

CORRESPONDENTS.

Sundry epistles and essays written for the Christian Banner will find a place in our next. "Quartus" of Picton, Nova Scotia, will be heard; also W. Bartlet and G. L. S.—both of whom descend on the natural sons of Abraham and their earthly destiny—shall have a hearing. Without knowing each other, and without knowing each other's purpose of writing, they have written as opposite to one another as though they been engaged in controversy. Both will have the privilege of speaking for themselves, after which our friendly correspondents will probably agree with us that questions of prophecy are more intricate and less practical than those properly included in sacred history.

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BIBLE UNION RECEIPTS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS.

A comparison of the four years of the Union's history exhibits the increase of its receipts and subscriptions.

Cash receipts the first year.....	\$5,595 50
" " second year.....	10,433 98
" " third year.....	16,527 73
" " fourth year.....	23,392 67
Unpaid Instalments subscribed first year.....	\$7,705 42
" " second year.....	29,520 85
" " third year.....	61,746 00
" " fourth year.....	100,536 00

POLITENESS WITHOUT SOUL.—Dr. Chalmers says:—"There is a set of people whom I cannot bear.—the pinks of fashionable propriety—whose every word is precise, and whose every movement is unexceptionable; but who, though well versed in all the categories of polite behaviour, have not a particle of soul or cordiality about them. We allow that their manners may be abundantly correct. There may be elegance in every gesture and gracefulness in every position, not a smile out of place and not a step that would not bear the measurement of the severest scrutiny. This is all very fine; but what I want is the heart and gaiety of social intercourse, the frankness that spreads ease and animation—the eye that speaks affability to all, that chases timidity from every bosom and tells every man in the company to be confident and happy."

THE THREE LETTERS.—Our letters on Protracted Meetings and the Modern Altar—the first written in November, the second in December, and the third in February—are now neatly put up by themselves, stitched and ready for distribution. We have various calls for them;—hence those who desire a few for particular friends, will require to send their orders betimes. We ask only sufficient to cover the expense of paper and presswork—two pence or three and a half cents per copy.