The Provincial Wesleyan.

stance, however, has considerably increased evening before his death, and I was with affliction with marked patience and resig-dive deeply in order to discern the signs of apthe hostile attitude of the constitutional and him in his own house. He had a few nation republican parties, and the Church may ex- friends to spend the evening, and was ob-

Spanish society entertain enter constitutional away in his prime. The was a harve of this and brother. Some might wish that his the poise of an evangelical faith? but a limited number of UI- well of his friends here last Summer, health holy and rapturous joys which are given to sure to contain but a limited number of Ul-tramontane members. Thus in the legisla-tramontane members. Thus in the sermon von how of the same set of the members. Thus in the sermon von how of the server of her arms to affinence and elevate it to commanding power it of the members. tramontane members. Thus in the legisla was orouning in an order that he would to order it otherwise, and to remove him by ture of 1854, on several test questions, the one for a moment supposed that he would to order it otherwise, and to remove him by Cathelic party could not poll more than 13 so soon be called to succumb to the resist a disease which rendered such impossible.

classes in Spain form a smaller index of the midst of life and of labor. His friends but "our loss is his infinite gain." some years ago, the number of and the Church feel the loss keenly; but On Saturday, Nov. 29th, "at 12 o'clock, despair, the infamy of disgrace, wrongs and ruin, fought the battle of the French Protestantism, ing preachers not episcopally ordained...." were countries. Some years ago, the name is a providence we trust in this, as in every other dispensa-persons who were able to read and to write, we trust in this, as in every other dispensa-persons who were able to read and to write, we trust in this, as in every other dispensa-persons who were able to read and to write, we trust in this, as in every other dispensa-a large congregation having assembled in are her portion,—the recompense that Rome every eye of religions suffering throughout Eucountries. Some able to read and to write, we trust in this, as in every other dispensa-persons who were able to read and to write, we trust in this, as in every other dispensa-persons who were able to read and to write, we trust in this, as in every other dispensa-persons who were able to read and to write, we trust in this, as in every other dispensa-persons who were able to read and to write, we trust in this, as in every other dispensa-tion of Providence, we shall always be able fell short of two millions, in a population of the Church than to give up any of them would be able to read and to write, we trust in this, as in every other dispensa-awards to every nation that follows and fulfils her the Church than to give up any of them would be able to read and to write, we should judge it the Church than to give up any of them would be able to read and to write, we should judge it the Church than to give up any of them would be able to read and to write, be dense able to read and to write, as a large congregation having assembled in are her portion,—the recompense that Rome our bounden duty rather wholly to separate from the Church than to give up any of them and to give up any of th fourteen millions and a half, and eight thou- to say " Thy will be done."

sand municipal communities were without a school. This ignorant mass of the lower people is entirely under the influence of the priests, and clings to the common faith with more than' common 'fanaticism. In this respect Spain is a greater stronghold of RoWILLIAM WILSON.

Obituary Notices. [FOR THE PROVINCIAL WESLEYAN.]

HE LATE REV. ROBERT AINSLEY CHESLEY

manism than either Italy or France. There still another advantage which the Spanish The late Revi ROBERT AINSLEY CHES-Church has over that of Italy. The female LEY was a native of Bridgetown, N. S., the sex in all classes of society is fanatically son of Wesleyan parents, one of whom still 23d verse, on which occasion the chapel under the influence of the confessional .-survives to lament his sudden and unex- was crowded to excess, and very many went When, last year, the Cortes declared by a pected removal from earth. Like the" rest away, unable to gain admittance. great majority as a fundamental law of the of Adam's race be was a subject of original country, that no Spaniard ought to be perdepravity, he possessed a carnal mind which secuted for his religious belief, many wives was once enmity against God ; but that en- gaged in the cause of Christ. Great, also, mothers, daughters, and sisters of the liberal mity was subdued by the power of love and legislators subscribed a petition to the queen. mercy. The eyes of his understanding by the death of one who earnestly longed to reject this principle of religious toleration. Thus the hope of the Romish Church rests especially on the patronage of the court " fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope and high aristocracy, on the ignorance of the set before him " in the Gospel.

masses, and the attachment of Spanish wo-"He fed upon the atoning blood, And was freely saved by grace. men to the imposing ceremonies of the

Church. Feeble as this foundation is, an He was about twenty-three years of age brought to join with him and with all the been fired and, it was aimed for the King of portion of the world.-Every form of religion in and I build up the City of God." (See letter to Buntingville and Palmerston have each its Me intelligent priesthood might be able to build when this blessed change took place. It upon it a strong Catholic party in Spain .- | was a Divine work - he became " a new But the priesthood has degenerated with the creature in Christ Jesus." From the time

people; they, display much intoleance and of his conversion he felt a love for souls .fanaticism, but little activity. Religious At first he assisted in holding prayer-meetings,-afterwards he began to exercise his life is here, as in Italy, in entire stagnation. Spain no longer holds the place among Ca- talents as a local preacher. Believing, how-

tholic nations which it held two hundred ever, that he had a Divine call to the sacred years ago. Neither to Catholic literature, office of the ministry, he obeyed that call, offered himself for the great work with nor to the missionary cause, nor to the promotion of any other general interest of the much fear and trembling, and being ap-Church, does it contribute its due share. proved and received, entered upon the duties It is an object of universal pity to the other of the Christian Ministry in connexion with Catholic countries. Thus have we given the Wesleyan Methodist Church in the

some glimpses at popery on the Spanish pe- year 1843. mitsula. The subject is extensive, but these While he possessed a truly catholic spirit, matters of fact will, at least, indicate the he loved Methodism with an ardent affecpresent status of the question. The great tion. He belonged to Methodism and was and almost unmanageable evil at the found-blessed by it, and Methodism belonged to ation of all the difficulties of reform there him and was blessed by him in return. He as elsewhere in papal Europe, is the inteltook a lively interest in its welfare, and bid lectual degradation of the masses; they are fair to render it important services in years so low, so engrossed in the pogeantry or to come. In the fulfilment of the duties of pastimes of the Church, that far-reaching the sacred office he sought not a name for

rojects of reform cannot be appreciated by himself, he asked not for important position. them. The work of the reformer is almost but wished to be in that place where the as hopeless as the attempt of medical skill to Master appointed. He looked not for the awaken to life and vigor the dead multitudes honours of men, but for "the honour which of a pest-house. The corruption seems fatal cometh from above." His "study" was the national disease mortal. God alone can "to show himself approved unto God," to be "a workman that needeth not to raise up the hosts who lie prostrate in the ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.' great valley of dry bones where popery reigns in Southwestern Europe .- Chr. Adv He laboured to feed the Church of God; he shrunk not from toil nor from difficulty ; & Junr. he sought not his own ease, but worked for

Correspondence. [FOR THE PROVINCIAL WESLEYAN.] Bridgetown Circuit.

We cannot indeed communicate to your nest sympathy. Having made the cause ing has an unpropitious lower, that the day is readers any account of extensive revivals of Christ his own, urged on by an imperawithin the precincts of this Circuit, although but endeavoured, when labouring under things which are coming on the earth. Our we often have evidence that God blesses his indisposition, to minister severe to the own work, and encouragement to look for church by leaving his home and repairing to favorable. In the good providence of God we an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon this a distant part of his Circuit to perform the offices of Christian burial for one who had are permitted to hail the advent of the new born section of the great Methodistic Church ----Several interesting events, however, have died in the Lord after many years of severe occurred, a notice of which you will kindly affliction. His pastoral duties were performed in the being, but protected us from pestilence. preallow in your widely extended periodical. Spirit of his Divine Master, with love and served our country in peace, and bountifully The first event to notice is the late visit of our excellent and highly gifted President, idelity. The members of his flock were no the Rev. Matthew Richey, D. D. On the strangers to the amiability of his disposition in the Eastern hemisphere, the rising sun of the evening of Sabbath Oct. 5th. Bridgetown and the benignity of his smile. They rewas favored with a most interesting discourse. member with gratitude how oft their thresh from the Doctor, on the Constitution of the olds were gladdened by his footsteps, and Caristian Church. The congregation was how their hearts were comforted by his conlarge, and listened with almost breathless solations and advices. In the conducting attention to the flow of eloquence and erudiof the high services of the sanctuary, he tion which characterized that sermon ; which sought not to dazzle men's minds but to save their souls : he preached the truth with was, nevertheless, so simplified, as to be fully understood by the least informed mind all affectionate plainness and godly sincerin the assembly. ity-" not with enticing words of man's wis-On the Monday evening we were again dom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and honored by an address from the Doctor. of power." He watched over souls as one whose abiding condition should be that of fra-The subject was the Constitution of Methothat must give an account, earnestly longdisre, and our altered position in reference to the Parent Body. In this address the hell, and raising them to heaven. speaker showed the moral state of England But he was "not suffered to continue by and of the Christian world, when Methodism reason of death." He has dropped the mantook its rise : that Whitfield and the Wesleys tle; and we cry, "My Father! my Father! appear to have been specially called of and pray that the falling mantle may b God to arouse the British nation; that their caught by many that yet remain. Disease labors were mighty and successful to asto- seized hold of his frame, and rapidly did nishment ; that Methodism has had a leaven- the tabernacle fall. Of him it may be truly ing influence within the pale of the Esta- said, "He died in the harness,"-he "ceased blishment where it has been constantly op- at once to work and live." Many of the element of anxiety is not quite withdrawn, our can offer an adequate defence to his aggression posed, and its existence as a Church ignor-posed, and its existence as a Church ignor-ed; that it has stirred up our dissenting bre-very impressive character. It would seem past, while we trust Him for all that is to come. thren to zetal and good works; that it has as though the blessed Spirit were ripening enriched the world with its literature ; it has him for the heavenly garner and enabling sent its missionaries into every clime; and him unconsciously to finish his work. The now has separate and independent last time he occupied the St. John's pulpit, Churches in different parts of the earth .- | which was on Tuesday evening November He instanced the rise of Methodism in the 18th, he spoke from those important words : "Strive to enter in at the strait gate," &c. tions have retuined, apparently, to the pursuits United States; in Canada; in France; in Australia : and in Eastern British America. The last public service which he performed of pacific existence. We estimate not the saga- shores. From tyrant trod Austria, from the pri-He gave an account of our Funds, Schools, on earth was a funeral one at Pouch Cove, city which prompted, or the wisdom which con- sons of Spain, from the dungeons of Italy and Institutions; and closed by exhorting when he preached from those sublime words our people to adhere to Methodism; and to of the Apostle, "O death, where is thy for a cessation of arms; but casting our eyes England gathers influence and strength from improve their privileges, because of their so- sting? O grave, where is thy victory ?"lemn re-ponsibility to God, and of the fear- If he had known that that was to be his last ful account they will have to give, if they discourse, could he have selected a more close their eyes to the blaze of evangelical suitable portion of Holy writ for the occalight which shines around them in such ma sion? This was on the last Thursday afterjestic effulgence. The visit of the Doctor noon before he died. He returned home will be long remembered, and must do good. the same evening, and never left the house Our Missionary meetings were held in again alive. the month of October. The congregations were good, and an increase in our missionbeloved brother was of such a nature as to it may be; sanguinary it cannot fail to be. ary meome of at least fifty per cent. So prevent him from conversing much in his that Bridgetown is doing its part to raise last days; but He whom he served was our missionary exchequer for the current with him. On the last Sabbath of his life year to the sum of one hundred and fifty when at his own request some of the friends thousand pounds as contemplated by our assembled at his house to pray for him, as friends on the other side of the Atlantic. they were engaged in that holy exercise in The Ladies here have likewise held a Ba- the room below the one in which the dying zaar, under the direction of Mrs. Avery Piper and Mrs. R. Bath, a part of the pro-the season-he felt it good; and though ceeds of which was appropriated to the very low in body heartily responded to the Wesleyan Parsonage, but about £40 re- petitions which were offered up. mained in the hands of the Treasurer, this We thought that he would recover,---w sum the Ladies presented to the trustees of dreamt not of his death; but the decree the Wesleyan Church for the erection of a had gone forth, though we knew it not till steeple; and the amount having been it had executed its commission. Special, augmented by several handsome subsciptions the steeple will be erected in the for his recovery,—professional skill unre-mittingly observed the progress of the dis-pring. united, and persevering prayer was offered Spring. Our Bible Class is now divided and meets every alternate Friday evening at Bridge-town and Granville. We read one or more the spirit in the clav tenement. Such the spirit in the clav tenement. Such the spirit in the clav tenement. Such the clav tenement. Such the clav tenement. Such the clave tenement. Such th was not the will of the Most High: it was cally examine every word, each reading in His will that the "sickness should be unto cally examine every word, each reading in His will that the "sickness should be drived in the sight invigorated—by the ready and repeated the stricken our bleeding death;" and though stricken our bleeding ed application of stimulants. Such a course in-His mind throughout his sickness was evitably leads in nations, as in individuals, to a dence of Napoleon the Third?" been seen, but will be more apparent in fukept in a praying frame. During the night dangerous reverse. The vast and expensive ture years. Death has visited us since the last Confe-ence, taking from us Father Williams as in moniced to be much engaged in silent praver. the removal of many dwellings increases the re

y could not poll more than 15 so soon be caned to succentro to the tests a disease which rendered such impossible. and the function of the tests at the succentric of the test at test at test at the test at test votes. But unfortunately, the conducted liss date of dotation of the second and in that sign she conquered. She shivered and in that sign she conquered. She shivered side "-that is, to give up preaching abroad, pray-classes in Spain form a smaller fraction of the power of side "-that is, to give up preaching abroad, pray-

early hour the same morning, solemn and as are the people of Spain, their life is not ex. Charles proves recreant, and see it disperse when tinct. They will yet rise and avenge their mis. Cromwell comes forth to contend for the Protesappropriate religious services were conducted," after which a long and mournful pro- eries. The throne will crumble and the tiara tant faith and spreads the terror of his name tremble before their might. Treachery is tri- through every court of Europe. Witness the cession accompanied the corpse to the silent grave, where it was deposited " in sure and umphant now, but the Truth will be victoriou eclipse once more under the second James, and certain hope of a resurrection into eternal soon. The leaven of the word of Life has gone behold it disappear again when the Protestant life." On Sunday evening, Dec. 7th, this through the land. The hearts of thousands have | William ascends the throne. The facts prosolemn event was improved by a sermon thrilled responsive to the offers of a free salvation; claim with a trumpet voice that there is a God preached from Hebrews vii, latter part of and when the millions rise they will discard at that ruleth in the earth and show that to her ad-

once an immoral queen and a priesthood drunk berence to the great principles of the Reformawith the blood of the Saints. Mysterious indeed is the Providence that ITALY, all Italy, if we except the peaceful and

has removed one that was so actively enprospering kingdom of Sardinia, is ripe for inis the loss which this Circuit has sustained removeth his servants, but "He remaineth unchangeably the same."

ransomed host in singing "the soug of Naples' heart.

SIR,-In the copy of my last communication

tion I observe a mistake which very materially affects the sense. In the seventh paragraph, "a number of dialogues' ought

tive to the children, and might with advantage be introduced into any Sabbath-school. Yours truly, J. Fredericton, Dec. 23, 1856. J. LATHERN.

Provincial Wesleyan THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 1857.

seven,' is to wish those who during the past

-for the spiritual prosperity of her individual members, and for the salvation of sinners. The poor generally were the ob While we breathe in sincerity this hope, we jects of his commiseration, but the Lord's

of those that remain. It is not necessary to use it it. It is not necessary Dation. On Thursday morning, Nov. 27th, about proaching discord; the springs of social disor-discord; the springs of social disor-dominion, it rose again in its pristine glory and without, any premises that are able to bear its late Rev. Mr. Chusley, inspires us with the conthe hostile attitude of the constitutional and republican parties, and the Church may ex-pect troublesome days, if a new revolution should place the reins of government in the hands of either of these two parties. The great majority of the educated classes of great majority of the educated classes of that sister Mary leaving it at her death to Eliza- maugre men or devile." (vol. 7, p. 428.) ness with which you have supplied the vacance SPAIN lies palpitating at the feet of the Papa- beth weighed down by debt and worn out with This is the strongest language John Wesley ever caused by the painful bereavement referred to cy.-Spain once how splendid now how debas-disaster. Deboid Enzabeth raise it once more in the debeth, and your Lordsnip will find the new, are that is arrived on Salt the more debeth, and your Lordsnip will find the new, are that is arrived on Salt the more debeth, and your Lordsnip will find the new, are that is arrived on Salt the more debeth, and your Lordsnip will find the new, are that is arrived on Salt the more debeth. Spain that spread the terror of her arms to affluence and elevate it to commanding power.

and the glory of her name throughout the world ! "But the cause of Elizabeth was Protestantism, quoted. Writing to his friend Mr. Walker he acceptability to a crowded congregation field: what is ber reward? Degradation and Rome; she gave freedom to the Dutch; she there no alternative allowed, we should judge it of the deceased had been conveyed at an selfish behests. But down trodden and despised cloud that gathers over our Country when the Church than to give up any of these points; Therefore if we cannot stop a separation without stopping Lay Preachers, the case is clear-we

cannot stop at all !" (vol. 13, p. 165.) He was often urged to leave the Church, but his invaririable answer was-" We will not go out. If we Immediate Re-Inforcement of the are thrust out, well." (See letter to Rev. Thos. Adams. Oct. 31, 1755, vol. 13, p. 176. The principle of makingeverything indifferent give place to the necessity of doing good was paramount; and when that necessity was clearly distion, alone can Britain trust for safety at home

the Church, he wrote-" Church or no Church is entirely under the government of its own Europe has occupied so much of our space we must attend to the work of saving souls "- Chiefs, being an independent territory, is the surrection. Its petty states are victims of the that no room is left to note the prospects in the Again he says-" I have no fear about this mationly Mission existing there, no other Society surrection. Its petty states are victums of the other to not the prospects in the residue the prospects in the residue to reach a station within these residues and the residue to reachers' or the people's having as yet formed a station within these in the earth, and his Tuscan neighbor emulates however, enter largely into the speculations of leaving, not the Church, but the word of God, limits. A few years ago, the Wesleyan stations were opened by the Spirit's grace, — he and laboured for its welfare, but He who in the earth, and his Tuscan neighbor emulates modern statesmen. Here is a field where Rus-beheld his danger, he felt his peril, and "doeth all things well hath done it." He his fierce example. The Pope preserves the size and England modern statesmen. Here is a field where Russemblance of his power only by the protection sia and England meet again, and many a bloody in conscience spend my time and strength on am, Wood, Shawbury, Buntingville, and Pal of French and Austrian guns. But nowhere on battle will doubtless yet be fought between the externals; all outward establishments and Babel, merston. Butterworth, for the present, must re-O, that this solemn event may be sancti-the surface of that fair peninsula will the people armies of those nations on Asiatic soil. Ano-so is this establishment. Let it stand for me. I main vacant, as pollifical changes have rendered fied to our souls: and may we at last be much longer submit. The first shot has already ther fact invests with present importance this neither set it up nor pull it down. But let you its re occupation not immediately necessary. the East is striving for supremacy in the Holy his brother Charles, vol. 13. Jackson's life of sionary. But Clarkebury, Morley, Borchan,

upon the ascendancy it may gain at Jerusalem. John Wesley, p. 199. Here then, my Lord, was the sin in John four large Mission villages, the contres of Chris-tianity and civilisation, the advected posts at the AMERICA would prove a prolific theme. Her Here then, my Lord, was the sin in John tianity and civilisation, the adverter wesley's opinion—the leaving, not the Church, Christian invading army, are tunity of saving souls while we live, for fear of

happen after we are dead." (vol. 8, p. 281.) political horizon surcharged with the fury of cession, thus_" If the Wesleyans could be per- measures will be effective. The four vacant religious rivalries, and already flashing with the suaded that the step which they tool, after Mr. posts must be taken up each by a resident Mis blessings, an annual cycle bright with the bene. among the great powers of the Continent number and number and

There is one more principle in John Wee- of mercy" (as the natives call them) for the whole high places who have hitherto too gladly accepted ley's character, to which I call your Lordship's population. But our moral influence is weaken-TURKEY yet lingers ; but lingers in the process succour from a cunning priesthood see now the attention - The love of Christ, and the love of ed by the continued vacancy of any one of these readers any account of extensive revivals of Carist his own, urged on by an impera-as affecting large portions of people residing tive sense of duty, he spared not himself, make men's hearts quake with fear of those of decay. The conquering Ottoman that once dangerous vortex to which the deceiful current man. This was the grand constituent of his stations, and much more so when four out et as carried dismay and desolation over Europe, swept of prelatical machination was calmly and quietly moral character. lay at the basis of all h

flocks, gathered out of the wilderness, to th

care of the church ; but the clergy would no

receive them, and in many instances expelled

them from the Communion. In 1756 he print

ed an affectionate appeal to the Clergy; and

again in 1764, he addressed a number of the

most serious among them. Both of these " ap

peals" I reccommend to your Lordship's mos

Letter from Newfoundland.

THE LATE REV. R. A. CHESLEY.

serious attention.

We remain, Rev. and Dear Sir. With great respect. Yours faithfully ANDREW BLACKWOOD,) Circuit St. John's, N. F., Dec. 15th 1865.8

Religious Intelligence.

South African Missions Necessary.

The Committee of the Weslevan Missionary Society state that the Wesleyan Mission in that covered, John Wesley was not a man to hesitate. portion of Kaffirland which a situated between When his brother Charles expressed a fear for the Kei river and the colony of Natal, and which

Land. It rests its hope of future superiority Charles Wesley, vol 2, p. 83. Watson's life of Wood, and Shawbury are vacant; that is to say four large Mission-villages, the centres of Chris

United States are the wonder of the sage, the but boliness. The reasons why Mr. Wesley Missionaries. The labours, expenditure, trials, Italian nationality. She has sought to sustain and perpetuate the slavery of the Sicilies, and the Christian. The restless spirit of territorial church had no pretence for casting him out. Missionaries. The labours, expenditure, trials, and sufferings of the last twenty-seven years are has striven to repress the freedom of Piedmont. In Tuscany, in Parma, in Modena, in every Italian state, she has laboured to influence and injure by her untiring intrigues. When Italy reclaims her rights, woe to Austria! Already are unquestionably sources of anxiety and alarm. determined to leave all to God, saying, "We ber the interesting journals of Messis, Sdaw. diagrams, or pictorial illustrations, exhibit she feels the hate of Lombardy, and fears the But the pure and persevering Christianity of a are persuaded the body of our hearers will even Shrewsbury, and Shepstone published in the scenes and incidents connected with the pro- enthusiastic wrath of Hungary. The day of her large portion of its people must prove its salva- after our death remain in the Church, unless "Missionary Notices," from 1829 to 1839, and they be thrust out. We believe, notwithstand- who may profitably refresh their recollections by ing, either that they will be throst out, or that a reference to these valuable records of Missionthey will leaven the whole Church. We do, ary enterprise, will revolt at the very mention and will do, all we can to prevent those consequences which are supposed likely to hap-pen after our death. But we cannot with a good conscience neglect the present oppor- waluable Alissionaries, and which has now occur waluable Alissionaries, and which has now occur waluable Alissionaries, and which has now occur a good conscience neglect the present opporconsequences which may possibly or probably Yet these Mission-stations, and the important tribes connected with them, must be abandoned Your Lordship deplores the fact of our se- unless they can be fully occupied. No half Wesley's death was a false step not warranted sionary simultaneously, in order to the mutual by the Scriptures," &c. My Lord it was not a security of all. The safety of our Missionaries by the Scriptures, 'Sc. My Loru is was note a security of all. The safety of our all sconaries of all of the security of all. The safety of our all sconaries are security of all and are security are security of all and are security of all a ciples. The "new wine" burst the bottle into numberless fragments, and as we look at the catastrophe we ask " WHICH IS THE CHURCH." from the commencement of the Mission fixed That part represented by the Pusevites ? most judiciously with a reference to this very Or that by the Sacramentarians? Or that by important consideration. So long as these points to assume a proud and prominent position as the and in other British provinces in America been man Dr. Summer, Arch Bishop of Canter- our influence is predominant, and our stations are abodes of safety for Europeans, and " houses

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Moses and the Lamb! St. John's, N.F., Dec. 15, 1856. Correction. o the Editor of the Provincial Weslevan

gress of the Bible ;- they are very attrac-

The New Year.

The earliest prompting of our heart, as we the first mcrning of ' Eighteen hundred and fiftytwelvemonth, or any portion of it, have been

poor especially were the subjects of his ear- do not design to conceal the fact that the morn-

SWITZERLAND is uneasy, and throughout the Germanic states there are symptoms of upheaval.

AUSTRIA shrinks aghast at the spectre of Italian nationality. She has sought to sustain retribution is drawing nigh. She is surrounded tion. Many a solitary place is made glad-many by perils: and her most imminent danger results a heathen desert rejoices and blossoms as the from her latest folly. Her prince may conclude rose, through the instrumentalities which the a contract with the Holy See to hand over his United States of America send out for the evan-

people, bodies and souls; but they will not set gelization of the earth. Here is its hope. their seals to the bargain. Pressed and trou- British America advances with a rapidity no bled on every hand by political emergencies, where surpassed, and already looms before the Austria must also be lashed with priestly stripes | eye of the wondering spectator in the proport tions of a powerful nation. But she has her and lacerated by religious dissensions.

perils. Here, too, a storm cloud gathers on the PRUSSIA is a problem. The part she has played in the affairs of Europe has engendered contempt and placed her for the while without flames of denominational defiance. A struggle, the circle of the European system. Neverthegrand in its outline, is approaching even here : anticipate the appearance of our broad sheet on less her Protestantism is her safe-guard. Her and on the Protestant churches of our land de-King is the friend of religious liberty ; and perscends the solemn trust of their country's vaded by the religious element as the wars of? vaded by the religious element as the wars of Europe are destined to be, we cannot but desire shalling in one united phalanx their separaour readers and friends, as well as those who to see the intrigues of the Jesuits defeated, the ted hosts, and advancing with unbroken front to now for the first time make our acquaintance, a protestantism of Prussia purified and exalted. meet and toil in the coming conflict the deterthe Church's welfare in all its departments very happy New Year !-- a year bounteous of and herself prepare to vindicate her right to rank mined foe of their freedom and their faith. Too

> faithful ally of Great Britain. Meanwhile her held by priestly hands, and the trembling balance bury? dispute with Switzerland threatens to involve decided just as Kome desired. Protestants in the countries in war.

and success abroad.

position is, however, at the present moment year in circumstances which call for lively gratitude to Him who hath not only continued us in

blessed it with prosperity. We remember how, Turkish Empire. year, whose last day has just expired, shot down its rays upon embattled hosts and lighted up the gory field of carnage; how not the holiday salute, the glad huzza and the buoyant step, but the resounding thunderbolts of actual war, the heavy tread of serried ranks, and the groans of dying thousands ushered in the morn of the now departed year: and how the trepidation of alarm spread through this western world lest the slumbering fires of national animosity, between states ternal amity, might break the slender crust that

restrained them, and desolate, if not consume, the continent on which we dwell. What sagacity was sufficient on the first morning of '56 to some fitting moment to strike a blow, such are solve the inquiry which agitated the minds of the tactics in the game that Russia plays. That millions, whether America would not, long ere France will consent to become the tool or the its close, become the theatre of another war ?- toy of Russia we cannot believe. To maintain Thanks be unto God 1 the fears which concerned her own position and integrity as a nation she us most are now allayed; and though we have to must be the bulwark against the violence of the temper our rejoicing with the thought that every giant of the north. No other Continental power The Continent of Europe, too, presents an enemy of Russia, and as natural y as she is the aspect but little anticipated at that date. The enemy of Russia is she the friend of England. GREAT BRITAIN-may Heaven prosper and

War has closed. Peace, if a hollow truce may usurp the name, has been proclaimed. The carnage has ceased,-for a time : and the nafreedom throughout the globe as Russia is its foe The oppressed of every land seek refuge on her summated, the desire, at the period selected, they come and find a habitation and a home over the map of Europe and listening to the what would prove the speedy destruction of des- your Lordship's attention to two comprehensive sounds which swell across the Atlantic from potic powers. She sits serenely above the waves views of John Wesley's character and works :every country it comprises, we feel that it wants of national commotion, and while the sea of Con-

Europe a speedy and tremendous upheaving of the world. No whisper of meditated insurrection is not to form any new sect, but to reform the FRANCE is a fickle nation, and her lease of

power to Louis Napoleon may have well nigh run out. It would not surprise us to hear at any moment that a ' year of revolutions' on the Continent had been inaugurated by a rising of the French. Present tokens, it is true, point to have anticipated aught except the dreadful and Italy as the quarter whence the first signal for a general outbreak of peoples will come; but ed to bring within its range every power on the

France, solicitous for her ancient sad renown, may yet be foremost in the strife. The Emperor has, we know, by the exercise of an energy almost unequalled, hitherto maintained, and ostensibly confirmed, his seat upon the throne; but that prodigous mind which, through seven years

Whilst we deplore the bigotry and are disgusted machinery of state, has be un to exhibit the ef. ly manifested during the past year, we, on the not of man. The Conference of 1755, was a cial sight invigorated—by the ready and repeat-press,—had be not better pursue his avocation The reasoning of his preachers staggered him. co-operation of all upon whom his influence was these appointments."

in which he died, though unable to con- public works, the grand improvements of stree's Britain, we might say to our cotemporary, when the Church," yet he writes to his friend Mr. Wal-

with his devastating armies the fairest fields of conveying them. They wish to avoid it. A the South and struck terror to the hearts of maniful struggle will secure them a sure release, world of lost sinners. All his measures for the from the slightest touch of the northern aggres sor and shields himself beneath the outspread Mr. Brewster's Letter. wing of the Eagle of France or supplicates the

strength of the British Lion. He is hastening to We find that we are unable to make room for his tomb and all Europe is alive to the momen. the letter addressed to the Lord Bishop of Fretous issues which depend upon the fall of the dericton, by the Rev. John Browster, in its entirety. We give as much of it as we can.

Russia remains the natural enemy to liberty The statement which Mr. Brewster refutes was broughout the world, the grand centre of ag- made by his Lordship in a Charge to his Clergy, abroad in his heart by the Holy Ghost given unit gression, and the soul of aggrandizement. Fools; and was as follows :--- "These who are converto imagine that defeats would chasten or treaties sant with the writings of Mr. Wesley know that, the mind; around which all others moved in harbind her ! At this very moment she is eagerly though not always consistent in practice, he on bent on renewing the strife. War with Persia all occasions earnestly deprecated secession from formally declared ! is the annonncement that the Established Church : and in a sermon preachcomes along the telegraphic wire as we are writ- ed not long before his death, he used this very ing. and who does not perceive the successful strong expression, which, if it were used now, result of one of Russia's moves ? To sever the would be called by some very hard terms : He alliance of France with England, to scatter our said 'If you forsake the Church of England, God error. He would fain have given over his armies by giving them work to do in the distant will forsake you.' " East and if possible in the distant West, to sow

The words are not Mr. Wesley's, but were dissension in our Cabinet, and then to seize originally uttered by Mr. Ingham, a clergyman of the Church of England, and for some time one of Mr. Wesley's coadjutors, and were merely quoted by Mr. Wesley as follows : " Nearly twenty years ago, immediately after their solemr. consultation on the subject (of separation from the Church) a Clergymen who had heard the whole said, with great earnestness-"In the name of God let nothing move to you recede from

this resolution. God is with you of a truth, and so he will be, while you continue in the Church out whenever the Methodists leave the Church, God will leave them !" " Lord, what is man ?" asked Mr. Wesley on the occasion of quoting protect her ! is as conspicuously the guardian of Mr. Ingham. " In a few months after Mr. Ingham himself left the Church, and turned all the embodies. societies under his care into congregations of In-

dependents." (Works, vol. 7, 428. Having made his simple statement of the facts

Mir. Brewster proceeds as follows,-I will call 1st. His great end and aim in all his peaching, not the inspiration of the seer to pronounce that ting utal anarchy foams at her feet she holds her was " to spread Scriptural holiness throughout the peace must be transitory, and to predict for place unmoved; the envy and the admiration of the land." He says (vol. 8, p. 299) " our design romote her comfort.

the nations, followed by a conflict more fearful reaches us from that island home of liberty. No nation, particularly the Church." That the The sickness which removed our dearly- and fruitful than the world has witnessed. Short sign of decay attracts our attention. We hear Church was fallen into a deplorable state in his it indeed most loudly protested that she declines day, a mountain mass of evidence in proof could From that organ, in our own province, of the be piled up before your Lordship. To raise up ter the public service a prayer meeting was held opinions of priests, the statement often and boldly the former desolations,-the desolations of many comes that Britain declines : " The morning generations," was the supreme purpose of his life. of the last new year of the political world" we From this no foes, no injustice, no persecution, quote from the latest issue of the Halifax Catho. could turn him aside. The mobs of ungodly men, often encouraged by wicked Clergymen.

the frowns of mitred brows, and the threats of inevitable consequences of a war which threatenmurder, violence and wrong, did not daunt him. He rent the jaw of every lion which "roared earth. The wise policy of Austria, the prudence against him." The greater source of trouble to of Napoleon the Third, and the conviction his mind, was the separation from the Church throughout Europe of the decline of England's which his labors of faith and love would certainly power calmed the troubled waters, and restored effect. He saw that separation would ultimately tranquillity and peace to Europe." Again: take place ; he frequently spoke of it ; he provided for it; and rested calmly in the conviction

power to do evil therefore circumscribed." The "preachers to speak their minds at large whe- terprises and institutions of the Church in this writer gains his livelihood by the liberty of the ther we ought to separate from the Church."___ Circuit, he gained the esteem, and secured the under the "wise policy of Austria and the pru- For the first time we find his mighty mind shaking under its weight of prejudices. Although protracted period we should be favored with his

There have been periods in the history of he resolved that "it was not expedient to leave wise counsels and able Superintendence-but

actions. It filled him with pity and zeal for a carry on the work in this portion of Kaffraria, Christendom by his advancing shout, now shrinks but the moment is critical and hesitation is ruin. spiritual prosperity of the thousands whom he we must at once fill up the vacancies, rebuild the waste places, and restore the desolation of turned from darkness to light, must be judged of according to this law of christianity -Love. preceding years : by so doing we shall inspire What your lordship and others of your school confidence in our friendly chiefs and well-disdenounce as "irregularity" in Wesley, was but posed natives, and we may reasonably expect the super-abounding and rich effusions of this corresponding spiritual results. spring of everlasting lite. It was not enthusiasm

Influenced by these considerations, the Com--pursuing an end without means. It was not mittee have resolved to send out four additional fanaticism - a religious frenzy, which fights as one Missionaries to reoccurv the four stations to who beats the air It was the gift of God " she which reference has been made, provided their appeal to the public meets with such a response him." It was in him the centre attribute as will instity the additional outlay. They can monious subordination. It was allied with not doubt the willingness of our friends to offer knowledge and wisdom, insomuch that when it sacrificially at this crisis in the history of the led him forth to "the highways and hedges," Kaffrarian Mission, and lock forward with pleacompel the poor to come into the Gospel feast, it sure to being called upon to send out the realso taught him to frame the admirable consti quired reinforcement - Watchman tution of Methodism, in order to preserve the souls redeemed through his labors from sin and

The Bishop-Designate.

Lord Palmerston's appointment of the Rev Robert Bickersteth to the last vacant Bishopric has been favourably regarded, and deserves to be so. The promotion of the Rector of St. Giles's to the See of Ripon is an encouragement to hard-working and undernaid elergymen, and is not the first or second instance of the kind .-Mitres have been too often the reward of politcal services, of classical attainments, of a tutorship or chaplaincy in a noble family, and of still more questionable merits. Whether Lord Palmerston fully feels the solemn responsibility

The President of the Conference has placed which our ecclesiastical constitution forces upon in our hands for publication, the subjoined letter him, is a question that he may leave to be answered by his acts. Even his ppponents, all but the from Newfoundland, deeming this due to the official gentlemen by whom it is signed, and murmuring Puscyites, confess the importance, to the friends in St John's, whose sentiments it to the present and the future of the Church of England, of his lordship's appointments and only qualify their praise by saying that the best of

It will be exceedingly gratifying to the rela tives and friends of Mr. Chesley to learn, that Lord Palmerston is his Bishops. Mr. Bickersteth comes of a good lineage, his name is dear the sympathy expressed for his widow by these to thousands for the sake of his uncle, and he kind friends had not exhausted itself in words, is himself well worthy both of it and, of the but had elicited a noble manifestation of practiposition into which he will carry it. The Evancal benevolence, in raising an amount of several gelical party are of course delighted with this. hundred pounds, to be presented to Mrs. Ches and with almost every other of Lord Palmerley in such form as may seem best calculated to ton's appointments. They say that-

" In the cases of Dr. Villiers and Dr. Baring Mr. Harris arrived at St. John's on the Sunday he selected men of decision and devotedness, norning after his departure from this place, and men who had worked large parishes with admirreached an impressive sermon on the same day, to a congregation numbered by thousands. Afable discretion, who had been accustomed to pre sent the Church of England in an aspect calcul-Some hundreds remained, and five penitent ated to conciliate, the good will of pious Nonconformists, instead of repelling them by unseekers of salvation presented themselves for chaitable harshness and bigotry. In Dr. Tait praver. a thoroughly good man was selected, and al-

REV. AND DEAR SIR,-You have already rethough his name is associated with a different ceived intelligence of the lamented death of the school, with which we have not the same symlate Rev. R. A. Chesley, Superintendent of this pathies, he is know as a man fully impressed Circuit, and we desire, on behalf of the Church with a sense of the solemn responsibilities of his so suddenly and mysteriously bereaved, to conoffice, and earnest in the determination to provey to you our sense of the great loss sustained mote the temporal and spiritual weitare of bis by our cause in this place, as well as our apprediocess. In Mr. Bickersteth we welcome one ciation of the worth and ministerial usefulness of bearing a name which will always be dear to the our late revered pastor. Church of Christ, and of whom we trust that he

Faithful and affectionate in his pulpit miniswill long be spared to fill the high expectation of that if it did take place, it would be of God and trations-kind and sympathising in his pastoral his friends and the public. Nor must we forget that most popular appointment to the Deanery intercourse with the people of his chargeappointed. We repeat that, under God, we cannot be too thankful to Lord Palmerston for Mr. Bickersteth is in the prime of life, so brought to bear ; and we fondly hoped that for a

young that he may live to see a new direction and more vigorous energies imparted to the

to read the box sons. But now people had been regarded these a no longer at and gious books. O them gladly, and copies of the guages, had been country by the a from the depots enter into the gratifying index tion. No fewer Turks, whereas, this agent's exper say, none; and in with difficulty get ble parties . The publicly received the hands of Mr. sador, and thanks such a token o now for the sal nople, at Pera, at the Bille open! of Cunstantinopi lew years ago th for so doing. was like to our paratively, for th colporteurs paac The other day a amined the stall a quarto Turkish tended by her bl & Testament. oppressed, and tual developme their minds had but now a Turk and buy a Test No fewer than to Turks upon t nine days. Er victory-a pher

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