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WEONESDAY, MARCH 19, 1873.

THE feeling of English Methodism to-State, and felt very kindly toward it as the

change are not far to seek. It is mainly tacks of assas-ins, and at due to the surprising development of the out by the fruitless contest, and resolute.y ritualistic party, which is working with determined to abide by the great principles ceaseless energy to unprotestantize the Eng- of constitutionalism in administering the lish Ct. urch, and is attaining its object in a litalian home and left Spain to care for itdegree truly lamentable. Nor is there any self. It was clearly the right step, and the reason to suppose that this anti-Protestant best thing for them to do. The failure sweeping enward with ever-increasing Carlis's are in arms in many of the Provinbefore it is brought to a stand-still, the alienation of Euglish Methodism from the Church of England will be complete.

LATE British Wesleyan journals contain glowing accounts of revivals which have recently occurred in Ireland and England. ing on British Methodism would be felt for of a great National University for Ireland good to the very ends of the earth.

THE columns of the PROVINCIAL WES-LEYAN have not been richly adorned of late with numerous and stirring recitals of revi- churches. is no intelligence like revival intelligence. We ought to have a plentiful supply of it. tained. When they occur they ought to be g atefully reported for the glory of God and the encouragement of His people.

MR. GLADSTONE'S remarkable scheme for the settlement of the Irish University question doubtless excites keen discussion in the Three Kingdoms, and much attention throughout the learned world. It provides for a University culture, in the promotion of which the study of Modern History, Metaphysics and Moral Philosothe sun. He would exclude these subjects large, did we not think it likely that the the matter are familiar with it already.

Mr. Gladstone, it seems, though prepared to accept amendments on points of detail, proposes to stand or fall by the principles . of the measure. It would be an achievesettle the difficulty with which he so courageously grapples. Should his Government be overthrown in the course of the contest cations would be likely to follow.

Grant to enunciate on a grave State occasmarck for instance.

Why should any man cherish such an exnectation as that? Is there any foundation Ringing cheers greeted all the able men be no dimintion. for it in Scripture? If not, do the consti- who addressed this important meeting; a tution and course of nature foreshadow any good effect was produced, and we doubt such event? Is it necessary to human happiness that all men should be ruled from Washington, or London, or Paris, or Bellin, or St. Petersburgh, or Constantinople?

And wherefore should all men speak the everybody else. The wide diffusion of the and better order in public houses, we are knowledge of the English language is no all glad that the Government is firm. any special necessity requiring that fan- of 1870 are not yet introduced. under how many political organizations national schools. they may be grouped, or in how many been introduced, and if the Protestants are God.

January 1, 1874, for replacing the money lost by the Boston fire, if they do not ex. proposed.

ENGLISH CORRESPONDENCE.

-Band of Hope movement in London-

DEAR MR EDITOR .- The young King ward the Established Church in England of Spain has abdicated his throne after a ernment in Spain. There was much in the personal character of the Prince, whom the chief bulwark of Protestantism in Europe. Spaniards called to reign over them, calcuservices at 3 p. m., to pray for a blessing to Now, however, it seems quite manifest that lated to inspire respect, and considerable rest upon the Evening Meetings. These at least the younger British Methodists to a disappointment is experienced by all who large extent regard the Church of England with distrust or positive dislike; and it seems probable that at no distant day that seems probable that at no distant day that seems probable that at no distant day they with wide-spreading ignorance, have triwill join hands with those who are labour- umphed over a safe and most hopeful form souls longing to be freed from the intoler ing for the disest'ablishment of that Church.

The causes that have produced this change are not far to seek. It is mainly that the change are not far to seek. It is mainly that the change are not far to seek. It is mainly that the change are not far to seek. It is mainly that the change are not far to seek. It is mainly that the change are not far to seek. It is mainly that the change are not far to seek. It is mainly that the change are not far to seek. It is mainly that the change are not far to seek the change are not

movement has as yet crossed its meridian, does not proceed from any fault of theirs. or speut its chief force. It is palpably The future of Spain is painfully uncertain. power; and how far it will go before it is ces, and there are several aspirants for the finally arrested in its course, no man can vacant throne, all preparing to urge their say. We anticipate, however, that long claims, and the most likely candidate of all, is a lad of about fifteen, and son of the Ex-Queen, the crafty, unprincipled and re-pudiated Isabella. The probability is that of anarchy and confusion.

Mr. Gladstone has introduced the Bill for University Education in Ireland, by a the amount for each year equal - Com speech of marvellous ability. It will take equal rank with his other great Parliamenor are now progressing in both countries. try orations, and evidences no diminution of This is delightful news. We may ere long mental vigor and grasp on the part of the get very much more of such cheering intelligence from the old Methodist homestead. For though Irish Methodism has a compa- favorable, unless where intense party spirit ratively small field to operate in, English or religious intolerance made satisfaction an impossibility. It certainly does not becomens are auspicious. English Methodism does not make concessions to the Romanists has access to a vast number of unconverted people favourably disposed towards It deals vigorously with several of the exit, and it seems to be renewing its youth, isting Colleges, extinguishes one which has and to be looking and labouring for great proved a failure, and abates the immense results. The prospect is bright with the promise of good things to come. We trust University of Dublin is to be remodelled that promise will be more than fulfilled. extended, placed under an entirely new The influence of a grand spiritual outpour- Governing Body and raised to the dignity It is not to teach Theology or sciences which might call up denominational or dog matic formulas. It will be accessible to all who may study in the various affiliated Colleges, and all its advantages may be secured by the adherents of any of the

vals transpiring within our Conference It is impossible to give a reliable epinion bounds. So much the greater pity. There as to the tate of this B.ll. It is sure to encounter tremendous opposition. The Romanists fail to get their pet scheme of a Roman Catholic University, all under their Revivals are desirable. They are needed own control, and supported by public Tuey are promised. They may be obsome of its high prestige and takes rank with other churches doing Educational and Collegiate work. The Tery party in England may take advantage of this peculiarly intricate and complicated question to embarrass, if not to upset the Government, while unable and unwilling to introduce a measure as equitable to all concerned, as he one now before the Parliament.

The Band of Hope movement is making Sabbath-schools of England is rapidly becoming more powerful. The Central Association-" The United Kingdom Band of Hope Union"-is actively at work, and has terminated the most successful round of phy is not necessarily to play a part. This been successful in enkindling great interest missionary meetings it has been my privil will be considered something new under on behalf of their work in the leading Sabbath-schools of the land. In London an immeuse meeting has been held in Exeter from the compulsory University course Hall, and the Sabbath school teachers of because Protestants and Roman Catholics the metropolis gave good proof of the intecannot see eye to eye with each other on rest they take in this good work. The mitted to record as yet any powerful revival them. We would explain the scheme at platform was filled with 600 young people of God's work on this circuit I am never-Wesletan readers who take an interest in was thronged. The singing formed one his blessing accompanies the humble efforts 'I'm Kneeling, Lord, at Mercy's Gate," ment to boast of could he satisfactorily taken by a Mr. Charrington, once a brewer, trade to which he belonged, and at great upon which he has entered, serious complipersonal sacrifice relinquished all connectiversaries was held last month at Port Hood the country fully represented in the united ion with the traffic and manufacture of PRESIDENT GRANT, it appears, entertains erance principles. Among the many earn-help. I was however privileged to have the are confident there are many in all parts of the idea that the time will come when all est and distinguish d speakers we can only assistance of brother C. H. Peppy, who has the idea that the time will come when all particularize two, Mr. Smithies, the editor of late come to reside on the Island as Within the Wasterson Church who will deem it a the nations of this world will be grouped of the "British Workman" and the 'Band teacher and who is also a local preacher together in one political organization, and of Hope Review," and the Rev. Newman and of Bro. J. Bent Esq., of Port Hood, will all speak the same language. That is Hall. In forcible words they placed before teach of them spoke with profit and interest a wonderful idea for a man like President the assembled teachers, the tremendous The Meeting at Port Hood Island was well Grant to enunciate on a grave State occasion. It will astonish some of the long blighted, the hear's that are broken, the such occasions which however may, to some THE WESLEXAN ACADEMY, CHARheaded statesmen of the old world—Bis- lives sacrificed, and the souls lost through extent, be accounted for by the uniavorable the prevalence of drinking habits early

The Government has announced that it is not intended to amend in any way the months. Licensing Bill of last session. Great efforts same language? The time will never come this point, but as the Act has worked well. when everybody will have need to talk to and there is less brawling on the streets

doubt desirable, but there does not seem The amendments to the Education Act guage to supplant all others, nor any plausome amelioration must be granted, or the sible reason for believing it ever will do so. Dissenters will not only submit to fines, but When all men submit to Christ and can talk will suffer to be imprisoned rather than pay the Chrisian language, it wil matter little the rates entorced for payments in denomi

different national tongues they may praise not on the alert, we shall have salaried J. R. N. priests in all our prisons, and vestments and masses paid for at the public expense. The bill to open museums, picture galler-A GENEROUS PROPOSAL. - Mr. Theodore ies and "other places" on the Lord's day, Lyman, or Brookline, Mass, writes from is again before Parliament, and again the Florence, Italy, to the President of Harvard Christian public and those who love the College, of which he is a graduate, that sanctity of the day of rest, have to agitate he will give one-twentieth of gross amount and still the control of Principal Anderson and Miss he will give one-twentieth of gross amount and petition to save us from so sore a dis-proved appearance, and the improvement French. Between both rooms there are grace, and such a retrograde step as that on the inside adds very much to the corn- fifty three pupils. It is almost needless to B. fort of the congregation.

Circuit Intelligence

GABARUS, C. B., MARCH 10th. 1873. Home Mission .- " Times of refreshing have again visited us in this place. Souls long dead in sin have set out for the Kinglong dead in sin have set out for the King-dom. It has gladdened our hearts the past merical standing of the several leading fortnight, to hear a Father say "I have denominations according to the Census of

The past week we have been holding Census:-

We are holding meetings twice a day during the present week, for those who are "seeking for Jesus." H. J. CLARKE.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I .- The quarter meeting was held on the 24th, Feby. Catholics, The Superintendent stated that he had Church of England, called it early to give the Board opportunity

[or sending timely invitation to some one Freewill Baptists, &c.,] for sending timely invitation to some one of the Ministers to become his successor in that office, if they felt disposed to exercise the right to invite—he had intimeted at the December Meeting that he had no wish to retain such connection with the Presbyterians, Circuit, beyond the present year. At the Dec. Meeting the Board voted the addition of \$130 to the Salary, of previous the whole country is entering upon a time years, to take effect for the year ending of anarchy and confusion.

June 1872, and at this Meeting a similar sum for the year ending June 1873, making

MARGATE, BEDEQUE, AND ALBERTO MISSIONARY MEETINGS. - We have just mental vigor and grasp on the part of the great Leader of the Liberal party. The rations through the Margate, Bedeque and first impressions of the people concerning Alberton Circuits. At Margate we had a good meeting, as also at Stanley Bridge, the Baptists, all sorts, collections were in advance of last year, and the sub-criptions we trust will not be behind; but owing to a storm we had to leave one place without holding a meeting. Bro. Ellis gave a first rate address at Margate Od the Bedeque circuit we were more for unate, and the meetings passed off well, except the one in Crapaud where the son f one of our leading families changed the night of his house warming in order to at-tend a lecture (given by a Roman Catholic hus many of the young people were drawn away from our meeti

Bro. Phinney and myself visited Alberon last week, and truly as Bro. Johnson lescribes the circuit is an interminable one, but to compensate for this the people are hospitable to a degree, our brother is well eccived and following up the efforts of his redecessor,-Bro. Bigney, (to whom much credit is due for his perseverance and energy in working up the different stations,) here is little doubt but that this part of the Island will soon need another laborer.

We met with nothing but kindness, for we could not persuade even the hotel keeper (Mr. Gooden,) on our way up, to take pay and Mr. Mellish provided us quite a rich dinner upon the same terms when we returned, whilst during our stay at Alberton the people did us so many favors that we cannot recount them. The meetings were well attended, and Bro. Phinney never more ably represented Methodism and a vocated the claims of the mission cause, his soul-stirring appeals moved the people, and did us all good. The Rev. A. Carr, (Presdecided progress, and in relation to the byterian) gave an excellent address at the Alberton meeting. The collections on this circuit were in advance, and the sums pro mised show an increase over last year. Thus ege to attend.

PORT HAWKESBURY, FEB. 26th. Home Mission Report .- Though not per to form the choir, and long before the time theless thankful to be able to write that for opening the meeting, the immense Hall there are some encouraging evidences that attractive feature of the programme, and was that are being made for its advancement adapted to profit as well as please the audi- during the week for united prayer in answer ence. They sang "Nearer, my God, to Thee," to fervent supplication the spirit was be-"Land of Light," Sparkling Water," and Port Hood Island and Port Hood and many Sound the Battle-cry." The chair was of us had our strength renewed. A Class The Home and foreign Missionary anni-Island and Port Hood. As the Rev. Mr. drink. He has erected a Temperance Hall, Mills was not able to be present on these and is a warm and able advocate of temp- occasions I was left without any Ministerial i jury wrought by the drink traffic in the represented by the people, that at Port state of the roads, the collections were good learned and fostered in the children, on and I am led to believe from the subscripwhose behalf they were doing so much. tious already given that there will at least

By means of a supper given by our satisfactory than last summer. pletion of the new parsonage. Our new church at Port Hood Island is also now

house to his name by blessing them, by re-

Miscellancons.

DOMINION DENOMINATIONAL

the great majority of British Wesleyans were very favourable to the maintenance of that Church in connection with the

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311,565 330,995 274.162 61,599 23,685 Catholics, Church of England, 942,724 1,019,850 63.322 43,607 62.449 Presbyterians, Methodists, 7,751 NEW BRUNSWICK. 1861 85,238 57,730 36.072 38.852 NOVA SCOTIA. 1861 86:281 47,744 Catholics, Church of England,

The foregoing figures indicate that the tions during the ten years ending in 1871, was as follows :--

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Catholics, increase per cent.. Presbyterians, increase per cent., Baptists, all sorts. " NEW BRUNSWICK. Catholics, increase per cent., Church of England, NOVA-SCOTIA Presbyterians, increase per cent.. Catholies, "Church of England,

The per centage of the several leading nominations to the whole population the four Provinces mentioned, according t

Census of 1871, is as follows:-Catholics, 42.80 per cent. Methodists. Presbyterians, 15.63 Church of England, 14.17 Baptists, 4 74 Freewill Baptist, &c., 2 12 These statistics are worthy of study, and

preservation for future use.

TESTIMONIAL TO REV. DR. PUN-SHON. It is known to most of our readers, that

our popular and gifted President, the Rev. W. Morley Punshon, LL. D., purposes leaving Canada and returning to England this spring. The knowledge of this purpose has already awakened feelings of deep regret in the minds of thousands who have ecome attached to him, not less by his genial spirit and Christian deportment, than by the charm of his rare and silvery elo- ed into the White House, and arranged quence. It has been therefore felt by his many friends, that he should not be allowpublic expression of the high estimation in which his services are held, and of the general attachment cherished for him, as a the circle a hearty, rousing, old-fa man and a Christian. Accordingly a few bre hren have already inaugurated a movement, for the purpose of getting up some fied, and in closing a very happy response, if the purpose of getting up some fied, and in closing a very happy response, if Bishop, Janes, saving, "Bishop, to fervent supplication the spirit was be-stowed in a more than ordinary measure at calities on the subject. To these communications hearty and generous responses have been received. A Committee of Ar- fifty white persons present, who, it is needtaken by a Mr. Charrington, once a brewer, and a member of a tamily of distinguished of Hawkesbury Harbor by which and a member of a family of distinguished lead of Hawkesbury Harbor by which London brewers. He has been brought to realize the fearful evils wrought by the trial with the prospect of further increase.

Rev. Dr. R ce of Hamilton is Chairman, the opportunity thus afforded them to take wrongly the prospect of further increase. Secretary; and complete arrangement has affair was grafffying to all present .- Chris. been made to have the different sections of) testimonial of grateful appreciation contemplated. These arrangements we will be able to announce fully next week. We Wesleyan Church, who will deem it a privilege to have the opportunity of contributing towards the successful accomplishment of so laudable an enterprise. - Uhrisnan Guardian.

DOTTETOWN, P. E. L.

Having a few leisure hours on our hands, Wesleyan Academy. We had the pleasure An interesting Sabbath-school gathering of seeing every class in the building examgood effect was produced, and we doubt was held at Hawkesbury at the closing ined, and were highly pleased with the sysaided by this first Exeter Hall demonstration.

The constraint of seeing every class in the building examined, and were highly pleased with the sysaided, and were highly pleased with the sysaided, as well as with the thoroughing prices were recited, a tea was also provided by the children on the constraint of the pupils. We be seeing every class in the building examined, and were highly pleased with the sysaided and the constraint of the past year. Many well chosen the national character—The pastimes of the national character—The pastimes of districts against Catholic. The latter have declared by the children on the constraint of the pupils. We be seen that the constraint of the pupils as compared with the constraint of the pupils. The constraint of the pupils of the pupils. The constraint of the pupils of the pupils. The pupils of the pupils. The pupils of the pup ed for the children on the occasion. The may state that a most searching written upon. These of modern countries, Prussia, school here is continued during the winter examination had just been concluded at the France, Spain, and England were criticis-

friends at Hawkesbury, upwards of \$50 The infant class is taught by Miss Stanand, contains forty-six pupils. The singing Pugwash, Feb. 28, 1873.—We have in this department was excellent. The beautiful church at Pugwash River. The the control of Miss Coles. The number of Lord has honored the few who erected the pupils is fitty-three. They were examined viving his work and adding quite a num- ted themselves most creditably. In the Inber to his people. May He continue the termediate Department, there are forty-one yet it pleased the audience, as was man good work. We have had a revival of temperance here also. Thank God we have tion of Miss Narraway, of Pictou. Miss not now a licensed rum shop in all this dis- Narraway is an excellent teacher, and her trict. May God continue to us his blessing. pupils appear to delight in their studies.

The new tower and spire added to the The Academic Department is under the

intendence of Miss Reid. There are thirty dist Church. The attendance was very have reached the age of five for six weeks; for pupils here. Some of the Drawings shown large and the occasion one of more than at that date they take to the water and cannot us were very fine. Many of the pupils ordinary interest. The meeting was openare almost proficients. The musical department is under the superintendence of prayer by the Rev. D. D. Currie. Mr. Prof. Earle, assisted by Miss Annie Moore, J. T. C. Knowles was called to the chair of this city. They are both well qualified and delivered an able address on mission- an icy barrier stretched across the mouth of or the performance of their duties. Alto- ary effort, and what may be accomplished our harbor, preventing all egress of ingress.

DEATH OF THE REV. J. GEDDIE.

The pioneer Missionary,-the first reresentative of Christianity among the heathen people of the New Hebrides—the Rev John Geddie,—is dead. He died at his home, Sydney Place, Geelong, Australia, on Saturday, the 14th of December last. His death was caused by paralysis, with which he was struck at the Island of Ancitourn while engaged in the settlement of our latest missicn ries,-the Revds Messrs. Murray, McKenzie and Robertson. After eceiving the fatal s roke he returned to Geelong, under the charge of the Rev. Mr. Neilson, bis his-son-in-law. After his arrival he shad a second attack, from the ffects of which he never rallied. He died without a struggle, at the age of fifty-seven rears. He was probably unconscious for the last few days, but previously he enjoyed the calls and prayers of various ministers, and spent much of his time in devotion. A letter from his bereaved widow was yesterday received by Rev. P. G. Mcwe are indebted for these particulars. Dr. Geddie was pative of Banff, Scotland. While quite young his parents emigrated and settled in Pictou. Nova Scotia. Here rate of increase of the several denomina- he studied for the ministry, and at the will be the prayers for the restoration of his early age of twenty-one, he received the appointment of Parish clergyman. For eight years he labored among his parishionars, and earned their love by the earnest and zealous manner in which he performed his duties. He had long manifested an ar-6.23 dent interest in missionary enterprise—es-6.20 dent interest in missionary enterprise—es-40.63 pecially is the New Hebrides—the field of February 13. Dr. Winchell is a man of 11.50 ary cause. The announcement, it is fair avow himselt a Christian scientist. We 12.06 to presume, added fresh fuel to the flame of are glad to learn from a letter of Rev. accompanied by a young wife, he landed in

> COLORED MINISTERS AND PRES-IDENT GRANT.

least, the morality of civilization. During

his leisure time, he applied himse f to the

translation of the Scriptures into two native

languages. About seven years ago he visit-

ed the scene of his former labors, and since

hat time he continued his missionary

whose death will when known, be mourned

by thousands of friends and smpathizers in

this and all the other Maritime Provinces.

labors. Such was the life of Dr. Geddie

During the session of the Washington Conference, held in Asbury Chapel, Washington, D. C., commencing on the 26th ult., a committee was appointed to wait on the President and inquire whether it would be agreeable to him to receive a visit from the Conference, and if so, to request him to appoint a time. The President, though greatly pressed with business, (it being the ast week of the Congressional session.) reponded that he would be gratified to meet his colored ministerial friends. He also named 111 A. M., on Monday, March 3,

as the time.

Accordingly at that hour the Conference, numbering about one hundred and fifteen ministers, with Bishops Janes and Ames eading the advance, were courteously usheraround the reception-room. Bishop Janes made the address of introduction in a few itting and happy remarks, and closed by saying, "God bless the President," which there came out from every part of

The President seemed exceedingly gratiturned to Bishop Janes, saying, I have now made one of my longes The most cordial hand-shaking speeches. tollowed. There were about a hundred and Advorate.

"AMUSEMENTS."-An audience large in ize gathered in Temperance Hall last evening to hear the lecture on "Amusements." delivered by the Rev. Mr. Read before the Young Meu's Christian Association. Dr. Gordon presided, and the Rev. J. Camphell conducted the opening exercises. In commencing, the lecturer said he not travelled from ocean to ocean, nor crossed was not going to describe what he had seen, but to tell his audience some things which one day last week, we paid a visit to the he had thought on a very interesting subject. He defined amusements, described those practiced by the ancients and show-Academy, and the results were even more ed. The next point considered was the vexed one of what amusements are allowable and what are not. No catalogue were raised to be appropriated to the com-ley, of this city. There are now but twen-pletion of the new parsonage. Our new ty pupils in this class. At the beginning ty pupils in this class. At the beginning of the present term, only a few days ago, a little term, onl that place, through whose liberality and pupils to the Intermediate department. which should always be asked: 1st—What Department is taught by Miss Hamilton, not be used.—The chief requisite of amusement is that it should be elevating. had some blessed meetings in our new and second division of this department is under as were also galleries of art and out-door exercises, which tend to rest the mind. The lecture was a model of composition in geography while we were in, and acquit-but lost much of its effect on account of the close attention paid to the manuscript, it was greeted. The next lecture will be delivered on Tuesday evening, 25th inst., by John Boyd, of St. John His subject, is

without any expense to the country .- Argus. tations and musical selections by the childreu, all well chosen and ably performed. The following papers were also read:
"Missionaries and their Work," by Mr.
G. O. Bent; "The Field Abroad" by
Mr. J. R. Hamilton; "The Field at
Home" by Mr. J. L. Thorne, but read by the Chairman the writer being too unwell to attend. A collection amounting to \$30 was taken up in aid of the funds. The singclosed by singing "God bless our School" and the benediction - Ss. John News.

PRAISEWORTHY .- A correspondent informs us that the members of the Granville Street Baptist congregation of which the Rev. Mr. Saunders (now gone in search of health to a Southern clime) is the esteemed Pastor have shown a most creditable spirit of Christian liberality in his behalf. They have not only continued his salary during his absence, but have engaged to pay his substitute for doing his duty, and presented him on his departure with \$220, besides having cheered him at Christmas-tide with regor of this city, and to that gentl man the substantial present of \$200. This is hogorable to the Minister and people, and "he is worthy for whom they have done this." He stands high in the estimation of this community, and many and earnest health and his return to his pastoral duties.

A GOOD APPOINTMENT.-Prof. Alexander Winchell, LL, D., was inaugurated is future labors. It was only after he had profound acquirements in the natura een appointed as a missionary, that he sciences of which he has been a distinwas informed by a is mother that at his bap- guished teacher, and in this day of matertism he had been dedicated to the mission- lalism and skepticism, does not fear to his ardor for missionary work. In 1846, George L. Taylor, in the New York "Christian Advocate," that Dr. Winchell Aneiteum. This Island was then peopled is preparing an opportune treatise on by heathen cannibals. The brave young "God in Nature," from the purely scientific issionary, and his brave, loving helper, stand-point, is which he will maintain the 16.48 immediately set to work, and continued to claims of the Bible as a supernatural reveabor till the people accepted the blessings lation.

of the gospel, and learned, in a degree, at CHECKING THE EVIL. -The French egislative Assembly have passed a bill source of its greatest disasters Chris-tian Weekly.

(From Correspondent of the St. John, N. St. John's, N. F., March 6th, 1873. PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE. The first three weeks of our legislative ses-

sion was spent in debating the address in reply of strength between Government and Opposi- Law. When the of strength between Government and Opposition takes place on this debate. All the political sins of omission and commission, of which Government have been guilty, are exhibited, in electric light, by the Opposition; and it is clearly demonstrated that unless they (the Opposition) are speedily called in, the country will be past recovery. The Government, however, the position is a speedily called in, the country will be past recovery. The Government, however, the position was then taken on Mr. Blanchard's resolution when there appeared for it 24, and a number of Sections of this Law had been passed, on reaching that which required that the vote should be taken by Ballot, Mr. Blanchard moved that the remainder of the bill be referred back to the revisors with a view to having all the clauses respecting vete by hallot expunged. A call of the House was had. The question was then taken on Mr. Blanchard's resolution when there appeared for it 24, and against it 12. The committee, then adjourned fiery fight is done, there is a lull, and some little business is allowed to be transacted. I suppose, in this poor world, we must be satisfied with any distant approximations to good government. Progress is perceptible in most other departments of human affairs; but is the matter of government, we seem to be "progressing backwards." The chief merit in "responsible government," is that it subjects all the deads of a government, to a rasping mere. position. The latter offered an amendment on one paragraph of the address, to the effect that a committee be appointed to examine and audit the public accounts, about which they appeared to be virtually anxious, as grave suspicions were abroad about their correctness. O course the Government opposed such a motion, not, as they declared, because they dreaded the most rigid scrutiny, but because, like Cathe bread Atlantic, wandering among sar's wife, they were above suspicion, and the and placid lochs of historic Scotland. He ed by a large majority, and even by a vote was expunged from the journals of the House. The most important measure of the session wil probably be the re-adjustment of the represenation in accordance with the returns of last census. Over this a fierce contention may be looked for. It will be an array of Protestant tormer; and the Protestant districts demand an increase of representatives in proportion to their increased population. THE START FOR THE ICE FIELDS. Once more the time for starting on our great

seal hunt has come round; and our fleet carryhas as yet been reported, showed a majority of
ing about ten thousand hunters, is now fairly
at sea, having had a most auspicious time for
some mistake is made by the leaders it is proeal hunt has come round; and our fleet carrybeing fully completed by Sister J. Smith of class was promoted from Miss Stanley's the work. There are two grand questions at sea, having had a most auspicious time for the work. commencing the adventurous voyage. Not bable that this majority will increase as the The con- that of her late husband Bro. J. Smith, the The little ones under her care are thoroughdo they cost? 2nd—What is their tendency. unfrequently it happens that when the first of ly trained, and are making first-rate proly trained, and are making first-rate proly trained, and are making first-rate prolif they cost more than we can afford, or if
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their tendency is unbeneficial, they should harbor is packed full of thick-ribbed ice, and harbor is packed full of thick-ribbed ice, and no vessel could even attempt to run the ice blockade. There is nothing for it then, but either to set at work and laboriously cut a channel for the vessels, by which they may had so power to pass such laws. reach the open sea, or patiently await a change of wind. Every day is precious then. Away to the north east, at the distance of some three or four hundred miles, are the herds of young fested by the frequent applause with which seals, rocked in their icy cradles by the storm agreeing with their absent colleagues, Messrs, it was greeted. The next lecture will be tossed Atlantic. On the first of March that young innocents rapidly fatten for the slaughter, are a fortnight old, and in another fortnight will be is their prime—literally balls of fat, which will yield oil of the purest and best it is expected that the struggle will be a which will yield oil of the purest and best s very much to the coungation.

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JUVENILE MISSIONARY SOCIETY ST. JOHN
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king rapid progress. We were next shown
Sunday School Juvenile Seciety was celeMarch, so as to be able to beat about in

into the Drawing Room, under the super- brated last evening in the Centenary Metho- search of their prey, and find them before they

When the first of March arrived this year, dawned on the third, what a change! The wind had changed during the night, the ice had moved off, and the sight of dark water on every side gladdened the heart of the sealers. Then came a scene of indescribable bustle and excitement. Every steamer hastily got up steam and ran up every stitch of bunting. The piercing scream of the steam whistles, warning oiterers to hurry on board, is heard on all ing was led by Mrs. Brown, and Miss Jessie hands. The whole town is alive, surging to-Eaton presided at the organ. The meeting wards the harbor to witness the departure of the fleet. Hundreds of big boned, broad chested sealers are seen burrying towards their vessels, in dread of being left behind, hardly waiting to indulge in a rough hand shaking with triends who wish them a safe return and plenty of fat." What a roaring trade the grog shops drive

for a couple of hours, as the sealers pour in to crain a parting glass to the favorite toast of "death to our best friends" (the seals,) followed, as they wipe their mouths with the startling ejaculatory prayer, "may we soon see bloody decks." A loud hurrah is heard now, and the steamer Eagle is seen moving off from her wharf, greeted by ringing cheers. Soon she glides through the Narrows, and disappears behind the "Northern Head," and we realise hat the great seal hunt of 1878 has tairly begun. Two more steamers, the Hector and Ranger, follow in her wake, their decks crowded with lusty sealers, whose cheers awake the echoes among the hills. Another remendous cheer is beard, and the splendid new steamship Neptune, the largest ever engaged in seal or whale fishery, is seen gliding down the harbor. On her deck stand 280 nicked men. What havec this band of stout hunters will make among the "white coats it once they get among them! The Neptune is 170 feet in length, and her tonnage is 787 tons : her engines 120 horse power. Soon she vanshes through the narrows and dashes out into the ice-laden ocean. She has cost her owners as she commences her voyage \$120,000; but she is capable of bringing in a cargo of 45,000 or 50,000 seals, each scal worth \$3, and may thus almost repay her cost during the next three weeks. But she may also return clean" as many a good ship has done. One after another, all the steamers glide out into the Atlantic. The wharves are deserted and the streets quiet. Merchants go home to speculate about the thousands they have affeat It proposes that every person who has amid icy seals, and to dream of mountains of seen twice convicted of drunkenness shall seal fat. The voyage has commenced favorabe deprived of the right to vote and of ably, and since the start, the weather has been being voted for, of being a juryman, and all that we could wish From this port and f bearing arms. Liquor dealers are also Harbor Grace twenty steamers have taken their iable to five and imprisonment, and departure. Only five small sailing vessels have to a deprivation of their civil rights. | left St. John's, but many more will leave the France is feeling the need of removing the outports. Steam is destined to carry the day. the bulk of the seals escaped then, there will be more this year to receive the attention of be looking for the first arrivals from the ice.

General Intelligence.

LEGISLATIVE.

Nova Scotia. - The most important to the Governor's speech. This is one of the of general interest which was discussed in the beauties of party-government. The grand trial House during the past week, was the Election Bills-and a number of Sections of this Law ever, do not fail to hint at the high crimes and misdemeanors of the "hungry aspirants to office." Thus the battle rages; and whea the house divided and Mr. Morrison's metion fiery fight is done, there is a lull, and some lit- was lost, 11 for, and 25 against. The names the deeds of a government to a rasping, meral fergusson, Hon. Mr. Robertson, Hon. Com. ciless criticism, fair or unfair, as the case may be, and this acts as a terror to evil-doers.

Those who do evil by stealth are made to blush Act for the consolidation of the Revised Status and Hon. Robertson, Hon. Com. —25. The house again resolved into Committee on bills, and passed seven chapters of the Act for the consolidation of the Revised Status and Passed seven Robertson, Hon. Com. when they find it fame. We have had a grand tutes. When the Promissory Notes bill and battle here between the Government and Oprequested that they be laid over, expressing Usury laws when they came up for consider

On Wednesday the House was counted out On Thursday a Committee was drawn to try the Yarmouth Election. The Committee consists of Messrs. Robertson, Wylde, Landers, Kirk, Cameron, Pineo and Archibald. The Petition of Mr. Marshall was received against the return of Mr. McKay, Pictou.

NEW BRUNSWICK .- C. WETMORE, Esqr. who has held the office of Clerk of the House of Assembly for scores of years, has been uswell and compelled to resign his office. A retiring pension of twelve hundred dollars has The Bill to incorporate the Grand Orange Lodge of New Brunswick and subordinate Lodges connected therewi h, has been passed by the House, by a very small majority. The Liquor Licence Law has been under discussion

THE DOMINION PARLIAMENT.—The House ot Commons has been mainly occupied in get-ting into working order. The address in re-ply to the Speech, was passed without a divison. The two parties seem to be so nearly equal that the Overnment will have to move with great caution. The only party vote which

In the Ontario Legislature the two bills for

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