## THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR

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### The Opening Year.

The Visitor of this week will reach the most of its readers on the eve or at the opening of 1869. To each and all we most heartily wish a thrice happy New Year. May you all be blessed in soul and in body, in basket and in store, with rich blessings from the heavens above and from the deeps below. May you, as unnisters, as churches, as parents and as children, receive out of the infinite fulness " grace. for grace. May we not hope for a fresh unction from the Hely One upon our ministers, that they may preach the Gospel with much assurance and with the Holy Spirit sent down from heaven? and upon all Christian churches, that they may be multiplied an hundred fold? Heaven's vast treasure house is open to each and open to all. Oh, for the full assurance of faith to draw the needed supply! But

#### DEPARTING YEAR?

To some of you it has been a year of sadness. Lesses and vexatious disappointments have fallen to your lot. The flames have consumed your dwellings. or your ships have been wrecked at sea, or what perhaps is worse, they have made losing voyages; or painful sickness may have come upon you; or peradventure the death-angel has entered your dwelling and a loving busband, a fond wife, a dear parent, or a precious child, has been summoned from your embrace, and a full cup of sorrow has been poured out for you. All such share in our heart's deepest sympathies and in our most fervent supplications. Are von the children of God? Than about heavens, and hear your Savicur saying, "These light afflictiens, which are but for a moment, are working for you a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory." It is possible that the year may have been one of sunshine from beginning to end. If so, thank the giver of all good, and be prepared for the storm when it comes.

In a general point of view, the past year has been one of signal blessing to our common country. The father-land is marching on. The late political convulsion has cleared the atmosphere of the fogs and mists of old toryism, and introduced to positions of trust and power men of liberal ideas, who, with God's blessing, will carry forward the work of reform, until England shall cast from her the fetters of Church and State combinations, which have too long bound her, and make her government in all respects the freest and the purest under heaven. Amid the upheavings of some of the Continental nations, England remains as unmoved as the pyramids of Egypt, or as the rocks of her own Gibraltar. Never was she so rich, so prosperous, so free, so strong, as she is to day. Her beloved Victoria is a queen of righteousness, and as such, is a terror to all evil doers and a praise to them that do well. Some few disappointed. restless spirits there are who may wish to withdraw themselves from her peaceful sway; but compared with the multitude who cleave to British rule, they are as the small dust of the balance. Never, throughout all her colonies, taking the people as a whole, was there a stronger feeling of heart-felt devotion to the laws and institutions of old England than at the present hour. So far as our own loved Dominion is concerned, we are proud to say, with the exception of a superannuated Judge and a few kindred spirits, really weak and foolish. It is the veriest cant to indefatigable labors of those employed to carry out gence on the part of the students. He orged the puwe are all prepared to sing with a will-

Long may she live and reign. Send her victorious. Happy and glorious, Long to reign over us-God save the Queen."

We are happy to know that our late colonial combinations have, so far, proved much less disastrous to our agricultural pursuits and manufacturing and present situation seems bright with promise. The multiplication of railroads for opening the resources of the Dominion and for increasing the facilities for intercolonial communication will tend to push forward rapidly the spirit of enterprize amongst our people, and make them increasingly contented and prospe-

Religiously, we have much to call forth our deepest gratitude. Throughout our Dominion, Christianity is as free as the air we breathe. No state fetters bind her, no unholy combinations with the secular power check her onward march. She is perfectly free to think, and say, and do, what she pleases, " none daring to molest her or to make her afraid." If she is wounded, the dart is thrown by her professed friends; if crippled, it is by loading her with ritualistic ceremonies; or if retarded, it is by stumbling blocks thrown in her path by her avowed disciples. What she needs is less of man and more of God-less of the outward form and more of the inward power.

As Baptists, we ought to thank God and take courage. The past year, if not one of great spiritual refreshment, has been one of solid growth in meanbership, in the ministry, in our institutions of learning, in our Sabbath schools and missions, and in all the elements of Denominational strength. We have hade it is true, some adverse winds and threatening storms : but we have been taught by these how easy it is for our covenant God and Father

# "To clear away the darkest sky,

And give us day for night Ob, for grace to improve the blessings bestowed? The Republican triumph in the recent elections in the United States seem to us hopeful for the nation and hopeful for the world. Amid fearful political strife and terrific frauds, our American cousins are working out for themselves and for their country a glorious destiny. Their railroads, are stretching from sea to sea; their schools and colleges are multiplying on every hand; their lands are yielding an abundant increase; and all their vast resources of weelth are being developed upon a scale of prodigious the energy of character which is required. And it proportions. Amid this flood of prosperity in all the may now be questioned if we have not had enough of departments of social and national life, God grant this lifting of men into the ministry, for sometime at that Christianity may lift her standard high and go least-if our students might not now be left to supforth in her spiritual power, fair as the moon, clear

as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners. The ministry and churches of our own Denomina tion in the neighbouring Republic have had signal prosperity, North and South, during the past year, More than 60,000 have been added to their membership, and still they "flock like clouds and like doves to their windows." The free-will offerings of our neople to missions, Home and Foreign, to the erection of churches, to the cause of education in all its departments, and to all the agencies of denominational progress, have been upon a most magnificent scale. At no former period was the ministry and press of the Denomination so healthy, vigorous and influential as 10 find the difficulties absolutely insurmountable to it is to day. May all thank God for such distinguishall that is wise and holy in the Divine vocation.

While this side of this great continent has been so ignally favored, its more southern sections have been shaken by a mighty earthquake. Towns and cities, with all their wealth and splendor, and with their

Athe service of their lives.

Our turn for suffering high-minded then, but fear. may come next. When it comes, may grace be given being more slow to units on receive into the pastorate equal to our day !

The year so soon to depart has witnessed, in all parts of the world, remarkable progress in civil and religious freedom. This is true, emphatically, of China, embracing nearly one-third of the entire population of the globe. Not only her villages and towns, but her immense walled cities, containing millions of inhabitants, are being thrown open to the circulation of the word of God and to the free proclamation of the gospel of Christ. The day of China's religious regeneration is dawning. Thank God, we live to see its rising beams, and to believe that it will soon shine forth in noonday splendor.

In Spain we see a still more impressive illustration of the onward march of liberal sentiments. Roman Catholic Spain, so long barred and bolted against an oren Bible and an unfettered conscience, is suddenly ransformed into a land of freedom. Her tyrannical Queen is found blocking up the pathway of progress in the maintenance of the rights of manhood, and she is harled from the throne, the sceptre falls from her hand, and she goes forth a fugitive upon the earth.

Do any enquire for the cause of these mighty changes? It is to be found largely in the noble stand which Christian England has taken upon the question of Bible circulation for the whole world. It is this Bible of God that is shaking the nations and breaking down the mighty bulwarks of heathenism and of a nominal Christianity. Her British and Foreign Bible Society knocks with all the prestige of British power at the door of every despot for permission to circulate the sacred Book; and wherever this inspired volume goes, it carries with it the elements of a heaven-born liberty.

the duties and responsibilities of the opening year in the exercise of a more confirmed faith in the eternal verities of God's Book, and with a stronger determination than ever to consecrate our all to Him who lives to intercede for us, and who has graciously promised saying. "As I live, so shall ye live

### Ministerial Failures.

BY DR. LANDELS. But, behind all these, and embracing some of them at least in part, the main cause of failure seems to be the insufficient quantity of being in the men. To speak plainly, preachers fail because they are not great men. The quality is all that could be wished in many instances, but there is not a sufficient quantity. The razor may be of true temper and exquisite polish-altogether a faultless instrument, but not suitable for clearing a forest. The burnished tool of the lapidary, admirable for polishing stone, is useless for levelling a fortress. The wafting of a lady's fan is very refreshing for the burning brow and the panting breast, but will not force a fact through the boisterous deep. The lark is clear in its song and graceful in its soaring, but it cannot cleave the empyrean, nor drop like a thunderbolt on its prey, nor breast the storm as does the eagle. Great forces are required to move large bodies. And the men who are to lead and move others must be superior in that direction, at least to those on whom they exercise a controlling influence. It is true God chooses the weak things of the world to confound the mighty, and the foolish to confound the wise. But they are the weak and foolish of the world, not those who are fully sustaining through the indomitable energy and been hard work on the part of the teachers, and diliquote the apostle's words as if that were their meanto the churches, nor do the churches choose them for their pastor on the ground of their being weak and foolish. It may be true, as a spiteful critic remarks, that is sometimes the only discoverable reason. But withal, the recommendation is never given, or the choice made consciously or estensibly on that ground. We all whater our meories, act on the paribus, the best. We prefer the men who, from the quantity of being they possess, move with some degree of momentum. And it is precisely, we think, to the lack of this that the greatest number of ministerial failures are owing. For the men who fail are many of them both good men and true, well proportioned men withal, chargeable with no particular fault, possessed of sterling excellence, all that can be desired so far as they go, but there is unfortunately too little of them. Smallness, not as regards physical bulk, but as regards quantity of being, is their prevailing ailment. They have not sufficient force in their nature to make a powerful impression. on their fellows. They want the breadth and weight and strength which would qualify them for being the captains and leaders of others. This is why they do not bring more energy to their work-why they do not enter into it with sufficient earnestness -- correcting their faults and supplying their deficiencies so as to ensure success. The church sews sparingly and she reaps sparingly. She derives limited benefit from the labors of her ministry, because she does not supply for it her choicest men. The training they receive does not make them more efficient because there is in them so little of the raw material out of which ministers are made.

The remedy for this state of things we leave our wiser brethren to discover. One possible way of lessening the evil may be to render the entrance on the ministry more difficult. Were the waves of circumstance which break across the bar of entry such as only strong swimmers could wrestle against. we might find that though a much smaller number succeeded in entering the fact was more than compensated for by their being men of greater strength. Our fathers found it necessary to open colleges for supplying education to those who could not otherwise procure it. These colleges have rendered good service in their time. But they have so facilitated entrance on ministerial work that the step presents which, by a strange ordering of Providence, finds its no difficulty to very inefficient men, and the fact of having passed through college is no guarantee for port themselves, or be supported by their friends, while pursuing their preparatory studies-whether the conditions of admission might not be considerably raised, not requiring qualifications which are practically unattainable, but such as, with the facilities for education which are now found everywhere, any man of talent and energy and perseverance might acquire? And if our colleges, as they are now conducted, had not better be closed? One or two large central institutions, which support theological education only, taking the place of the numerous smaller ones, where students are boarded as well as taught. Able and suitable men might be so situated in such a case as their unaided strength. But such men, it is imagined favors, and press on to yet higher attainments in ed, would not fail to find local help; and if it devolved on the churches to support the men whom they sent careful in their selection, and not expose our committee to the temptation of receiving incompetent men. Of course this would not prevent the entrance tens of thousands of inhabitants, have been buried in of men who, as it is, dispense with college training

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raise a higher standard of ministerial capability by those who possess in but very small degree the requisite qualifications.

Acadia College. By a private letter from Wolfville, dated Dec. 21 we learn that the usual Rhetorical Exhibition which elebrates the close of the first term of the Academical year, was given by the Sophomore class of Acadia College, on Friday, the 18th instant, in the presence of a large and attentive assembly, Rev. Prolesser E. A. Crawley, D. D., presiding, Rev. S. W. DeBlois, A. M., opening the services with prayer, and the President, Rev. Dr. Cramp, closing the interesting performances of the occasion with a brief address. We copy below the order of exercises. seatly printed, but presenting an extravagance of flourish in the bordering hardly consonant with the sobriety and dignity of Uallege taste. This flourish. t is to be presumed, reveals the fancy of the Printing Office, and not of the Professorial staff. For the inormation of those among our readers, to whom the Latin is not only a " dead," but a dumb language, we furnish a free translation of the themes bearing Latin titles in the programme : "Jacta est alea"-The die s cast : "Per aspera ad astra"-Through toils and trials to renown. The topics selected by the students, or assigned by their instructors, we know not which, indicate an elevated tone of sentiment, and if the young men treated their themes according to their claims, the essays must have been both in and attractive to the audience. The order exercises is thus given:

Music on earth." "The joy of realizing" J. B. Mills, Granville Ferry, Music, "The Lord Moral Courage"-C. A. Whitman "Memory"-W. H. Warren, North "- C. H. Masters, St. John, N. B., (excused). Music (chant) "Abide with me." "Uses of History" W. E. Marshalf, Cornwallis Incentives to Action - J. W. Neily, Wilmot Design"-I. B. Oakes, New Albany, Music, "Calm on the Listening Ear." . "Earth's Infancy" J. W. ledge the compliment with a graceful bow, but the Bancroft, Round Hill. "Extremes"-W. A. Spinney, "The Will"-J. R. Stubbert, Little Bras d'Or, C. B., (excused). Music, "Bless the Lord."
"Per aspera ad astra"—J. W. Longley, Paradise. The Inevitable"-E. P. Bowles, Cornwallis, "The iving Dead"-H. E. Morrow, St. Peter's Bay, P. L. I. Music, "Roll on last of the year." Nationa

We venture on the liberty of extracting a few sen ences from the private correspondence which reports ably as below :o us the Exhibition. Says our correspondent: Their essays were various, spirited, and full of maply sentiment, and were listened to apparently, with deep interest. It is always interesting to witness these efforts of our young men. We seem to see something of an carnest of their coming manhood. Interludes of excellent music added greatly to the enjoyment of the occasion, and it is evident that we have among us not a little musical taste and talent." It is added-" Our Sophomore and Freshman classes are, I believe, larger than they have ever been before. Acadia seems to be a point of increasing attraction." The facts stated in the last sentences are significant. grounded in what they had gone overas well as gratifying. It is not difficult, as it seems to us, and we need not go far, to account for that innew system of Public schools which our sister Proin our College? Other causes may contribute to the result in question; but that we have specified we have reason to believe stands foremost. In this con- their Proceptress with an elegant Papier Machie nection we hezard the suggestion, heterodox and Writing Desk, as a token of their appreciation of her startling, no doubt, to some excellent people, that the Academy which gave birth to the College, and which vas formerly a pecessity, but which new seems tike an intrusion upon the College premises, may, and must, terminate its existence. And this event can transpire without detriment to the cause of Educaion within our Denominational ranks. But the College will become more and more indispensable as the years go on, and as the advantages of the present school system of Nova Scotia are extended and appreciated. The future and inevitable results of that system will create more and larger demands for the those demands we, as a Denomination, should at once begin to devise and execute measures for extending the bounds and augmenting the resources of our Seminary. No; emphatically, no! We need a College; we need such a seat of learning now, and shall need it yet more in the years to come. Besides, linked with it, or separate from it, our Denomination will require a Theological Seminary to furnish the special training requisite to qualify a ministry for our churches. This is not the hour for taking backward steps. Our advancing age, our growing country, the increasing intelligence of the Baptist Denomination in this Dominion, and the sacred cause of our Divine. Master, contending in fierce conflict with the perverted learning and polished logic of infidelity, demand that we move onward with the grand enterprise of education. Sincerely grateful and justly proud in view of the vast and varied benefits derived under the blessing of God from Acadia in the past, let us aspire and act for still greater and richer results. from the same source in the future. We will only add, that if any men among us deserve, more than others, our respect and almiration, they are to be found in the Lecture Rooms of our College at Wolfville, devoting mental energies and a liberal culture of no ordinary character to the work of Collegiate instruction, with facilities most meagre, and with salaries slender enough to keep them humble, if not hungry. Oh, that some of the superfluous wealth way into the hands of men pitiably devoid of a benevolent sentiment, could be turned into the chapnels of philantrophic enterprise among us! The Baptists in our Maritime Provinces are not poor.

gave liberally to the causes of religion and education "If what I have on band is lost, I have in the hands of God a large sum that is secure." We invite special attention to the prospec tus of an "Interlinear Translation of the Sacred Scriptures," which appears in another column. With this, we have received from the publisher, spe olmen pages of the forthcoming work. These pages ate deep research and much toil in preparation and offer remarkable facilities to the biblical student for the successful study of the divise originals THE PROSPECTUS AND SPECIMEN pages will be mailed to any address, by application to the Publisher, Mr. are placed in very different circumstances.

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Mechanics' Institute.

The performances at the Institute last Monday eve-

ning furnished a diversified and rich entertainment, consisting of Readings by Mr. John March, and Music by a portion of the Band belonging to the 60th Regt., who, for an hour preceding, and several times during the progress of the Readings, treated the crowded assembly with excellent selections, giving on one occasion a medley, in which our dull ears reecgnized several old and familiar airs. Mr. March's voice was in fine condition, a matter of no small moment to one who is not to deliver his own composition, but to reader effectively the compositions of others. Both his selections and his renderings were managed with considerable skill and taste, though some lack of repose, so essential and effective in such a performance, was noticeable. But this is a parionable fault, if, indeed, it is not worthy of being styled a virtue. Prose and poetry, alternated, giving specimens in nearly every leading division of the Elocotionary Art, comic, tragic, pathetic, plaintive, didactic, descriptive, and dramatic. We should say that Mr. March's voice is eminently fitted to render compositions of a tragic character. One fistens to such a public performance, not so much for the instruction conveyed in the selections as for the graces of elocution, and when these appear with more or less approach towards perfection, one experiences those grateful sensations which are similar to those enkindled by the art of music. The two branches of the evening's entertainment were, therefore, very appropriately conjoined. But it must be said that the music of a military Band within the confined and crowded limits of that wretched audience-room of the Mechanics' Institute is anything but grater. is lost aimid the wild clamor of sounds, pounding and grating with a stunning vehemence upon ears almost n immediate contact with the musical instruments. But all seemed to enjoy it, and once encored what seemed to us a solo, most skilfully performed on a

brass instrument which our ignorance forbids us to specify by name. The soccessful gentleman acknow-Band was again called up by the persistent and tumultuous applause of the audience.

### The Examination

of the Baptist Seminary, Fredericton, took place on Thursday the 22nd inst. The conductors of the Frdericton press were present, and report very favor-

From the Head Quarters.

The public examination at the Seminary took place esterday, the 22nd inst., commencing at 10 o'clock, . M. Classes were examined in English Grammar, Arithmetic, Geometry, Greek, French, &c. The Female Department under Miss Bentley is a

aluable addition to the Institution. The young laics performed their part in a manner that did themselves great credit, and their style of doing the work roved their teacher to be a lady of no ordinary abiv and accomplishment. Professor Bechard has charge of the French De-

partment. He is evidently a gentleman of education and polish, and also possesses very superior teaching abilities. The class he examined appeared to be well Among the visitors were the Lieutenant Governor.

the Hon. Prov. Sec., Dr. Jack, the Chief Superintendent of Education, Professor d'Avray, Rev. Drs. crease of students and attraction. Is it not to the Brook and Spurden, Judge Steadman, and others.

At the close the Governor made a very excellent vince has so fortunately secured, and is so success I speech. He was much pleased with the proceedings, the system, that we are to attribute, in larger or pils to improve the advantages within their reach, which is the most important of all-"the wisdom that cometh down from above."

> The students of the Female department presented worth as a teacher.

We had must pleasure in attending the examinaion of the pupils at the Baptist Seminary on Tuesday last. This excellent institution has lost none of its excellence under the management of Mr. Hopper, as the exhibition to which we refer very plainly indicated, and this seemed to be the expression of the

visitors generally. We were especially delighted with the ready inteligence manifested by the female department under the tuition of Miss Bentley; they were not merely ersed in the primary elements of an English education, but in the higher branches they also manifested a proficiency highly creditable to themselves and to broader culture of College education. To answer their preceptress. One young lady demonstrated the fith proposition in Euclid, the "pens assinorum" so iluently, yet/so intelligently, as to elicit a general exclamation of applause. In fact she, as well as several other companions, seemed prepared for anything, College. Some say Convert it into a Theological from the multiplication table to differential calculus. Their readiness in mental arithmetic was truly astonishing and elicited the special commendations o His excellency the Lieut. Governor.

The French classes, under Mr. Bechard, formed a prompent feature in the exercises. Although they have had but one quarter's instruction, they stood most searching examination in theory, and read with a very good pronunciation. His Excellency, Mr. Bennett, the Uniter Superintendent, and Prov. D'Array, of the University, took part in the examination. It was another laural for our friend the Professor.

The Rhetorical Exhibition in the Orange Hall was witnessed by a crowded audience. The Marseillaise Hym1 by Prof. Bechard and popils was a prominent

(From the Fredericton Farmer.)

The pupils acquitted themselves with much credit, showing careful instruction on the part of the teachers. Considerable prominence was given to the Young Ladies Department and the French class, on account of this being the first examination Miss Bently, the Lady Teacher, and M. Bechard, the Professor of French, have been connected with the Institution. The result speaks volumes for the efficiency. of these teachers; for we can safely say that we never saw a young ladies' class more proficient in the branches on which they were examined, or a French class that had made more rapid progress in so short a time. After a few remarks from the Lieutenant Governor, the students were dismissed for Holidays.

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Innocent Amusements. Many parents and guardians of childhood look upon the plays and innocent games those under There is a wast amount of wealth among them. It their care, as pernicious to the interests of those enneeds conversion by the grace of God, and an gaged in them; and how often is it the case that agency no less potent is needed to effect the con- cassure falls to the lot of those, who to say the least, version. And if the men who are holding and are entitled to an occasional smile of encouragement. hoarding first wealth are Christians, they may vet And how many parents seem to think that all the be made to mourn over a sudden disappearance of wants of their children are supplied when a sufficientheir garnered riches as a penalty for the sin of ne- cy of food and clothing, and plenty of work of some kind to do, is provided for them. And thus they seem to overlook the fact that children have minds as well as bodies, and that for the full development and healthful exercise of their intellectual faculties "Innocent Amusements" supply a want that is not fancied, but real; and more especially where young persons are confined within narrow circles, and where their labour for the most part is of a monotonous character. Such is of frequent occurrence in small families. Heads of families, whose minds are ab. ditional recreation themselves for the preservation of beir own mental facolties, are very apt to forget, that those, whose only hours are spent from home,

the youths under their charge. Of this fact, I was forcibly reminded last evening, by a call at my own house by some members of the Sunday School which

have superintended for the last year. On the occasion, I protracted my conversation with a senior member of the party, until the hour which was appropriated to "Innocent Amusements" in another apartment by the younger members, had passed. After which we regaled ourselves with some ruit, which was provided for the occasion, and the party took their leave. I then had leisure for reflecion, which the suddenness of the call and the promptbegan to enquire how I had performed my part, and what might be the thoughts of those youths. Might their vouthful minds, viz . Why did not the Superintendent come into our apartment ?" " Did religion. prevent him?" "If so, religion must be a bad thing?" I do not want it." "I would not like to have

I now began to suspect that I had performed a very improper part; and questions like these began o arise in my mind viz : "How would the blessed I then was?" "Would He who came both eating and drinking, and that at the risk of the multitude saving of Him, 'Behold a glutton and a wine bibber and who also honored the marriage of Cana with His presence, have performed so stupid a part as I had. if he occupied my position?" When, lo! from the inmost recesses of my soul arose the response, " No! no! I know Him too well for that: He would have been one of their number, and " participant of their wickedly, and had committed an enormous sin. The ears flowed freely down my checks, and I said surely present at the forthcoming General Council .- A Colshall never be caught in another scrape like this. here record my experience, that others similarly placed, may profit thereby, and so be spared that remorse of conscience which is the legitimate fruits of emissness in duty. A SUPERINTENDENT.

Albert County, Dec, 28, 1868.

Mr. EDITOR-Will you be so kind as to acknowedge the following sums through the columns of the VISITOR, as received by me in behalf of the French mission:

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#### M. NORMANDY. Yarmouth, Dec. 22nd, 1863.

A Distressing Calamity. DEAR EDITOR-Sad to relate, the lumbering-camp

Mr. Alexander McUmber, of Upper Gagetown took fire on the morning of the 20th instant, Mr. McUumber, being awakened by the snapping of the re found the camp in flames over t he and a young man, by the name of Charles Watson, resident of Upper Gagetown, aged 19 years, were sleeping. Mr. McUmber sprang from the berth. at the same time dragging Watson out on to what is at the same time dragging Watson out on to what is called the deacon-seat, telling him to escape. On ri- He was attended all night by various clergymen, but sing, the camp-roof being in flames, his bair caught, fire, and looking around for a way of escape found the only chance through the flames at the doorway. As he rushed through the flames his clothes caught fire, which he made every effort to put out by rolling in the snow and by pulling them off piece by piece until completely naked, in which state he travelled about a half a mile, leaving the soles of his feet and pieces of skin and flesh upon the crust. On reaching a house, its occupant, Mr. Hescy, rushed to the consuming camp, in search of Watson, where he found only a few shapeless remains about the spot where McUmber left him, consisting of heart, liver, and a few calcined bones. A doctor was procured for Mr. McUmber, who said recovery was impossible. He died the next morning at seven o'clock. Mr. Mc-Umber was a member of the St. Martin's Baptist church. He leaves six orphan children to mourn their loss. Watson leaves a widowed mother and five

The funerals took place on the 22nd. A large and solemn congregation in attendance. May God sustain the bereaved ones, and sanctify

this dispensation to the good of this community.

Upper Gagetown, Dec. 24th, 1868.

The Week of Prayer s to be observed in the City proper, under the agspices of the "Young Men's Christian Association," in the following churches at 12 noon and at 7 P. M.

Monday, Germain street Wesleyan; Tuesday, Germain street Baptist; We inesday, Union street Congregational: Thursday, St. David's, Sydney street; Friday, Centenary, Wesleyan; Saturday, Leinster street Baptist.

THE WEER OF PRAYER will be observed by the churches in Carleton at 12 o'clock noon, in the following order, viz.:—Monday, Baptist Church; Tuesday, Methodist Church; Wednesday, Free Baptist Church; The mtChurch; Thursday, Presbyterian Church. The mtnisters will preside alternately, each in his own Naval Officer, church. We hope for a full attendance, and for a rich

I have great pleasure in acknowledging the agreeable surprise I had last Wednesday evening, in being visited by a large number of the members of the Germain Street Baptist Church. Those who could not be present were well represented. The parsonage was lovingly seized and its various an parsonage was lovingly seized, and its various apartmake a sale of Crete, or to transfer that Island to
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A business letter from our esteemed brother, I. C. Stillwell, of Scotchtown, informs us that there s a revival in progress among our Methodist friends in that section. Some have professed a new-born faith, and others are seeking deliverance from the

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levan Methodists, I Calvinistic Methodist, 17 Unitarians, 10 Presbyterians (non-conforming Presbyterians are probably meant), 6 Jaws, and 26 Roman Catholics, of whom one only, Sir John Simoon, repreness of the proceedings had till then prevented. I sents an English constituency. - 372,619 bushels of Oats were exported from Charlottetown to England, during the automn.-Eighty buildings have been erected in Halifax this year .- On Saturday evening, not such questions and suggestions as these arise to 19th inst., Hon, Joseph Howe delivered a lecture at their youthful minds viz. Why did not the Su- the Court House in Kentville, N. S. His subject was Sketches of Provincial Wit and Humor."-Advance sheets of a Newspaper Directory by George T. Powel & Co., No. 40 Park street, New York, have been received. The author proposes to turnish reliable lists of all the newspapers and periodicals published in the United States and in British America. To publishers and advertisers this work will be highly useful. - Rev. John Francis, we are told by the Elangel, preached in one of the churches of San Francisco Jesus have acted, if placed in the same position that on the 22d of November last. We are glad to hear of his safe return to his adopted bome. -The weather continues very fine for the season-just snow enough to make fine steading and sleighing in town and country.—The Methodists of Toronto, it is said, have purchased McGib Equare for \$26.000, on which they intend to build a large church for Mr. Punshon.—Rev. Dr. Tupper's biographical sketch in the Christian Messenger informs us that some ten years ago he had pernsed the whole of the sacred voyears ago he had perisse, viz : Hebrew, Syrian, Greek, Latin, Italian, French, German, and English ; besides the New Testament, also, in Spanish and Portuguese. Letters from Constantinople announce that the Armenian Patriarch has accepted the invitation to be

Variety Items.

mor says that men are making fortunes rapidly in

the fur business in Alaski.—A large wolf was caught the other day on the Nashwaak.—Rev. Mr. Nar-

raway's sermon in Portland, last Sabbath evening, on

the leading events of 1868, is spoken of by the press as a very able production.—The English Independent

calculates that in the new House of Commons there

are 12 Independents, 5 Baptists, 5 Quakers, 2 Wes-

A repeal league has been formed in Halifax .- Ru-

## Secular Department.

ony of Swedes from Northern Illinois have purchased

a tract of 80,000 acres on the Kausas Pacific Rail-

Foreign and Domestic News. GREAT BRITAIN

The Times of Dec. 28th has another long editorial on the subject of the Alahama claims. The people of both England and America; the Times says, are un-\$1.88 easy in regard to the relations which are to exist in the future between the two nations. This measiness arises from ignorance of the true state of the negotiations now pending on the Alabama question of The Times believes that Secretary Seward himself ob-\$1.50 structs the settlement; but that the question will be finally and amicably adjusted under the incoming ad-1.00 ministration of President Grant. Reverdy Johnson is not likely to be removed by the new administration, but will be permitted to remain and complete the work already begun. If Mr. Seward seeks to delay 0.44 the settlement of this important question he should be humored, but the basis of the protocol already agreed upon by Lord Stanley and Mr. Johnson must 0.25 remain fixed, and will, sooner or later, command the consent of both countries.

The Earl of Shannon, Baron Castle, died on Christmas day, aged 60 years. 0.50 Hon. Reverdy Johnson, American Minister, has received a deputation of Lodon citizens who were desirous of forming a colony in Nebraska. Mr. John-

son encouraged the project XX JAIDAIV LONDON, Dec. 28.-The Star condemns and the Standard approves the action of the British authori-

ties at Nankin Sir Richard Mayne, who made himself notorious not long since by breaking up Sunday meetings in Hyde Park, died yesterday. The Greecians are fleeing from Turkey on accoun-

of the threatened war. Several families of fugitives have been received by Jones, the murderer of his neice, was executed on the 29th, in London, at half-past 10 o'clock. Many

denied his guilt to the last,
The emigrant ship Starry Banner, for New York, was totally lost in a gale of the 21st of Dec., 700 miles east of the Coast of Ireland. 45 persons were sayed on rafts, and have arrived at Boulogne. France The Captain and rest of the crew and passengers -120 all told -were lost

FRANCE. Paus, Dec. 28-The Constitutionel of this city, a semi-official Imperialist organ, publishes a telegram from Vienna to-day, announcing that the Sablime Porte will decline to adhere to the proposed conference, if the terms of his ultimatum to Greece in the matter of Crete or internal questions are monted. The Prussian Government received on Christmas Day an invitation from Napoleon to the Paris con-

A manifesto from Garibaldi says that the procla mation of Spain as a Republic will be the watchword for a new movement on Rome, and expect the people The Duke of Montpensier has published a mani-

festo announcing his liberal views. The Imperical suggests the nomination of the Duke of Montgensier for the King of Spain under a regency.

The Spanish Government is taking measures to reduce the public expenses for the ensuing year.
Emilio Costelar, a well known Republican, so
that a Republic has been morally formed already

Spain, as the Republican party carried all the great cities in the country except Madrid in the late elec-

A despatch from London dated Dec. 25th, says that A despatch from English the Sublime Porte has extended the time for de parture of the Greeks from the Turkish d

The Committee of Action at Athens have accressed a petition to the Greek Government praying for peace. They urge the Government to support the popular feeling of the country which is clearly for peace and to avoid a war with Turkey.

Russia has asked of Turkey and Greece a suspension of hostilities until the end of the Conference of the Great Powers which will assemble sometimes in

January.
It is semi-officially, announced that the Turkish Admiral, Hobart Pasha, has informed the inhabitants

A despatch from Athens states that the Turkish Government had placed two ships of war on the coast of Cerigo, to prevent the departure of Greek volunteers from that Island for Crete.

part of their own countrymen in Turkey.

The Uretans seem quiet and indifferent.
Russian Government has denied giving author
to Greek merchant vessels to use the Russian flag

Circular from the Sublime Porte just issu firms the report of the Sultan's refusal to parties in the projected Conference if the Cretan question be discussed.