath schools or individuals wishing books before I can visit them at their homes or neighbourhoods, can be accommodated by sending their orders (accompanied by the cash) to my address, as Agent and Colporteur of the American Baptist Publication Society, care of G. A. Garrison, Esq., Custom House Buildings, Prince William street, St. John, where orders will be promptly filled and forwarded.

Truly yours, B. FRANKLIN RATTRAY, Mis. Col. of the Ann. Bup. Pub. Society. St. John, June 16, 1866.

### From our Boston Correspondent.

DEAR BRO. BILL-While the subject of Confederation is engaging the attention of wise and good men n the Province, with us, the great question of reconstruction overshadows all others now before our people ; and our ablest statesmen and most eminent christian philanthropists are endeavouring to find a ust and practical solution of the great problem which he war has left to be decided for the future well being of millions of our countrymen. With the present, or what shall be the future status, of those lately engaged in rebellion against the Government. the columns of the Visitor is not the place to discuss ; -as to what shall be done with, and for, four millions of colored people-now free citizens-is one that deeply interests the whole christian world. The political and social condition of this people seem to be inseparably connected, so that the christian and good. All admit that they should be educated ; all admit that the gospel should be preached to them in as to the precise social position they are to occupy, to and how far all the rights of a citizen shall be extended to them. Whatever may have been our theo-

sick room ; here is one of many : "The Lord will strengthen thee upon the bed of languishing, Thou wilt make all his bed in his sickness."

Search the Bible for hidden treasure ; beneath the grandeur and sublimity of its loftier teachings, we find many a pearl : in reading 'we need the Holy Spirit to illuminate its depths, for therein are pearls of great price.

### From Our South Carolina Correspondent:

CHARLESTON, S. C., June 15, 1866. MR. EDITOR-Here we are amid the heat and dust f June. Already we sigh for the cool breezes that sweep along the hills of the North. The boats which eave semi-weekly are crowded with parties fleeing from the heat. As yet no epidemic is amougst us, though every sign indicates a sickly season. RECONSTRUCTION

goes slowly on ; although the people profess to "ac cept the situation," yet there is, without doubt, much hostility to the present state of things. I think, however, that South Carolina is doing much better than many other parts of the South. No churches or school-houses for the colored people have been burned, which, as you well know, is not true of Vir. ginia or Tennessee. This city, when we take into account the causes conducive to quarrels, I think is remarkably quiet and orderly.

THE CHARLESTON SCHOOLS for colored people are prospering. There are here

three flourishing, well endowed free schools, accom modating 2,500 scholars. At a recent examination they acquitted themselves remarkably well ; some in a manner I have never seen surpassed. A class in Latin is making remarkable proficiency. The Weekly Record, a semi-religious paper, remarked in a late issue, when commenting on the fact that there were three free schools in the city,-"We have seen nothing since the cessation of hostilities which shows the intense hatred of the people of the North for the Southern whites, as this stupendous fact." This shows how philanthropic efforts are interpreted. We hate the whites because we elevate the blacks : so thinks the Record.

#### THE CAUSE OF RELIGION

is now flourishing remarkably among the colored people. All the churches of all denominations crowded every fair Sabbath. All are building and purchasing churches. The Baptists have been plessed among others. In the churches that I have organized, and that are under my charge, more than seven hundred have been baptized since October last, in this State. Other denominations have had large accessions also. In the affairs of the church I have been astonished at the ability and propriety manifested. God's blessing is evidently with this people. VIATOR.

P. S.-I have recently visited Fernandina, Jackson ville, St. Augustine, and Picolata, in Florida, and will shortly give you an account of them.

We have been requested to caution the public against an imposter who professes to be an agent of the Wesleyan Conference, collecting funds for the Sackville Academy. Already it is feared that he has thus obtained money. His assumed name is Allison. He was last heard of at Amherst, N. S. We trust he will be arrested shortly in his false career.

good of our common country.

#### THE WEATHER AND CROPS.

The weather has been intensely hot for the last few days. On Tuesday the thermometer stood 90 in the shade. In Fredericton it was 95. This extreme heat is forcing on the crops to an extent seldom surpassed. Notwithstanding the immense quantitics of rain during the past six weeks, the frequent repetition of these refreshing showers is much needed. The grass crop promises well up the River, but not coual to what it was last year this time.

The following article is inserted by special request : urer's, I would transcribe verbatim into your columns, son now why the colored people should not have MASONIC AFFAIRS. - We observe that an Indepen-dent Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons has been established in Nova Scotia. This organization in order to show our Provincial Baptists what can be every advantage for social, mental and religious de-The Synod done where there is a heart to do, were it not for the velopment that is enjoyed by our most favored citiof the Presbyterian Church of the Maritime Prois in addition to the Provincial Grand Lo undue length of my correspondence already. zens. Encourage, instruct, assist, and in every way vinces, we are informed by the Journal, opens its-I will simply say that the report shows an actual give them a fair chance to cultivate their natural abiing under the authority of England and of S We have much pleasure in giving place to the folssion in Rev. Mr. Bennet's Church, to day (Wednes-Ing under the authority of England and of Scotland. There are now, therefore, three grand bodies having jurisdiction over subordinate Lodges in Nova Scotia. In New Brunswick, at the present time, there is a District Grand Lodge holding under authority from England, and subordinate Lodges working under authority direct from Scotland and Ireland. In Canada there is an independent Grand Lodge, and subordinate Lodges ouerating under marcane from expenditure during the year ending March 81st, of lities and all the kindly qualities of mind and heart. lowing correspondence between the retiring pastor day), at 11 A. M., by a sermon from Rev. Mr. Ohris-\$178,484 in the Foreign work. I do not think that Give them the Bible, free schools, a well ordered and his church. tie. About 71, P. M., Rev. Lewis Jack preaches the this is as much as might have been done ; neither do Church, equality in every respect before the law and ppening sermon of the New Brunswick Synod in DEAR BRO. — As God in providence has called you from this to a new field of labor in his vineyard, we feel it due, both to you and to ourselves to offer you I think that this is all that ought to have been done; the ballot, and then let their own merits and improve-