

back the prodigal, a penitent and a child of God ! elevated him to be one of the brightest ornaments of the Christian church, and to guide many sons and daughters to glory. What a forcible comment this is upon the power of maternal influence !—and what encouragement does this present to every mother to be faithful, in her efforts to train up her child for God !

NEGRO SLAVERY.—*Rev. John Wesley on his Death Bed.*—The "Life of William Wilberforce, by his Sons," contains the following letter from the late Rev. John Wesley, to Mr. Wilberforce, urging him to renewed and unceasing exertions against Negro Slavery. They are probably the last words he ever wrote, for the letter was written on his death-bed, the day before he sank into a lethargy from which he was never roused :—

"My Dear Sir, February 24, 1791.

"Unless Divine power has raised you up to be as *Athanasius contra mundum*, I see not how you can go through your glorious enterprise, in opposing that execrable villany which is the scandal of religion, of England, and of human nature. Unless God has raised you up for this very thing, you will be worn out by the opposition of men and devils ; but if God be for you, who can be against you ? Are all of them together stronger than God ? Oh ! be not weary of well-doing. Go on in the name of God, and in the power of his might, till even American slavery, the vilest that ever saw the sun, shall vanish away before it. That He who has guided you from your youth up, may continue to strengthen you in this and all things, is the prayer of, dear sir, your affectionate servant,
JOHN WESLEY."

PROJECTED RAILWAY IN NEW SOUTH WALES.—A company is about to be formed for the purpose of making a railroad from Sydney to Yass, a township on the Morumbidgee river, about 200 miles south-west of Sydney, in the direct line to Port Philip.

CATHEDRAL CHURCH IN SYDNEY.—A meeting took place at Sydney, New South Wales—the Bishop of Australia in the chair—when £4,000 towards the building of a cathedral church at Sydney was subscribed. It was supposed that at least £2,000 would be available for this purpose.

PULSATION.—The pulse beats about 70 times in a minute ; so that the pulsation of the heart takes place about 100,900 times a-day.

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The great object of a Religious Periodical ought to be the carrying out of a sentiment, uttered by our Poet, to

Unite the pair so long disjointed,
Knowledge and Vital Piety.

In prosecution of this object, the Wesleyan will endeavour to convey to its readers,—the most interesting articles of Religious Biography, and the best extracts on Theological and Doctrinal points. At the same time, our latter pages will generally present a summary of the most important general and provincial intelligence. That the most interesting information, under the head of Religious Intelligence, may be disseminated through the medium of this paper, we earnestly request the Preachers in both districts, to correspond with the Agent at Halifax :—communicating accounts of the progress of the word of God in their respective circuits, religious revivals, remarka-

ble conversions, and important obituaries. Through the medium of such communications, the happiest results will be produced, and the interests of the great cause of Christianity ultimately advanced.

At the same time, the exertions of the Agents are required to procure additional subscribers. Were we to enter into particulars on this head, we should be able satisfactorily to prove, that hitherto our efforts have been crowned by a success which has been unknown to any periodical in the Province, during the first few months of its issue.

To persons wishing to commence as subscribers,—we recommend that they should take it from our last Number, [No. 10]. In all its articles it presents a commencement, and we shall be unable, except by a reprint, to furnish complete sets from the beginning.

Any person having spare copies of No. 5 on hand, will oblige by forwarding them by post, directed to the Wesleyan Office, Halifax.

A dreadful Murder was committed at River Philip, two weeks ago, particulars of which have appeared in the public papers. The suspected murderer was in custody.

THE WEATHER.—During the past week the weather has been more than usually variable. The thermometer has been generally low, except at intervals—there has been an extraordinary quantity of heavy and long-continued rain.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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The Communications of "Gamma" have likewise come to hand, they will receive early attention—communications of the same character will be particularly acceptable.

By the arrival of the June Packet, on Wednesday last, 31 days from Falmouth, we have Falmouth dates to the 9th, and London to the 7th inst.

The principal topics of excitement appear to be the slave question and the coronation—connected with the former, the present ministry appear to receive the unqualified censure even of their own party. Lord Chas. Fitzroy had been removed from his situation in the Queen's household, in consequence of his vote on this question against ministers.

Believing that a summary of religious intelligence will be more generally interesting to our readers—we present them with the following :—

The death of Lancelot Has'ope, Esq., for a long time Treasurer to the Wesleyan Missionary Society, took place at Selley Hall, near Birmingham, on April 20th. He was in his 73rd year, and was for some time an active member of the Committee of the British and Foreign Bible Society.

The Wesleyan Missionary Society has lost another staunch friend in the death of Francis Marris, Esq., of Leeds, in his 70th year. This took place, May 15. For 51 years he was connected with the Methodist Society. The Magazine for June says, "The amount of his liberality will perhaps only be unfolded in the light of Eternity. The following bequests prove his regard for those institutions which he regarded as conducive of the glory of God and the happiness of man.—To the Manchester Penitentiary, £100 ; Manchester Infirmary, £200 ; Leeds Infirmary, £200 ; Bible Society, £200 ; Wesleyan Theological Institution, £200 ; Metho-