# THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR.

THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR ST. JOHN, N. B., DECEMBER 19, 1867. HALIFAX, December 10, 1867.

REV. I. E. BILL-Dear Sir-I accept your offer, and send herewith about enough to fill the same space in the Visitor as you have done in the Messenger ; which have the goodness to insert, and oblige Yours, &c. SELDEN.

#### To the Baptists of New Brunswick.

DEAR BRETHREN-You have been somewhat informed respecting the Council of Baptist Ministers and members, which assembled for seven days at Halifax recently. To a number of intelligent breth-ren who are readers of the Christian Messenger, I need not offer a word of explanation why I address you, but as there are others who do not see that paper, and have only read the inaccurate statements which have appeared in the Visitor, it is due to you and to myself that you should be more correctly in-

I made what I considered a very reasonable request on the 27th ult., that the remarks in the Messenger in reference to a letter from Rev. I. E. Bill, should be copied with that letter into the Visitor. so that you might all have the matter fairly before you. This was refused, neither his letter nor my remarks were inserted in the Visitor, but instead thereof a further tirade of misrepresentation and slander was given under the pretence of its being the "balance heet." Probably many of you who, had read the Visitor's first article on the Council, and the Council's Decision as well, could detect under the disguise of an over-weening charity and a marvellous amount of self laudation, the real character of that balance heet. I need scarcely say it was another attempt to bolster up a bad cause, and to persist in the wrong course commenced by the Visitor, when an accurate report was first given instead of the Decision of the Jouncil. Look over the last article in the Visitor. and I think you will perceive that the assertions there given are but a labored attempt to raise another false issue for the purpose of diverting attention from the facts of this melancholy case.

Being desirous, of serving the cause of truth and righteousness, I refused to publish anything concerning this unhappy affair, until the Visitor com-mitted such a flagrant act of injustice to the Council and to all concerned. So soon as the Granville Street church could take action on the Decision and did so, that document was published in the Messenger, verbatim. Mr. Bill had as much right as the Messenger to have published it, and a far better opportunity of so doing-he being one of the Council-and yet, as it appears their decision was not what he sought to make it, he chose to supersede it by an article according to his own taste. Not only so, but he sent a number of copies of a reprint of that article on note paper, for distribution in Halifax and elsewhere, for the purpose as it would appear; of destroying the effect of the Council's decision. By these means as shewed, Mr. Bill sought to ignore the Council's decision. Mr. Bill was afterwards compelled, for very shame's sake, to publish the Decision, but he did so with a very bad grace, blaming us for what he ought to have done-if he wished the facts to appear before his readers. That however does not appear to have been his intention. His article he then presamed to designate "a faithful report; whereas he knew, and you know-if you have compared the two documents-that they were essentially lissimilar in several respects. The Messenger chal lenged Mr. Bill to get the Council to approve of what he had done, but I have yet to learn that one person besides himself has pronounced it "a faithful report." Let the Visitor's last article be analyzed and it will be found to consist of statements more suited to the scheming politician than the christian minister. His effort to make this unpleasant discussion a personal affair is an unmanly attempt to avoid the inwould draw from a knowledge of the facts of the ase. We are very sorry to be compelled to speak have been better if he had allowed facts to speak than to have assumed the airs of a little divinity by talking about forgiving without repentance; whereas Only a few lines preceding this vain-glorying, Mr. Bill.bs- restared to state what is untrue, not only of shall not thrust the proceedings of that church upon your attention, as my space is so fimited. He does not say what action of the church he refers to, but what he supposes was a majority, he may probably find, on obtaining more correct information. was unanimous vote. It seems, however, that the members of the church which has been called to endure such a fiery trial in endeavoring to protect its purity, are to be slandered and persecuted, and the editor of the Visitor is to be the Saul in this business. If I could believe he did this ignorantly, it would save me some of the regret I feel on his account. Brethren, I have attempted to defend the Decision of the Council against the Visitor's perversion. Still I do not agree in every particular with that document. At the time it was publicly read it was explained by the President of the Council and another member as not understood by all the members alike. Whilst Mr. Bill professes so much sympathy for "the accused minister" whom he—as a member of the Council pronounced guilty of "great want of discretion" and "incompetency in keeping accounts and culpable negligence in not preserving vouchers," the said accused minister is indebted to him for the notoriety given to his unfortunate position -a notoriety his bitterest enemy could not have given to his acts. Allow me, brethren, to suggest that in future refer ences to this matter-if there should be any suchyou will not be influenced by assertions, but demand I trust that you may never be called to suffer for endeavors to keep a conscience void of offence. Hoping that the Head of the Church may guide you all in your efforts to promote the purity of the charch, the union and happiness of its members, and the glory of God, I am, yours, in the bonds of Christian S. SELDEN. The author of the above communication has sadly misunderstood, and grossly mismanaged his case from first to last, and his letter is but the culmination of his mismanagement. If he fail to respect his own position, he certainly should have too much respect for the common sense and christian sentiment of the Baptist ministry and churches of New Brunswick, to throw such a dish of vituperation in their face, with the expectation that they would accept it. They have had the report of the Council and the Decision of the Council before them, in the columns of the Visitor, and without a word of explanation from us or anybody else, have discernment enough to perceive the perfect harmony of sentiment pervading the two nents. This has been acknowledged on all hands. Hence, when they read the extraordinary duction addressed to them by our brother editor, nine hundred and ninety-nine out of every thousand of them will feel like throwing it back in utter disgust. As well might he expect them to drink vinegar mingled with gall. No doubt, they will ask why editor of a christian journal should presume to address them in such a spirit of virulence? What, they will enquire, could have given rise to such an unusual onslaught upon their christian sensibilities? And they will probably be amazed, when told that the following unvarnished statement of facts to the Baptists of Nova Scotia, has called forth this singular ion. Here it is-read it ; ponder its contents ; st the spirit of the two papers ; and then judge

, as one deeply concerned, was quite willing to abide your verdict. But in a recent editorial of the Messenger, notwithstanding my repeated explanations show-ing the substantial harmony between the documents in question, as understood by me, I am again accused of ignoring the decision of the Council. Some of you will see in the Visitor how I meet this accusapathy. tion ; but as comparatively few of you see the Visitor. I feel that it is a sacred duty which I owe to my own character and to you, my Christian brethren, t place this matter before you in its true light.

When first requested to go to Halifax, I was asked to serve on an exparte Council. This I absolutely refused to da; but when invited to serve on a Council in harmony with the action of the Central Association, I consented. The Council met, and after seven days of patient and prayerful investigation came to a united decision. The Council carefully measured the responsibilities of that decision. They knew that it would be subjected to the ordeal of a most searching criticism not only by our ministers and churches, but by a discerning public, and more than all, that the genuineness of its sentiment and pirit would be tested by that tribunal from which there is no appeal. I felt that as a Council we had no party ends to serve-no man's person in admiraou-no popular prejudices for or against the parties oncerned to consult; that as a Council assembled the fear of God on a case of infinite moment, we had only one thing to do, and that one thing was to DO RIGHT; and in so doing to "maintain a conscience void of offence towards God and man." The decision of that Council has been placed before you, and I ish you to know, my Christian brethren, that when put my name to it I did so with the cordial approal of my heart and conscience ; that from that soemn moment to the present hour I have not know ngly in thought, word, or deed, "ignored" its utternces or trifled with its spirit or purpose. If any of ou suppose that I have done so, it is because my inguage has been misinterpreted, or tortured, to con vey sentiments which I do not cherish. So far from ignoring it, Ladhere to it with unbending fidelity as deliverance based upon truth, justice and charitybree elements that should always blend in just pro ortions when dealing with an accused party. I cleave to it also as a decision which constituted a fair, honorable Christian basis for the restoration of harmony between contending parties, and for the peace of the Baptist brotherbood in these Provinces.

This frank, unvarnished statement of facts, you ill please receive as coming from a brother, who for ong years was intimately associated with very many I you in the most sacred engagements of the Ciprisian faith, and who though now absent in body is nevertheless present in spirit, and most carnesily ove of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost nay be with you all. Amen."

Respectfully and affectionately yours in the bonds f the Gospel O L E. Buti Saint John, Nov. 20, 1867. ....

We have to thank the Messenger for giving the uotation from our "Balance Sheet." having refernce to his "disciplinary policy." We want to make our views on this point widely known, and we are glad of the opportunity afforded us to say, that after a careful study and hearty approval of the order and discipline of Baptist churches for nearly forty years, we do most solemnly protest in the name of all that is sacred in Christian principle against the Messenger's peculiar, mode of dealing with an laccused brother. We want every minister and every church to know that with such an order of discipline as that advocated by the Messenger, we hold no fellowship ; and we thank God that in this year of grace, 1867) we live to place this fact upon permanent record in the presence of "many witnesses." The Messenger, of course, is very angry with us for prestuming to state opinions so adverse to his own, but we hold no sentiments on these great subjects that we are ashamed or unwilling to proclaim upon the house-top ; and at the proper time and place we shall be prepared to explain and defend the position we assume ; but when a brother Editor buts himself outside the pale of gentlemanly consideration and Christian courtesy, by dealing in voigar insult and persofor us to shut down all discussion and close all conroversy with him. He excites our pity and claims our forgiveness, and has both; but he utterly fails to awaken our veneration or to challenge our respect, and therefore while we wish him no harm, we must simply leave him to settle his account with his Maker at a future day ... He will then be prepared to acknowledge not only the veracity of the Visitor's report of the Halifax Council? but also the "truth and righteousness" of the "balance sheet" in full. titution of her SURAL TELLET

board near at hand. The deceased was a son of Mr. Joseph Harley. We tender to the stricken parents of both these sad cases, as above, our deepest sym-

## For the Christian Visitor. Prayer, the end of Controversy.

Many years have passed away, and yet the follow ing anecdote is as fresh and vivid in my memory as if it had just been perused. Well do I remember the gracious and happy effect it had, at the time, on my own mind, and I now cheerfully relate the substance for the edification of your numerous readers. An Ar-menian and Calvinist had a long and unpleasant de bate on the differences between them, as each viewed e subject from a different stand-point, by attaching various interpretations to those passages favouring their peculiar views of the doctrines of Free, Will and Divine Sovereignty; no mutual or satisfactory conclusion was arrived at. The Calvinist at last prooesed that both should engage in the duty and privilege of prayer, and he was requested to lead the de volions. The Armenian brother then followed, concluding with this scriptural language :-" And if we are so unspeakably bappy as to arrive at Mount Zion above, then will we give all the honor and glory of our salvation, from beginning to end, unto Him, that sitteth upon the throne, and to the Lamb forever." Scarcely had the latter arisen from his knees, before the former ran and embraced him, saying, "My bro ther, that is all the Calvinism I have ever held to. It is the one great essential truth in my creed. We may argue, on the freedom of the will-the moral power and ability of the creature to render a perfect bedience to God's law ; but we dare not use Arme nianism in our supplications. We may preach it rom our pulpits ; but dare not utter it in our prayers or thanks giving to God." oldiant & otal

The same inspired Apostle, who laid it down, as seful rule, for each one " to be fully persuaded in his own mind," on all religious doctrines, has also plainly declared,"" And if by grace, then is it no more of works; otherwise grace is no more grace. But i it be of works, then is it no more grace ; otherwise work is no more works."-Rom. xi. 6.

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We have just received, through N. P. Kemp, Esq. parcel of valuable books, published by the A. T Society, which we now proceed to notice in order, beginning with THE ROCK OF OUR SALVATION. This is a neat yoame of upwards of 500 pages upon the natures, peron, offices, work, sufferings and glory of Jesus Christ, by Wilbers Plumer, D. D., LL. D. This book unfolds, with much clearness and fullness, these ublime themes of the Gospel of Jesus. It gives us the substantial divinity of the old puritan writers in modern dress and freshness, delicious food for hungry souls. This precious volume should be in the

library of every lover of the apostolic ministry il o MARGABET, THE PEARL OF NAVAREE, is a precious tor no compiled from authentic sources. "It takes its rise in the Royal Castle of Amboise in France. Margaret was a descendant of the royal family of Valois. was married in her fifteenth year to the Dake of d'Alencon, and by her second marriage with Henry d'Abret, she became Queen of Navarre. She was one of the most beautiful women of her age, and the ever varying chapters in her experience are given in a style of touching simplicity, - In short this charming book instructs the intellect, and moves the heart in

For the Christian Visitor. The Carleton County Quarterly Meeting was held with the Baptist church, Jacksontown, Oct. 12th. Ministers present, J. Rowe (Pastor), T. W. Sanders, from York, Elisha Corey, George Howard, B. N. Hughes. Preaching by the above named brethren on the Sabbat ... Some special meetings held during the week following, which were very comforting to the Lord's people, and resulted in the awakening of some young people to an inquiry about their salvation. No special revival of religion followed these meetings; but they were highly beneficial to the community. Monday, at 9 o'clock, A. M., met for siness. The Pastor in the Chair, and the writer was appointed Clerk. As the Quarterly Meetings in this County for some time had been discontinued, it was considered necessary to re-organize such meetings; and resolved that the next be held with the Baptist church at Centreville, to commence the second Friday in January, at 6 o'clock, P. M. The ministers from York are expected to be represented at the next meeting. Bro. Sanders was the only delegate to the last, and from the result of his visit a more satisfac-

tory one was never made by him to this County. In the business meeting the matter of paying the sum allotted this County on the Seminary was talked of, but not fully brought before the people. We intend bringing it before the public. B. N. HUGHES. tord hash a tol 1

JACKSONTOWN, Dec. 9, 1867. 0 9d 1

For the Christian Visitor. Wasted Lives.

The course of sermons now being delivered on the Prodigal Son" are not only replete with instruction, but are eminently suggestive. In the sermon on "The Departure," when the preacher alluded to the waste of substance in the far country, each hearer could think of buried talents, of wasted intellect, and misspent hours; and then we could remember others whose lives might have been full of glorious resultsthose to whom God has given intellect and ability? which, heaven-directed, might have borne undying testimony to the greatness and goodness of the Giver But they have gathered up the rich inheritance, and turned their back upon their Father's house, and wasted all; aspirations high and noble quenched amid life's frivolities; mind and its powers subservient to Satan, "" Wasted, Lord," will be not only a truthful but a terrible reply, when God shall ask a return for what He has given. Shall we not merit the "De-part from me, ye cursed?" Instead of seed patiently sown and harvests faithfully reaped-a wasted life, talents, buried. Let us faithfally strive to return to our Father's house with penitent hearts, remembering-"To-day is yesterday returned; returned fullpowered to cancel, expiate, raise, adorn and reinstate us on the rock of peace. Let it not share its predecessor's fate." And even then, having done all we can through God's strength, how gladly shall we seek shelter in the Cleft of the Rock, realizing our own insufficiency for "these things." How often might the feeblest hands raise the lowly I, how might we gather daily jewels for the Saviour's crown! And if it be true that every word we utter has its influence, how should they be "Words fitly spoken." Alone in this combat with "The world, the flesh and the devil," we shall fail ; but "Thanks be onto God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christin bad oll .browed a sonot

St. John, Dec, 13th, 1867 utdas 10 doundo be o omad and

A note from Rev. T. Todd, says: "We are praying and laboring for a revival of God's work mongst us. One very interesting young lady folowed the Saviour in baptism Sabbath before last. We trust this is but the foreshadowing of better days. Dear Brother, pray for for us."

The New Dominion Monthly for December nuite equal to any of its previous issues. In addiion to charming selections, it has several original articles of considerable merit. First among them is Father Matthew and his Work," by the Hon. Thos. Arcy Magee. This one article is richly worth the obscription fee of the "Monthly" for a year. This ular magazine is published by John McDougal & Son, 126 Great St. James street, Montreal. One dolar per annum in advance.

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COLONIAL. Ottawa News, 10 a 11 el

We extract and condense from telegrams, to our orning journals : anoni

OTTAWA, Dec. 13 .- Debate in Senate on Continge Committee reports recommends dismissal of eleven employees of late Legislative Council, and reduce salaries of others. The proposed saving to be effected by this move on the whole \$13,000.

In the Commons, Galt made explanations relative to the failure of the Commercial Bank, and the causes of his resignation.

Rose in Committee proposed the excise resolutions. They repeal excise laws. Excise duty on spirits ixty cents, and on malt one cent per , lb. Instead of on malt liquors: Liquors brewed from other articles than malt, three and a quarter cents per callon any year ow ban .

Tobacco, common twist, better kinds, seven cents ligars one to five dollars per thousand, and and

Authorizes manufacture in bond from dutiable articles, excession which shall be equal to customs duty, if imported from England for distilling. 250 alting, 200 brewing ; manufacturing tobacc naunfactory in bond \$50 more.

At a later period Tilley introduced Tariff resol ons in a remarkable clear speech which was well ceived. He said it was the desire of Government equalize by making a few changes in duties of w policy as soon as circumstances admit. Decided to fix tariff on Spirits at 80 cents pe

Tobacco, except Cigars, 5 per cent advalorem, and

cents per lb. Malt 40 cts. per bushel; Tex, black, fifteen

nt. advalorem ; specific duty three and a half cents NCTC 376 00 Molasses, if used for refining purposes, or ma cture of Sugar, 73 cents per 100 lbs.

Molasses for general use, 55 cents per 100 lbs. Wine, according to strength Flour and Meal 25 cents per barrel. Free goods and other articles to be the same

nadian Tariff. a to level Holton and Galt expressed dissatisfaction of the

pparent departure from free trade principles, espeally referring to distilleries. Read, of Ontario, a distiller, declared Galt's reason

gs fallacious. The new Tariff takes effect to-day.

OTTAWA, Decist !--- House sat till one o'clock this norning, discussing Dorion's want of confidence osition on the subject, and motion was negatived by 15 to 21. Seven Lower Province men voted in inority HCamerony Chipman Coffin, Crocker, ower, Ray, Savary. Estimates were then voted in

Orrawa, Dec. 12 .- Holton's amendment on North West resolutions after long debate was negatived by 104 to 41. New Brunswick vote was-Yeas: Connell, Anglin, Smith. Nays : Bolton, Renaud, John on, Ferris, McMillan, Gray, Tilley, Burpee, 19 Absen -Wallace, Ryan, Costigan, Fisher, Only one Nova Scotian, Campbell, voted nay. Mr. Rose ligiver notice of resolutions providing for establishment of a notice of resolutions providing for establishment of a Dominion Stock, terminable annuities and issue of accuretuer bills, and also extending to Tanser Pro-vinces of tax, on Bank circulation of one per cent, and the Stamp duties now payable in Canada on Promissory Notes, &c. There is a strong feeling in favor of the Northern Central Route. It is favored by Hon. John Robertson, Hon. W. H. Steeves, Sena-tors from St. John and by Massra Grave Feerie and rs from St. John, and by Messrs. Gray, Ferris and tors from St. John, and by Messrs. Gray, Ferris and Ryan. Northern members will accept it. Nova Scotia will do so if she does not get the old Major Robinson line, pure and simple. The Railway Com-mittee have ordered the republication of Major Robin-son's Report. One thousand English and five hun-dred French copies have been ordered for distribution. The same Committee rejected the motion, for repub-lication of Fleming's Report, and expressed strong feeling against the Frontier and Central Routes. The Committee is composed of forty members The Committee is composed of forty members. The Route is considered by Northern men and others as practically settled. It is ulleged if St. John will not accept "Northern Central" at Apohsqui, that it will only get North Shore route direct to Shediae. OTTAWA, Dec. 14.-All Nova. Scotians and A. J. Smith left here to-day. Discussion on the item in Tariff imposing duty of 15 per cent on American silver. General opinion that it was a nuisance, and very desirable to get rid of. But there was a differ-ence of opinion as to the mode of accomplishing that object. Resolutions all passed except eleventh, havng reference to export duty in Ontario and Quebec, which was withdrawn by the Government. The Customs Bill was introduced. No doubt important changes in Tariff will be decided upon during the recess. In the debate last night a firm stand was taken by New Brunswickers to help Tilley to get modification agreeable to the Lower Provinces. OTTAWA, Dec. 16 .- The Tariff resolutions were carried without alteration. Every New Brunswick carried without alteration. Every New Brunswick member present, except. Tilley, voted against the duty on Flour. Gray, who was in favor of the duty, paired off with Howe. The duty of 15 per cent. on American silver caused much discussion, but passed. The Government are rushing Bills organizing De-partments; through the House. Several members mplain that they have not time to read the many volumnious Bills brought in within a few days. The Customs Bill of one hundred and forty clauses, has just passed after a few minutes discussion. The resolutions imposing stamp duties have been moved. Fisher opposes the resolutions, and states that if they pass, the Government will not be able to return a man in the Lower Provinces, where this tax is re-garded as most odious and detestable. Howe and bout a dozen of the Nova Scotia members left here on Saturaay. OTTAWA, Dec. 17.—A debate took place on motion for second reading of Intercolonial Railway Bill and was adjourned till to-day. The Public Works Bill. the Revenue Bill for the management and collection of Revenue passed. Fisher, seconded by Burpee, moved amendment to clause extending Stamp Duty moved amendment to clause extending Stamp Duty Act to Maritime Provinces. The motion was, of course, lost, twelve to one hundred and eighteen. Fisher, Connell, Savary, Wallace, Forbes, Burpee, Renaud, Cameron, and Anglin were among those who voted against it. Tilley, Bolton, McMillan, and Ontatio and Quebec Members voted in favor of it. In reply to Holton, Government stated that it was not yet known what salaries would be paid to the Governors of Provinces, nor whether these salaries would be all alike. Government stated further that Governors had not yet received anything on account of salaries. Most of the New Brunswick members, exclusive of the two members of Government, leave Ottawa to-morrow night. r this present sorro

stating that the mother was in great want, and tioning the child's name The Magistrate decided send the case to the Supreme Court. - Journal. - T above case was brought before the Grand Jury Monday last, and they failed to find a bill. The fortunate girl was consequently discharged from p son. Her case should be a sad but loud warring all others against sinful indulgence. - The Hon. E.

Chandler was, on Wednesday, sworn in a member the Executive Council of New Brunswick and a pointed its President. A wise and popular appo ment .- It is said that S. Watts, Esq., editor of Carleton, Sentinel, has been appointed Secretary the Emigration and Colonization Committee at Ot wa. Mr. Watts is a worthy reliable man, and a have no doubt he will fill his new office with fidelin and efficiency.—Mr. Vail, Provincial Secretary of Nor Scotla, defeated his opponent, Mr. Wade, by a larg majority.-The receipts for the Province of all Can da for the year, from June 30, 1866, to June 30, 186 amount to \$16,400,139.89, and the expenditure to 14 729.090.54.-Nova Scotia imported 300,000 barre of flour a year from New York under the Reciprocit Treaty, now it imports 7,000.-Prince Edward Islan potatoes are selling in the Port of Halifax at from 4 to 48 cents. They would sell here from eighty to dollar .- We are informed that Thomas Hanford, Eso of this city, has received a valuable appointment at O tawa connected with the Customs.—The Skating Rin was opened on Wednesday evening, the 12th, highly favorable auspices.-Old Gurney, S. of T., hele a. grand social re-union at the Temperance Hall on Thursday evening last. The several Temperance o ganizations of the city were well represented .- In recent debate at Ottawa, Mr. llowe stated that b friend, Mr. Killam, of Yarmouth, N. S., was the lar gest ship-owner in the Dominion. In reply the Mon treal Gazetic says: "If Mr. Howe had looked in the Year Book he would have found that the number of vessels owned in Yarmouth is 428, tonnage 99 337 and value \$3:547,760. We do not know what proportion Mr. Killam owns of the whole; but if Mr Howe had further looked into the Year Book h would have found that the Allen Company have \$5, 000,000 invested in their vessels."-A telegram to the Haldan Express, giving details of Mr. Rose's statement contains the following : " The New Brunn wick receipts for the same period were \$491,295 against expenditure of \$471,956, showing an apparent surplus of \$19,330, which had been more than counterbalanced by payments of interest on debentures, to the amount of \$604,605;) which, taking into ac count the cash balance in the New Brunswick Trea sury on the 1st July of \$275,542, showed an advance to that Province of \$9,783."-The Advocate inform us that Rev. E. F. Foshay recently delivered an able lecture at Hillsborough on Education, in which he argued strongly in favor of immediate revision of the present school law of the Province, a greatly improved elass of teachers and school-houses, and of the sup-port of schools by direct taxation.—The Dominion Tariff has come to hand. Several important change have been made in the Pariff of the Maritime Provin ces, some of which were strongly opposed by their representatives in Parliament. — Thomas Potts, Esq. recently launched from his shipyard a well built brig of 490 tons, named the "Maggie Vail."—On Monday evening the Soldiers Institute was opened by a series of choice readings. by John Boyd, Esq.-The dwell-ing, house of Mr. John Harper, Jacksontows, Carleton Co., was consumed by fire on the evening of the 5th inst. Contents saved. Insured for \$400. Los \$1,200.—The Fredericton Reporter says: "The first Temperance meeting in their new Hall was given by York Division on Tue-day evening. There were some very excellent speeches by the Rev. Messrs. Downey, Beckwith, McLeod, Hurd and Lathern and by R. T. Babbitt and W. H. Needham, Esqrs. J. J. Fraser, Esq., W. P., presided on the occasion. The meating was rather social than public, and we have notion There was no concerted action among op-position on the subject, and motion was negatived by owned by Mr. Daniel Eilsley with all its contents, including eight head of cattle, was destroyed by fire Loss about \$8000. The brigt Ada, of Walton, Hant Con, Capp, A. Tobia, from Portland for Halifax, with a cargo of flour, is reported to have been wrecked a Cape Sable on the night of the 4th inst, and all hands lost. The boat and portions of the wreck were

# For the Christian Messenger To the Baptists of Nova Scotia.

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#### The Week of Prayer.

This great religious festival is drawing near. Are our ministers and churches preparing to observe it in the name of the King of kings ?... Are any arrangements in progress in the city to mingle our united supplications with those of the Church universal before the mercy seat ? ... Will the Young Men's Christian Association take the matter in charge?" There is no time to ben lost of going and I

Let there be no division in the camp this time as there was last. Let the whole Christian brotherhood in the city come together with one accord and in one. place to invoke the descent of the Holy Spirit to refacts on which to form opinions. These are too generate souls and to blot out the handwriting of sin abundant in Halifax, and too patent to be denied. this matter ? ... Lan : reneared instanting out inger

The following programme has been issued by the

Evangelical Alliance andered Sunday, January 5-Sermons. Subject : The Peron, Work, and Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ." Monday, January 6. - Thanksgizing for special and eneral mercies during the past year to Nations, Dhurches and Families : and Confession of Sin, Tuesday, January 7.—Prayer for Nations : for

lings and all in authority; for the observance of the ord's Day ; for the removal of obstacles in the way Moral and Religious Progress; and for Internal nd International Peace. A start bas Marine and we Wednesday, January 8. - Prayer for Families;

or Schools, Colleges and Universities : and for Sons and Daughters in Foreign-countries.

Thursday, January 9, — Prayer for Christian Mi-nisters, and all engaged in Christ's Service; for God's incient Israel, and for the coming of our Lord Jesus brist.

Friday, January 10 .- Prayer for the sick and ofdicted ; for Widows and Orphans ; and for the Per-

Saturday, January 11.-Prayer for the Christian Uhurch ; for increase of holiness and activity, fidelity. and love; and for grace equal to the duties and dangers of the times. Sunday, January 12 .- Sermons. Subject : Chris

tian Charity-1 Cor. 18. 10 nate

SUDDEN DEATH .--- We are informed by the Rev. . Steadman that John, a lad of 18, a son of Mr. Rich ard Wilson, of Coverdale, on the 19th ult., went with an elder brother to the woods for a load of wood. On their return, when near home, the elder brother left the horse and load in the charge of John, and turned to go back in the woods. When a few rods distant a looked back and saw the borse was standing, and as he turned round a curve of the road he saw his brother lying upon his back near the spot he left him. He bastened to lift him up, and to his amazement he was dead. Thus John, who a short time before left was dead. Thus John, who a short time before left his fond parents in perfect health, was borne back to their embrace a lifeless corpse. There were no marks of injury upon the body, and a coroner's jury pro-nounced a vardiet of death from some unknown cause. A LAD SHOT.—Manning Harley, a youth of fourteen, living with Mr. George Douthright, of Little Ridale, Albert Co., on the 2d insta took a

the right direction to a serioper notic NETTY AND HER SISTER A levely story of two sisters, exactly opposite in spirit and in life. Netty, gentle, affectionate and benevolent, always seeking t do good." Her sister, Myra, self-willed, jealous, and their legitimate results. But in the progress of events Myra, largely through the influence of Netty, ras, brought to experience a change of heart, which gave an entirely new aspect to her future life. LADY ALICE LISLE | This excellent | lady was mong the last of the English martyrs. The scene milar circumstances would have done, by striking off opens with a London congregation 200 years ago. As the required atticle on strips of note-paper. We did the story proceeds, the great lights of the puritan. not consider so trivial a matter of sufficient importical age bass in review. 21 Among the faithful ones is tance to require a word of explanation from us. The Richard Baxter, as he appeared before the monster Jeffries, to be tried for sedition and heresy. Jeffries, treated the man of God with the vilest abuse imaginable, and condemned him to imprisonment. This one chapter is worth the whole price of the book.

THE SINNER'S MALADY, AND CURE, describes in a graphic style the "Syrian Leper," " The Captive Maid," "The cure sought," "The wrong way," to the opinions of those brethren, privately express The leper bealed."ni has deted or al THE MIND OF JESUS, presents the blessed Emmanuel as the most brilliant example in the universe, and by the Messenger's own contrast, as given in parallel calls upon all his followers to tread in his holy footsteps. This little book is intensely religious.

LITTLE ROBBIE is a precious story for the little nes : profitable as well as pleasing. Follow Jesus. This choice work was written by

visit, to the United States has attracted so much at. The members of Council are quite capable of answertention. It is especially adapted to minds enquiring ing for themselves, and will doubtless do so when the after the Saviour, and to youthful christians; but at proper time arrives. Until then, we deal only with the same time it contains delicious food for mature their public verdict. believers. The author is one of our best expositors of pure gospel truth.

The Worps or JESUS. Precious title and precious book, unfolding the teachings of the Son of God, and breathing his hallowed spirit. we of a timeer

THE TRUE Boy, has charming utterances for the boys, and powerfully stimulates to right doing. DEAN TWEFOR was the son of an unfortunate queen of the domestic circle, drunkard, who, on returning home from one of his drunken revels, fell from a certain bank, and was ound next morning dead. The son, Dean, followed the instructions of a pious mother, and made rapid Street on Christmas evening, in Leinster Street on progress in education, and in the knowledge of saving New Year's eve, and in Germain Street on New Year's ruth. What so powerful in moulding the young and in guiding them in the right path as the example of godly mother !

THE DESERTED HEROINE, is the story of a wander r brought home-a brilliant mind steeped in scepticism and sin, cleansed in the blood of the Lamb, and radiated with the light of the glorious gospel of the lessed God.

AN ABGUMENT, by Constantine Pischerdorff, with a narrative of the discovery of the sinaitic manuscript. This is an instructive and aseful little book. The uthor, as an expositor of ancient manuscripts, it is said, has no rival. His great sinsitic discovery is detailed in its particulars in this little work in a maner that is deeply interesting no out . 197

BEN HOLT'S GOOD NAME. The boys will all love to read this admirable story of Ben Holt, and it will do them good.

THE LORD'S SUPPER, is the name given to a manu intended as a guide to the right observance of this we want to see these valuable books widely cirlated in this country, mus at it you had a ni so Parcels of pamphlets and books have been

laid upon our table by Mr. T. H. Hall, of the "Colo-nial Bookstore," which we intended noticing this week; but owing to the crowded state of our colamns, we must postpone this notice antil our next issue. We may remark, however, that a fine assort

tion the first netton and with carr A friend suggests that we ought to explain why the Visitor's report of the Council was given on slips. The Messenger has rung the changes so often on that subight that somehody in an hasts to describe that there was some very wicked purpose in the matter. Well,

here is the simple fact : The demand for the repor was in advance of the size of the Visitor's edition to supply, and therefore we met the demand just as the Editor of the Messenger, or any other publisher in sionly question to be considered. Was the report faithful ?... If so then the more widely diffused the better. We repeat, that it was faithful, and no one knows this better than the Editor of the Messenger.

We are blamed also for not dragging in the testi mony of our brother councillors to sustain our posi tion. We should despise ourselves were we to refer ed to us, however favorable to our cause. If our own testimony, based upon truth, distinctly demonstrated columns in a former issue, will not stand the test of the severest criticism which a just comparison can give them, then let it fall to the ground. The Messenger's side issues may require propping by dragging in the private opinions of others ; but our own case Rev. Newman Hall, D. D., of London, whose recent is so clear that we ask for no aid in this direction.

# The Christmas of 1867

will be here before our next week's issue goes press. To all our readers we present the compliments of the season. Oll and young have our best wishes that Santa Clause may distribute with a generous hand, and that peace and plenty may be the

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The Annual Charity Sermons will be delivered by the respective pastors in Brusse evening. Seats free, and collections for the poor. The hours of service will be given on the approaching Sabbath.

Every dollar due the Visiton is required between this and the close of the year. We hope our friends in city and country will bear in mind that this is the time to square all up and commence the new year with a clean sheet. We hope not to lose the privilege of weekly converse with any of our present subscribers, and to add largely to the number of new acquaintances. Let a simultaneous effort be made at once to increase the Visitor's list.

## (From the Canadian Baptist.)

THE ALEXANDER Sr. CHURCH, TORONTO, The ALEXANDER Sr. CHURCH, TORONTO.—There is cause for fervent gratitude to our glorious Redeemen for the measure of prosperity enjoyed by this young and struggling church. The membership has nearly dcubled within these past few months, and the con-gregations are steadily increasing. On Sabbath eve-ning, the 80th ult., three candidates ware baptized by the pastor, Rev. Geo. A. MacNutt, in the pressore of many witnesses, and the last Sabbath evening he was privileged in extending the right hand of wel-come and fellowship to eleven, eight of whom were received by letter.

BAPTERS IN BOND STREET, TORONTO. - Last Sab th evening the pastor of Bon ato, preached a forcible Repent ve therefore, and b forcibie ferme Repent ye therefore, and the time

#### AN EPITOME OF THE NEWS.

Between 7 and 8 o'clock on Wednesday evening a sale child, aged about four months, was found in the borch of Dr. Fitch's house, Germain Street. The porch of Dr. Fitch's house, Germain Street. child was first discovered by Miss Elizabeth McH ry, who lives with her grandfather, the Rev. I. Bill, in the same house with Dr. Fitch. She appr Dr. Fitch's servant of the discovery, who infor the Boctor. Word was then sent to the Police fice. Sergeant Bobson suspecting that a young man named Atkinson was the mother of the d proceeded to the house in Peters street, in which resided, and asked her "what she had done; with

sher, The captain and most of the crew were mar men, and live in Hants County. (eleli may A MINE OF UNTOLD WEALTH .---- We are informed on what appears to be reliable authority, that the silver mine, discovered in Prince William, is canable of producing sliver use to the value of \$10,000 per day, and that the antimony extracted from the ore is sufficiently valuable to pay all the expense of mining. We have been further told that Mr. Lawrence, the owner of this mine, has refused \$200,000 for a single acre of this silvery soil. He owns, it is said, a thou sand acres, thinks the mine inexhaustible, and supposes himself to be the richest man on this continent This Mr. Lawrence was a large owner of a mill in Charlotte County, in connection with Mr. Prescott They realized, it is said, by the business and sale of the mill, some \$100,000 each. So that Mr. Lawrenc is quite rich enough without his silver mine. A Mr. Anderson of Ontario, we believe, has some con with him in mining operations. This report of ex-haustless wealth, so near at hand, seems too good to be true, but a friend in the city, to whom we are indebtted for this information, thinks it is true, and is going up to ascertain the facts of the case, and has promise us a faithful account of the result of his observations If this statement be correct, then New Branswick must be the richest country, in mineral wealth, of its A Ly. size in the world. "

THE ANNAPOLIS RAILWAY .- We are happy to learn rom Mr. Lawrence Hall, who recently visited the city, that this railway is progressing rapidly. A large contract has been taken by Mr. Sumner (formerly of Moncton) and another party, between Bridgetown and Annapolis. Some ten acres have been selected in the heart of the old town for the terminus. A deep wa ter wharf is to be built of immense proportions, which will cost some forty thousand pounds (\$160,000); and all is expected to be complete and opened for traffic by January, 1869. Success to the Annapolie Railroad. i has an ling Ha- Oad man

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A despatch from Gaspe says: A timber laden ship, name unknown, went ashore near Magdalen River last week, and the captain, two mates and nine sea-men were drowned. Ten men were saved but badly

Testimonials from England. Sin-Having suffered severly from Rheumatic Pains in the head and face, I was induced from what I heard said of it, to try PERBY DAVIS' PAIN-KILLER, from which I soon found relief. It is indeed a valuable article. I am yours, de.

WILLIAM EVANS, (Miner.) Willenhall, England.

This is to certify that I have been a sufferer from Indigestion and violent Sick Headache for upwards of four years. I have conjulted many of the Faculty, but have derived no internal from any source, until I tried PERBY DAVIS' PAIN KILLER, which I am happy to state has done me more good than all I ever ried before. ESTHER BRIGGS, Bolton, England. GENTLEMEN-I have much pleasure in speaking the great efficacy and usefulness of your PAIN KIL-LER. Two years ago I was severely afflicted with a LER. Two years ago I was severely efflicted with a painful internal disease, when a friend of mine, who had just returned from the States, gave me a small quantity of PAIN KILLER, which he had brought over with him. I took it as directed, and the relief was immediate, and so satisfied was I of its value as a medicine, that I immediately sent to New-York for half a dozen bottles; and I am thankful to say, that and a dozen bottles ; and I am thankful to say, that, it has proved to my family and friends who have used it of inestimable value in relieving almost all kinds of pain and suffering. Yours, &c., H. D. MEAD, SHENCIA THENO. J Pail Mak, Manufester, VII December 51, 1997

ecember 5th, 1867.

