cannot be evaded therefore.

Turn where you will here, you meet, I repeat, with these debasing a uds. I referred in a late letter to the courch of St. Peter in Vincoli; it is a superb structure, and adorned with the grand "Moses" of Michael Angelo, the "Saint Marguerite" and the "Saint Augustine" of Guercino, the "Hope" of Guido, and the "Deliverance of St. Peter," by Domenichino. This sushrine for the chains of St. Peter; not only the chain which, it is alleged, he wore here in the Mamertine prison (though it is very doubtful whether he ever saw Rome) but is protested that, when the two chains were brought into each other's presence, they ran together and united so intimately that they became one. I affirm again to splendid temple with its spiendid works of art, and an army of idle monks sustained on its premises; any visitor in Rome, can see

of Santa Maria in Ara cæli, which overlooks the Capitol and Forum, from the very site of the ancient temple of Jupiter Capitolinus. Here, during the Christmas holidays. I saw a theatrical exhibition of the Incarnation. A side chapel was decorated with rage it essayed by the pen of Bolingbroke 'to pasteboard figures, large as life, illustrating the scene in the manger. But what gives of the Deity and consequently all expectathis exhibition importance over all similar shows in Rome, (and they abound here, at that season,) is the alleged fact that the Wooden Bombino-or infant Christ-placed among the pasteboard accompaniments, was carved out of a tree from Mount Olivet, by a Franciscan monk, and painted by St. Luke, while the good monk was taking his siesta, by the side of his work. It is all begemmed with precious stones. At its exhibition, not only the superstitious bordes of the city, but of the surrounding country, flock to it, on account of the cures it is said taire and of Paine to point against the God to effect, of all sorts of maladies. Murray's they denied the weapons of a frightful ribald-Guide Book says that, "the Italians themselves assert that it receives more fees than any physician in Rome." It is carried out, by the priests, in a coach kept for the purpose, for visits to the sick. During the late revolution the republican chiefs gave these priests the Pope's own gilded coach for the the necessity of retracing the steps which

There are one hundred fat Capuchin Friars living on the premises of this church. and thus fleecing the ignorant populace, by an imposture which the Pope, out of selfrespect, if not respect for religion, should hurl down the Capitoline hill and submerge in the Tiber.

and compelled them to use their old brown

These are but specimens of what consti tutes the chief importance of the Catholic faith here, in Rome itself, among the popular classes; the grandest public ceremonies, the most effective preaching, the most potent popular ideas of religion, are connected with these legendary fooleries; and the highest responsibilities of the church here are amenable to God and mankind for these debasing

The church is responsible alike for the degradation of the superstitious and the infithe great and terrible day. Yours, &c. A. STEVENS.

Christianity's Microscope.

"I will water it every moment: least any hurt it, I wil keep it night and day "-Isa 27. 8. Yes, Christianity has its microscope as one day: he sitteth upon the circle of the offer for a future occasion. earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; -what can the sufferings of a moments of my grief. Were there any limit to his infinity, my sorrow would be merged in the tide of a world's calamities. But now the everlasting God, Jehovah, the Creator of the ends of the earth, giveth power to the faint. He dwells with and revives the humble contrite spirit. No sigh of his children is wasted on the winds, no tears fall upon the sand. Remember he has taught us to pray, " Put thou my tears into thy bottle: are they not in thy book?

FOR THE PROVINCIAL WESLEYAN.]

Obituary Notice.

Died, at the Gore, Douglas, on the 16th of April, in the 72nd year of his age, Mr. SAMUEL HAMILTON. Mr. H. experienced Church he lost his first love, and for several at the close of the students' exercises, the Rev. years past was living in a backslidden state. James R. Narraway, of Guysborough, will de-But as for some months past his physical liver an address entitled—"Our Destiny among system gave premonitions of approaching the Nations of the Future; and the Training dissolution, he felt the necessity of setting his house in order. He accordingly settled his worldly business, and then wished to have done with the world. His mind was henceforward greatly exercised with respect to a preparation for that eternal state, upon which he was about to enter: and we have reason to believe, from his own was found again in Christ. Mr. Hamilton ground, in a beautifully secluded spot, in E.q., Wm. R. Dudman, Esq., Jos. Salter, Esq., his own orchard. They rest, with several and Nathan Tupper, Esq. of his children who had preceded him, beside the remains of William Blois Esq., a is to be held this year, according to the notice local preacher, and a bright example of already given by the president of the Board, in Christian piety in our Church, who a few the Saint John Germain Street Chapel School years since died in the full triumph of faith. Room, at 9 o'clock, a.m., Tuesday the 17th of Methodism has done much for the people June. By the appointment of the last Conferof the Gore in former years. Many of them ence, the following lay Brethren are members were brought to God through the instrumentality of its ministers, and several of John H. Anderson, Esq., Gilbert T. Ray, Esq., them have died happy in the Lord, among Hon. Charles Young, Hon. Stephen Fulton, whom was a sister of Mr. Blois, whose end, George H. Starr, Esq., and Mariner Wood, I have been informed, was not only serene Esq. It is deemed quite important that the but triumphant and glorious. Of late years a meeting should be a full one. spirit of apathy and worldliness has seemed to come over them very detrimental to their spiritual interests. Would that they would attend to the voice of God which is addressed to them both by his providence and from his word-" Remember from whence thou art fallen and repent, and do the first works: except thou repent." G. W. Maitland, April 24th, 1856.

faith. Their force as illustrations of popery Drovincial Wesleyan Methodist Missionary

THURSDAY, MAY 8, 1856.

Robert Hall, " is the joint offspring of an irreligious temper and unholy speculation. It has passed through various stages, each distinguished by higher gradations of imperb church was erected, for what? As a piety; for when men arrogantly abaudon that their errors shall multiply at every also that from which the angel delivered step, until their extravagance confutes itself, him, at night in Jerusalem. There is, how- and the mischief of their principles works ever, but one chain in this reliquary; this its own antidote. That such has been the yet know, but the Committee repeats with mystery only makes the marvel greater, for progress of infidelity, will be obvious from a slight survey of its history."

These observations of the learned divine will be abundantly verified to the minds of you, Mr. Editor, that I am reporting no all who trace advancing infidelity from its mere popular construction of this case, but earliest phase as exhibited in the skepticism the declared verdict of the church—its opin- of Spinoza and Lord Herbert through its ion recorded and commemorated in this successive developments in the writings of Bolingbroke, of Hume, of Gibbon, of Voltaire, till it spends its accumulated force this chain exhibited on thefirst day of Au. and portrays its fruit in the horrors of the gust—the festival of St. Peter in Vincoli. French Revolution. It began with question-I have several times spoken of the church ling through Spinoza and Herbert the necessity of revelation and asserting the sufficiency of natural religion, while it neither denied the beauty of the doctrines, or impugned the morality, of the Bible; gathering couinvalidate the proofs of the moral character tions of rewards and punishments; leaving the Supreme Being no other perfections than those which belong to a first cause or Almighty contriver;' then it proceeded in the subtle sophistries of Hume, and the daring insinuations of historical doubt by Gibbon to destroy, if it were possible, the foundations of the Christian faith, and to cast mankind into the utter darkness of unmitigated unbelief: it remained for the pages of Volry, and for the blasphemies and blood of France to give their terrible testimony to the tendency and issues of infidelity. The world recoiled from the spectacle

that France presented, and sceptics saw purpose, but the French took it from them had conducted them to so revolting and ruinous a result. They began to retrace them. They turned to Christianity, not indeed, to acknowledge their error, and embrace its creed, but to borrow its practical ideas and simulate its spirit: they proclaim themselves the friends of moral progress, the sympathisers with suffering humanity; they profess admiration of Christ, while they plot the destruction o his Church; they confess the charity and morality of the Gospel, but do not accept fidelity which seeks the most insidiously to whether they had "killed" their transm undermine the edifice of Christianity. Its grated relative, whereas he meant to have

the doctrine of its power. Such is the accommodated character of that modern in-You can no longer wonder that the masses | wily representatives in every place. It is | sounds for the two words the only difference are morally imbecile and incapable of self- an evil, in the presence of which the is that of an aspirate after the consonant, government, and almost every man who Christian must be neither inactive nor dis and the Missionary had the ill hap to say rises above the vulgar level that of ignomayed, but must, in faith, with zeal and train instead of tai. There are now six by a broad carriage-road, on either side of which list of January, 1855. Of this report I can only It is of the Lord's mercies that I am not conerting every means to spread scriptural delity of the intelligent. Terrible will be holiness throughout the land. This is our the account which its chiefs must give in 'high calling,' and blessed be God we may prosecute it with a 'glorious hope.'

tic tree, shoots into day with more manifested hostility to the Redeemer and his cause them the somewhat subdued species of skepticism to which we have pointed in the well as its telescope. Do not suffer unbe- preceding paragraph. To its chief aspects and so interestingly described by Mrs. lief to suggest, "My God and father inhab- we had purposed directing the attention of iteth eternity, with him one day is as a our readers but pause at present here rethousand years, and a thousand years as serving the remarks we had intended to

The constantly increasing circulation few weeks or years seem in his sight? are through our country of a soul destroying they not less than nothing and vanity?"- literature renders the duty of exposing the Blind unbelief! that my Father is infinite fallacies and inconsistencies of atheistic and eternal, warrants my assurance that advocates, and thus endeavoring to rescue he appreciates every hour's suffering, and men from the grasp of these direst enemies with all a parent's solicitude counts up the of the human race, doubly incumbent upon us at the present time.

Mount Allison Weslevan Academy.

ANNIVERSARY, COMMITTEE OF VISITORS.

The thirteenth annual Examination of classes in this Academy is to begin, D. V., on Monday morning the 2d of June next, and to be con-

needful worthily to accomplish it." Former students, and the friends of the Institution and of education generally, are cordially invited to attend.

The Annual Board Meeting of the Trustees

H. PICEARD. Sackville, N. B., May 3rd, 1856.

ANNAPOLIS DISTRICT MEETING

The ministers of the Annapolis District are

Society.

At one period of the past financial year "INFIDELITY," remarks the eloquent there was, it may be remembered, reason for exhortation and appeal, not because the Society's interests were thought to be in danger of serious loss, but because the usual and expected income was not then assured, and the bare possibility of eventual disappointment was a risk too grave to be incurtheir guide, and wilfully shut their eyes on red without taking extraordinary precautions the light of heaven, it is wisely ordained against it. That fear has now passed away. The regular contributions to the Society's Funds have not been less in this than in the former year; what the proceeds from coningent sources may have been, we do not increasing confidence its announcement, that the total income will considerably exceed

The Wesleyan Missionary Committee can therefore look forward to meeting their riends in Exeter Hall this spring with hankful hearts for the past and with enlarged views for the future. The Anniversary appointed to take place on the first Monday n next month, when the Earl of Shaftesbury will preside over the Meeting. It is conceivable that the Committee might have secured the services of many another advocate and friend, whose names easily occur to the mind, but it is certain that they could have invited no one whose occupation of the grateful satisfaction. Of the other appointnents we shall have a better opportunity of peaking Lereafter, and therefore content ourselves with a reference to the first adverwhich are to be held at City Road on the Saturday evening preceding the Annual Meeting in Exeter Hall, and which we trust will be largly attended by friends from the ountry as well as from the London Circuits. On the morning of the same Saturday, May rd, there will be a Breakfast Meeting at the London Tavern with particular reference to the China Mission. This, too, has of late become one of the regular incidents of the Anniversary, and on the present occasion ost befittingly will the Chair be occupied. There are in the "Notices" of this month some interesting letters from our promising young Missionaries at Canton, and though they speak with modesty of their own progress, every one who can judge of the circumstances will pronounce that it is all that could have been expected.

The oldest Missionaries to China have always considered the acquisition of the written and spoken languages, which are two distinct conquests, and both of them mmense, to be the work of a life-time.-Versions and revisions of the Scriptures in of this restless prelate, that he is never at peace Chinese by scholars so distinguished as Dr Morrison and Mr. Medhurst, were discover ed about a dozen years ago to be serious inaccurate; and many of our readers mu

have heard of the mistakes, sometime comic, but always unlucky, of Missionaries attempting to speak to the natives without an interpreter. One of those worthy men has recorded that he once had the misfortune to exhort his hearers to follow a fine "goat" nstead of a great "example;" and at another time to demand of a hereaved family vantage ground is obvious, and it has its happening because between the Chinese we find these devoted men grappling with the difficulties of the language, acquainting Secularism, the latest scion of the atheis- themselves with the character and peculiarities of the people, and distributing the Scriptures and tracts, it is as much as could vet have been anticipated. The Chinese Schools and their encouraging attendance, especially the School for girls presided over Piercy, may be reckoned something additional and beyond our calculation. As the Missionaries acquire a command of the lan-Teachers, these schools will probably be found the most effective agency that can be employed for the evangelization of the

But the Committee, in its world-wide view of the field before it, finds an opening nearer home. Until the appointment of Mr. Batchelor to the Crimea, whose duties at present are restricted to the camp and tary for permission to reopen the church-yard the hospital, there was a long interval dur- for burials; but Sir George Gray refused to Archipelago, or the Levant. The Committee observes that " the countries which have At length the angel of death breathed on been the seat of war, and which are still occupied by the armies of the West, are in a position, as to their moral and spiritual interests, which attracts our earnest attention, and solicits prompt and vigorous effort. Christendom owes a debt to the sacred soil tinued through that and the next day. On of the Turkish empire which she may now Tuesday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, a lecture is to begin to repay; and it may be hoped that appointed place of sepulture. Two other membe delivered by the Rev. Thomas B. Smith of each section of the Church, our own neither bers of the Church have since died, and were Richibucto, upon "The Life and Writings of last nor least, will practically acknowledge buried in the new cemetery-the one by the Mrs. Hannah More." On Tuesday evening, at the obligation." We were glad to read this 7 o'clock, there will be a social gathering of the language. The late edict of the Sultan a saving change from nature to grace many officers, alumni, and students of both branches ordains a social and religious—perhaps to to these things? I understand he persists in his years since; but like too many in the of the Institution. On Wednesday forenoon, issue in a political-revolution in the East. We have been slow to pronounce an opinion upon its effect, but it will be seen that the Missionaries in and near Constantinople, American and English,-the greater number of them belonging to the American Board, and therefore free from any national prepossessions in favour of our Ambassador, -have taken, in a grateful address which It is hoped that the gentlemen who were "ap- very hopeful view of the recent hatti sherif, British Government that the revenues (of pointed and respectfully requested" by the which they consider "entirely satisfactory, nearly a million sterling) shall be equitably Eastern British American Wesleyan Conference, not only in its social enactments, but also in determined, and the improvement of the testimony, that ere the summons came he at its first session, " to constitute a Committee of relation to freedom of conscience." The country steadily prosecuted; that justice Visitors to attend the examinatory and anni- face of the country will be changed by the shall be measured out with an equal hand, was an old and respectable inhabitant of the versary exercises at Mount Allison, to notice influx of British capital, and by the facility and protection be given to life and property; Gore, and his death is generally regretted. generally the state of the Institution in all its offered to foreigners of acquiring a title to and that "every man shall enjoy hence. His funeral sermon was preached at his departments, and to report thereupon," will be the soil; and either the national distinctions forth his just rights without fear of molestaown house from Amos vi. 12, "Prepare to able to attend to the duty so assigned. These of the population, Turks and Greeks, will tion." The King was deposed on the 7th meet thy God"; after which his mortal re- are the Hon. Judge Wilmot, the Hon. James J. be gradually changed, or the Ottoman domi- of February; a pension of £150,000 s mains were committed to the family burial Rogerson, S. L. Shannon, Esq., James Olive, nation will disappear. The latter at pre- year-itself a princely revenue—has been strained by the Firman of a Mohammedan in India. Sultan. Even the Jews will participate in this emancipation, and we see that they are

to spare your lordship yet for many years entitled to the benefits of our pure religion to come to this country, whose wisest mea- and our equal and beneficent laws, as much past under your personal influence and doms.

So far as the Jews are concerned, the re-

neage and faith save .- " Is it not a melancholy reflection that not a single Hebrew and civilians of every description, do not Holy Land, which as yet has come under our notice, betrays any knowledge of Hebrew grammar? Is it not a melancholy reflection that for more than a century, as far as we know, not a single production has proceeded from the pen of a Jewish native of the Holy Land worth a perusal; and yet hundreds of individuals there from their nights to the study of the Law?" And of land of their forefathers, that to which they mouth of the Ganges-proceed along that Chair would have given more general and were least attached was agriculture. It is mighty stream as far as Dover is from a fact that the Jewish mind is at present less Gibraltar-perch himself on one of the friendly disposed to laborious trades in peaks of the Himalaya in Central Asia;which affluence can only be obtained by and there, by a single word of his mouth, o means of plodding and perseverance. It is a single stroke of his pen, as by the waving ed in order to foreshadow some of the great to prosecute? religious questions which are arising as the consequence of the two years' war in the hese topics adequately treated at the great Anniversaries of the next month, which promise to all enlightened and Christian minds

Bishop of Exeter.

character .- Watchman

A Correspondent of the Western Christian Advocate, savs :-The Bishop of Exeter-or " Pope Henry,

as he is more familiary called—is again making

a stir in his diocese. It has often been observed but when he is at war. He is at present in colision with the inhabitants of Great Torrington By order in Council it had been directed that he church-yard and other burial grounds in that town should no longer be used for interments, after a certain day. Consequently a Burial Board was elected to carry out the intentions of the Legislature, in providing an eligible spot, at a moderate distance from the dwellings of the living, as a depository for the ashes of the dead. The ground has been enclosed by a stone wall seven teet high. It has been tastefully planted with trees and shrubs. A lodge has been built, and two chapels erected, in which funeral services may be performed. In accordance with the act. the ground has been divided between the mem-Missionaries of the Wesleyan Methodist the Board were ready to have planted beech-Society at Canton, but several of these have trees, or to have affixed posts and chains. But only recently arrived there, and the Mission the amiable Bishop refused to license or conseitself is not five years old. When therefore crate it, till the portion of ground intended for members of the Established Church was " well and sufficiently fenced from all other ground, by Burial Board did not deem it right to comply, and the inhabitants of the town unanimously approve of the decision, for the following reasons: 1. Because they consider the Bishop's demand unauthorized by law; 2. Because the wall is unnecessary; 3. Because it would greatly detract from the beauty of the cemetery; 4 Because it would create and perpetuate sectarian guage, so as to be less dependent on native differences among a community desirous of liv ing together in peace. The old church-yard being now closed, the members of the Establishment have no place of sepulture, where they may bury their dead according to the rites of the Church, without subjecting the officiating clergyman to ecclesiastical censure. Under these circumstances they memorialized the Home Secreing which our Missionary Society had no grant their prayer. During the space of a representative in the Mediterranean, the month after the closing of the church-yard, no burial from the pale of the Church took place. flower of ten weeks' growth; and the bereaved relatives took the withered bud, and, with the sexton's help, placed the virgin dead in the virgin soil, without the aid of licensed priest or canonical prayer, and so touchingly consecrated to its solemn use before heaven and earth the Mayor of the town, and the other by a Dissent ing minister. What will Henry of Exeter say refusal to consecrate the ground, till the addition-

(From Scottish Guardian.) Annexation of Oude. In assuming the permanent and exclusive control and management of the territories they have presented to Lord Stratford, a of Oude, the Governor-General pledges the sent is worth preserving, as being of incal- granted to the fallen monarch. Hyderabad culable benefit in one respect to religious in the Deccan is now the only native State reedom, and to the Protestant Missionaries of any moment retaining its independence; and converts whom it protects from the but there also the condition of the Governruthless bigotry of the Oriental Churches ... | ment will in all probability soon demand the In the independent Kingdom of Greece, same treatment at the hands of the British persecution is the law of the land; but from authorities. This may seem sharp practice the frontiers of that Kingdom to those of towards the native princes; but it is the Persia, from Mount Pindus to Mount Ara- truest charity to their down-trodden people rat, the intolerance of half a dozen nomi- and, as a matter of policy, it is one of the nally Christian communities will be re- conditions of our existence and supremacy

The possessions and dependencies of Great Britain in India stretch from the for the Jews are more indebted to Lord the east; and embrace a climate which Stratford than to the Sultan, or even to Sir passes from the sterility of an arctic zone on Moses Montefiore; and we should be glad the heights of the northern boundary, to the

sures have been matured for thirty years as the people in any part of the three king-The enterprise of British merchan laid the foundation of our Indian Empire which the arms of our Clives and Wellingsult of this Edict is that not only may their tons, our Napiers and Hardinges, and the 350 Rabbis in Jerusalem pursue the study policy of men like Hastings, and Wellesly of the Law and Tulmud and recite their and Bentinck, have maintained, defended endless prayers in peace, but that Israel and extended. But when we look to the may again purchase and cultivate the soil of rise of our empire in India, and see how Palestine. Little, however, is likely to re- one territory after another has been, so to sult from this permission unless the modern speak, thrust upon our possession, and when Jewish character become improved. At we consider that its myriads of inhabitants present it appears that the Jews are qualifi- are controlled, and its public affairs conducted neither for literary nor for manual indus- ed, by a body of British-born subjects, who try. As to the former, one of their own li- including governors, judges, magistrates military officers.common soldiers, merchants letter or document, written by natives of the exceed forty thousand, or less than the popul lation of a third-rate town in Scotland.-we are constrained to own that another Powe than man's has gotten us the victory, and retained for us our conquests, in that mar vellous empire. "So absolute and undis puted is the supremacy of the Britisl sceptre," says Dr. Duff in his work on Indian Missions-"so regular and perfect the or childhood to old age devote their days and ganisation of the British power,-that one British-born subject, under the designation their indisposition to what we should call of Governor-General-who may never have bonest labour, the same witness remarks :- | trodden on the Indian soil-may embark on "Of all the pursuits to which the Jews have board a vessel in the Thames-traverse been devoted since their expulsion from the fifteen thousand miles of ocean-land at the

isement in our publication of to-day. We a fact that their mass at present does not of the wand of an omnipotent Enchanter. nust notice, however, the devotional services possess the bodily vigour necessary for great set all the teeming millions of India in mophysical exertions. Whatever the cause tion! Can the whole annals of time furnish may be, it is a fact that thousands of them anything parallel to this? If not, ough entertain a dislike to fatiguing manual la- we not to conclude that Divine Providence bour." We cannot go further into these has had some grand design in view, which matters, which we have only partially open- it becomes us humbly to scan and devoutly For what end has an all-wise and beneficent Providence bestowed the vast domains East, and which affect Jew and Gentile, of India upon this little island of ours in Christian and Mohammedan, Protestant, the midst of the sea, if not that we should Greek and Papist. We shall expect to see | convey to its millions of heathen the Christianity and civilization of our own highly favored land? The whole of India is open to our missionaries; but what are these an interest of a very high and universal among so many? We doubt if the missionaries in India of all the Churches put together will give one to every million of the

cases, it is to be feared, sinking under—the burden and heat of the day. Let the Churches of Christ in Great Britain solemny ponder their growing obligations to India.

population. New accessions of territory

and people only increase our responsibility

and add fresh earnestness to the cries for

nelp proceeding from the godly and devoted

men who are bearing—and in too many

The Methodist Churches in the United States.

Weslepan Intelligence.

This is the youngest of all the larger sister. goods of Churches in the United States, and is by far the most numerous. The first Methodist Church in America was organised on Christmas day, 1784, only seventy-one years ago. The progress of this branch of the evangelical body has been unparalleled I am indebted to a minister in that body (Rev. Mr. Butler) every way bers of the Established Church and Dissenters port, made up to the latest possible date, say the

several branches. There are the great branches called the " Me-

subjoin a tabular view of the whole

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579,513
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oranches of the Methodist family of Churches nave 132 Annual Conferences, 12.618 " local ministers," who preach more or less every week; 811 "superannuated ministers," many of whom preach a great deal; making a total of 22,209 ministers of all classes; 1,255,897 members of Anglo Saxon origin, 209,580 of African origin. 100,562 Germans, 1,024 Swedes and Norwegians, 515 Welsh, 4,929 Indians; 13,146 Sabbath schools, 129,885 teachers in such schools, 691,-700 scholars, and 1,959.628 volumes in Sundayschool libraries; 17.949 conversions in Sabbath schools in 1854; 138,093 members of mission churches in the home field; 56 toreign missions, 81 missionaries, 30 "local preachers," 6.869 members, 89 day and Sunday schools, with 3,469 pupils, in the foreign field; amount expended n missions since 1819, \$3,408,997.

We add a few other statistics: There several

There belong to the Methodist family of Churches in the United States 13,280 church edifices, with 4,343,579 sittings, valued at \$14,-822,870; amount of stock in " Book Concerns," \$696,826; and annual sale, (in 1852.) \$199,687 10 quarterly and monthly periodicals, with a subscription list of 225,000; 24 religious newsannuated ministers, \$734.618.

Mr. Butler states that the amount invested by already comparing "the generous Abdul- Himalaya Mountains on the north to Cape the Methodist Churches in their Book Concerns, Medjid to his prototype the God-fearing Comorin on the south, and from the river colleges and seminaries, churches, etc., is \$17,-Cyrus." There is a little mistake in that; Indus on the west to the Bramapoutra on for the Jaws are more indebted to Lord the cert and substant which M. Pickles, Chairman, wish and prayer is, that it may please God and religion, but our fellow-subjects, and average, more than five dollars per member.

He estimates the proportion of the population of the country which may be said to be under the spiritual care of "American Methodism," at 5,525,948 - Rev. Dr. Baird

Missions in Canada East.

The question of commencing missionary opera ons amongst the French population of Canada East has for some time engaged the serious consideration of the Wesleyan Church in this country; but it is only within the past year that at Pera All the Missionaries, American and distinct effort has been made for the evangeli-English, resident in and around Constantinople, zation of that class of our fellow subjects. Other by previous arrangement; and at their own remissionary organizations have been engaged in this work for some years past, and with a considerable degree of success; but a wide full vet remains to be cultivated, and the results that dress, which I give below, was read to his lord. have already crowned the labours of those who have been employed among the French Canadians, afford encouraging indications of what may be anticipated from more general and well firected efforts for conveying to that increasing portion of our population a knowledge of th pure Gospel, and the salvation which a cordial reception of it imparts. It is not intended that our missionary operations shall interfere with hose already established in that part of the province, since there is ample room, and abundance work to obviate any necessity for Protestants to enter into each others labours; and each in their selected spheres may co-operate for the accomplishment of the same great work .- Chr

Among the passengers in the steamer Africa rom England, were the Rev. Dr. Hannah, and Rev. Mr. Jobson, representative of the English Weslevan body, to the General Conference of I will merely add, that all the names appended the Methodist Episcopal Church, to assemble at to this document, are of Ministers of the Gospel, Indianapolis on the first of May. Both gentle men preached vesterday in the Mulberry street church, before audiences that showed by their Missions, the Church Missionary and London deep attention, a high appreciation of their Jews Socities, and from the Free Church of ministry .- Y. N. Spectator

Correspondence.

GRAND BANK, N. F., Feb. 8, 1856. SIR,-I sent you a few lines a short time ago which I gave an extract of a letter from member of our society who had emigrated west The said letter gave an account of the loss of ways abounded in the work of the Lord," and five from the family in nine months, and parti- who was cut down in the midst of his usefulness cularly the happy death of John, a young man after a brief illness of only six days. of about 22, who gave evidence of the converting grace of God.

The part of the coast where our friend no esides there is no Wesleyan Minister, and consequently no means of grace the same as the family had been accustomed to while here .-Another letter was received the other day from our friend to her father; and as it unmistakably points out their esteem for Weslevan Methodism and the strong desire for an opportunity to attend our ministry, I send you an extract which, if you deem worthy a place in your journal, I will thank you to publish.

"I embrace the opportunity which now offer and the spirit of that document relative to religiof sending you a few lines, in the hope they will find you and all my dear friends enjoying the to congratulate you on the honour providentially invaluable blessing of health, and what is of more value than this, the fulness of the blessing of the and deservedly conferred upon your lordship of great and so good a work for the millions of Tur-

" I feel some what disappointed that I have no seen you this fall. I should have cone down in September if I could have got a passage direct competent to the task, for a very complete re- to Grand Bank. I have been very weak and worthy end, we cannot but realise that the acpoorly all the fall. I am somewhat better now. complishment of this great work is pre-eminent As in the case of the Presbyterian body, the am in the land of the living. I hope the Lord Methodist Church in the United States has will sanctify all these afflictions to the good of my soul, that I may be prepared to meet my dear children in glory. I trust the Lord will and Turkey on one side, and Russia on the other, we have looked upon each passing event with thodist Episcopal Church," (in the North,) and spare me to see you once more. I long to see the erection of a wall." With this demand the the "Methodist Episcopal Church, South." We you. I often think of you and weep, but if we painful and prayerful interest. We have prayer never see each other on earth may we meet in ed for the maintenance and triumph of right, and heaven, I hope my dear father is making sure work for eternity. I hope that Jesus is precious to your soul, and that your prospects are bright promoting truth and rightcousness, and the temporal and spiritual prosperity of the various for glory. O, give Jesus your whole heart !classes of society, and the different nationalities May He reign without a rival there; and when resident in the Turkish empire. We have alyour earthly course is run, may your sun set in

> a bright sky. The Lord grant, 'That no cloud may arise to darken the skies Or hide for a moment your Lord from your eyes. " Please to give our love to Mr. and Mrs nise and send us a letter, as we have been expecting one from him. The bishop has got the to be realised. Church.-E-sold his part. Some are dissatisfied and would rather have a Weslevan Minister. We heard there was one on his way to the Western Shore; - we wish it were true. darkness; and, blest by social prosperity and re-Many are saying, Come over and help us; but ligious freedom, the millions of Turkey will, we alas! it seems we are forgotten -- no man careth trust, be seen ere long sitting peacefully under for our souls. Oh, that the Lord would visit their own vine and fig-tree. this dark corner of his vineyard and send among among us a faithful preacher of His Gospel who shall declare unto us the whole counsel of God Everything is dead and dull here. If we are cast down, there is none to cheer us-if we are in trouble, there is none to comfort us-if we are sick there is none to pray with us. Those we have seen here they seek not us but ours .-

There is one or two here very much afraid there

will be a Wesleyan preacher and a Wesleyan of Turkey. As it is, the prospects of this coun-

church here-the prospect seems greatly to try appear to us bright. The Imperial document

annoy them. They say the place will not support two preachers. We desire an interest in our prayers." Our District Meeting has several times expressed a wish to have a preacher for the place of the Sovereign of, this country, and the wise rom whence the above letter came. We have nore than once recommended it as a new station see no reason to entertain any doubt of their sinto the Committee in London; but want of cerity and loyalty in the promulgation of the means on their part, and want of men on ours, Imperial edict, or of their intention to give it have prevented us from supplying them with a minister. It is to be hoped, however, the day is not far distant when a man may be found to occupy the ground. I am looking forward to the take so elevated and enlightened a stand in the approaching Conference, and hoping some young future government of this country; and, among men with the love of God in their heart, and a these agencies, your lordship will permit us to zeal for God's glory in the salvation of men. will give themselves up to God and his Church, each saying, " Here am I-send me."

> I remain, Sir, yours truly, JOHN S. PEACH.

HAWAII.-The Hawaiian nation, which, se venty years ago, was estimated variously at from papers, with a weekly circulation of 127,900; 24 200,000 to 400,000, now only counts 72,000, a pecially England, will have to afford to the Gocolleges, with 99 professors, 1,779 students, 61,- decrease withing this period of at least two-270 volumes in their libraries; property in thirds. Vast tracks of land do not harbour a funds, \$1,327,115, and income of \$43,824; 133 single soul; fertile kalo lands, once under cultitemale seminaries and colleges, 11,678 pupils; vation, are left to the rule of grass and weeds. in 1854 to the Bible, Tract, Missionary, Sunday School Societies and to the Bible, Tract, Missionary, Sunday tweness of its soil, and capable of sustaining a stances, and of sacrificing the principles of justice School Societies, and for the support of super-6000. It is not to cruel and devastating wars and constant. The very novelty of the moral principles now to be introduced into the adminthat we have to attribute this unparalleled fallingistration of the spiritual interests of society, as well as the depth and extent of their bearings. off in so short a time. The wars of Kamehamawill, for some time to come, render experienced ha I, however energetically they were carried counsel and co-operation from abroad a welcome service even to the most vigorous Government 1854 to the support of the ministers, religious so far as waste of life is concerned, with those of in carrying out the intentions of the benevolent societies, Sunday schools, &c , including income modern civilised nations. And it is after those Sovereign, and in meting out equal justice to the to think that our Ambassador will remain luxuriance of the tropics in the plains of the various religious denominations and to indistiwere transferred hither, that the blight falls most hereby requested to meet on Thursday, the 5th at his post to watch over the administration interior. This vast territory, equalling the (but not including what was given in ordinary mercilessly on this doomed people. The cause or else I will come unto thee quickly, and day of June next, at nine o'clock a. m., in the will remove thy cardlestick out of its place. The cause of the evil is an internal one, not caused, but of the evil is an internal will remove thy candlestick out of its place, second thou repent."

Mailland, April 24th, 1856.

Mere area of Europe exclusive of Kussia, charines, building of churches, etc.) at \$7,536; of the evil is an internatione, not caused, out of the reform which he mainly has obtained. That is the aspiration of the Missionaries at comprehends a population bordering on 157 of the evil is an internatione, not caused, out of the evil is an internation.

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European.

From the Correspondent of Christin Times

I have now to announce to you, that on the

th of March a most interesting scene was with

nessed within the palace of the British Embassy

quest, called on Lord Stratford to congratulate

him on the success of his efforts in procuring

from the Porte the late Hatti-Sherif. The ad

ship by Dr. Schauffler, all the others whose

names are appended being present; and his lords

ship was evidently moved by this unsolicited and

most honourable mention of his services in Tur-

key; the testimony being especially valuable as

coming, chiefly, from men who have been long

resident in the country (some of them for thirty

years,) and who are infimately acquainted with

s language and institutions, and especially, as

he greater part of them are American, and of

urse may be considered as impartial and disin-

His lordship made a most happy reply, in

which he declared with deep emotion, that he

had done nothing, and God everything. I wish

it were in my power to give you a copy of the

admirable reply; the whole spirit of which was,

o recognise nothing but the agency of God's

providence in all the changes that are going for-

mostly Missionaries from the American Board of

Dr. Biackwood is too well known in England

or me to tell you who he is; Mr. Biakiston'is

One of the American Missionaries whose

me is appended to this paper, was in bed when

signed it, and has since gone to his rest. I

allude to the Rev. Mr. Everett, a man who " al-

* To the Right Honourable Viscount Lord Strait

ford de Redcliffe, Envoy Extraordinary and

Minister Plenipotentiary of her Britannic Ma-jesty, at the Sublime Porte.

" My Lord,-The undersigned Protestan

Missionaries belonging to various Christian

Churches and Societies of Great Britain and

America, consider it their duty at the present

important and auspicious period of this empire

signalised by the publication of the Imperial

Hatti-Sherif of the reigning Sultan, to give ut-

terance to their feeling of gratitude to God, the

Giver of every good gift,-to express to your

lordship their entire satisfaction with the extent

ous freedom and the rights of conscience,-and

baving become instrumental in accomplishing so

key. While we would gratefully recognise the

valuable services rendered by the representatives

of several other countries to forward this praise

" From the beginning of the disastrous war

still pending between the great Western Powers

for the speedy return of peace-a peace re-esta-

blishing justice among neighbouring nations, and

ways believed that such would be the result; and

this has been our comfort amid the scenes of hor-

"Nor has our hope been disappointed. The

"Turkey, snatched from the border of immi-

nent destruction, will see a better day. The

light will shine upon those who have long sat in

"Your lordship will allow us to say that we

consider the Hatti-Sherif entirely satisfactory,not

only in its social enactments, but also relative to

freedom of conscience. To give that bolder ut-

terance to this great principle which some seem

to have expected, would in our opinion have

been imprudent, and would have retarded the

cause of truth without advancing it. It would

have imperilled the organisation and reformation

will only need a consistent and discreet applica-

tion when called for, and the world will soon

perceive the importance of the Imperial act.-

We would gratefully acknowledge the kindness

and liberal moderation of his Government. We

effect throughout the land. But we cannot help

doing justice to the friendly agencies from more

consider you foremost as the representative of

the most liberal Protestant country of Europe -

It is highly gratifying to us to give utterance to

this just sentiment. We cannot, however, close

this inadequate expression of our views and feel-

ing on the subject, without alluding to the neces-

sity of the continued experienced counsel and

the friendly encouragement, and assistance too,

which the enlightened Western Powers, and es-

vernment of Turkey, in introducing and support-

ing these principles which are so far beyond the

conceptions of an ignorant and fanatical popula-

tion. The temptation of yielding to circum

Imperial Haiti-Sherif lately published has con-

vinced us that our fond expectations are likely

ror which surround us.

Chaplain to the British Embassy at Constantino

rested observers

Scotland.

Constantinople, March 13, 1856.

Lord Stratford de Redcliffe RESENTATION OF AN ADDRESS FROM THE ENGLISH AND AMERICAN MISSIONARIES

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"But, though we consider the problem which is now to be solved a very delicate one, we