#### Correspondence.

# [FOR THE PROVINCIAL WESLETAN.]

BE .- BY THE REV. C. CHURCHILL. lect The Patriarch Job and his Times. must be highly gratifying to the friends of itself. lent organization to witness the stead-

small portion of the audience on a previous ready of old time which was before us. evening, when the subject was of a more exclu-

The lecturer commenced by an allusion to the difficulties which exist in defining the precise time in which the Patriarch Job lived, stating that it had been among commentators a subject of much controversy. Some, indeed, doubted the genuineness of the book of Job, whether it of great price, with whose value, nothing earthly were written by him; and others doubted it such a person ever existed, and whether the book is not an allegory written to exhibit an example of patience and resignation under cucumstances of severe affliction and adversity .-He referred to the uncertainty of traditional evidence in general, and ascribed a preference to written records; and such latter evidence we have of the geruineness and authenticity of the book of Jub

testimony of other sacred writers, as of the prophet Ezekiel in the Old Testament, and of the Head of the Church, in their being so sigapostle James in the New, both of whom refer nally blessed, and so highly honored, by that distinctly to him. It is exceedingly difficult to abundant success with which they have been week. Upwards of forty have joined the ascertain with any certainty from collateral evi- crowned. It is impossible to estimate the influ dence minute particulars concerning either a ence which, immediately and mediately, they writer or his work, in a remote period of anti- have exerted, and must continue to exert, upquity, both being shrouded in mystery. No less on the world's destinies; or how far they have than seven cities claimed the honor of being the birth-place of the poet Homer; and it is not surprising if the authorship of the book of Job has been assigned to Moses or Solomon, or the subject be encompassed with obscurity, as the the o'dest uninspired book which is known to

It the author is not known, one thing is certain,-the writing was known to exist hundreds of years before the birth of Christ.

Two events must have transpired before Job lived between the times of Peleg and Terah, and enjoyed. consequently before the birth of Abraham. (The But considered as a system designed to inlecturer herein produced a strong corroborative evidence of the probable period in which the Patriarch lived, as we find that the periods of human life diminish in regular succession from antediluvian times to the Christian era ) The book of Job bears strong internal marks of having been written at the close of the period just cited:-its style simple and forcible-its land guage unique-sentiments full of majesty-its terest, and more fully claims the support of subjects sublime—its references to surrounding every one whose heart has been influenced by idolatry exactly corresponding to that age-the the everlasting love of the Redeemer, or character of Job's friends - his position as a who is desirous to promote the glory of God prince among his family—the description of sur. in the salvation of souls. rounding tribes, (as the Idumeans who carried off Patriarebs.

As to its manners and customs, -no barbarism possessed the conveniences and even the luxuries of life,-their commerce : evidentlyconversant with commercial transaction, as we find distinct allusion to the scales or balances. They practised the acts of spinning and weaving, and indeed must have been somewhat skilful in these handiworks, as we read of Joseph's coat of many colors, and Rebecca's v.il. Their mode of travelling was similar to that we read of as common comes : will the Master say, well done arrival of the caravans. They were conversant with the use of metals, and with mining operations, as may be inferred from that strikingly beautiful and graphic description in the 28th nursery of the Church. As such it demands chapter; and from the nature of the gifts present- diligent and careful oversight, and all the ed to Job in the return of his prosperity. They pastoral attention which can possibly be bewere conversant with the usual modes of warfare; as there is mention made of the sword, the shield and the buckler, and also the mode of attack and the cross, and the love of Jesus, may rise up defence of towns. They had musical instruments, as we read of the timbrel, the harp, and the organ. They practised hunting and sporting They were versed in many of the fine arts. They understood the science of navigation, and it is thought from a passage of remarkable im- bow of steel," and "speak with the enemy port in the book of Job, that they understood the cardinal points. - There is presented in this wonderful book, a sublime description of the character and attributes of the Divine Creator, and his wisdom and power, as displayed in his works. Job must also the body, and of a future state, as he breaks that my Redeemer liveth," &c. The reverend gentlemen here stated that he had at first intended to let the foregoing suffice, as a general outline of the merits of this inspired book; but he was induced to make a further research for its hidden beauties. To employ his own language " the glittering wealth of the surface invited me to dig deeper to discover still richer treasures, and my success fully repaid the toil of eages which seemed to apply to the varied processes of gold-finding, as now practised in the who take the management, and who spare read three chapters every day, of scientific operation. He found allusions to the habits of a numerous variety of animals, both of

tion in eliciting a rich fund of interest and the snow, or hast thou seen the treasures of hail? Israelitish wanderings, and would prove a In hearing the vivid description of patriarchal memorial of God's dealings with His people, The chair was filled by Dr. Avery, who is a life; the manners, customs, attainments, and civi fast friend of Christian and benevolent institu- lization of that remote age, we were ready to tions. He introduced the lecturer with a tew say (with Solomon; The thing that hath been, prelatory remarks, in which he expressed his it is that which shall be; and that which is done gratification in witnessing so large a proportion is that which sha't be done; and there is no new of the male sex assembled .- (remembering pro- thing under the sun. Is there anything whereof mighty sepulchre, to prove the truth of the bably that the gentlemen formed a comparatively it may be said; see this is new? it hath been al-

Many, we feel convinced, from hearing this nstructive and suggestive lecture, will be induced to search the Word of Truth in an inquiring spirit. While they experience increased delight in the discovery of its intellectual treasures, may the Sun of R ghteousness so shed his

Halifax, December 16th 1856.

#### [FOR THE PROVINCIAL WESLEYAN.] Fredericton Circuit. THE SABBATH SCHOOL.

MR. EDITOR, -Among those instrument alities which are in operation for the evangelization of the world, Sabbath School Institutions hold a distinguished place. In visible manner has the broad seal of approbation been placed upon them by the Great contributed to the honor of the Redeemer,

and to the spread of his Redemption glory. Contemplating the Sabbath School merely designed to develop; and expand the intellectual powers of the youthful mind, it is worthy of the practical attention of all book has evident marks of higher antiquity than who are interested in the welfare of the ris- church. Having obtained access to a Bible. bers have become ornaments to society, Oxford and Cambridge might look up with them nor worship them." His position was ful friend. lived and wrote—the Deluge and the Disper respect,—who, inta Sabbath School first re- more painful as he was one of those boys As to his genealogy, he may be supposed ceived that impulse which has urged them to have lived in patriarchal times; - judging on through an active and honorable career; from his age at the time of his death, and com- and whose brilliant powers and noble capaparing it with the average duration of human city of mind might have remained latent life in different ages of the world, he must have and unknown, but for the advantages there History of the Reformation," he read it

culcate those truths which are able to make wise unto salvation-to instil that knowledge into the mind, which neither time nor circumstances can erase or obliterate-to bring the child under the sanctifying influences of Divine grace, and to prepare its deathless spirit for a glorious immurtality. the Sabbath School assumes a still higher importance - is invested with still greater in-

As a field of usefulness, the Sabbath his cattle )—the religion, science, and manner of School is admirably adapted to bring into was obliged to leave the home of his childlite as portrayed in that interesting book, would exercise, and to afford ample scope for the hood. seem s rongly to identify it with the times of the Church, who may be able to devote their that Mr. Brewster was instructing young portance. To those who refuse to render he at once sought admittance. A Bible but a primitive simplicity,—without servility, yet that assistance, which is plainly their duty. was presented to him, which he prizes cherishing a due respect towards superiors, as in the subject is one demanding solemn and very highly. His account is: "I read the the case of Elihu who waited as it is said " till prayerful consideration. It may be, that in Bible with care, and with earnest prayer. Job and his friends had spoken, because they the School connected with the Church of that the Holy Spirit may teach me and were elder than be,"-their domestic habits; they which you are a member, there is a lack of teachers-instances are not wanting. You have been pressed to join the ranks—the and I wish to consecrate myself to His serhink of classes neglec:ed-yet you make no practical response to a call so loud. Wheren do you exemplify that mind which was in Christ-where is that burning love and selfsacrificing charity, by which you profess to be influenced? When the reckoning day to that period. They travelled in large companies, bast been faithful in a few things? Will as we find in the 6th chapter an allusion to the the Lord hold him guiltless, who refuses to obey the plain command: Go work in my

vineyard? The Sabbath School has been called the stowed. Then those early instructed in the Holy Scriptures, early taught the story of to become ornaments and pillars in the Church. It is here, the ranks of God's Sacramental host receive their finest recruits. Looking along the front ranks of this miliant army-unrolling the list of its titled warriors-numbering those who "bend the in the gate,"—we find a large proportion

tained in after life. cher feel he has need of all his preparation, intimate acquaintance with her, he

tions we have only the skeleton vestiges. He Arrangements have been made for giving spoke to others of her regularity at class. referred to the 35th verse of the 38th chapter, a course of Lectures, during the winter; the her rich experience, and her fervent prayers. to shew, as he considered, a prophetic allusion to the children, and the friends of the counter revolution been successful. Priests and substitute the counter revolution been successful to the children and substitute the counter revolution been successful. Priests and substitute the counter revolution been successful to the children and substitute the counter revolution been successful to the children and substitute the counter the electric telegraph. The passage reads, the School are invited to put down Protection of the Missionsympathy—they are out of the Missionsym Cans't thou send lightnings, that they may go and tures will except the say unto thee, Here we are. He concluded with terest, so as to give instruction to the wise, again forbidden to keep the say unto thee, Here we are. He concluded with yet treated in such a manner as to make a judicious extract from Dr. Reid, on the mental even the less advanced classes feel that they a judicious extract from Dr. Reid, on the mental even the less advanced classes feel that they been in tears, and prayed with them apart constitution and character of the patriarch, as are addressed, and that it is intended they from the school until some have cried for well as the literary characteristics of the book itself.

are andressed, and that it is included an analysis of the book should understand. A number of dialogues, mercy. On returning from these labours mencing on the first, and closing on the last, dying fellowsinners and dying friends to published by the British and Foreign B.ble she has retired to her room, and on her day of the year 1857, will contain one numitself.

The idea of a prophetic reference to the electric telegraph is certainly ingenious, and it is interest manifested in its tric telegraph is certainly ingenious, and it is of illustration, and will aid in giving a more souls committed to her care. Several of The Committee so far prophetic so far as this, that the Almighty utters intelligent and impressive knowledge, of the those young persons are now consistent dical meetings. 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For instance in verse 16 be friends of the reverend gentleman composed standing of man. For instance in verse 16 pires of the world were made—the windom increased suffering to relinquish her delightthe audience, who, knowing his success in ad"Hast thou entered into the spring of the sea?" of God in causing so many "stone books" to ful work; and even then she urged her dressing large assemblies in Canada and the or hast thou walked in the search of the depth? or hast thou walked in the search of the depth? be written—their importance in confirming scholars, in writing, to give their hearts to neighboring Province, went with the full expective the breadth of the historical and prophetical parts of the God. For nine months her sufferings were tation of being both pleased and profited; and the earth? declare if thou knowest it all." verse Bible—the strong probability that those of the most painful nature; but her patience their anticipations, we hesitate not to say, were 19. "Where is the way where light dwelleth; and mystic inscriptions in the wilderness of was very remarkable. Never has she been fully realized. The lecture certainly exhibited as for darkness where is the place thereof?" verse Sinai, written with an iron pen, and engraven heard to murmur, but has often repeated deep research, with a facility of mental percep-

> and to confound the scoffer. The Rev. Mr. Brewster is appointed give the next Lecture, on the " Manuscript Ages," and which will, I have no doubt, prove interesting and instructive. But though the Sabbath School is doing

during their long sojou n in that desert land

-the wonderful manner in which the evi-

dences of Christianity are accumulating dur-

ing this age of progress and scientific disco-

veries-the massive and magnificent ruins

of long-lost cities untombed from their

spirit-inspired volume, to confute the sceptic.

a noble work, and though every effort is made to give it greater efficiency, yet it is evident, that at present, with respect to the young men-for it does not apply to the emale part-the number in Church-communion does not bear nearly an equal proportion to the number trained in the school.-This may partly be accounted for by the many removals to other places; and the seducing and depraving influences, to which in this city they are exposed, when about the age at which they generally leave the school. This subject has lately occupied the serious attentions and prayerful deliberation of the Pastor and leading members of the church. As best adapted to supply the desideratum, a "Young Men's Bible Ciass" has been organized: to its interests. Mr. Brewster will devote one evening each class, and, already it gives promise of successful results.

One case is of more than ordinary interest. A young man educated in the Roman Catholic Faith, has come to reck instruction. He was from early life serious, conscientious, and careful to attend religious duties. strict in the observance of sacraments, penances, and other foolish and wicked mummeries which disgrace the worship of a corrupt ing generation, or who claim any share of his mind was disturbed, by learning the abpatriotic or philanthropic feeling. Num- solute manner in which Idolatry is forbid den, so that when making the required adomany have become eminent in different de- rations to the pictures, crosses, lighted canpartments of worldly distinction,—and some dies, etc., the command was uppermost in have reached an elevation to which sons of his mind: "Thou shalt not bow down to to "know the certainty of the things wherein he had been instructed," and having obtained that excellent book "D'Aubigne's contents with eagerness and avidity. His parents were disturbed, and took the book

to the Priest to have his opinion respecting With that Carholicity which is charac teristic of what has been called the "Holy Catholic Church," influenced by the same spirit which has so often led that Church to seal up the fount of useful knowledge, to cripple the noblest energies of the unfolding mind, to inscribe upon her "high places," on her temples, on her altars, on her varied institutions, "Ignorance is the mother of devotion"-he consigned the volume to the flames, and advised the parents to send away their son from under the paternal roof, lest he should bring them into disgrace, by his heretical opinions. This unnatural advice was attended to, and the young man

After coming to this city, being informed time and talents to a work of so vast immen in B.blical and Theological knowledge, guide me into all truth. I love Jesus, he has given me strength to confess his name,

I might add, in conclusion, that a Bible class for Young Ladies has been formed, is num-rously attended, and is likely to produce good results.

My earnest prayer for these, and all other instrumentalities which may be employed, is, that they may be crowned with abundant success, and that as a church we may be favored with "showers of blessings," while to the Head of the church we would as cribe the praise. "Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, and blessed be His glorious name for ever; and let the whole earth be filled with His glory, Amen and Amen." JOHN LATHERN.

Fredericton, Dec. 4th, 1856.

#### FOR THE PROVINCIAL WESLEYAR. Memoir of Elizabeth Jane Ball.

OF NORTHAMPION, ENGLAND.

"She hath given up the ghost: her sun is gone down hise it was yet day."—Jer av 9.

Miss Ball, the subject of the following brief memoir, was born in the month of were from the Sabbath School, and whose May, 1828. She was favoured with an minds there received an impress, ever re- early training which led her regularly to attend the house of God, and at the age of In connection with the Wesleyan Church seventeen she became deeply convinced of n Fredericton, we have a decidedly superior sin and her need of pardon. This she earhave had a distinct idea of the resurrection of School; probably unsurpassed in the British nestly sought with prayers and tears, until Provinces. The number of scholars is up- she "rejoiced in a sin-pardoning God," and forth in that beautiful exclamation. "I know wards of three hundred. Many of the immediately became a member of the Wesclasses are, at present, composed of intelli- leyan Society. She soon exhibited proofs gent youth, and possessing such an amount of her conversion by a consistent and useful f Biblical knowledge as to make the Tea. career; and during the writer's long and information, and tact, to clear up the knotty many examples of piety worthy of notice. points, and puzzling questions which may Her disposition was that of practical symon proposed for consideration and discussion pathy for every sufferer, and genuine affecduring the course of the lesson. Altogether tion for all she knew. Often has she sought the condition of the School is such as to in- the habitations of the poor and the chamspire the most hopeful feelings with respect bers of the sick, to administer relief and investigation." He referred his hearers to past to the future Methodism of this city, -is comfort. She had a great love for secret such as to reflect the highest credit on those prayer and Bible reading, and regularly gold diggings, first the nuggets, then the sifting neither labor nor expense to make it effect her knees. She once kept a diary, in which the sand in search for the precious dust, and tive. Those, who, with untiring zeal, are she recorded her religious experience; but lastly the separating the ore from the quartz by toiling on, week after week, in this work of her humility led her to burn it, because, as faith and labor of love, have abundant proof, she said, "It was not good enough." Many that their efforts are not in vain in the have been struck by her tenderness of conthe earth and the sea, which would imply a forth weeping, bearing precious seed," what-Lord; nor need they fear as they still "go science, and benefitted by her heavenly conknowledge of natural history, and in the description of behemoth, he believed was intended the mammeth or mastedon, of whose colossal proper- bringing their sheaves with them."

ever may be their transient discouragements, printed when expended in useless finery. Her leader—the Rev. Mr. Taylor—often

## "Should pining sickness waste away My life in premature decay, My Father, still I'l series 10 sey,

During her affliction she was seldom able to speak, or be spoken to; but as her end drew near, a change enabled her to converse rather freely, and she often spoke of her love to the Saviour, and her desire to be gratify us but benefit yourselves. with him. She desired us to pray for her removal; but afterwards, fearing this to be sinful, she prayed for patience to suffer all the Divine will, and said, with much feeling, "He is too good to be unkind." She was sometimes furiously assaulted by Satan. but a few hours before she died she seemed in ecstasies, praising the Lord. "Oh!" she said, "help me to praise Him-I will shout his praise when I get home;" and then shouled as loud as possible, "Hallelujah! Her friends were weeping around her bed while with her remaining strength she sang with much fervour:

"Here we suffer grief and pain; Here we m et to part sgain; In Herewe me part no more. (), that will be jos ful, Joyful, joyful, joyful; When we meet to part no more

Her desire for death seemed to increase and the frequently asked, " Is this death?-Shall I be long? I do want to go. What is it keeps me back? Oh! that I could go just now!" Again she prayed, "Come, Lord Jesus, come quickly!" "Now, now Lord lettest thou thy servant depart in pence, for mine eyes have seen thy salvarion." "I am going," she said; "the gates are opening! Lord Jesus, receive my spi-And soon after her eager soul escaped to the realms of bliss, and her emaciated body fell quietly without a groan or strugg'e into the arms of death, September 11th, 855, aged 27 years.

Thus passed away this bright Christian orb;—after blessing all around by her beams her sun went down while it was yet day, -but it was a glorious sunset. And though church, in gloom and sadness, yet we rejoice that she is now shining in the kingdom of her Father. The Church paid an unusual tribute to her memory; and in three of our chapels funeral sermons were preachedone from our appropriate motto, by her faith-

## Provincial Wesleyan

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1856.

### Important Notice.

TO AGENTS AND SUBSCRIBERS OF THE PRO VINCIAL WESLEYAN.

Feeling it to be extremely desirable to se cure the very best means of avoiding mistakes in receiving the sub-criptions of our friends for the Provincial Weslevan, it is the intention of the Book Steward of the E. B. A. Conference, to prepare as early as possible in the new year, a Provincial Weslevan Receipt Book : a copy of which will be placed in the bands of each authorised Agent whether lay or ministerial.

The design of this is, that no money should be taken without giving the printed receipt; like an ordinary Bankers Cheque Book, it will be prepared so, that while giving to each subscriber a proper receiptstating the date and number paying from and the date and number paying to-there will be a duplicate left in the hand of the Agent to be kept as a permanent future record, both being carefully numbered and filled up at the time of giving the receipt.

If such a system is established and perse vered in, no error can occur but may be very soon satisfactorily adjusted and we may avoid mistakes which are as unpleasant to a good accountant as they are to the parties themselves.

Meantime we beg our subscribers and our Agents to bestir themselves in our behalf: the first half year of this volume is nearly expired, and although our terms require payment in advance, there are many many hundreds who have not paid anything.

At the present time we are in want of im-

mediate assistance. Our Agents are requested to use all their nfluence to send us 500 new paying subscribers on or by the First of January, 1857. Wesleyan Conference Office,

### Notice to Advertisers.

9th Dec., 1856.

The PROVINCIAL WESLEYAN offers the following advantages as an advertising me-

1st. It circulates weekly between 2500 and 3000 copies through every part of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward sland, Cape Breton, Newfoundland, and Bermuda. 2nd. Instead of being destroyed, like

other ordinary news-papers,—as a religious periodical it enters the family circle, and, after being carefully perused, may be supposed to be generally preserved. 3rd. The space available for advertise

ments is much smaller than in other papers. and in consequence of this each advertisement is more conspicuous and less liable to No advertisement inconsistent with

the character of the paper, as a religious and family newspaper, can be possibly re-

For terms of advertising see foot of last column on fourth page.

#### Close of the Volume.

Another number will complete the cur-Nine of this paper; a volume which, com- the sight of eternity, always inviting his makes an appeal for five hundred new Sunday afternoon. A Widow's retreat and life, as it flourishes among the two evangelical subscribers; in our estimation a very mo- second Sabbath-school is spoken of. In its fulfilment that each Circuit in the Connexion should send us seven of the number.

consequence of Mr. Chesley's attention to all these matters, and his interest in the interest in the large matters, and his interest in the large matter derate request, for it only requires to realize consequence of Mr. Chesley's attention to Is there one Circuit which will fail to con- we imitate his example in all that was good tribute this quota? Is there one Circuit and press on to the Heavenly Canaan. which need fail to contribute this quota ?-Five hundred new subscribers, at the very at 12 o'clock? We have sent word to Rev least. we want. We place before the patrons Addy, and Shenstone. The Lord Bishop of Wesleyan literature the exigencies of of Newfoundland called repeatedly to see this establishment as moderately and mo- Mrs. Chesley during Mr. C.'s illness. In destly as possible when we say, we want addition to a good fever-nurse we obtained five hundred new subscribers: make the permission from the Government to get one number a thousand, and you will not only

Of the past character and conduct of the Provincial Wesleyan we say not a word. It is not to be expected that we should so far deviate from editorial precedent as to depreciate our own labours, and we certainly have not the disposition to magnify their importance or efficiency. We are thankful to those who amid our toils of office have solared us with the assurance of their satisfaction, and we are not angry with such as have at times visited us with their displeasure or denunciation for refusing insertion to communications which, in our deliberate judgment, were neither demanded nor desirable. To discharge the duties of greatest ecclesiastical movement since the founeditorial life fortiter in re, sed suaviter in mode, is our ambition; and in the retrospect of a brief career we are comforted by the belief, that while we have compromised no principle we have not gratuitously given

As to the future, we have not much to promise or predict. For ourselves, we shall Piedmont. Every true Protestant cherishes the strive to improve ;-it shall be our constant name of these heroic sufferers for evangelical aim and endeavor to make each consecutivenumber of this periodical worthy of a welcome to the homes of our people. The practicability of material improvement is a question for the people themselves to solve: if they rally resolutely to our support the sixteenth century, is not yet wholly cleared up; thing is done. Five hundred new subshe has left her friends, the school, and scribers we want; make a thousand if by Prof. Herzog, of Erlangen, "The Romanie

#### The late Rev. R. A. Cheslev. LETTER FROM NEWFOUNDLAND.

etters, though, in consequence of the late hour at which they were received, to the exclusion, we regret to say, of the concluding portion of the Charge promised this

My DEAR SIR. - I have to request the earliest insertion in a prominent part of your columns, of the following communication from the HONORABLE J. J. ROGERSON, on the mournfully interesting subject of the last liness and death of the estimable CHESLEY. Amid the deep sorrows and sympathies which this loudly monitory event has awakened in the hearts of thousands,-thanks be unto God, the sepulchre which has closed over the hallowed dust of our deceased BROTHER, is moistened with no tears of hopeless anguish. A voice from Heaven that Heaven, into which, I feel assured there has been administered to his exulting spirit, an entrance abundantly - proclaims. Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours, and their works do follow them.

In these heavenly views and consolations we find the only adequate resource, under a were fitten parishes, each baving one minuter. clad an excellent wife in the high noon of with the ministers, form a synod which regular spring into existence - Advocate & Journal. life, in the sable drapery of widowhood, left ly convenes every fifth year, with occasionally atherless, and deprived an infant Conference of the effective influence which our dear departed friend was so competent and placed a supreme consistory, which they call willing to wield in promotion alike of the La Table, consisting of three clergymen and two Esq., delivered his second very interesting Lecmutual and spiritual interests of our Church. laymen. But, the unsearchable judgments, the paternal love, and unimpeachable rectitude of progress. Their Synod of 1855 was attended An animated conversation followed on the Lec-Him in whose bands our breath is, and by thirty-six members, and the official report, ture itself, and also on the present condition of whose are all our ways, command our ador-

ing silence and unmurmuring acquiescence. It is also a source of refreshing alleviation under this affliction, to reflect on the sympathizing offices by which the LORD BISHOP of NEWFOUNDLAND personally conweeping widow. I shall embrace the ear- ple their doctrines are spreading, and a number give it up if more zeal did not appear. Mr. liest opportunity to convey to his Lordship of rural congregations have been formed. The flowe said he would feet use more on the same my deep sense of his kindness and in the proceedings of the Synod of 1855 mention in ground. However, we are good he is to occupy my deep sense of his kindness, and in the proceedings of the Synod of 1855 mention in ground. However, we ar meantime I feel constrained to give it public utterance. Nor am I insensible to the promptitude with which the Government directed one of the best fever nurses from the public hospital, to attend our beloved Brother in his illness.

Yours affectionately. MATTHEW RICHEY.

To the Rev. Dr. Richey, President of Conference, &c.

REV. AND DEAR SIR .- It devolves on me to communicate to you the distressing and heart-rending bereavement that has befallen us in the unexpected death of our with the cause of Evangelical Protestantism.dearly beloved Pastor, the Rev. R A. Ches- Yet all of them were sincere advocates of religiley. He took the typhus fever of a very malignant kind seven days ago, but from the siastical despotism of the popes. This liberty of medical men's report we were buoyed up conscience proved again sufficient, as three hunwith the belief that he was doing well, and dred years ago, to call forth a spuntaneous Proonly last night Dr. Carson to'd me he was progressing favourably. We had the services notified to meet the above medical men this morning, when to our utter amezement our dear friend breathed his last this morning about rix o'clock, just as if he was in a Evangelical" Church would have fewer prejusweet sleep. For the past three or four dices and difficulties to overcome than the Waldays he spoke but little, -occasionally about denser, whose name the Roman priesthood had

master. Great interest has been taken in the sermen, for whom there is service on the historian an abundance of items of religious cause, his hands were always full. May

for admission into his Church, 80 whom were received. The Italian evangelical congregation of Turin counted last year 300 communicants, H's remains will be interred on Saturday of course all of them converted Romanists. The number who, without being members of the Messrs. Sprague, Phinney, Nightingale, Church, attend it regularly, is still greater. Seven colporteurs are supported by this poor congregation, who work particularly in the enof the best fever-nurses from the hospital. Yours, very truly,

JAS. J. ROGERSON.

### Religious Intelligence.

#### Religion Abroad.

ntism in Italy-Retrospective View is History-The Waldenses-Their Constitution by of his character. De Sanctis has every tion and present State-The Revolution of his conversion displayed great zeal for the C. 450 1848 and the Italian Evangelival Church— Sardinia, the Asylum of Italian Protestantism

When the great reformation of the sixteenth century arose, and swept like a tornado over all Europe shaking the papal empire to its very oundation, the Italians did not remain indifferent. Many of them joined with enthusiasm this dation of the Christian Church, and many flour-

ishing Protestant congregations sprang up. It needed all the terrors of the Inquisition to quench the new spirit. In Italy, however the cruelties of Rome proved successful, and towards the end of the sixteent's century Italian Protestantism was extinct.

One branch only survived, the Waldenses, it

Christianity. They existed long before German Protestantism was born, and as they out-lived all other anti-papal movements in the Catholic Church of the middle ages, they maintained themselves when Protestantism was crushed out in the rest of Italy. Their history before the many works (e. g., the best work on their history and a German traveler, who took great pains to Waldenses," Halle, 1853) deny that they were province, expressed it as his firm belief, that in at that time. Protestants in the modern sense of ten years half of Savoy would be evangelized the word. But, at all events, they were faithful Sardinia has already the beginning of professant and steadfast opposers of Romanism, which, ever I tarature. The Waldenses have a paper under since 1184, when they were excommunicated by the title Buona Novella, (Good News,) and the Pope Lucius III., persecuted them most orn- It-lian Evangelical Church started in 1854 and-[In compliance with the President's desire elly. In 1532, on the Synod of Agrogna, they ther, Luce Econquica, (Evargelical Latt) declared themselves openly as Protestants. The which is edited by a Nespolnan physician, Vinpapal governments under which they had the cent Albarella. A third periodical in Italian. misfortune to live, did not weary in efforts to Famiglia Evangelica, bas been lately con menegain them over to the Church of Rome. But ed in Switzerland, which, no doubt, will protheir fidelity to the principles of Protestantism, mote the good cause also in Italy. that is, to the principles of the Gospel was uncon- From the other parts of Italy to news reaches querable. Their persecutions occasioned, several us respecting Protestantian, careging one of times, a large emigration, and in the Kingdom of new persecutiors. Most of our readers are ta-Wirtemberg some emigrated colonies of Wal- mi iar with the tate of the evergelical sufferers, denses have maintained themselves up to the Madiai and Cochetti, of Tuecany. The number present day. But the stock of the people re- of " confessors" in this prist ridden land bas since mained in its old home, the three recluse valleys. been increased. A shocmaker has been dragg-Luserna, Perosa, and San Martino, about six ed before the court and accured with the crime (geographical) miles from Turin. Formerly of having gone over to Protestantism, but, owing bese valleys were exclusively inhabited by to the brilliant defence of an eminent lawyon, Waldenses; at present, however, some two thou- has been acquitted, to the great borror of the and Roman Catholics have settled in their priests. Notwithstanding all precautionary uesmidst. Since the time of Cromwell they have sures of the government, 3,600 Bib.cs were received pecuniary aid from the English govern- spread in Tuscany during the year 1854, and ment. Napoleon favored them, but after the 4,000 in Rome. In Florence, in Piste ja, and restoration of 1815, they were thrown back un- other cities, numerously attended meetings have der their former oppressions. Finally, on Feb | been held for reading the Bible; on the streets

sketch of their emancipation. group of lovely and interesting children an extraordinary session. Every parish has a consistory, composed of the clergymen, one elder, and one deacon, the latter of whom, has the care of the poor. Over these local consistories is

Since 1848 the Waldenses have made great published in Turin, (" Precis Historique du | the Institute, in which the general apathy among Synode de l'Eglise Evangelique Vaudoise,") Mechanics on the subject, formed the subject of shows the Church to be in a very flourishing animadversion by Mr. Howe and others. He condition. They have extended themselves far recommended a spirited effort in its behalf, in beyond their three valleys, having now congre- order to raily around it the class for whose pegations in Turin, Genoa, Nizza, Chambery, buliar, though not exclusive benefit it was at first Novars, and, in general, in all the large towns founded. Mr. Mack. said that though so long a ributed to mitigate the sorrows of the now of the kingdom. Even among the country peo member and President of the Institute, he would teresting items of Church extension. In Pigne- the stand on Wednesday evening next. Cerrol their congregationt has commenced withou tainly any one of whatever rank or calling might foreign aid, to build a new church. In Turin bave spent a profitable bour at the Hall, during the liberal loan of a benefactor has enabled the the lecture of one so able and so willing to incongregation to build a new house on the donor's struct and to please as Mr. Mackinlay .- Jour. grounds. In Genoa the site for a new church | We perceive by the Colonist of Saturday's has already been purchased, and a building has date that the City Council met on Thursday last, been commenced; and in Nizza preparations The Committee appointed to confer with the have been made for laying the foundations of a Directors of the Water Company relative to a Chapel. The present number of the Waldenses purchase of the works, as contemplated by Als estimated at about 30,000.

The political movements of 1847 and 1848 had, in Italy, as in other countries of Europe, more a political than religious character. The leaders of the revolution had no great sympathy siastical despotism of the popes. This liberty of new Protestants did not think it expedient to Dr. Aindry also, and two others were join the Waldenses; partly because they disagreed with some of their tenets, and partly because they were of opinion that a new "Italian his dear wife and children; the rest of the slandered for centuries, especially among the time he was in a stupor, but unconscious of lower classes of the people. We have indications passing around him. We held tions enough that the efforts of the "Italian no doubt that this great branch of Provincial in-

special prayer-meetings for him on Sunday, Evangelical" Church would have been crowned Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday even- with extraordinary success, had not the Italian that Mr. C. has been with us much good Bible, to attend Protestant worship and to denia alone granted to the religions fugit ves irem all

denominations of Italy. In Turin one ministry

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virons of Turin. The pastor of the Church is well known in our country, the learned and pious De Sanctis, formerly one of the parish priests at Rome, and, later, for a long time an inhabitant of the durgeons of the Inquisition -The priests who are so desirous of aspersing the character of any man who leaves their ranks. have been unable to bring forward any charge against De Sanctis except his he sies which fact alone leaves no doubt of the puriety and integriof Protestantism. He wrote a work on auricular confession, which soon went through 14 editions. In 1855 he pubsished in Turin the Principles of Faith and Discipline" (Principii di fide e di Disciplina") of his denomination, a confession of faith, which is distinguished for its Biblical language, discarding all learned technicalities, and avoiding all polemics on points which are controversial among evangel cal Protestants. Nizza expects to have seen two Protestant Churches, the English residents intending to build the one, and the Waldenses the other, for a congregation of mostly foreign Protestants, who, although formerly belonging to various denominations- Lutherans, German Reformed Presbyterians, and the United Evange. heal Church of Germany-united themselves in 848 into one congregation, and joined the burch of the Waldenses, from whom they reeccived two clergy.nen. They hope to have peedily not only a Church, but also a school and a cemetery in the very center of the city .-Even in Savoy, the most ultramoniane of a l Sardinian provinces, projestantism is gaining ground. It is reported that in S Gervais, 60 persons joined last year the Protestant Church. collect reliable information in all parts of the

ruary 17th, 1848, they obtained, by a decree of and roads propagandism is made for Protestant-Sardinia, religious liberty, and equal civil and ism, and the Evangelical Society recorded last political rights with the Catholic population .- year among the gifts which it had received Our late letters in this paper from Italy, give a france from the hidden congregations of Tuscany.

Thus the seed of a religious reformation o Their constitution resembles much that of the Italy is secretly growing. Let a new political Reformed Church of France. In 1843 there revolution sweep away the present system of despotism, and popery will be astonished to see. stroke of bereavement so unlooked for, and The pasters with two laymen from every con- almost within sight of St. Peter's, scores, and so desolating, - a bereavement which has gregation, who, however, cast only an equal vote perhaps hundreds of Protestant congregations

### General Intelligence.

Domestic.

On Wednesday evening, Andrew MacKinlay, ture, on the subject of Heat, illustrated by a variety of pleasing and convincing experiments.

derman Donohoe's resolution of a previous day, reported. The Committee from the Water Company consisted of John Duffus, Wm. S. Moore, T. C. Kinnear, and Wm. Murdoch, Esqrs. They expressed the willingness of the Directors to recommend the Shareholders to dispose of their stock as follows :- To take six per cent. on ori: inal shares, at £10; the Company deducting a.l. amounts received by them on account of such stock. The paid up stock amounts to £48 000. The present works of the Company and about £6,000 worth of moveable property represent the stock.

The Committee of the City Council recommended the terms offered by the "Directors to the adoption of the Council. The Report we are informed, was unanimously adopted .- Sun.

THE FISHERIES - Those of the Fall at least -have this year proved unsuccessful. Much distress on the shores of Province is anticipated.