

The bells of St. Michael's church, in Charleston, S. C. which have been in the possession of the United States authorities, have been released from the Custom House, and on Saturday were subjected to their first trial, and as they chimed the familiar sounds of "Home again," the eyes of not a few were bedewed with grateful tears. The bells were found to be in perfect condition, and hereafter we may hope to have them ring in many Sabbaths of prosperity and peace.—*Episcopalian*.

An old gentleman (thought to be a member of the Legislature from the "rural districts,") went into Trinity church, Boston, last Sunday afternoon while the Rev. Dr. Gallaudet was repeating the service to the deaf mutes by signs, etc. After attentively watching the proceedings for a few moments, he rises from his seat, takes his hat and starts for the door, and as he passes out shakes his head reproachfully at the sexton and mutters "I can't stand them *ritual tantrums*, no how!"

New York in a religious sense is cut in two, as all the reformed churches are in one end of the city. A vigorous effort is now being made to evangelize the heathen at their own doors by the good people of that great city. The poor are not brought together into halls or lecture rooms to be stared at, but are visited by those who show their christian love for them by first administering to their temporal and next to their spiritual needs. And by all accounts some of the lay-visitors can well afford to do this, as one among the number is worth \$200,000 a year, and less than fifty others have subscribed \$150,000 to the work.

Dr. McNeile has lately admitted that the "Evangelical School," (to use his own phraseology,) violate the law laid down by the Privy Council in a "point of order and practice," and tries to defend them by the plea, that the acts of the opposite party are not in harmony with the *reasoning*, of the Lords of the Council, upon the doctrines of the Church. But the Rev. Doctor appears to have forgotten that, although the *judgment* of a lawful court demands obedience, and is binding upon the conscience, the *reasoning* of the learned judges has no legal force. The Court adjudged that stone altars are *not* to be used, that credence tables *may* properly be used, and that the rubric declaring the time for placing the bread and wine upon the table, *must* be obeyed. It did not deliver any judgment upon any matter of *doctrine*, for no such matter was before it.

NOVA SCOTIA.

At the Confirmations recently held in Halifax 293 persons have been confirmed, including 41 soldiers.

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On Sunday, the 28th ult., the Lord Bishop administered the Apostolic rite of Laying on of Hands, in the Parish of Dartmouth. Sixty-one candidates presented themselves—33 at the Parish Church, in the morning; and 28 at St. Peter's Church, Eastern Passage, in the afternoon. On both occasions the churches were filled with devout and attentive congregations; and it is sincerely hoped that the warm and affectionate appeals from their Chief Pastor were not only deeply felt and fully appreciated at the time, but have been truly blessed to their spiritual and eternal good.

ST. MARGARET'S BAY.—On Saturday, May 4th, the Bishop, accompanied by Mrs. Binney and Master William Binney, arrived at the Rectory, St. Margaret's Bay, and the next day Confirmations were held in St. Paul's Church, French Village and St. Peter's, Lower Ward. Fifty-two persons made their profession of faith and obedience, and were received into full communion with the Church by the scriptural and primitive mode.

The weather being very fine, two schooners, with colors flying, brought a number of persons across the sparkling waters of the Bay from the neighboring Parish of Hubbard's Cove, who were thus enabled to participate with their brethren in the solemnities of the day. Christ crucified was most faithfully and lovingly set forth,