fully into the state of religion on the conti-

operation at Boulogn merits special notice reverend doctor's acquirements. in this letter. Mr. Edward Gibson, a member of the Wesleyan Church, and Steward the Weslevan Chapel in this city, who has, for some time, been acting as a town missionary among the English, states, in a report now before me. - " The state of the English population, among the mechanics and others of the same, or a lower class, is truly deplorable. Very few of the heads of families attend any place of worship, and the Lord's day is by very many devoted entirely to pleasure. Many of the children in such families are unbaptised. There is reason to believe that many who are now living without God and in utter neglect of the means of grace were, when resident in England, members of Christian churches. Una view to bring about a better state of November in that year all the families of far as possible, visited from day to day, and tracts and other religious publications have been lent and distributed among them. Bibles, too, were wanted and supplied. Up to the 1st of December, 1855, 2073 visits had been paid. Some have been prevailed upon to attend a place of worship, and some have been awakened to a sense of their lost estate as sinners, and have manifested a desire to flee from the wrath to come; and a few have been converted to God, and two or three have died in peace."

and humble prayer.

Before I conclude, I may just say that the English work at our chapel is, thank God, in a healthy state. The congregations, even in winter, are very good, and in the summer season quite as large as the chapel can accomodate. It is now about twenty years since the Old Theatre was converted into a Wesleyan chapel, and during that period it has undergone various repairs and improvments, so that it is now a very commodious and comfortable place of worship. At three or four different times, efforts have been made to unsettle and divide our affectionate people, but, thank God, hitherto without success. Every attempt has been in vain, and has ended in nothing REV. W. TOASE.

# Provincial Wesleyan

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Plurality of Worlds-Dr. Whewell.—The Times. The English correspondent of the N. Y.

Christian Advocate & Journal supplies the

Very deep interest has been excited in review-article entitled "Worlds in the sky," which the reviewer concludes :which appeared in the Times last week .-A year ago and upward, a volume described nouncement of Dr. Whewell on a question sion of our minds, neither formed hastily than for quarter of a century. G. P. D.

University determined, as a good joke, to the 'Vestiges of the Creation.' start a subject for discussion in his presence

It would be easy for me to enter more nomy, law, commerce, manufactures — on devout inquirers have taken, that every portion on the capture of and affection which are the only solid bases of letter, as I have driven it off to the last moment.

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be visited and explored, and become in sucnent; but, for the present, I must comine my observations within a more limited sphere of observations within a more limited sphere of doubt observations within a more limited sphere of limite observations within a more limited space of confidence, so far labour. At one time it was matter of doubt, sence with any degree of confidence, so far labour. At one time it was matter of doubt, sence with any degree of confidence, so far learthly, then heavenly,—there is nothing in labour. At one time it was matter of doubt, some superior in comprehensiveness and accuamong many good people in England, wheamong many good people in England many go among many good people in England, who are called to follow those of our the manifested order of his prother we were called to ionow those of our religicountrymen who chose to leave their religicountrymen who chose to leave their religicountrymen who chose to leave that the possessed by the others.— to embody the rapture of the entranced upon the Rev. Alexander Forrester, by the ous privileges at home, and settle in a country in which, at that time, there was no Protry in which, at that time, there was no I to the subject which was to gravel the learned testant place of worship whose service was holden, and a committee testant place of worship whose service was holden, and a committee testant place of worship whose service was holden, and a committee conducted in a language which they underconducted in a language which they under stood, seeing the Connexion had such pressstood, seeing the Connexion had such pressstood to draw up an address of congrastood to draw up an stood, seeing the Connexion nau sucu press, not stood, not st ing calls to the heatnen. But that returning as it journeys from world to world, behold-which had been conferred upon him.

A dinner party at the table of one of the appears now to have passed away. I con-have passed away. appears now to have passed away. I conget a subject of Chinese maker and the very first, leading to the wing in each new wonders of the Maker, new prepared, signed by all the pupil teachers that my opinion, from the very first, leading to the subject of Chinese main my opinion, from the very first, leading to the subject of Chinese main my opinion, from the very first, leading to the subject of Chinese main my opinion, from the very first, leading to the subject of Chinese main my opinion, from the very first, leading to the subject of Chinese main my opinion, from the very first, leading to the subject of Chinese main my opinion, from the very first, leading to the subject of Chinese main my opinion, from the very first, leading to the subject of Chinese main my opinion my opinion and the very first, leading to the subject of Chinese main my opinion my o fess that my opinion, from the very miss, looked for, the subject of Chinese music was was, that a well sustained English cause in looked for, the subject of Chinese music was heights of glory, only to feed its vision with and students, sixty-four in number, and read indicionals introduced and an animated students of the subject of Chinese music was heights of glory, only to feed its vision with and students, sixty-four in number, and read speaking people reside, would be of great it was prosecuted for a considerable time, to service to the French work. And so it has it was prosecuted for a considerable time, to soon as seen. And in those regions which teachers who had been appointed a commitservice to the French work. And so it has proceed as a consideration of all the postion o proved. Besides, the English have always to the no small gratification of all the parties contributed very liberally towards the supcontributed very liberally towards the support of the work, so that very little compa to the plot. It was clear that the triumph the feeble glimmer of a star, the unwearied port of the work, so that very little compa was complete; the doctor's silence resulted, soul may reap ever-ripening harvests of nance by the friends at home. Then, again, of course, from his total want of acquain-richer joys and more abundant blessings, nance by the triends at nome. Then, again, our English congregations are composed, not tance with the subject, and nothing remainour English congregations are composed, not only of persons who come direct from Eng- ed to give the climax to the enjoyment of of life which are with the Eternal." only of persons wno come direct from Ireland, the conspirators but to elicit his own confesland, but also of many people from Tenants of sion of his ignorance, for which purpose it also among the prophets?" Has Mr. John Septiand, india, and America, some Gospel was unanimously agreed to refer the dis- Delane exchanged the law for the Gospel, whom, probably, never heard the Cosper, until they entered a chapel at Paris, Bouadd my testimony to the zealous labours of for which the rival disputants had been conthose members of the Church of England tending during the previous hour, and laid

who have been indefatigable in distributing down one of his own, which was perfectly tions? The incognito of the writers in our the Holy Scriptures among the soldiers, novel to all who heard him. Astonished During the past summer, many thousands and aghast, the confederates were perfectly of copies of the Word of God, chiefly the tongue-tied and chop-fallen for some minutes of copies of the Word of God, energy the land the untiring energy and superior ability to expect from him the only change in their fucamps. A few copies were sold at very low tor," one of them at length stammered out, prices, but the greater part of them were "the views for which we have been sevegiven away. That some copies were des- rally contending are both to some extent troyed, or sold by the soldiers, for two or favoured in the article in the last edition of three sous, is admitted, but that others were the Encyclopatia Britannica, which is the read, and many taken to the interior of great authority on the subject; but the France, and even to the Crimea, is equally theory just laid down by you is not recogtrue. Four Colporteurs, two of whom act nised, nor even named by it at all." "Very as Evangelists, have been employed, at the true," replied the doctor; " the views concamps for many months. Thay have a book tained in the article to which you refer were shop in each camp, and are duly athorised those which I held at the time I wrote it to sell or give away Bibles, Testaments, and but you may find, in the back row of books religious tracts. These men are, I believe, on such a shelf in such a press of the coltruly converted to God, and they appear to lege library, a thin volume on the subject have the constraining love of Christ in their which I wrote about thirty-five years ago. hearts. I am sometimes favoured with their and to the views put forward in which recent presence and help at a French service, inquiry and reflection have led me to return. which I hold in my school-room, on Thurs- after having abandoned them for a time in day evening, and our little company is often favour of those which I subsequently advomuch edified by their spiritual conversation cated in the Britannica." It need scarcely be said that the Cambridge Dons practiced Another instrumentality, now in efficient no further experiments on the extent of the Well, the essay Of the Plurality of

Worlds, being regarded as Dr. Whewell's production, no little interest and some degree of consternation were excited by its rejection of the generally received notion respection the heavenly bodies as the probable habitations of rational beings; and Sir David Brewster, a man of scarcely less eminence in letters and science than Dr. Whewell, formally entered the lists against it as the champion of the affirmative view. in a volume entitled More Worlds than One. These two works furnish the text of the review in the Times, to which I alluded at the outset of my remarks, though the reviewer confines his criticisms almost exclusively to the former, adopting himself the der a deep sense of responsibility, and with more popular theory advocated in the latter. The review is characterised by great ability things, a Town Mission for the English was and deals with its subject in a style of the e-tablished in 1854; and from the month of highest eloquence, and on these grounds has attracted very great attention in scientific English mechanics and others have been, as and literary circles; but a greatly deeper interest has been aroused in the religious world by its lofty religious fervour, its bold and strong-almost fierce-denunciation of some of the views of the author of the Essay, as calculated, in the opinion of the reviewer, to inflict great damage on the interests of revealed religion; and the exquisite beauty and sublime imagery of many of its illustrations of the connexion between some of the most precious of the great truths of Christianity, and the ascertained phenomena of astronomical science. To its characteristics in this latter point of view it is that I am specially desirous to call the attention of

your readers, from the very striking and gratifying contrast which its tone and spirit present to the general latitudinarianism and ndifferentism of the "leading journal" on religious subjects. Possibly some of the scientific assumptions of the reviewer will scarcely stand the ordeal of a logical scrutiny; but the lofty fervour and the glowing eloquence with which the great truths of the sublime science under consideration are pressed into the service of religion, keep the famous "Astronomical Discourses" of Chalmers constantly before the memory, and render the review well worthy to be bound up with those noble productions. So intense is the admiration excited by it on these grounds, that I greatly regret that the space at my disposal will not admit of such quotations from it as would convey to your readers anything like a fair and just impression of the whole, and a brief extract or two

would resemble only a finger chipped from the Venus of Phidias, which may indeed convey an idea of the exquisite fineness of the grain and polish of the surface of the marble, and of the mechanical skill of the workman, but must utterly fail to furnish any adequate idea of the complete and perfect beauty of the immortal offspring of the sculptor's genius Take, however, a brief religious, literary, and scientific circles by a passage or two from the noble burst with

"The essay has a very devotional look. But, when we find the author describing the on the title-page as Of the Plurality of planets as water and vapour packed into Worlds: an Essay, was published by one rotary masses,' or neatly wound into balls, of the leading London houses, and imme- we miss the style and the idiom of the revdiately attracted much attention, partly from erent mind. We are led to inquire if such the ability with which it was written, and trains of thought, so indulged and uttered, parily from the circumstance that, though are calculated to elevate, instruct, or purify published anonymously, it was generally the desires, the ignorance, or the feelings of attributed in well informed quarters—justly, man. We ask with curious interest if the I have no doubt-to the pen of the Rev. doctrine of many mansions in the Heavenly Dr. Whewell, the well-known Master of House is to be decided by the square of the bearing—even by imputation, as in this refuted by the law of gravitation? The case—the imprimature of Dr. Whewell is essavist may deny our charges and challenge sure to command respectful attention, not our interpretation. He may appeal to his rope, even though it advocates an unpopu- the work which He did, and the reward church, in Washington, the collection was lar theory, as the Essay in question does by which He promises; but will he say that \$13,000 -a very noble benefaction for the rejecting the generally received notion of the doctrine of angelic ministry is not im- promotion of Protestant education in Irethe inhabitation of the planets and the stel- pugned, that the populousness of the hea- land. He delivered an impressive discourse lar orbs by rational beings. Your readers, vens is not questioned, or that the going up in the hall of the House of Representatives. indeed will scarcely need to be informed of of a body into the sky is not by implication Our winter the last four weeks has been the weight which attaches here to any pro- disbelieved! We give the honest impres- unusually severe and coid, with more snow

of that kind, as he is as well known on your nor cherished wilfully. We have read the side of the Atlantic as on ours as one of the Essay of the Plurality of Worlds' with chosen authors of the famous " Bridgewater patience and reflection, and our conclusion is that, with regard to its views of the starry I may mention in passing a current anec- heavens and their destiny, it may be bound dire character of the reverend doctor's ac- ing the moon, and, with regard to its injuquirements. Some of the fellows of his rious influence on the Christian faith, with

" For our own part, we shall still consider of which he was ignorant, and compel him the heavens to be peopled, while we believe Be it Resolved — That an expression of sympathy thus to remain silent during the controversy, the Bible to be true and the apostles to be instead of pronouncing ex cathedra on the witnesses. The sky will be to us, as it was Dartmouth, be conveyed to our esteemed Bropoint in dispute, according to his custom, to those of old time, the highway of angels. ther Rev. Doctor Cramp, accompanied by some and thus settling it beyond appeal. But We shall still trust in the rejoicing of spiritwhere to find a subject on which he was not ual love over the tears of the penetent, still qualified so to pronounce was the difficulty. gaze skyward in our sorrows, and be cheerncient and modern languages, sacred and ed by the lightest palaces of our Father. — Literature, of which he has been deprived by profane history, the classic poets and dra- We shall still hope to ascend the illuminated this visitation, and resume his course of active physical sciences, mathematics, political eco- hind it. And if we accept the view which guished.

vigorously as it has at no distant period asof certainty respecting the authorship of the rious conjectures which are formed on that point; but if its spirit should henceforward e permitted to imbue the leading articles of a publication circulating sixty or seventy thousand copies daily, and swaying the public mind to the enormous extent which the Times undeniably does, the advantage to religion would be indeed incalculable.

#### Letter from New-York.

he Legislature—Population of N. Y. State—Emigrant Lauric Funds—Education—Common Schools—Teachers—Libraries—No. of children taught—Rev Mr. Arthur—His Farewell Meeting—Success of his Mission to the U.S.—Cold Winter

NEW-YORK, Jan. 25, 1856.

Our Legislature has recently commenced message of Governor Clark, the affairs of this great Empire State are very prosper-State is 3,470,630—an increase of 864,924 profound esteem. in ten years; and since 1855 the increase has been 372,024; there are native voters gentlemen.] 516745; naturalised voters, 135,076; aliens in the State, 432.746; colored persons not taken, 35,956; Indians, 3,945. The numfallen off during the last year, and amounted to 136,233. During 1854 it was 319,223. over this number. The capital of our from the gen. Government some years since, the States; our share now has reached \$4;-

besides them there is a tax of \$800,000 to him, but many of their successors, occupyincrease the amount, so that \$1,110,000 has ing important positions as the trainers of the been apportioned by the Superintendent of Public Instruction for the current year. In 854, \$2,301,411 were expended for teachers wages-\$55,216, libraries-schoolhouses and fuel, \$863,990, making over three millions of dollars to the important work of public instruction. No money can be better spent by any people or nation. The number of children in the State of a

suitable age to receive instruction from the public money is 1,233,987 - 900,532 of whom have attended the district schoolsare 225,854 children, who do not attend day schools, in this State. This estimate assumes four years as the minimum period for elementary education; if six, however, substituted, the number of absentees nstitutions depend upon the education, the ntelligence, the knowledge, and virtue of

On the 18th, the Rev. Mr. Arthur held a tion. Since his arrival among us, he has attained great popularity-a powerful, persuasive, and practical minister. After the sermon, Dr. Durbin addressed some parting words, with a touching and brief farewell, to which Mr. Arthur responded most feelingly. Bishop Janes read the beautiful hymn.

Blest be the tie that binds, Our hearts in Christian love, and the venerable Dr. Bangs pronounced the benediction. Mr. Arthur has been successful in his mission to the U.S., and his companions still here will continue to be.-Their collection in our city and its neighborhood will reach from \$15,000 to \$20,and Washington, at the time too when Mr. They were eminently eloquent, and his re-

AT an influential meeting of the Members of the order of the Sons of Temperance, held at or Asia, by sea or land, the enemies of public tran-Temperauce Hall, on Friday evening last, the quillity have been repulsed and ruined Perdote in illustration of the variety and reconour esteemed Grand Worthy Patriarch has been visited with calamity by fire, whereby much has been lost which was valuable to him as a scholar, and a public advocate of moral improvement. from the Brethren of the order in this City and whereby he may be enabled, at an early date,

# Forrester.

(Communicated.) As soon as it became known to the pupil teachers and students in attendance at the

was, that a well sustained English cause in was, that a well sustained English cause in sustained Engl those large towns in which many respective to the speaking people reside, would be of great sovereigns and tourists to Warsaw or St. Peters-

> We, the undersigned pupil teachers and students of the Provincial Normal School, respectfully beg leave to present to you our sincere congratulations upon the well-merited honour recently conferred upon you, by a celebrated institution of learning belonging to a country pre-eminently distinguished, for her appreciation of the blessings of educa-

leading papers is generally well preserved, talents, your ardent and well directed zeal protection to the existing state of things during and as I cannot pronounce with any degree in the noble cause of education generally, their own lives, while C bristians were instructed and the untiring energy and superior ability to expect from him the only change in their fuant duties, as principal of the Provincial ation, not of a temporary condition. which could Normal School, have secured our highest last but for a few months or years, but of the

We rest fully assured that your labours your adoption, in all time to come.

distinctive honour with which you have been judging critics, and among the best soldiers of sacred profession, we respectfully solicit sive war against it little better than madness. ts annual session at Albany; and from the your kind acceptance of this imperfect ex- The troops still maintain their fame for devotion pression of our congratulation.

Hoping that the blessing of Almighty ous. During the past year a census has God may crown all your labours with abundbeen taken, and the total population of the ant success we remain in the sentiments of [Mere follow the names of 64 ladies and

#### REPLY.

suitable reply. He expressed his determi- learn greater efficiency in warfare by uniting i nation to devote all his time and energies to with the free spirit and scientific appliances of the promotion of education in the land of peace. It is by these means that the triumph In some single years previously they were his adoption, and trusted that the honour so of the allies has been so speedy and decided recently conferred upon him by the college If every sea which washes the Russian shores school fund is \$2,457,520, and its revenue of Princeton, one of the most celebrated be in the hands of the allies; if defeats have the U. S. Deposit Fund, which was received would only have the effect of stimulating have convulsed the mind of France or England; him to yet greater exertions in this import- if from the towers of the Russian capital the when the public treasury was out of debt ant work. He dwelt on the many advantand overflowing. This was divided among ages of the arrangement which connected descried; if whole provinces are in danger of a the officer of Superintendent of education total separation from the empire, and subjugated 014,520, and its revenue to N. York this and principal of the Normal School, and tribes are learning the lesson of revolt, it is beyear is \$245,119. Then there is the Litera- hoped that the time was not far distant, cause Western Europe has studied something ture Fund of \$268,620, its revenue \$16,831. when, by the blessing of God on his labours more than greatness of monarchs and the ex-With these large resources, ample provi- and those of his colleagues in this Institution. tension of their rules by force and fraud, and purposes; and he would see, not only those now before youth of their native land, diffusing the has created are found to be the most effective blessings of education far and wide-all weapons of war .- Times. carrying out the same uniform system, and animated by the same principles and ends. In conclusion, he begged to thank them sincerely for their kind congratulation.

#### Extinction of the Talismanic Reputation of Russia.

Two years have elapsed since the first struggle 38.734 in the higher academies. There are of Russians and Turks at the earthworks of Ol-53.764 pupils in private schools, and 5,243 teneitza. What was then the position of Russia in colored schools. Excepting the students in Europe? During forty years she had been at our colleges, it is estimated that there in the estimation of the world the first military power. She had broken the spell which bound mankind to the throne of the great Napoleon, graded, chastised like cowering hounds, deposed she had taken the lead in the deliverance of and uncrowned by the ban of the terrible inter-Germany, and, if the Prussians had been more would be greatly reduced. We have 11.- frequently successfully engaged during the cam-629 school houses, and 1,105,370 volumes, paign of 1813, Russia at least had been the great in the district libraries, which are kept in support, the reserve which was to sustain in the hese houses. The people, as we'll as the conflict the most forward allies. She had not scholars, have the gratuitous reading of them. shared in Waterlop, but she had borne the chief This is an admirable arrangement in a land part in the discussions which preceded and foll supremacy of the Papacy. In Piedmont they where the safety and the permanency of its lowed the crowning victory. The world had peace, and Russia shared in its benefits, but it was only that she might extend her dominion. over the more or less helpless nations which farewell meeting in our Green-street Church. dwelt on her frontier. Poland fell forever: Bishop Janes read the opening hymn, and Turkey lost the mouth of the Danube and two the Rev. Mr. Butler, one of Mr. Arthur's Pashalics in Asia. Austria, threatened with descompanions, made the prayer. Mr. Arthur's truction in the convulsions of 1848, was saved by text was "All the people answered and said, Russian arms, and fell apparently under Russian All that the Lord hath spoken we will do." vassalage. Not only in the despotic courts of Eu-Ex. xix. 8. As usual, the speaker held his rope but in our own Parliament, the praises of the audience in delighted and profound atten- Autocrat resounded. His greatness, his magnanimity, his moderation, were the themes of a large party in the freest country of Europe. It cannot be wondered at that his heart grew high, and that to him the resistance of Turkey was ridiculous, the intervention of Europe a thing not to dreamt of. But it soon appeared that this acquiescence in his claims was but the temporary leaning of a class, and not from the heart of any nation or large body of men. A proclamation and a military order were sufficient to undo the works of years. Within a month after the passage of the Pruth all Europe was ready for resistance to the monarch who now plainly threat- Tacked on to this we have a ridiculous assertion 000. This is a large sum, considering the ened it. The feeling was even more spontane- of defunct authority in a warning that the obtight times, when it was made. I have ous and universal than at present, for the Car noxious law is 'null and void'—an empty decla-Trinity College, Cambridge. Anything distance, or the Ascension of Christ to be recently visited Philadelphia, Baltimors was palpably aggressive, the independence of ration, whose utter worthlessness is sufficiently Central Europe was in danger. Austria was attested by the fact that the Sardinian Govern-Arthur made his appeals in those cities. still sore at the arrogance of Nicholas and his ment has successfully carried out its decisionloudly-vaunted assistance, and Germans in genthat the convents are suppressed and that the only in Great Britain, but throughout Eu- recognition of the Cross and the King, of ceipts good. At the Foundry, not a large eral had not yet learnt to perceive the dignified Pope has actually sanctioned it by advising the crative neutrality. With the sympathies of the world the Russian Emperor lost its respect and

fear. Two victories small in proportion to the deadly contests which have since been fought, hold of the Papal power the prayer and protests faith in Jesus Christ, the forgiveness of all his but of great importance as showing the vitality of the Romish Court are contemptuously disre- sins. He remained in the army, was a good solwhich still remained in the Mohammedan soldier garded; while in Switzerland its supremacy is dier of Jesus Christ, and a few years afterwards were the first checks to Russian ambition .-Since then the tide has flowed one way without a turn. At every point of the contest, in Europe Borgias, and the Leos. haps in no war have events succeeded each other with such rapidity. Although to us, who are in the thousand and one pretty acts of tyranny spectators, there seems to be a long pause be- and wanton cruelty, which have aroused the tween the acts of the great drama, we have only burning indignation of Europe. It may be, and usefulness. But blossoms do not always yield to call to mind the history of past times, the the signs of the times warrant the hypothesis, years of blockade, the months of preparations for that they are stirring up the dormant passions of drawn aside, left his home through fear and some enterprise that failed miserably or succeed- the Italian people; and if bloodshed and revolu- shame, and for nearly twelve months was lost to ed to little purpose, and it will appear how tion do not result from the brutal despotism of his friends. The reader may judge with what thickly crowded have been the incidents of these a Bomba and Florentine arch-inquisitor, it will mingled feelings of sorrow and joy the first of two years of the war, how encouraging to the not be for lack of provocation. Too long have the following letters was received from him :-Allies, how indicative of the course which events the civilization and common humanity of Euwill take, and of the path which statesmen ought rope been revolted by the miserable barbarites to pursue. From Olteneitza and Citate to Si- perpetrated upon a noble, but oppressed people matists, biblical criticism, the fine arts, the physical sciences, mathematics, political criticism, the fine arts, the path which the glorious Body has lest beusefulness, for which he has long been distindy battle of the Tchernaya and the capture of the surveillance of Jesuits, and the iniquitous the First Royal Regiment of Foot. I must apolotined to assure the execution of the regulations
tined to assure the execution of the regulations
tined to assure the execution of the Danube. listria and Giurgevo, from the Alma to the bloo- by a Sovereign whose throne is founded upon the Malakoff, from the cannonade of Odessa to practices of his police, rather than the respect gize my dear father for not writing you a long relative to the freedom of the Danube.

Chefkatil to the defence of Kars, the Allies may constitutional power. count a series of unbroken successes. All "But let us approach a little closer to the you will blame me for my rashness, after all the that balance the Russian reverses are a few sucthat balance the Russian reverses are a new successful and glance around the city whence the Senate cessful sorties at Sebastopol and the successful and glance around the city whence the Senate the service. I believe in a few days we shall go cessful sorties at Sebastopol and the successful and the Cæsars gave law to the world; and the service. I believe in a few maps we shall go repulse of attacks in June and September. The and the Cæsars gave law to the world; and to the Crimea, to join the first Battalion, which flood of victory has set strongly against the Mus- what do we find? A poor old priest, indebted is already there. O, my dear father, I have recovite empire, and there is not the least sign of change in its direction. Formerly Russia never up on his tottering seat, and the body-guard is already there. O, my dear father, I have reserved the best news for the last. Since I came appeared but as a conqueror. In war, though sometimes beated, she could afford to admit with appeared but as a conqueror. In war, though proud candor the loss of single battles, since the main result of victory was always in her favour. Even in peace she inspired admiration in military men and in that large part of mankind who are impressed by the display of power. The how to stifle the cry of an outraged people. their zeal for God. We meet in class in our own burg, the naval reviews before Cronstadt, in the or three thousand troops; but, so long as physical sence of the Lord." It really seems as if the very waters where now a few Bruish vessels are cal force can repel moral resistance, so long will windows of heaven were opened to us, and the a sufficient guard over a whole navy, were the Pius IX., reign in Rome. Send away the Spirit witnesses with our spirit that we are the a sufficient guard over a whole navy, were the thus 12., reight in Austrian bayonets, and the Pope, children of God. We are all enabled to cry spectator was carried away by admiration or the Vatican, and the whole paraphernalia of turned his thoughts homeward to our unfortified Romish State come tottering to the ground and defenceless countries. Sebastopol threaten- like the heap of gew-gaw trumpery they really ed Constantinople; the Russians were almost at are.

home in Jassy or Bucharest; Servia looked to "These are not wanting indications to lead to them for support; the Greeks prayed for the the belief that such an occurrence is imminent; family of God. I have been spoken to about Czar; the Montenegrin robber boasted of his and, although it is difficult to foresee the imme- promotion: but I am altogether indifferent to it protection; the Turk almost acquiesced in his diate consequences of such an event, we do not now, as I think my liberty in Christ might stand until they entered a chapet at Faris, Bout the first time, he spoke, and in a few sending doom.— he state to express our conviction that the ultispope and in the midst of my duties I taffords us the higher gratification to own interiority and his impending doom.— he state to express our conviction that the ultispope and in the midst of my duties I taffords us the higher gratification to own interiority and his impending doom. logne, or Calais. Much has been said about the camps at Boulogne, and I am happy to the great Boulogne, and I am happy to the great principles of Christianity as tender you this expression of our congratulations on account of the favoured position Russian permission; canals and roads were disadvantage of the world. What is the character which was once delivered unto the saints." sailed some of its holiest and loftiest obliga- which we occupy as pupils under your in- couraged by a foreign monarch; the most bigo- of that influence which Roman Catholicism exstruction. Your varied and commanding ted Turks were taught to depend on the Czar for ercises upon the comment? Is it for good or respect, our unlimited confidence, and our deep, long settled system, into which Europe had perstition, which must appal and convince all sidering that I never did any hard work before. fixed itself after the convulsion of a mighty war, who seek honestly and fairly to elicit the plain it appears astonishing that I am able to go We rest fully assured that your labours and the after-shot of a bootless revolution. We are destined to prove of incalculable value, not only to the teachers who may be trained not only to the teachers are trained not only to the teachers who may be trained not only to the teachers are trained not only the teachers are traine in this Institution, which is honoured with of the present war, that this great and wide- and immorality for which a Protestant country your presidency, but also to this land of spreading reputation has been so suddenly and has no parallel. In every form, in every proof glorious class-meetings in the Crimea, and some completely overthrown. In how many contests Entertaining these sentiments in reference has it been possible to overthrow the character of o your position as the head of this institu- an enemy in two campaigns? Yet two years tion combined with the conviction that the since the Russians were in the opinion of wellinvested, has been won by your learned re- Europe, and the resources and military system searches into the sublime truths of your of the empire such as to make an offenand stubborn bravery, the skill of the officers has been proved and recognised, the system i far different from the abstraction on which all our shortcomings are laid; but, in spite of cour age, skill, and organisation, it is proved that a nation which cultivates only the military art. which makes improvement subservient to conquest, and regards development only as a means of increasing an armed force, must give way To this address Dr. Forrester made a before those who, with higher aims and motives, \$143,127, (I omit cents). Then we have and venerable seafs of learning in the States, been inflicted on the enemy, one of which would death. His last breath was employed in pray-

## Last Days of the Papacy.

We take the following clear and striking exhibition from the Church and State Gazette: "Look back into the history of by-gone cenuries, and mark the grandeur of Papal Rome the awe-inspiring authority wielded by the spirit ual despots of the Seven Hills-how crowned emperors grovelled at their feet, hung on their breath, fawned upon their caprices, and trembled at their command; see how the world was ruled by priestly influence, how the will of Rome sublued every other, and how monarchs were dedict; then close the volume, and turn to the 'Allocutions' on Picd nont, Spain, and Switzer land, addressed to the 'venerable fathers, by his Holiness, Pius IX., Pope of Rome.

" The Governments of those States, especially the two former, have aimed a vital blow at the have suppressed a vast number of the convents In Spain the Church has been mulcted of her well-hoarded revenues. In olden time the bare idea of such an aggression would have been deemed a sacrilege, and, if carried out, have evok ed the thunders of the Vatican and excommuni cation by bell and book. But the thunders are mute-the wearons of the Vatic n are duiled and edge e-s-and the unlappy individual who sis in St. Peter's chair is fain to speak with bated breath and whispering humbleness.' He reminds the venerable fathers, 'that we have often deplored' the state of things in Piedmont we have 'complained,' 'reproved,' 'advised.' But the Government has 'despised openly our reiterated protestations;' and, therefore, 'we are constrained to have recourse to ways o severity.' When we read this passage we exnected that a formal interdict at the least would ollow: but our fears, if we had any, were reieved in the following paragraph, where we learn that this pompously-threatened denunciation is developed in the infliction of a harmless sentence of ' major excommunication'-a punishment which ends where it begins, in words courage of peace and the high principle of a lu- clergy to accept for the nonce the increased sti- was overwhelmed with sorrow for sin. On that pends which are secured to them by the opera- promontory, where he had been killing time. he tion of the very law which he declares to be consecrated his heart to God, and became an 'null and void!" In Spain erewhile the strong- earnest seeker of salvation. Soon he found, by openly repudiated. Verily, Pius IX. is but a died, in one of the Ionian Islands, "in sure and shadow of his predecessors the Alexanders, the certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life."

"In Naples and Tuscany, it is true, we still find a scrupulous fidelity to Rome, her spirit "All these things are against me." He was an and her teaching. It is religiously developed

His subjects hate him, and he knows it; but the junction, "Never be a soldier, Benjamin." But deep and roomy. His spies, sbirri, and emissa- have found several Weslevan soldiers, who will ries are vigilant, and Cardinal Antonelli knows rival your own classes, and more, in England, in contemptuously guaranteed by the loan of two you, we have "times of refreshing from the pre-

evil? Go to Paris, Vienna, Rome, Naples, Madrid, and what do you find? A laxity of Camp, Heights before Sebastopol, June 7, 1855 morality and indifference to all religious duties. MY DEAR FATHER, -I am glad to say that I which must exercise a debasing influence upon am well. The life of a soldier can be made very the age. Go among the peasantry-search the pleasant, if he will only adhere to the path of purlieus of the great continental cities and duty; and this you know a soldier of Christ is you find an amount of vice, ignorance, and su-more disposed to do than any other man. Conthat can convince, you find this terriole fact of our Wesleyan brethren belonging to other rewritten in the character of truth - Roman Ca- giments have joined us. Some of them [the tholicism pollutes the body, demoralizes the meetings] have been held in the open air, and mind, and kills the soul. Resting upon this others in the caves of the earth; but such is the deep and deliberate conviction, we wait with blessed influence of the Holy Spirit upon us. patience the convulsive storm which is even they have been the best meetings my soul ever now muttering threateningly around the Vatican, experienced I seem to have no lear of being en-

#### Weslevan Intelligence.

From the Wesleyan Meshodist Magazine of January 1856 Our Soldiers.

The following letters are from the son of one our oldest Leaders at Westminster. The fa- enemy,-I have been spared by the merciful ther has contributed three sons to the army, all providence of God. All worship and praise be

The first - James - became as eminent as a Christian, as he was valiant as a soldier. He tought under Gen. Pollock in the Affghanistan war, and was killed on the heights of the dread ful Khyber Pass. A ball entered his left breast, and in a tew hours he died a most triumphant ing for his father and his brother, and sending messages to assure them that he was gone to glory, and to request them to meet him there.-But such were his spiritual privations, difficulties. and sufferings in India, that he always warned

his younger brother never to enlist for a soldier

The second—George—received the news of his brother's death when stationed in the island of Corfu: and it was the means, under the Dithat its united nations are therefore capable of rousing their citizens to earnestness in a great vine blessing, of his conversion. He had been cause, while the wealth and arts which peace well educated, and was a good draughtsman, and a man of taste; but he was destitute of true reliion. The duties of the day were over, all was bright and beautiful, and the lovely sky of that favoured clime rested on the peaceful Adriatic But that dreadful ennui which is felt in a mono tonous life, when the heart has no delight in heavenly things, had entered his soul. In the midst of an "unclouded blaze of living light, his mind was dark as a December day, and some dreadful forebodings appeared to oppress him. At length he wandered up the promontory, at the foot of which the town of Cortu stands, that he might enjoy the glorious scene, and drive dull care away. All was, however, in vain; for the hand of God was upon him, leading him in answer to a dying brother's prayer, to that spot where his eyes have all the glory. were to be opened, and where the Spirit was deepy to convince him of his sins. And when eterni discloses the ways of God to man; how some of he apparently insignificant steps of Providence ontributed to the Spirit's work of grace in the human heart,-how varied, wise, and good will independent statements, there can be no doubt hey appear! Will it not be one of the delight employments of heaven, to trace and recoun them there? Of many a hill and dale as well as

many a humble house of prayer, it will be said This man was born there." The hill was covered with wild olive, smallage r a kind of parsley, and wild-flowers: and th ought struck him, "These are the materials out of which the ancient Greeks constructed the naplets with which they crowned their victors -I will try and make one, and so pass the day away." It was the day for the arrival of letters rom England; and the Corporal, seeing him on he hill-side, carried one to him, finding him thus employed, he asked, "What are you doing Perry? Are you mad?" "No. I am not mad. was the reply, "don't you know what this is? This is one of those wreaths with which the ancient Greeks crowned their conquerors." The Corporal put the letter into his hand and left m. That letter contained the account of the happy death of James in Affghanistan, of his triumphant language at the close of his life, his prayer for the salvation of his brother, and his harge to him to meet him in heaven Divine light flashed into his mind; all that he had heard in the Sunday-school, and in the house of God, of the allusions St. Paul makes to the laurels won in the Grecian games, rushed into his reollection; and he exclaimed, "I was unconsciously weaving for the conqueror a corruptible rown, but he has gone to receive one that is incorruptible.-a crown of glory that fadeth not away!" The scales fell from his eyes, and he And now the war has taken Renjamin away: and the pious father is sometimes tempted to say,

Cephalonia, Ionian Isles, April 9th, 1854. MY DEAR FATHER,—You will regret to hear shall have the right to keep one or two small that I have enlisted into the Second Battalion of vessels stationed at the mouths of the river, des-

afterwards gave great promise both of piety and

the full, ripe fruit. In an evil hour he was

being ashamed of my present position. I know of the assassin should find its way to his heart, ther did. I regret that I have broken his indungeons of the inquisition and St. Angelo are I rejoice that since have I been in Cephalonia. with a fervent spirit "Abba, Father!" God bless you, My dear father, in your old age! I desire to comfort you in your gray bairs, by telling you the assurance I have of my adoption into the

gazed in battle; indeed, I seem rather to have a desire to come into conflict with the enemy, as I feel confident, by the blessing of God, we shall conquer them. We have been two months out here; and whilst many of the strongest men of our corps have been called out of time into eternity.some by disease and some by the balls of the of whom have been converted to God in a foreign to his holy name! This often reminds me of those beautiful lines :-

We love Thee, Lord, and we adore, Now is Thine arm reveal d. Thou art our slrength, our heavenly tower Our saleguard and our shield!

" We fly to our eternal Rock,

When God our Leader shines in aum The thunder of His loud alarms, The brightness of His spea

"He rides upon the winged winds;
And angels in array
In millions wan to know His mind,
And swift as flames obey.

He speaks, and at His dreadful voice

Whole armies are dismay'd; His voice, His frown. His angry look, Strikes all their courage dead. With all their dreadful skil

"He arms our Captains for the fight,
Though there II is Name's forgot
He gireed Cyrus with His might;
But Cyrus knew him not. " Oft has the Lord whole nations bless'd, For His own church's sake:

The powers that gave His people rest Shall of His care partake." I trust God will give peace to Zion, and that these wars will prepare for the evangelization of the world, and especially of these nations. Give praise to Almighty God for the many hairbreadth escapes I have had; and, when you meet your classes, let me have a special interest in your prayers. I hope I shall be spared to take your place in the congregation of His people. have one more request,-that you will keep the medal of my dear brother James, so that, if I re-

> I remain, my dear Father, Your affectionate Son,

turn, I may wear it with my own; and God shall

From the above, as well as from many other that the number of Weslevan soldiers in the Crimea is much greater than is generally conceived; and should the war continue, and the army be (as it is expected) seventy thousand in the field next spring, that number will be more than doubled. This young man had no difficulty in finding men ready to meet in class in the open air, or anywhere else: and while some of our people at home have not sufficient relish for their class once a week, in the Ionian island they meet every night. Would not such men prize raligious privileges? And ought not we, as a Christian people, to send them Missionaries?

## The War.

The Demands of the Allies.

I. DANUBIAN PRINCIPALITIES.—Complete abolition of the Russian protectorate. The Danubian Principalities shall receive an organiza tion conformable to their wishes, to their wants, to their interests, and this new organization, respecting which the population itself will be consulted, shall be recognized by the contracting Powers, and sanctioned by the Sultan as emanating from his sovereign initiative. No State shall be able, under any pretext whatever, under any form of protectorate, to interfere in the question of the internal administration of the Principalities; they shall adopt a definite permanent system demanded by their geographical position, and no impediment can be made to their fortifying, in the interest of their safety, in such & manner as they may deem advisable, their territory againsts foreign aggression.

In exchange for the strong places and territories occupied by the allied armies, Russia consents to a rectification of her frontier with Turkey in Europe. It would commence in the vicinity of Chotym, follow the line of the mounshall be definitely regulated by the general tresty, and the conceded territory would return to the Principalities and to the suzerainty of the interesting youth when in the Sunday-school, and Porte.

II. THE DANUBE .- The freedom of the Danube and of its mouths shall be efficaciously as sured by European institutions, in which the contracting powers shall be equally represented, except the particular positions of the lords of the soil on the banks, (des riverains.) which shall be regulated upon the principles established by the act of Congress of Vienna as regards the navigation of rivers. Each of the contracting Powers

III. NEUTRALISA This sea shall be closed to war navies sequently, no naval created or maintain the commercial and a tions shall be assure the Black Sea by the tions conformable to the customs same two powers which h selves to maintain o sels, of a fixed for service. This conver between these two P annex, of the gene approval of the contr rate convention can without the consent eral treaty. The clo mit the exception vessels mentioned in

IV. CHRISTIAN S The immunities of Porte shall be religio fringement on the in the Suitan's crown place between Aust and the Sublime Por subjects of the Sulta cal rights, Russia shall made, to associate ber

V .- The believere selves the right which producing in a Europe tions over and above

The FRIDAY, December continued very mild ;

to-day, when the tro Christmas-day, like th dry and sunny, with a dent as it was exhilirat camp, from the head-qu er-in-Chief to the huts Christmas parties were fare of the season abou too, to be able to say plenty of merriment, t little excess; for in th less noise, and less evid occurred on several of weeks ago. The ratio be excellent in quality The advantages which tention paid to this subj thing, are nowhere mo appearance presented i the recenits and young the older regiments in in robust health, but are frames and vigorous cause them, on the ret fling opponents in the t feel the benefit of escar towns to which many o ated in England; and light, diet and shelter g anything hostile to heal the mischief arising from toxication. It is to be creation is to be got by is found in the canteen. rls are nowhere crowde are are reported to be England. SATURDAY, Decemb

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ter aspect apparent at t the opening of the year, our condition now and and deploring the loss and the still more sever many families have bee most who remain have by what has been loss a feel that the approaching into the heavier lot. crowned with success deny. The state of this ment proclaims it The to the 8th September, po rounding fortifications an destruction, lying a mere silent testimony; and the have of late been so favo ous sun-set after a stormy this time twelvemonth p erals-January and Feb our army, lived not to se prediction and it canno gret that the poble office this army, and for so lo difficulties, was not spare MONDAY, December on the army now could its appearance at the car native of the torrid zon the snows and ice of a n they are conspicuous for their duties chiefly co drill for future service, are rapidly advancing to and training which will r with their more experien for campaigning. What of future operations, the tound, judging from pr high state of efficiency wh ens the facilities of cor

Letters from Jerusale the European Consuls flags regularly on Sunda ceremony which has both hibited by the Turkish Ottoman empire, excepti It was first done on the o of Sebastopol, when the ish, and Austrian Cons and the Prussian Consul It is now becoming a p lers to visit the interior

the site of the Temple. lem went so far as to of the mosque in order to refused, for two reasons, all ceremoniously uncle they might have put und of the law, which they be der this mosque. The the tomb of Daniel to pra next day, but unfortunate wery much wanted three inhabitants are enduring prices of all provisions are The Austrian Consul at d from his Government a the erection within the wallar buildings, an hospice did not be allar buildings a palace for him Beit Sala, near Bethlehem The Greeks are in roc The Greeks are in po hirds of the land within t generally supposed to hav Russian money.