But there's life in the old land yet."

table globe-forty colonies lift up their hands in benediction, and pronounce the benign sway of England blest, while three hundred millions of loyal subjects, one-fourth of the world's population join us in praying that England's widowed Queen may sit on the proudest throne on which the sun ever shone-

'Happy and glorious.
Long to reign over us.'
God save the Queen

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A. WOODGATE.

The Government of the Church.

equality or power which has its final expression in its General Conferences."

This witness is false, and deserving of charp rebuke. The most favorable opinion to be formed of such a statement is that the writer understands neither what he writes, nor whereof he affirms. We assume that he is professedly a christian, and would not, of set purpose, utter what is false. But as one who undertakes to condemn all forms of church polity except his own. his misrepresentations, even though not intentionally untrue, are positively inexcusable. Before making such a sweeping assertion, he should have informed himself on the subject, and been sure of the ground on which he treads. We proof; -proof derived, not from questionable sponsibility from control by a spirit of faction at the same time effectually checks, by the intrustees-the assumption of claims not necessarily involved in the discharge of ministerial duty

Our animadversions upon another article in the same issue, shall be offered in a kindly spirit, receiving in good faith the assurance given by this correspondent as to his desire fairly to re. pastoral discipline had been grossly neglected; present our principles. We may premise that and the people, so far from disowning, had not and, in every respect, a man of commanding ed three times in succession. The spacious chahis views of the Scriptural authority of Congregationalism scarcely tally with those of his brother of the Christian Visitor, to be found in an and, as the apostle of God, authoritatively de-hold of its existence a subject just now all en-dience, many of whom had rarely if ever been other column; and further, that many judicious, termines the whole business. The only alternagodly and experienced ministers and members of Baptist Churches can easily be found who do Church government to the full extent under all of them, without their knowledge, and in oppocircumstances; but who prefer, especially in dication in the hands of a select few, rather than infliction. They might have proved disobedient to with the many. But then, if Church government by the popular vote is of such high imporment by the popular vote is of such high imporment by the popular vote is of such high imporment by the popular vote is of such high imporment by the popular vote is of such high imporment by the popular vote is of such high imporment by the popular vote is of such high imporment by the popular vote is of such high importance, where is the Scriptural authority for departure from this principle, even in special

J. M. C., in reply to remarks upon a previous article from his pen, reaffirms his position to be "that in several religious bodies the people have nothing to do with the Government." According to his idea, the people in Presbyterian and committed to the representatives of the people. tament to sustain the Congregational form of He says that he does not find the Presbyterian or Methodist " polity enjoined, or even intima ted, in the New Testament." But he fails to fur nish any Scriptural support for his own theory. He cannot produce any warrant for the opinion that in the apostolic churches the administration he gives as authority for maintaining that the probabilities of the case. whole church and not the office-bearers of the church merely should have the management of government, he says,

"Thus speaks the word- Tell it to the church'- Withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly-'Put away from

among yourselves that wicked person.' Now this is a mere begging of the question. The point cannot be settled by the construction which J. M. C. believes himself to be warranted in putting upon the above passages of Scripture which are understood by some of the wisest and pl cit. But not a single instance of congregat enalism, as J.M. C. understands it, can he produce from the New Testament.

The Scripture passages given by J. M. C. though of such doubtful signification in support churches; and that when they do occur it may be of the Christian religion is firmer at the present of Congregationalism, are favourites with writers for the advantage of a church so situated, that moment in Scotland than in England. Oxford, of that school, and we may assume are the there should exist some authority competent to with all her tests, is trimming between Ritualism atrongest proofs of Holy Writ which they can apply a remedy.

advocates base their arguments shown to be un- about the subject of the thing itself."

the most remote analogy between the Jewish churches. avnagogue and a modern congregational It should be remembered that all Nova Scotia Papers posted prewious to the 1st of April, will be which the church. The second assumption is, that here was some matter of inquiry, a doubtful question, upon which the church. The second assumption is, that here was some matter of inquiry, a doubtful question, upon which the church. The second assumption is, that here was some matter of inquiry, a doubtful question, upon which the church. The second assumption is, that here was some matter of inquiry, a doubtful question, upon which the church. The second assumption is, that here was some matter of inquiry, a doubtful question, upon which the church. The second assumption is, that here was some matter of inquiry, a doubtful question, upon which the church. The second assumption is, that here was some and wesleyan Connexionalism may each be covery week more and more departing from bonestly held, by different christian denomin. wicus to the 1st of April, will be which the church was to come to a 'deciroceeds upon the assumption of an undoubted in the world."

rectly applicable to every separate congrega-

tion of believers. Now, it is an easy matter enough, by such a Congregationalism; but, by a similar process, it High. would be just as easy to establish the principles of Romanism, or of almost any other system .-With regard to the precise meaning of the phrase, 'the church,' and of our Lord's direction, 'Tell it to the church,' it is needless to

remark that much diversity of opinion exists." From Peole, or rather, from those "eminent Dissenting ministers" by whom his learned Ap notations are continued, we quote the following deny the accusation, and challenge him to the observation: "Nor is it necessary that we

was not yet instituted. merely tolerated, but gloried in, the criminal. - power. Hence, Paul takes the matter into his own bands; sition to their will; and it is idle to suppose that at the question too much from a Roman Cathothey had either authority or power to prevent its lic and simply Irish point of view, and with satisfactory; the prevalence of poverty and

i. 9.) They did prove to be "obedient." Methodist Churches are denuded of their rights, it took the form of a popular vote, is merely to entertain this proposal, and it is endeavouring vation. The country is still suffering severely by the administration of Church affairs being dogmatize. We have as much right to affirm, to satisfy the Romish hierarchy, whose organs from the commercial panic which commenced

whole membership of a church. The passages of other scriptures, and in opposition to all the now they, and the Protestant religion too, are quired than are at present in use." The fair presumption is, that when, in obeits affairs, prove nothing, as they are just as ceeded to administer discipline, that is, to inflict be redressed; but who, what can satisfy Ro- and indeed with difficulty held our ground; but confiden ly pleaded by the ablest advocates of the punishment which Paul had "determined al- manism?

accomplished."

shove passage, is a phrase synonymous with tian liberty, and yet by wholesome restraint off to the Plymouth Brethren, some to the that of 'the church'in a modern dissertation guarding that liberty against abuse; maintain-

The following representation of an esteemed of an ambiguous word, and there is absolutely hibit, fully and in detail, a model church. regret and pain—that the distracted Church The customers. sion, a thing not even remotely hinted at in ment principles; and may all, if imbued, in their the text. The notion of an inquiry as to whe- ministers, members and ministrations, with the ther an offence has been committed or not, is influence of the Holy Ghost, be made efficient cles and homilies to which they have solemnly precluded by the terms of the passage, which agents for the promotion of the cause of Christ and ex animo subscribed; and Sabbath after

In the correspondence of the Christian Mes:
matter in question was to be examined and adsystems and forms are of far less consequence of historical facts, and inconsistent with scientific systems and forms are of far less consequence. senger of last week we find a passage or two judicated upon in a popular assembly; a thing than the possession of pure, spritual christianity. which we cannot allow to pass without remark.

In No. 1 of a spring of axials are spring of axials. (?) pulpits thousands of young men are spring of axials are spring of axials are spring of axials. In No. 1 of a series of articles entitled "The existing mode of dealing with such matters.— worked, or if unattended by the Spirit of God, are being taught scepticism! England seems Scriptural Principle of Church Government, The fourth assumption is, that by 'the church will prove of little value; while a defective to have entered upon the sore conflict which over the eignature of "Edward Manning," this our Lord intended 'a separate congregation, church arrangement, if employed in holy, loving from thirty to eighty years ago desolated the invested, by Divine institution, with a final ju- geal, may be rendered mightily instrumental in Protestant Church of Germany. And beside the laity altogether, and puts the governing power into the hands of the elergymen by a kind of equality or power which has its final owners at the words in warms 18 are different to the hands of the elergymen by a kind of equality or power which has its final owners at the words in warms 18 are different to the hands of the elergymen by a kind of equality or power which has its final owners at the words in warms 18 are different to the hands of the elergymen by a kind of equality or power which has its final owners at the words in warms 18 are different to the hands of the elergymen by a kind of equality or power which has its final owners. tion is, that the words in verse 18 are di- marred by human infirmity; but if there is ein- ceremonial and sacerdotal system. These are of church organization will be snswered in the for that power and wisdom and courage, which process, to establish the great principles of salvation of souls, and the glory of the Most are essential to the demands of so trying and

The new Ministry encounters on the threshtive left was, to "put away that wicked person," tion; and probably one more difficult neither to the poor on the part of their rich neighbours, "punishment" was determined independently der. Mr. Magnire, the member for Cork, kindness and sympathy which those towards An assembly of the church was to be convened disendowment and disestablishment of the Pro- If the many wealthy amongst us would contri

and more reason for affirming, that it consisted and obedient servants the Irish Roman Catholic nearly two years ago. suffering for it. This Irish Church problem looks as it it must be settled before long. Ungress and prospects of Methodism in Scotland. dience to spostolic command, this church pro- questionably there are grievances that ought to For a long period we seemed to make no way,

Presbyterian and Episcopalian forms of ecclesi- ready," it would proceed according to the rules A proposal is at present before Parliament societies also, and our Scottish friends have ast cism in support of their respective theories, elsewhere laid down by the apostle. And noth- to abolish those religious tests which restrict aroused themselves to some enterprising efforts of With as much confidence as though what he had ing can be plainer from the scriptures, than that the honours and emoluments of Oxford and aggressive labour. A Chapel Fund has been to say were entire y sufficient for a settlement of "private members" are as plainly distinguish- Cambridge to members of the Establishment formed for the erection of chapels and manses, the whole question, and capable of being under. ed from the rulers of the church, as it is possible As the case now stands, no man can take the and in some Circuits a considerable addition has s ood only as an unanswerable argument in de- for one thing to be distinguished from another. degree of M. A. unless he sign the thirty-nine been made to the ministers' stipends. fence of his position, that the whole prople and Thus, for instance, "Salute all them that have articles, and no man can be Head, Fellow. or not the officers of the church have to do with is the rule over you," (literally, "all your rulers,") Tutor in our great national seats of learning and all the saints." (Heb. xiii. 24) Of the unless he make a declaration of conformity. former, it is required that they " rule well;" and It is somewhat singular that the bill to throw upon the latter it is enjoined, "Obey them that open the universities without any test of relihave the rule over you, and submit yourselves." gious faith, has been introduced by Mr. Cole-So obvious is the fact of the above distinction. ridge, who is a Churchman, and withal a zealous that Mr. Miall, no friend to clerical assumptions. and rather high Churchman. Oxford has taken clusive in its claims, the divine sanction to which taking care that Christ's law is obeyed, and so well asked in reply to these objections, "Are nue. it appeals ought to be direct, and strong and exof Oxford restrictions, infidel? Has Scotland from the Scottish Church to India in the persons "The example of Corinth proves to demon- relapsed into Paganism? And if the Scotch of the Rev. Dr. Norman McLeod, and Dr. Watstration, that cases of incurable faction and have dared to strike the fetters from university internal disorganization may occur in particular education, why should not we?" Indeed the hold

and Scepticism!

bringing my remarks to a close, I think I only find to aid their cause. But what support is But for the intervention of St. Paul, the Church The vital questions which are agitating the the Diocese. Presbyterian and Episcopal mintravelling through all inclement weather, and
braving storm and darkness, so that they might The vital questions which are agitating the re-echo the sentiments of all here, when I express the ligature which binds us to the mother-land will not soon be severed. I have the bindest address. But what support is and fraternal factions; by his authoritative interfer-land will not soon be severed. I have the bindest address. Presbyterian and Episcopai min-braving storm and darkness, so that they might braving storm and darkness, so that they might braving storm and darkness, so that they might braving storm and darkness and fraternal feeling, the right hand of fellow-anxious attention of all who feel any interest and fraternal feeling, the right hand of high midnight travel on the ice, and through fields of anxious attention of all who feel any interest and fraternal feeling, the right hand of high midnight travel on the ice, and through fields of anxious attention of all who feel any interest and fraternal feeling, the right hand of high midnight travel on the ice, and through fields of anxious attention of all who feel any interest and fraternal feeling, the right hand of high midnight travel on the ice, and through fields of anxious attention of all who feel any interest and fraternal feeling, the right hand of high midnight travel on the ice, and through fields of anxious attention of all who feel any interest and fraternal feeling, the right hand of fellow-anxious attention of all who feel any interest and fraternal feeling, the right hand of fellow-anxious attention of all who feel any interest and fraternal feeling, the right hand of fellow-anxious attention of all who feel any interest and fraternal feeling at the country at the country and fraternal feeling at the country at the cou will not soon be severed. I have the highest admiration for the neighbouring Union for its neighbour miration for the neighbouring Union, for its equal laws, wide-spread education for the neighbouring Union, for its relating to its government; and this, too, not mony restored; the faction was scattered: and large meeting of the Evangelical clergy has christian festival, and catholic large-heartedness.

Encouraged thus, it was determined, with the neighbouring Union, for its relating to its government; and this, too, not mony restored; the faction was scattered: equal laws, wide-spread education, and triumumphant Christianity, but I want to live and a large meeting of the Evangelical clergy has christian festival, and catnonic large-neartedness. In the second of the Evangelical clergy has christian festival, and catnonic large-neartedness. It is relating to its government; and this, too, not been held in London, and the subject of enquiry A public dinner was given to welcome the Dethe purer parts of the church were re-united and been held in London, and the subject of enquiry been held in London, and the subject of enquiry been held in London, and the subject of enquiry by its effice-bearers or representatives merely, the purer parts of the church were re-united and been held in London, and the subject of enquiry by its effice-bearers or representatives merely, the purer parts of the church were re-united and been held in London, and the subject of enquiry by its effice-bearers or representatives merely, the purer parts of the church were re-united and been held in London, and the subject of enquiry and the subj umphant Christianity, but I want to live under the old flag. Britannia, with all her faults and been held in London, and the subject of enquiry A public dinner was given to welcome the Driven and discussion was, "The perilous position of putation, and was attended by some of the principal labourers, to seek the same blessing in Summerside. Soon we ware the old flag. Britannia, with all her faults and discussion was, "The perilous position of putation, and was attended by some of the principal labourers, to seek the same blessing in Summerside. Soon we ware the old flag. Britannia, with all her faults, and she has many, we love her still. Britannia | Britann wnatever. We have before us, by an able writer, a dissertation on this subject, in which the presbyter, a district committee of pastors, or in One of the principal speakers was Mr. Ryle, "They may laugh at her name, and publish her pretensions of the democratic theory of Church shame."

They may laugh at her name, and publish her pretensions of the democratic theory of Church shame. pretensions of the democratic theory of Church polity are tested, and the props upon which its merely about the mode and the accidents, not

them as large as empires—one-sixth of the hab-Methodists maintain their principles of Church " Matt. zviii. 17. polity without intolerance or exclusiveness, and tualism," he observed, " is gradually robbing mute this scripture into an argument in favour of the Divine right of conference of the Divine right o of the Divine right of ecclesiastic democracy, is there is room for diversity of opinion. We beworthy, not merely of notice, but also of admilieve our system, to say the least, to be as sound, cannot understand an Established Church in ration. To make out the argument, the first assumption necessary is, that 'the church,' in the to the whole church the largest amount of chris-

on Congregationalism; than which a more unfounded notion cannot well be imagined. If ate, as being accountable to the Chief Shepherd. Church affairs." Mr. Ryle urged the most dethis phrase denotes a corporate body at all, it is yet obviating the danger of clerical assumption. morally certain that 'the church,' (ecclesia,) or But while we give a decided preference for our sesembly, directly referred to, is the Jewish synown form and order, we can mark with approval
doing they might find themselves beset by powagogue. But in vaia will any man look for even what is good in the arrangements of other erful and resolute assailants. He used very "Give me a really Protestant Evangelical church. There is scarcely a point of resemmendation: "The Word of God does not ex- at all." It cannot be deried—we say it with

Sabbath they read out of the Scriptures " les-'trespass.' The third assumption is, that the After all that may be said upon Church polity, sons " which are held to be no veritable records cere and hearty devotedness to Christ, then the grave times, and call loudly upon all who prospirit will be poured out, and the grand design fess the true faith of Christ to seek from above

perilous an emergency. A meeting of a very interesting character was held last week at Brixton Hill, one of our From our English Correspondent. principal metropolitan Circuits. It is a wealthy Change in the Ministry-Debate on Ireland- suburb of London, inhabited chiefly by mer-Proposed abolition of University Religious Tests

—Meeting of Evangelical Clergy—Attention to
the Poor in a London Circuit—Fearful extent of Poverty and Crime - Methodism in Scotland noble villa residences, and stately mansions, sur--Home Missionary Report - Visit of Dr. rounded by gardens and pleasure grounds, but if he were to turn down a side street, here and One of the principal topics of general inter- there, he would find clusters of small houses, should take the term 'church' in the strict sense est during the past month has been the resigna- many of them the abode of poverty, ignorance, in which it is most generally used in the scrip- tion of the Earl of Derby, through continued and irreligion. Our Brixton Hill friends, seve-Methodism—and unless he produces such proof, tures of the New Testament; for the general notion of the word is only a company of people the Cabinet. Mr. Disraeli succeeds the great and social position, have long laudably exerted but as a calumniator. The polity of Wes'eyan called together; and, in this sense, 'Tell it to Conservative chief in the Premiership, and thus themselves on behalf of this needy population, Methodism, while it secures the due recognition the church, is no more than, 'Tell the multitude, attains the object of a long cherished ambition, and we have there not a few church members of pastoral responsibility, and guards that reemonetrance was to be fallowed by public are entered the House of Commons be remarked to ungodiness. It was resolved to invite a number posure. Certain it is, that, at the time these a leading statesman of the day, that he hoped of the inhabitants of these poor dwellings to tea tervention of the lay office-bearers of the church words were spoken, no Christian Church exis-—the leaders, stewards, local preachers and ted. Christian baptism, the entrance into the be Prime Minister. Mr. Ward Hunt, a com- mentality of tract distributors and others, tickets church, was not yet appointed; and communi- paratively unknown but very able man, son-in- for that purpose were freely distributed; while cants there were none, for the Lord's Supper law of Bishop Eden, the Episcopal Primate of the Rev. E. E. Jenkins, the superintendent of the of a drunken reprobate. In the one case an in-Scotland, takes the Chancellorship of the Ex- Circuit engaged to give them an address on his "Put away from among yourselves that wick- chequer, and Lord Chancellor Chelmsford has travels in the East. The invitation was heartily ed person." 1 Cor. v 13. In the Corinthian church given up the Grand Seal in favour of Lord responded to. The tea-tables were arranged to Cairns, one of our most distinguished lawyers, accommodate 250 persons, and they were fillpel was crowded to hear Mr. Jenkins, who

> The social condition of our land is very un-I write, that I might know the proof of you, glish misrule. The principal demand of his taken with a view to affording them some rewhether ye be obedient in all things." (2 Cor. energetic and eloquent speech, which was listen- lief, and large sums are subscribed; but what ed to with great attention, was the immediate is done is far from adequate to meet the case. and in that assembly an act of dicipline was to testant Church of Ireland, and the appropria- bute as the few do, there would be enough be performed. But what particular form the action of the revenues to the poor of the country, and to spare. Cases have occurred in which tion took, is still left undecided. To affirm that The Government does not seem disposed to people pine away till they actually die of star-

gained the attention of a somewhat novel au-

cannot fail of doing good. They express a

instead of being submitted to the whole Church. in the official declaration of the pastorate in the members mostly are, by offering in lieu of Mr. Then, as to crime, this has reached a fearful The proofs which he adduces from the New Tes- presence of the people; or more properly, in the Maguire's demand, a Royal Charter for the pitch of daring outrage. The columns of our olemn publication of the apostle's sentence. " Catholic University," and an endowment from papers are filled with details of acts of violence, Church government are entirely inconclusive, It is plain that the action of the church, in this the public funds both for it and its affiliated col- and most atrocious murders. Criminals carry case, was chiefly ministerial and administrative. leges. But so poor a substitute is not likely to loaded revolvers, and fire them at the police To conclude that this judicial power was dis- be accepted. Romish influence is very great when they attempt to apprehend them. Speakributed equally through every member of the in Parliament, and public feeling is more and ing of the "crimes of violence which occupy the community, is simply and nakedly to beg the more against the Irish Estaulished Church. The public mind daily," and the "large increase of question; it is coolly to take for granted the truth is, the Protestant prelates and clergy of ruffianism," one journal says, " We happen to very thing which requires to be proved; and it Ireland have been in the main, especially in know that it is the opinion of several of the of discipline was controlled by a vote of the is, moreover, to conclude against the testimony former years, most unfaithful to heir trust, and abler judges, that stronger remedies will be re-

We receive encouraging accounts of the proof late our congregations have increased and our

Our annual Home Missionary Report has just appeared, and gives some gratifying records of the year several chapels have been built in conhave been gathered into church-membership Numerous cottage services have been held. maintains, that authority to govern in the church great alarm, and a movement has been set Bible Classes for the young have been conductis the one distinctive prerogative of the pastoral on foot, in which Dr. Pusey figures conspicu-ed. Fifty-five married ministers have been susffice. He holds the authority of the New Tes. ously, to resist to the utmost the proposed tained by the Fund during the year, and grants tament to be decisive, "that the churches of change in the constitution of the universities of various subjects have been made to Circuits best of men in a wide y different sense. Let Christ are to be under government; and that A petition, supported by upwards of 1,600 sig- unable entirely to meet their expenses. The him, if he can, bring unmistakeable proof that his such government is to be exercised over them natures has been presented to the Archbishop increase in the income of the Fund in the last form of government as the one which the clusively appertains to the office of bishop, pres-Church shall follow; for in proportion as any byter, pastor, or minister, is precedency over the university privileges without demanding adheupon, and there must be increased contributions theory of church order becomes high and ex-

We have pleasant news of a deputation sent son. They have been received with the utmost respect and cordiality by the highest personages in the land.

A Missionary Meeting was held at Calcutta, consisting of representatives of Evangelical

Both European and native residents have wel-

For the Provincial Wesleyan

Temperance.

We had the pleasure of attending the meeting day night, and could not but wish that many more had been present to hear the address de- was in apostolic times, when there were added livered on that occasion by the Rev. W. Maxwell. daily to the Lord. We do not remember having listened to so lucid deavour in few words to indicate the line of

replies, " We know that an idol is nothing."application to the case under consideration.— the fullness of Christ." Admitting that for professing Christians to use these liquors is not absolutely sinful, and that some might use them without any evil consequences to themselves, just as in the matter of he meats, should they not feel bound to abstain in the one case for the same reason as in the other ? "I see no harm in using these meats (or drinks). I can do it with a clear conscience as far as I myself am concerned. I have fre- last, we have received on trial in our classes, quently partaken of these meats (or drinks) in addition to number before reported, sixty per without finding myself at all the worse. Why hen need I abstain from either ?" For the sake f others. Lest your example should embolden miles of Guysbore'. A goodly number from a them to do the same with an unquiet conscience; greater distance who have been blessed at our to do what they, at all event, cannot do safely. Lest you should prove to them a stumbling included in this number. To the present, above block, and help to bring about their fall and eternal ruin. We are not at liberty to do that meeting to the power of God to save. The little which the experience of every day shows us leads others to commit sin. We are not thus rise as witnesses for Christ, so that with flowing speaks well for the zeal and enterprize of the

We were also struck with the remark that at certain critical stages in the life of a young man bered by many who for the first time partock of indignation. Whereas when asked to take wine it because "it will do you no harm," he would easily silence the conscience that was warning him of a danger he had felt by the reflection,-My host is an intelligent Christian, a man highly esteemed in the church and in society. There can be no harm in it. It would seem presumptuous in me te refuse and thus to profess myself ments made at our Financial District Meeting. more scrupulous than he and seem to reprove I left Amherst on Monday, 2nd inst., for the him. Under such circumstances, he would probably fill his glass and empty it though he had meetings on the Parraboro' Circuit; and with previously been led, by the observation of the your permission will give a few brief juttings of result to his friends, from his having been led the tour. astray before, and by the entreaties of those who At Little Forks 1 met the Superintendent of are deeply interested in his welfare to resolve the Circuit, Bro. Robert Tweedy, and his colthat he would never more make use of so dan- league Bro. R. O. B. Johnson, whose hearts gerous a beverage. This has ne doubt often been appeared to be burning with true Missionary the beginning of a course whose end has been zeal. In consequence of a very severe snow

most deplorable. Cemperance Societies are succeeding so well __ scribed quite liberally, and we trust the others We hope to hear of the formation of more, and will do their duty when called upon by the colo see ere long a strong "Union" of the various lector. Having been kindly lodged and entersocieties in vigorous operation. There is work enough to be done, and those who held Temper- Tuesday, to Maccan Mountain, where our next ance principles must be "up and doing."

For the Provincial Wesleyan. Summerside Circuit.

Mr. EDITOR.—Through the last Province Wesleyan, there have come to us cheering tidings of the extension of the work of God in many having fallen the road over the mountain was parts of our Conference bounds. The "word powers of the Holy Ghost, still asserts its saving overcame all obstacles and in process of time strength, and, as proclaimed through the efforts of our denomination, finds favour in the sight of where we met with a most cordial reception—a the people. While Wesleyan ministrations in true Methodist welcome. In this place we had this place have long commanded a good attend- a combination of untoward circumstances to a healthful influence amid the pressure of world-Ledge of Templars on the same evening; secly business in our new and thriving town; endly, culpable indifference on the part of a while they have in the pulpit and in the family, portion of the community; thirdly, effliction rich and poor, it was yet felt that greater things disasters at sea. Nevertheless, the attendance were promised by the Head of the Church, and was respectable, and the result of the meeting might be expected from on high. In the end of all that could be expected under the circum-January, while conducting service for two or stances. three evenings in succession, at " Fifteen Point," about fourteen miles from Summerside, the presearnest and successful Christian work. During ence of God so fully rested with the congregation, that we decided to make a special effort nection with these Missions, and 2,435 persons for the present salvation of souls. The work was commenced with much prayer and trembling before God, for "Fitteen Point" was a Open-air preaching has been resorted to, and backslidden place; where thirty members a few years sgo had been numbered, hardly one re-

> they who once delighted in sin, now "Loudly in strange hosannas join,
> And blasphemies are turned to praise."

courses set forth with great clearness and interest, comed the Deputation, one of the native Bombay the glorious truths of salvation before the listenmany passed from death unto life. At the end of three weeks, the roll was called, when it ap | gent River, on Monday evening, and proved an peared, that, between the two places, sixty souls were added to the Church. A gracious influof the Grafton St. Temperance Society on Thurs- ence rests upon the people, and we are expecting that from henceforth, it will be with us, as it

It is often alleged that a great part of those, an exposition and so forcible an application to who are converted on special revival occasions, the Temperance movement of the principle laid fall away into the world. And this is urged and the glory of God. We were giad to flud down in 1st cor. 8, and Rom. 14. We are un- against the practice of holding protracted ser- that Mr. Barratt had recently succeeded in reable to give anything like a full report, but en- vices. But without denying that some do fall suscitating the Band of Hope in this placeaway, we maintain that the reason of such declension is to be found, not in the method by The question is, - May we eat things offered which they are brought to God, but in the freto idols without committing sin?" The Apostle quent lack of sufficient oversight on the part of class leaders and others placed in authority. There is no difference between meats that have, What gardener is he, who, after some young ing on Wednesday evening. Remained till and have not been offered to it. To eat them is plants have been set out, will not very carefully not, in itself, sinful. But though it is not in- watch, guarding them alike from the scorching and then returned to Amherst, having had a cumbent on us to abstain on that ground, it is sun of day, and the chilling frosts of night. But on another. There are those who have not the the men of this generation are oftentimes wiser same knowledge and discernment, and they may than the children of light. Let us remember, be by our example emboldened to eat the meats that those who are so suddenly transplanted out as things offered to an idol and their conscience of the kingdom of darkness, into the kingdom o will be defiled and they will be brought into God's dear Son, naturally require that human condemnation. For their sakes "lest we make aid in counsel, which He designed them to them offend," lest "the weak brother perish have, who appointed 'helps' in his Church, and through our knowledge," we must abstain even "gave some apostles, and some prophets; and circuit is, notwithstanding its vastness, a desirfrom that which we know to be innocent in it- some evangelists; and some pastors and teach- able one. Among other things we found it reself and harmless to us. Now if this be ad- ers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work markable for the comfort, and neatness of its mitted with reference to the use of intoxicating of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of drink .- though many have vehemently asserted | Christ, till we all come in the unity of the faith, it whose after experience has proved that it was and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a not correct in their own case—how plain is the perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of

> ALBERT S. DESBRISAY. March 13, 1868.

Guysboro' Revival.

MR. EDITOR,-The Lord is still continuing to work wonders in Guysboro'. Since I wrote you hundred and twenty,-all living within three meetings, but belong to another circuit are not assisted by the Rev. Robert Tweedy of Parrsboro', on Sabbath morning the 15th inst. child, and the father of hoary head, continue to to put a stumbling-block or an occasion to fall hearts we have to acknowledge; "Out of the mouth of babes fected praise."

wine or spirits is more to be dreaded than that of a drupten reprobate. In the one case on invitation to take a dram would be repelled with evening services continue to be well attended. The number forward for prayer during the past at a respectable dinner party, and pressed to do ten days has varied between twenty and fifty-JAMES RURNS.

Guysboro', March 27, 1868.

Parrsboro' Missionary Meetings. MR. EDITOR,-In accordance with arrange-

storm the attendance at our meeting in this It is matter of thankfulness that these Church place was small. Those present, however, subtained by Bro. F. A. Donkin, we preceded, on meeting was held. As the snow still continued to fall, the attendance here was also very limited, but those who did attend gave proof that they were not wholly indifferent to the claims o the Missionary cause. Remained all night with Bro. Matthew Lodge, and having been refreshed by his hospitality, and cheered by his pious conversation, we started on Wednesday for Five Islands. In consequence of so much snow very heavy, and in some places almost impassof general grace," accompanied by the glorious able. By patient perseverance, however, we arrived in safety at Bro. Andrew Thompson's, conduced to the comforting and blessing of the and financial depression occasioned by recent We deeply sympathize with the bereaved and

serrowing ones of this community, and fervently commend them to the tender care of a loving differing essentially, however differing in the im-

"In every sorrow of the heart, Eternal mercy bears a part."

On Thursday we dreve over to Parreboro' Village. Took the new road, and had a very while other societies look to their human constimained, and such a spot is known to be the pleasant though rather eventful drive. As we tutions for the law that is to govern them, chrishardest of ground. But "the thing impossible reached the summit of one of the hills near the tian churches look, or ought to look, for theirs, shall be," and here God manifested to hard, village, eld Blomidon, with his hoary head and to the revelation of the Divine will in the Gospel; backslidken hearts his love afresh. The work venerable mien, suddenly sppeared in the dishim, if he can, bring unmistakeable proof that his theory has apostolic warrant. Surely, if congress the grationalism is of so great consequence, the New grational grat there stood up an army for the fiving God, gas thered from these dry bones. About thirty beautiful "Village of Grand Pre," and memory duties within the range of those principles that souls found peace, and a complete change seems at once recalled the happy months spent among are applicable to all societies, and of those modes to have passed over the place. In the shipyard, the dear friends on the Horton Circuit.

Our meeting at Parrsboro' was a decided success. Bro. A. P. Bradley Esq., presided in a ses and sanctions. most able manner; the congregation was large; In the evenings, the silence of the forest and the staff of speakers was materially augmented what we do by others, is, in effect, done by oursnowy wastes is broken by those, who, with sweet by Rev. Mr. McKinnon, Mesers. Vickery, and selves; and it would be difficult to show why and powerful voices, accompany the music of Mr Huntley, all of whom spoke well; and this may not be the case with regard to certain the bells with some hymn of praise, as they travgood service was rendered by the excellent church duties, as for instance, the passing a judgel together to the house of God. The brethren choir which interspersed the exercises with ment on a difficult case of judicial inquiry, or on Robert Strong, and James Crozier, from sweet and appropriate music. All present ap- a case where the church may be likely to be pre-Summerside; whose hearts God has filled with peared to enjoy the meeting exceedingly, and judiced, or too excited for calm and just examichurches, and presided over by the Bishep of the love of souls, wrought faithfully with us, the feeling of each heart seemed to be .-

" Shall we whose souls are lighted With wisdom from on high; Shall we to men benighted The lamp of light deny

On Friday we proceeded to Port Greville. and held a Missionary meeting there in the evening. A. Bro. Tweedy is a staunch, and enthu. siastic Total Abstinence man, both with reference hospitality of Mr. Chas. Smith, and Col. Joseph Elderkin. On Sabbath, the writer preached at Port Greville in the morning, and at Parrsborn Village in the evening. The congregations were large.

Our last missionary meeting was held at Dillinteresting season. The choir did good service

On Tuesday evening we held a Temperance meeting in the Chapel at the Village. The house was well filled, Bre. Bradley again occupied the chair, the audience was deeply attentive, and we trust the meeting will redound to the benefit of the community, the advancement of the cause.

long may it prosper ! Having shared the hospitality of Brethren York, Dickinson, and Bradley, I started in company with Bro. and Sister Tweedy, for Half way River, where we held another Temperance meet-Thursday morning with Bco. Jesse Fuller pleasant, and most interesting tour.

The Parraboro' Circuit embraces a very exensive territory. It has, at present, sixteen regular preaching places, and three occasional ones; and Bro. Tweedy informed me that in order to visit all these, and return to the Mission House, he would be required to travel a distance of 200 miles. For many reasons, however, the places of worship !

May the Lord pour out His Spirit upon us, and blees His people, and prosper His work at home and abroad, until the religion of Jesus shall inwardly reign in every heart, and the fair face of this evangelized world shall reflect the radiant smile of its all-glorious Creator-the Lord of heaven and earth.

I remain, dear Sir, Yours in Christ. R. B. M.

Amherst, March 18, 1868.

For the " Provincial Wesleyan."

Church Dedication. RESPECTED SIR :- According to announcenent the new Methodist Church at West Brook, County of Cumberland, was opened for Divine service, by the Rev. Mr. Sutcliffs of Amherst.

It is a neat, well built edifice, standing, I

friends in that place, as well as for the despatch with which the builder, Mr. John Dickenson, completed his contract. After the preliminary services and the reading of the dedicatory chapter, Mr. Sutcliffe preached from Romans the 15th chapter and 19th verse, when he announced and enlarged upon some of the great and glorious truths " of the gospel of Christ" which Paul "fully preached" "from Jerusalem round about unto Illyricum." His exposition of the text was both elequent and masterly, while the wrapt and sym; athetic attention of the densely crowded audience evidenced the presence of a most hallowing influence. In the afternoon the new church was again filled to its utmost capacity by friends from far and near to hear the same Rev. gentleman preach from 2nd Corinthians the 8th and 9th, when it was our privilege to listen to a description of the riches -greatness-glory-goodness and humiliation of our glorious Redeemer, such as it has seldom been our lot to hear. Again the same hallowed influence of the morning was felt, and we realized it was good to be there. The singing, toe, was excellent, and added much to the enjoyment of the occasion. Many of our friends, especially those from New Canaan, excel in that good old hearty style of singing which, coming rom the heart, reaches the heart, and forms an important part of divine worship. Altogether it was a season of much interest; and we trust that its influence for good will leng be felt by the good folk of West Brook and its neighborhood. We heartily respond to the petition in the dedicatory hymn :-

"That in the great decisive day,
When God the nations shall survey,
It may before the world appear
That crowds were born to glory there." The sale of the preference of pews took peace. on the next morning at 10 o'clock. The results we have not heard; but from the excellent financial arrangements at first adopted by the trustees and building committee, we feel confident that the trustees will be free from embarrassment and the church from debt.

> From the Christian Visitor. Baptist Church Polity.

Little Fork March 18th 1868

From the hints which are from time to time thrown out in various quarters, we are strengthened daily in our conviction, that we are not calling our brethren to consider the whole matter of our Baptist polity before such inquiries were needed. There appears to have been in some minds a great want of information on many first principles relating to this subject, which must be leemed of vital importance.

It would be difficult, we apprehend, to find any scriptural warrant for any power in the church in such mysterious sense, or indeed in any sense portance of the subject matter, from that which belongs to any society entitled to judge of the conduct and character of its members. *

We are, indeed, carefully to remember, that of judging, common to human minds, which the revelation of the Divine will everywhere suppo-

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