

spondents in Boston and New York, and other parts of the country.

Nor is the electric telegraph the only means of communication with the States; American newspapers and publications find general circulation, and American teachers settle here for the instruction of youth. Among the advertisements is one from a lady, who describes herself as of "Oberlin (Ohio) Institute," and professes to teach the usual accomplishments of her sex. The sides of the cathedral, also a wooden building, are covered with fighting monuments, and although such things are common in England, yet the sight of them here in unusual profusion, naturally makes one reflect how little befitting such emblems as cannon balls and bayonets are to the temple of a religion of peace and love, and in how small a degree mankind have as yet profited by its doctrines.

Walking about, I observed the citizens balloting for the offices of mayor and alderman, which mode they have lately adopted, instead of the old one of open voting. Several whom I inquired of assured me that the change had worked beneficially; that the elections were now conducted with more regularity and order than before; and that the dissensions and heart-burnings in society on account of them were less. A man did not trouble himself so much about which way his neighbour intended to vote. The wish was becoming general to introduce the change into the elections for members of the Legislature.

Halifax wears an air of poverty. The houses are small; very few, indeed, are built of stone, and though wages are high, being, as I was informed, about