Lieut-Col Wolff; as follows:
5. That the Church of England in this Province labours under a heavy grievance in being debarred from the right of issuing Mar-Licenses by its own Bishops to its own Drummondville-Hon. Wm. Sheppard, W. M. people, while the privilege is enjoyed in full toy the corresponding Authorities of the Church of Frampton, East—Alexander Henderson.

That the Laws respecting Marriage in this Province are perniciously loose and imperfect, That these evilscry aloud for immediate relief and remedy.

Rev. Mr. Haensel rose to ask for information of facts warranting the use of the words "per-niciously loose and imperfect," in the second clause of the resolution.

name of the resolution. Bev. Mr. King adduced an instance, which Mr. Scott in reply, said was an abuse of the law, and not a proof of its being "loose and imperfect"

Mr. Sheriff Ogden also objected to the words to which the Rev. Mr. Haensel had taken exception.

Bev. Dr. Mackie proposed, and Capt. Cox

seconded the proposition, that the first clause of the resolution be put by itself.

This chause having been put by the Bishop.

Rev. A. W. Mountain objected to the word

debarred" in the first clause, as a concession not called for. The Bishop explained that, in fact, if not legally, he was "debarred" from issulug

Rev. Dr. Mackie showed that the want of the power to administer onths does practically debar the Bishop from issuing such licenses.

Rev. L. Doolittle opposed the notion that the Bishop is legally "debarred" from licens-

ing.
Rev. Dr. Mackie alluded to the fact, that the Australian Bishops issue marriage licenses. The Bishop explained that the cases are not

parallol. Hon. Mr. Walker showed that the fact, that the proceeds of the sale of Marriage licenses have been by law appropriated in, in a sense a hindrance, if not a debarring of the Bishop from

issuing them.

Rev. J. Carry objected to the appearance of the mitre on the licenses as at present issued.

Rev. Mr. Nicolls proposed, in amendment, that the word "practically" be inserted before the word "debarred;" and this amendment, seconded by Mr. Soutt, was passed as the first

clause of the resolution. The bishop then made some statement con-firmatory of the assertion of the second clause. Rev. Mr. Haensel proposed, that, in amend-ment, the words "That great reason exists for assuming" be placed as the commencement of

no second clause. Rev. Dr. Mackle proposed, in amendment, "That there are evils resulting from the laws respecting marriage in this Province which ory aloud for immediate relief and remedy;" to take the place of the second and third clauses

Rev. J. H. Nicolle, M. A., Principol of Bishop's College, and Bishop's Chaplain.

Rev. E. C. Parkin, Valentier.

of this resolution.

This amendment was seconded by Rev. Mr. Doolittle, and, with the clause already passed, was carried as the fifth resolution.

"Roy, Dr. Mackle moved, and Mr. H. Roy-

nolds seconded, the next resolution-which was 6,-That a potition embodying the complaints set forth in the above resolutions, and praying for rollef, be presented to the Provincial Legis-

lature at its next session t and Inture at its next session t and
That the Diocessa Assemblies in the dioceses
of Montreal and Toronto be requested to con-

cur'n this petition also.

It was then moved by the Hon. W. Sheppard, seconded by Rev. Official Mackle, D. D., and

That the Lord Bishop and Secretaries of this meeting be a committee, with power to said to their numbers, to draft the petitions to the Im-perial and Provincial Legislatures in conformity with the foregoing resolutions; and that the Lord Bishop be hereby authorized to sign and transmit the same on bolish of this meeting.

Mr. Scott moved, and it was seconded by Roy, Dr. Adamson, and passed:
That the Committee appointed to consider the

objections against those persons attending as delegates whose election has been questioned, Rev. Dr. Mackie moved, seconded by Rev.

That the Lord Bishop be requested to leave

Wood: which having been passed and complied with, the same gentlemen moved and seconded, That the cardial thanks of this assembly be given to the bishop for his able and dignified act while presiding on this occasion conduct white presiding on this constion.

This resolution was passed by acclimation

and the Rishop, after a few remarks, dismissed the Assembly with a benediction. G. J. QUEBEC.

JOHN BUTLER, M. A. Clerical Secretary J. ARMSTRONG.

Lay Secretary.

The following are the Resolutions as finally .: agreed to: 1 .- That a petition be presented to Her Ma-

r jesty, the Queen, and the two Houses of Parlisament, praying for the passage of such a mea-sure as shall remove all doubts: as to the legality: of holding of Diocesan and Provincial Synoda, in the Colonies of the British Empire, and shall leave to the respective synods to adop such Rules and Cauons, as they may think pro per, provided that the same be not repugnant to the laws of the Colonial Logislatures, or the Articles and Liturgy of the United Church of England and Ireland. 2:-That a petition be presented to the Pro-

vincial Legislatu;e, praying for the passage of a bill to give legal effect to the action of such Synod, so far as the Members of the Church o England in this Province are concerned: and That the Diocesan Assemblies in the Diocese of Montreal and Toronto be requested to concur in this petition.

3.-That the secularization of the Clergy Reserves would be an act of gross injustice. 4.-That whereas the present common school law confers exclusive privileges upon one religious body, it is but just that all should be

placed upon an equal footing:

That such alterations therefore are needed in the existing law as will both enable the Church of England, or any other religious body, acting singly or unitedly, to form schools where it i desired, similar to those which are now recognized as "dissentient," and also exempt Pro

testants from the payment of taxes for education where they do not in any measure benefit 6 .- That the Church of England in this Pro-

That there are evils resulting from the laws respecting marriage in this Province, which call along the immediate relief and remedy. That a petition embodying the complaints set forth in the above resolutions, and praying relief, he presented to the Provincial Legisla-

ture at its next session; and That the Diocesan Assemblies in the Dioceses of Montreal and Toronto be requested to con-

cur in this petition. this meeting be a committee, with power to add the heir numbers, to draft the petitions to the imperial and Provincial Legislatures in con-formity, with the foregoing resolutions; and that the Lord Bishop be hereby authorized to sign and transmit the same on behalf of this meeting.

meeting.

Jak That the committee appointed to consider the objections against those persons attending us lay delegates whose election has been questioned, be now discharged.

be given to the Bishop for his able and dignified Resolution the fifth on the printed list, was conduct while presiding on this occasion.

Tiert Col Walffer as follows: ECCLEMANTICAL ASSEMBLY, Quebec, Jan. 12, 1851. Bourg Louis-John Henderson.

Frampton, West-Wm. Armstrong. Ireland and Inverness-Robert Bennett, Thos Wood, Joseph Rockingham.

Kingsey-Capt. Cox. Leeds and Lamby Mills-John Ewart, John Church. Lennoxville-H. Reynolds.

Portneuf-P. Watson, F. Mondon. Pointe Levi-G. Chapman. ew Liverpool-E. P. Mackie. Quebec Cathedral-II. S. Scott, Hon. William

Quebec Trinity Chapel-C. Wurtele, A. C. Bu-Quebec St. Peter's-II. N. Jones, Rice Mere

Quebec St. Paul's-M. Corner, E. Taylor. Quebec St. Matthew's—A. Hich, J. Munn. Riviere du Loup, en haut—James Armstrong. St. Sylvester—J. Mitchell, Thos. Walker. St. George-George Pozer.

Rt. Margaret's-Hugh Russell. Three Rivers-1. G. Ogden, R. A. Seymour. Valcartier-Lieut. Col. Wolff, H. Ireland. lake Beauport-John Taylor. Thirty-eix in all, and twenty others elected

but not present.

The Congregations of Sherbrooke, Gaspo Basin, and Sandy Beach, which were not represented by lay delegates, have held local meetings, and signified their unanimous concurrence in the spirit of the first resolution.

LIST OF CLERGY PRESENT AT THE ECCLESIASTICAL Held at the National School House, Quebec,

Thursday, Junuary 12th.
Rev. W. A. Adamson, D. C. L., Quebec. Rev. A. A. Allen, Berthier, and Riviere du Loup en haut. Rev. A. Balfour, Kingsey and Durham.

Rev. W. Binet, Bourg Louis. Rev. R. S. Birtch, Frampton West. Hev. John Butler, M. A., Lennoxville Gramma-Rev. R. A. Carden, Assistant Curate, Quebec.

Rov. John Carry, Leeds. Rev. Thomas Chapman, Dudswell. Rev. L. Doolittle, M. A., Lennoxville. Rev. D. Falloon, D. D., Melbourne. Rev. C. F. Haensel, Assistant Minister, Trinity Chapel, Quebec, Rev. John Komp, Bury.

Rev. W. King, St. Sylvester. Rev. Geo. Mackie, D. D., Bishop's Official, and Bishop's Chaplain. Rev. A. W Mountain, B. A., Curate, Quebec,

Hev. T. Pennefather, B. A., Curate, Lennoxville. Roy. R. G. Plees, St. Peter's Chapel, Quebec. Rev. Henry Roe, Upper Ireland and Inverness, Roy Geo. M. Ross, Rector of Drummondville. Roy Geo. M. Ross.

Rev. E. Sewell, Trinity Chapel, Quebec. Rev. C. H. Stewart, B. A., Curate, Sherbrooke. Rev. J. Torrance, Point Lavi and Now Liverpool. Rov. S. S. Wood, M. A., Rector of Three Ri-

vers, and Bishop's Chaplain. CHURCH MEETING .- A numerous and highly respectable meeting of the l'ewholders in Christ Church, and other members of the Church of in Fredericton, was held on Tuesday evening, the 2nd instant, to take into considera tion a proposition made by His Lordship the Bishop to make over to the Corporation of Christ Church St. Ann's Chapel, in lieu of the land on which the old Parish Church now stands. We are indebted to a gentleman who was present for a well written sketch of what took phose, but as we are informed all difficulties heretofore existing about the Cathedral are now overcome, it would be superfluous to allule to this necting further than to say that it was characterized by

a spirit of christian forbearance honorable to all

The eloquent and nearly prophetic words of His Lordship the lisher, used with reference to the difficulties that arose soon after the foundathe difficulties that are tion stone of the Cathedral was laid, have had their fulfilment almost literally. Although it may be that "little will future generations how these atones were taid in sorrow and nently, as we believe, alienating the affections of a single individual from himself, or from the church of which he —- Nead Quarters. of which he is the head in this Province.

UNITED STATES. An appeal has been issued by the United States Board of Missions, having lishop Wain-right's signature. It is the more fereible, fel-lowing the foundation of the Californian, Oregon

and Washington Hishoprics. TO CORRESPONDENTS: The notice of the late Rev. Stephen Patterson,

M. in our next. TO SUBSCRIBERS.

Several enquiries having been made by Subwithers as to their accounts, for previous vols of The Church and Canadian Churchman, the present Publisher begs to state that he has not the Books of Account, connected with the Paper-previous to his becoming the Publisher. All amounts, due up to 31st of July last, when Vol. it was completed, are payable to the forme Publisher, Mr. Plees; and as he is now residing it Kingston, H. Rowsell has no means of reply ng to enquiries respecting subscriptions fo ormer volumes.

LETTERS RECEIVED TO FEB. 1. J. S., Ashton, ren.; A. B., St. Catharinos, rom., in full vols. 17 & 18; W. C., Cobourg. add, sub.: Rev. T. S. K., Bytown, add, sub. Rev. T. B. F., Thorold (2), add, sub, and rem. Roy, F. D. F., Huntingford, rem., in full vol. 13 (see notice to subscribers in this days paper); Rev. H. H., Tyrsconnel (see notice respecting list of clergy in No. 25 of The Church); F. R., Abbotsford, rem, for volume 17 for Rev. T. J. and J. M. S. (see notice to subscribers in this day's paper): I. I., Penetanguishine, rem. in full for vol. 17, and to No.26, vol. 18 (see notice marriage licenses by its own bishops to its people, while the privilege is enjoyed in full by the corresponding authorities of the Church of Romet 107 a.s.

The Church.

TOROXTO, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1851. GORE AND WELLINGTON BRANCH ASSO CIATION, C. S. D. T. MANAGING CONMITTER, 29th November, 1858. The following arrangement for holding the Parochial meetings was agreed to :-Tuesday, 7th February ELORA, 11 A.M.

Wednesday, 8th "Gurn, 7 P.M. Thursday, 9thPARIS. 11 P.M. BRANTFORD, 7 P.M Friday, 10th Mr. Plrisist, 11 Av Urrkk('Aviga, 7rx Wednesday, 9th March...... HAMILTON, 7 P.M. J. GAMBLE GEDDES.

The second secon

chial Meeting of this District Brunch of the Church Society will be held as follows, viz:--Conoung, GENERAL ANNUAL

espectfully requested to co-operate in attending ing a Popish vote." beso meetings. By order of the Committee. J. Witson,

Grafton, Dec. 20, 1853.

SIMCOE RURAL DEANERY PAROCHIAL BRANCH ASSOCIATION. Trin. Ch. Tocumseth, Thursday, Feb.2, 24P. M. St. John's Ch. Mono, Wednesday, '' 8, 3 P. M. St. Luke's Ch. Muhaur, Thursday, '' 9, 11 A.M.] (Signed) T. S. Osles.

(Signed) DIOCESE OF TORONTO-EASTERN DISTRICT. Kemptville February 2, 61 P.M Merrickville Bellamy's Mills..... The 6th will be Sunday. Brockville. Mr. Tremayne. Proveott.....

This will be the General Annual Meeting. ADDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS FOR PARO-CHIAL MEETINGS IN THE HOME DIS-Monday 6th Feb. 7 P.M. York Mills,

Christ Church, Scarboro' do Whitby, Thursday 9th lly authority, 3 P.M. J. G. D. McKenzie,

THE MAGARA DISTRICT BRANCH OF THE DIOCESAN CHURCH SOCIETY.

The members of this Association are hereby notified that the annual meeting will be held (D. V.) in St. George's Church, St. Catherines, on Thursday the 9th day of March, at 6 o'clock P. M. The Managing Committee will meet at the same place at 12 o'clock M. By resolution-, adopted by the managing committee on the 29th of December last, the reports of the parochial associations were required to be sent to the searcintions were required to be sent to the Secretary one week before the day of the named meeting; and monies raised by the parachial associations were required to be paid into the Trensurer's hands by 2 o'clock of the day of the annual meeting; and all received after that hour were to be excluded from the annual report of the district association for the current year.

T. B. PULLER. Sec. N. D. B. D. Ch. S. Thorold, Jan. 30, 1864.

Kingston, Jan. 26, 1864.
Dear Sir-You will ablige me by inserting in the Church the following appointments for parochial meetings in the Midland and Victoria District branches of the Church Society.

Yours faithfully

W. M. HERCHMES (By order of Committee)

Secretary. Tuesday, Jan. 31 Sydenham, at 61 P.M. Sydenham, ... Wolfo Island 6 Wednerday, Feb. Thursday, 9 Kingston, Clarke's Mills, 11 A.M. Friday, Napanee. 11 Amberst Islandi I A.M. Saturday, Buth. 64 P.M. 12 Bath. Sunday, 18 Fredericksburg11 A.M. Adolphustown, 64 P.M. Mohnwk Ch. 44 A.M. Tuesday Shannonville, 64 P.M.
15 Portsmouth, 64 P.M.
16 Barricfield, 64 P.M. Wednesday The Secretary of the Parent Society will, D. V., attend most of these meetings, commencing with Kingston.

FRENCH ROMAN CATHOLIC VOTES. There appears to exist a great deal of apprehension in the minds of certain persons on the subject of receiving Roman watered with tears," yet the day has, we trust, come when this hardship will be able to look on the fruits of his energy and indomitable perseverance in peace, and enjoy the satisfaction of having accomplished his work, without permandation of having accomplished his work, without permandation of a few we doubt not; but we are also confident that in the great majority who profess it, it is a mere affectation. No one who peruses our columns can accuse us of sympathy with Romish errors. We protest, have always protested, and, with God's help, will protest to the very last moments of our lives, against the corrunt developments of superstitious ages which have incrusted the once levely form of the Roman branch of Christ's visible church, and which unhappily were bound to her for ever, so far as human decrees can bind, by the Tridentine Council. But, whilst cherishing these sentiments strongly, we feel that they are not compromised in the slightest degree by receiving French simile is contained the correct view of the case. Our house is on fire, and we cerargument that we should repel the aid of our neighbours in extinguishing the flames. because our religious views do not coincide with theirs,-our neighbours at the same time knowing full well, that their own

our confingration not be quenched. Our object in touching upon this subject to endeavour to dispel the groundless fears of some of our friends whose conservatism is beyond a doubt. Of course, we do not labour under the delusion that anything we can say will relieve the minds of the George Brown school of "Protestants" from their affected terrors that we are " rushing into Popery;" that, because the peculiar circumstances of the country are likely to place us side by side with the French party against a common foe, we must necessarily adopt all their doctrinal views. It would be just as logieally correct for one of the levelling journals of Canada East, of the Avenir stamp, to assert that the Roman Catholics were sacrificing the principles of their religion in standing with the Church of England against the torrent of socialism and infidelity which threatens both. A day or two since, we observed in the Globe a call to "reformers" to pledge their represennatives at the next election, not merely to secularize the Reserves, but likewise every arpent of Church land in Lower i Canada which Parliament can reach." And yet the Editor has the unblushing audacity to charge the Church with yielding up the principles of her faith if she join with the French in resisting the general wholesale robbery he advocates.

So long as the union of the two Provinces continues there will always be a

NEWCASTLE DISTRICT BRANCH OF THE great body of French members in the bea nation of skeptics, there ought not to be CHURCH SOCIETY.

House of Assembly, without whose votes

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dying out of old parishes, and less frequent Now, supposing that this party thought announcement of new onesstarted. The demand caurch Society win be need as follows, viz:—
Granton, Tuesday Feb. 7 " 11 A.M. proper to commit the suicidal act of supGranton, Tuesday " 7 " 64 P.M. porting Mr. Brown in his Church-robbing not so."
Percy, Wednesday " 8 " 2 P.M. schemes against us, we should like to be segment. Thursday " 9 " 11 A.M. know if his lately assumed ultra Protestant. Rice Lake, Friday " 19 " 3 P.M. is would cause him to show our with the Cur proper to commit the suicidal act of sup- as well as the supply should fail. But this is ism would cause him to shout out with the aid; I won't pollute my cause by accept-The Clergy of the neighbouring Districts are

We trow not. We are under the imdenounce the Orangemen,-whom he is with his own views, but has actually taken. Author of Salvation, through an Apostolic sucnow inbouring to seduce from their noble principles, and make his tools, -as "a theological character of many others. baneful faction, whose malignity was a curse to the country." Really the tender A PRAYER FOR DARKNESS, INTELLECsolicitude evinced of late by Mr. Brown for our spiritual welfare and that of the Orange body, seems intensely ludicrous to any one slightly acquainted with his ante- tion:cedents.

common foe, we should not hesitate a again be revised amongst us." noment in declaring—" Perish the Reserves, rather than it should be so." And in the Diocese, there is not a single clergy-

declaration. But there is no doctrinal matter involved in the question; and, therefore, we call upon all true and faithful members of our pure and reformed Church, and upon the pious and thoughtful members of the various denominations who would prefer secing truth and virtue, religion and piety, purishing in the land, rather than vice and ufidelity, to turn a deaf ear to the treachof selfish politicians, who would fain use heir sham protestantism as a ladder by

hich to climb into the offices which they nost carnestly covet and desire. We yould, furthermore, exhort all the friends of religion, honesty, and public faith, not to be guilty of the sin of voting for any one, how specious soever his promises and professions may be, until certain that he is

So far as we can judge, the destiny of nisery depends upon the manner in which darkness, and of the shadow of death,the glad tidings of salvation; to administer consolation to the dring, and to soothe the bereaved mourners with the blessed hones

revealed in God's Holy Word. Truly, in considering this matter an overwhelming sense of the terrible responsibility incurred by those who would nlunder God's Church, rushes in upon our thoughts like a flood.

MR. ROAF.

The Rev. Mr. Roaf has thought proper to come out in the columns of the Globe as a political agitator, against the division of the Clergy Reserves. We are not at all surprised that the political and pastoral leaders of the fractional denominations resound with that voice? Does not the whole drould oppose division. For example, it rapacity of Italy gape with insatiable greediness would not benefit Mr. Lesslie of the Eximiner much to receive a portion accordng to the numbers of his " Church." which only amounts in force to 19. As isual with our opponents, Mr. Roaf has nade assertions which it would be extremely difficult for him to prove. For ustance, he asserts that there is more to be dreaded from an "excessive multiplication and rivalry" of ministers, as the result of voluntaryism in the adjoining republic, than from a scarcity; while in fact every denomination is in a state of alarm and anxiety with respect to the deficiency of candidates for the ministry. The article from the Church Journal we assistance in defence of our Clergy Re- inserted a week or two since fully proves serve fund. In Mr. Rural Dean Palmer's this with respect to the Church, and we now subjoin an extract from a powerful editorial in a late number of the New tainly cannot perceive any force in the York Times, showing that a like fearful state of things prevails amongst the Presbyterians. The real cause of the alarming evil, and which the editor of the Times cannot discover, is, that young men of talent, unless possessed of extraordinary house is placed in extreme jeopardy should Christian zeal, will not devote themselves to a profession which exposes them to all the "miseries and meannesses" attendant

as a general thing upon the voluntary principle. "The statistics of that branch of the Church the condition of the churches generally. In that connection there are 1,620 churches, while there are only 1,571 regularly ordained minissupplies. To these last two items add the 130 ditional men—so that there is a demand a the present day, within this one branch of the Protestant church, for the services of from 1,000 to 1,500 men. If the same proportion is true of the Church Universal, it will be apparent that here is an extrordinary demand, for which at present there is no supply. How can this be ounted for :

"Some will say that this is but an index of a the masses, that the times outgrow the religion of our fathers; that this age takes hold on a has heretofore been esteemed orthodoxy, essentially insidel. All which we believe to be erroneous; unsupported by facts, and controverted by all statistics. It is indeed true, that in some increase of population; but for the most part quainfied with, and a participator in, the strugistic otherwise. Now churches are being organizels of a new settlement. After a elergyman itself throughout the newly settled States, and I was stationed here in the year 1842, the seriold churches in the older settlements are geneold churches in the older settlements are generally well sustained. If we were growing to ter the neighbouring village of Vienna caught

DR. HOOK'S CHURCH DICTIONARY.

Our worthy brother of the "Courch Journal," is under the impression of the sound-hearted Vicar of Leeds has been plagiarizing to a great extent at the expense of the Rev. Mr. Staunton. In our edition of this valuable Dictionary, the Dr. pression that he would place his exclusive distinctly mentions that he has taken seve-Protestantism on the same shelf it used to ral articles from Mr. S'aunton's excellent occupy in the olden times when his paper work, and we are of opinion that the was the ministerial organ, and he was omission of giving due credit to Mr. S. in wont, semi-weekly, to manifest in glowing the last edition, must have been unintencolours the blessings of French union, with- tional. We regret to be under the necesout which, as he declared, "the Reformers sity of cautioning our readers against the of Upper Canada would be placed in a American edition of the Dictionary. It minority;"-the same shelf it occupied, appears that the editor has not only omitwhen he was accustomed ferociously to ted several articles which did not square

TUAL AID SPIRITUAL.

"Owl-like, unable to bear its intense light Did we consider that a single jot or tittle blockheads of the XIX, century have called the of the principles of our Holy religion was age of St. Dominick, of St. Louis of France, of endangered by accepting the votes of the Pope Innocent III., of Phillip Augustus, French party against the machinations of to God that its errors, and its ignorance, could dark age, an age of error and ignorance; would

Though considerably startled to hear, for the first time, of the intense light of a pewe are confident, that, from our Venerable riod (including the 12th century), of which Bishop down to the humblest missionary historians are accustomed to speak in this train-A faint gleam of lights breaks upon man who would not unite in the same Europe"-we freely grant the author of the above curiosity that there was much in the "dark ages" which was not dark: much not merely above reproach but worthy of imitation. Gladly, for example, would we recal the munificence and zeal which built our cathedrals; provided, of Reduction of Postage Charge on Newspapers and course, the fervor and generosity of heart were in no wise tainted with that fiction of Purgatory which evoked so much of the Church-building energy of the time of rous blandishments and hollow duplicities which the True Witness so strangely speaks. A prayer for the return of the medieval error and ignorance! That is a strange prayer indeed! Is the True Witness so really irreconcileably hostile to the principles of the Reformation, as to wish, that not only what he conceives to be its schisms and its heresies, should be done away, but that all it has achieved or led to in human progress should be stricken, as it ound on the question of Church property. were, out of the history of mankind? This is prejudice sweeping and bitter indeed! immortal souls for everlasting happiness or A prayer for the return of an age, which, of course, in assertion of Papal infallibility, this question is settled. If the fund is would have wrung the sad recantation from ocularized, many of the humbler parishes, Galileo, had he only lived early enough to when the present incumbents are laid in fix on the men of that age, and to save the silent grave, will be left destitute of the their posterity, the sin and the shame! A means of grace,-places of drought, and prayer for the return of an age when holy orders were conferred on infants; when no duly authorized minister to proclaim a child five years old might hold the Archbishopric of Rheims! A prayer for the the Holy Sacraments; to offer heavenly return of an age over whose deep and deadly corruptions no godly men, even of the Church of Rome, were wont to mourn! Hear the strong testimony on this head rendered by the "Last of the Fathers," as Bernard has been called. That autho. rity even the True Witness will respect. Let him learn from it one, at least, of the features of that age, for the resuscitation of which he has breathed his earnest " would to God ":---

"lask," (in the language of the pious and for its spoils? The unsavoury contagion creeps through the whole Church, and the wider it spreads the more hopeless is the remedy; the more deeply it penetrates, the more fatal is the disease. They are ministers of Christ, and they are servants of Antichrist. They walk abroad honored by the blessings of the Lord, and they return the Lord no honor; thence is this meritricions splendor everywhere visible: the scutiments of actors; the parade of kings; thence the gold on their reins, their salldies, and their spurs; for their spurs shine brighter than their altars; thence their tables splendid with dishes and cups; thence the harp, the lyre, and the pipe; larders stored with provisions, and cellars overflowing with wines. For such rowards as these men wish to become, and do become rectors of churches, deans, archdeacons, bishops, archbishops, for these dignities are not bestowed on merit, but on things which walk in darkness.

Surely the True Witness is not so cruel as in good earnest to wish us all fairly plunged again into the comparatively Dead Sea of those dreary times.

"A Parishioner" (Port Burwell), in noticing an error in the Calendar List of the Clergy, which has been corrected in the amended, and, we hope, accurate list in the Ecclesiastical Gazette, sends us the following parochial statistics, which possess considerable interest: "In the year 1833 the frame of a Church

was raised at Port Burwell, on a site which the

hand that now records the fact cleared fron which is in connection with the Presbyterian its then pristine forest. It was so far advanced (N. S.) Assembly, pretty accurately represent that on the 19th day of May, 1835, the venerable and aged Bishop of the Diocese, then Archdeacon of York, performed Divine service there-in — the first time I believe the truly sublime ters. Of these 506 are pastors, and 632 stated and Scriptural services of the church were ever fully performed in the Township of Bayham licentiates, and we have 1,168, leaving 458 des-titute churches. Then, to carry out the inten-tions of this organization on the missionary field, there are needed 500, some say 1,000 ad-stands upon a plat of five acres of land in Port Burwell, granted by one who now sleeps with his fathers, and who was himself a pilgrim in the wilderness of Upper Canada, during nearly forty years of toil and labour; and who in the year 1840, deeded it to the Lord Bishop of Toronto and his Episcopal successors forever. upon trust, together with six hundred acres of land as a glebe endowment, being lot No. 19 in the 1st concession, and lots Nes, 16 and 23 in change in public sentiment; that the doctrines the 4th concession of the Township of Bayham, taught in the churches are losing their hold on each 200 acres, and also a village lot of onefourth of an acre, on which the same two individuals built a good and comfortable country new revelation, and is, with respect to what pursonage, rendered doubly so, because it was Need I here mention the name of the inte Col. Mabion Burwell, of Port Talbot, than whom no man will be more kindly remembered in days yet to come by the old inhabitants of portions of our country the numbers registered; the Talbot settlement and all their thoughful in the church rolls do not keep pace with the descendants; a man of toll and labour, acnerease of population; but for the most part quainted with, and a participator in, the strug-

the feeling, and, inspired by example, thought rightly on the subject of building a church in the sidage three miles distant, and with the enterprise becoming them, set about erecting a church there, and with praiseworthy exertion succeeded in building a neat little church, which - now really quite too small for the now increasing congregation, and it is in contemplation cularge it. This has been done by the narties to be benefitted thereby, while the church vard at Port Burwell, granted by one individual now no more on earth, affords the only receptacle of the dead of both churchmen and strangers. The endowment of which I speak will, in time, support a clergyman, and relieve the Venerable Society for Propagating the Gospel in Foreign Parts from that burthen, and which enlowment, it is hoped, while the cross of Saint George waves in the breeze, is placed beyond the reach of socialist, in idel and Atheistic Legislation. In the mean time. I firmly believe the parishion ers will cheerfully unite their aid in supporting a clergyman so favourably regarded and well received among them, through whom, a just recognition of a duly authorised and qualified ministry will be duly appreciated. To plant the standard of the Cross and Banner of Redemption amongst a people heretofore unacquainted with the transmissable commission given by the most unjustifiable liberties in altering the cession, of authority to minister in holy things. requires time, calm reflection, and sound information, to receive with a ready and willing mind the sacred truths thus brought to their understanding.

A late number of the True Wilness truly thankful for the privileges they now enjoy, contains the following curious caspira- and I have no doubt will profit by the instruction of one so well qualified to clerically admin-ister comfort and wholesome counsel and advice, and will feel it their privilege to make this sion agreeable to their Pastor and profitable to their spiritual welfare.

Port Burwell, 21st January 1854.

REDUCTION OF NEWSPAPER POSTAGE. We beg to call the attention of our friends to the following extracts from a Post Office Circular, published in the Col-

onist: "There is a gross absurdity in exempting self-styled "Temperance and Literary Papers' from all charge. As the Colonist remarks, i will act as a premium to many acts of imposi

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT, Quebec, 1st Jan. 1854.

Periodical Publications. icing on and from the 1st February. 1854, Newspaper and Periodical Publications will be subject ty the following Regulations and Charges when transmitted through the Post in

1. The Postago charge on Canadian News papers will be --When published 6 times a week, Ss. Od. Pannun

3 · · · 4s. 0d. twice · · 2s. 8d. 1s. 4d. once and these rates are to be paid Quarterly in ad-15. As these Regulations take effect on the

1st February next, Postmasters will, on that day call upon the subscribers to Newspapers and Periodicals delivered through their respective Offices to pay the postage thereon in accordance with the foregoing rates in advance, for the two months ending 31st of March next, viz:

For a daily Paper - - - - 1s. 4d.

For a tri-weekly Paper - - 0s. 8d., &c.,

and on the 1st of April for a full Quarter, and thereafter in like manner for a full Quarter or 1st day of each Post Office Quarterly period.

16. When a Newspaper, &c., commences to arrive, for a Subscriber, in the course of a Quarter, the Postage is to be paid in advance to the end of the Quarter in proportion to the time to clapse; thus, a daily Paper received for one month only will be liable to a charge of 8d. Postage.

20 Periodical Publications, exclusively devoted to the promotion of Science, Education, Temperance, or of Agricultural instruction, are to pass through the Post Office entirely free of Postage charge.

MALCOLM CAMEBON.

The following is from the Christian Guardian. Will such of our brethren as generous application of the subscriptions be are ready to call us "semi-Papists" for holding that inevitable corollary to the Divine origin of Episcopal authority—the of the Oval Tudor pattern, and a chased Salver, Apostolical Succession-oblige us by in-purchased in accordance with the resolution of forming us in which of the two cases below the title "Bishop" is properly applied?

Methodist Episcopal, and the other of the Pro-testant Episcopal, Church, sailed from New York for California on board the George Law. On the 29th they were within a day's sail of Aspinwall both in good health, after a pleasant voyage. They both conducted religious board, the Sunday which they had passed on the ocean."

The English papers announce the two following appointments:

The Rev. T. Hartopp Cradock to be the new Principal of Brazennose College,

Oxford. The Rev. A. McCaul. D.D., to fill the chair of Ecclesiastical History at King College, lately held by the Rev. F. Maurice.

Our "true vokesellow" in Christ, the English Churchman, comes to us this week in the new dress of a fresh fount of all my other associated friends, my heartfelt thanks for this undeserved but distinguished this, though his excellent principles need bonor. not exterior adornment to recommend

The thanks of the Publisher of the Canadian Ecclesiastical Gazette are due to the Hamilton Gazette, the Echo, and

Although the last occurrence of this kind took place in 1842, cleven years ago -vet the coincidence does ofton occur in briefer intervals, and must happen four times in twenty-eight years. Christmas day was on Sunday in 1831. 1836. 1842, and in this year. It will happen on a Sanday in 1859, 1862, 1870, 1881, 1887, 1892. and 1898. The intervals between the years following the order of numbers 5, 6, 11, 6. If it happen in leap-year, or the year succeeding cap-year, the interval will be six years; if on the year preceding leap-year, the interval will he five years: but if, as in 1842, it happens two years before leap-year, the interval will be eleven years, as it is now. The curious calendar lore will at once see that it will happen in every ordinary year, when the Sunday letter is B. or shen, in a leap-year, the Sunday letters are Of necessity, the first Sunday in Advent is then on November 27.

SELECTING DISASTERS IN 1858. - The New ! York Times contains a statement of the wrecks of 1853, which has been a year of unusual of gool—speedy and permanent good—to the calamity at sea. The total number of disasters rising generation of scholars at the King's records is 110, resulting in the death of 1924. School. The prize which you enable me to of 1853, which has been a year of unusual calamity at sea. The total number of disasters the ship Annie Jone, on the 29th September-200 lives lost; the ship Lady Erdyn, on the 20th July-264 lives lost; the steamship Sci-Francisco, on the 24th December-150 lives ist: the screw-steamship Marchall, on the 28th November-150 lives lost; the clipper ship here below Surfanishire, on the 29th December-140 lives I do include the hope, as I cannot but

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Previously announced in the Caurea news-

Emily, per Rev E Harding 0 10 0 St. Mary Magdalen's Lloyd-Westminster, 1 10 14 -per Rev. St. George

Moore's Station 0 11 3 St. George's Church, St. Catharines, 5 6 5

-per Rev. A. F. Atkinson, Christ's Church, Hamilton, per Churchwarden, 58 collections amounting to£160 5 11 WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND (Additional) Previously announced, £418 18 3 St. Thomas, £4 12 10 Westminster,..... 1 8 10 -per Rev. St. George

292 collections, amounting to £424 19 11 THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS FUND, (Additional.) Caulfield,

Caulfield,

164 collections, amounting to£224 7 11 THOMAS SMITH KENNEDY, Sec. C. S., D. T.

Correspondence.

To the Editors of the Church.

REV. AND DEAR SIRS,—
Enclosed I send you an account of the presentation of a testimonial to the Rev. John
Parsons, of Sherborne, for insertion in the Church, and should feel obliged by your returning the document to me as soon as you have

finished with it. 1 am, Rev. Sirs, your ob'nt servt., Toronto street, Toronto, Jan. 21st, 1854.

TESTIMONIAL TO THE REV. JOHN PARSONS, OF SHERBORNS, PORSETSHIRE.

"Several parishioners and other friends of the Rev. John Parsons, M.A., feeling that the occasion of his completing 50 years' ministration

accusion of his completing 30 years' ministration as Curate and Vicar of Sherborne, afforded a fitting opportunity for offering some lasting memorial of their esteem and regard, as well as their sense of his faithful discharge of his many public duties, met on the 27th of August, 1853, and resolved that a subscription should be companed for company and proposed for company and the first factories. menced for carrying such an object into effect, and that no subscription should exceed £5 5s.

"Circulars were accordingly issued, and within the space of a few weeks upwards of £372 was raised by 220 subscriptions.

A meeting of the subscribers was held on the 11th October, when it was announced that Mr. Parsons had been consulted as to the appropriation of the fund, and that he had gene wished the amount to be applied in founding a prize at the King's School, Sherborne, where he

was educated. Whereupon
"It was Resolved,—That the wishes of Mr. Parsons should be carried into effect, but that a sum, not less than £50, be applied in the purchase of a Silver Waiter and Inkstand to be presented to him, with a commemorative incription. And, also, that a record of his

emblazoned on yellum. "Another meeting of the st the last meeting, were produced, each bearing the following inscripti

"Bishops Simpson and Kip, the former of the Vicar of Sherborne, by several of his parishion-lethodist Enisconal, and the other of the Pro-" Presented to the Rev. John Parsons, M.A., of £370 in celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of his faithful ministry among them, in token of their affectionate esteem, as well as of his generous self-denial in requesting that the whole sum should be devoted to the establishing for ever, in the King's School, Sherborne, an annual prize for Divinity, and especially an acquaint-ance with the Greek Testament.—Nov. 15th, 1853.

"It being Mr. Parsons's particular desire that the plute should be presented by a small deputation, six gentlemen were selected for that purpose, who waited on Mr. Parsons; and he handed a written reply to the chairman, who, on the return of the deputation, read it to the meeting as follows:

" VICARAGE, SHERBORNE " 15th November, 1853. "" DEAR MR. HARBIN,—A very handsome Salver and a beautiful Inkstand have been presented to me this day.
... Allow me to offer you, and through you to

" It would, I assure you, be a hopeless difficulty were I to attempt to express, in suitable language, all or half the emotions which have agitated my breast since I first heard of your

kind intentions.
"I am not ignorant of the hearty and friendly burst of regard with which the first conception of other contemporaries, for their kind notices.

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Christmas Day Falling on Scndar. delicacy with which the whole design has been carried out, and kept secret from me till nearly all was matured. Then again, I have the strongest personal reasons to be grateful for suggesting a public presentation of these valued tokens of your regard and esteem.

Withering, and almost worn out as I am,

shall hold these memorials as long as I can. I shall look upon them, as it were, day by day, and afterwards assign them to my daughter, that she may never forget these substantial proofs of your generosity to her father.

"All these considerations press strongly and together upon my mind, and enhance the diffi-

culty before alluded to, of conveying, in right words, the gratitude which I do and ought to feel under such a crowd of obligations.
"Parson me, dear Mr. Harbin, for these private and personal allusions : and now, dismissing them. let me advert, in a few sentences,

to what is important. ". The result of your bounty can hardly fail

it records is 110, resulting in the death of 1924. School. The prize which you enable me to lives. The most fatal wrecks have been the found 'for Divinity, and especially for an accuship Negree, on the 19th June—840 lives lost: rate acquaintance with the Greek Testament,' must be the means, under God's blessing, of lodging in their youthful minds that 'Fear of God' which is the beginning or principal part of wisdom, and of directing them to the highest and most useful study which can engage then

Solventure, on the 25th december 11th the 16th cherish the strong desire, that much and listing benefit will result to the school from this prize.