

4th verse, and read what the blessed Virgin says: 'My spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.' Who did the Virgin Mary say was her Saviour?

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Our deceased brother was converted to God in a powerful revival which took place in the faithful ministry of Rev. G. M. Barrett, about twenty-four years ago, at the old chapel in the village of Coverdale.

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Religious Revival.

During the last two or three months brief notices of gracious revivals in various parts of these Provinces have appeared in our columns; and we have had a communication from Caymans' fortifying an account of a very decided work of grace in that town, in which, we are happy to learn, different churches are participating.

the United States contain very remarkable and cheering accounts of revival seasons in the various Evangelical churches.—Presbyterian, Congregational, Baptist and Methodist—and these seasons of revival are noted as occurring in nearly all the States of the Union, and in several hundreds of instances, resulting in the ingathering of many thousands of persons into the several churches.

Revival intelligence is published from sixty-two Presbyterian churches, and in fifty of these the number of converts is one thousand three hundred and thirty-five. In Illinois the churches of sixteen different towns rejoice in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. In fifty Baptist churches one thousand two hundred and thirty-seven conversions are reported, while in thirty-four more, revivals are in progress.

Our Methodist exchanges teem with revival intelligence. It would be strange indeed if Methodist churches, which have from the beginning been distinguished as an earnest form of living Christianity, should not now, when other churches are so greatly blessed, share in that blessing largely. We are glad to believe that the M. E. Church has had nothing of a revival spirit.

Bermuda Correspondence.

MR. EDITOR.—We readily acknowledge the justice and propriety of the explanation given in relation to the evils which we spoke in a former communication. We see that neglecting to mention the peculiar position of Bermuda as a Military and Naval station, our statements were calculated to mislead the readers, who are not informed in relation to the character of Bermudians as a whole.

Our Children.

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Revival in Guysborough.

MR. EDITOR.—We commenced special services in our Vestry on the third of February. They were attended by few during the first week; the second week we were more encouraged; the third week we had a still better attendance; several persons professed to be converted; and the Church was very much cheered. During the fourth week our congregations continued to increase, and every night the Lord gave us tokens of his power to save.

False Maxims.

While many important truths are crystallized in the form of popular proverbs, a multitude of harmful errors assume the same popular character. Even, if we admit with French proverbs in the main "rage themselves under the banners of the right and of the truth," and that "very far more are children of light and of day than of darkness and of the night," we cannot forget that there are still many of those whose teaching is injurious to the best interests of the spirit.

THE CANTEBRIDGE CONVOCATION.

It is hard to imagine a spectacle in every respect so unedifying as is presented year after year in the city of Cambridge. The critical debating club, which starts from no premises, arrives at no conclusions, and performs no other function than that of diminishing the respect that is still felt for the dignity of its corporate capacity.

THE NEW PREMIER.

To-day brings with it a new sensation. We are living under the Premiership of Mr. Disraeli. The author of "The Two Roses" and the "wondrous tale of Alroy," the "gentleman of Hebrew extraction" who took to writing novels to relieve the tedium of a lawyer's office, the revolutionary Radical whose reverses failed to inspire desire for Toryism with alarm, chiefly because it supplied them with the antidote of inextinguishable laughter; the "friendless" aspiring youth who essayed in his maiden speech to establish a new era in the art of rhetoric, and happily broke down—this is the statesman who is to be the Premier of the United Kingdom.

TESTIMONIAL TO REV. W. M. PUNSHON, A. M.

We are not surprised to find that the coming departure from this country of the Rev. W. M. Punshon, A. M., has suggested the advisability of some acknowledgment of the services he has rendered to Methodism and to Protestantism in large.

ANGLICANISM AND METHODISM.

In regard to the recent proposal of Archbishop Hamilton at the York Convocation to bring about a union between the Church of England and Methodism, a correspondent of the Nonconformist says:—"Does not the last instructed of the 'great army of the priesthood' know that the doctrines, the tenets, the government, and above all the doctrine and practices and habits of the Wesleyan body, are the very Antipodes of the Established Church?—so singularly and so pointedly!

DEAN ALFORD IN THE UNION OF CHRISTENDOM.

Amongst recent deliverances, written or spoken, on the subject of Christian union, by clergymen of the Church of England, nothing more noticeable has appeared than an article in the current number of the Contemporary Review, by the Dean of Canterbury, entitled, "The Union of Christendom in its Home Aspect." Considering the ecclesiastical position of the writer, and the fact that he has been a scholar and divine by his *Hulsean Lectures*, his *Sermons* and especially by his *Greek Testament*, the paper referred to is sure to attract general attention.

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Spirit of the Press.

This letter on Ireland from the *shelved and edited* Whig, Earl Russell, was expected to be something so novel, startling and revolutionary, that an ecclesiastical writer, who had been invited to review the Repeal cry assumed that Lord Russell would propose nothing short of a "Parliament in College-geen." The article, however, is only an old story, and the editor, again, Lord Russell is ostensibly in favour of a scheme of general ecclesiastical endowment in Ireland, but if the *Daily News* truly represents his views, his plan would be a wholesale confiscation of the "endowments of the Protestant Churches," and in the most offensive manner to the Roman Catholic hierarchy.

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