it is so and so-" to the end of the chapter. Arguments which he could not present in lo gical array to the understanding of men he had ed out upon us in yet more rich and abundant been addressing to the Lord, being evidently nessure.

better versed in praying than pettifogging. When he rose from his knees, Esquire Wthe opposing counsel, very much exasperated by the turn the case had taken, said : "Mr. Justice does not the closing argume

belong to me?"

To which the judge replied : "You can close with prayer, if you please Esquire W-was in the habit of praying at home, but not seeing the propriety of connecting his prayer with his practice, wisely forbore, leaving poor A- to win his case, as he did, some passages of that kind address which has by this novel mode of presenting it.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 1868.

The Punshon Testimonial.

Papers received by last English mail, contain remember me where it is best to be remember accounts of highly interesting exercises connect- ed, at the throne of grace; for as I never felt ed with the presentation of the Testimonial to more covetous of good will I never felt more cothe Rev. W. Morley Punshon, A. M., intended vetous of prayer. I want the prayers of my by his numerous friends as a mark of their high friends to sustain me at every step. I am traesteem, on the occasion of his departure for velling under the guidance of God : I go, there-America. Mr. Punshon is the representative of fore, without misgiving. I feel that I have com-British Methodista to the General Conference of mitted my way unto Him, and He will direct the Methodist Episcopal Church of the United my steps. Upon the Methodist Churches of States, and also President of the two Confer- this land I prey that the diviner baptisms of ences of British North America. He came pas- God the Holy Ghost may come down. I feel senger, accompanied by his eldest son, by the that is the great want, after all, for the Churches Scotia, which reached New York on Wednesday all the world over. I do not know how the bleslast, and shortly after his arrival left for sing will come, but I believe it will come. It

will come as God pleases to send it. It may On the Monday preceding Mr. Punshon's come, lifting the soul up into such ecstacy tha departure from England, at a breakfast given on whether in the body or out of the body we can the occasion, the Testimonial was presented, hardly tell: it may come smiting the scul down Mr. Sheriff McArthur in the chair. From the into the speechless awe that dares not move .-Address, which was read by Rev. Wm. Arthur, But I know that if the prayers of God's people A. M., we make the following extract :are earnest and continued it will come, and that

We beg to convey to you the assurance that our hearts will know when it comes; for the very we shall follow with the most lively interest all wilderness shall become-through the instruyour movements in connection with those imant services which, by the appointment of the Conference, you are about to undertake in youth, and of co-operating Churches in like the United States and in Canada. No-doubt you measure—"the wilderness shall become a fruit-will have a reception from the churches on the ful field and the fruitful field chall be counted other side of the Atlantic such as is seldom ac- for a forest." To many of the gentlemen in conever manifestations of regard may greet you on nection with this movement I owe personal those shores, they will not, they cannot, be more thanks, and indeed there is not one around this re genuine than is the attachment table who does not present a familiar face-a of your old friends in the land of your birth; face that represents a man in whom I have had nor can they possibly possess that peculiar value long observation of private excellence and of be associated in some movement or other. I the House night after night, so did the excitetried friendship, and from public ability. We do not doubt that a wide thank God for the ministry and laity of the aphere of duty and influence, the extent of which Church! I thank God for the godly men who ously wai ing for the issue. It was one o'clock Camborne, one of the principal Cornish Circherol Camborne, one of the principal Camborne, one of cannot perhaps be accurately estimated at present, will be opened to you on the other side of the Atlantic; but whenever the time shall arrive when your duties there may permit of your of England in her present tro sbles, and I pray six bundred members were in their places, and under deep conviction of sin, and many have anxiety. return to England, you will find that you have to God to bring her out of them. I sympathise when the division was reported, it was announce been brought into the enjoyment of a conscious not been forgotten by your friends, by the greatly with the efforts which are making by our Methodist people, or by the public at large. remit us, dear sir, to express our nope and the surrounding vinages.

prayer that all your steps may continue to be them in the spirit of jealousy—I never did. I greeted, as will be imagined by a right lusty A gratifying feature of this work is that it has guided by the infinite wisdom of our Omniscients

Master; that your family may with yourself

I just claim on behalf of the Methodism to which ions; that your life may be long spared for that it should have a share at any rate in the ment has adjourned for the Easter recess. age the hope that this small token from attached will be received by you as an expression of their my purpose is that it should be so, if God open regarded simply as a controversy between unaffected sympathy and regard, and of the the way; but I want to wask just in the way He hope which they entertain that the accident of would have me to walk and to be ready and wil- large and influential class within the Church of

The Chairman, addressing Mr. Punshon, said -Dear Sir, on behalf of the Committee and of the large circle of contributors. I have the pleasure, the privilege, and the honour of presenting to you this salver and cheque as an expression of their friendship, their love, and the high appreciation which they entertain of you in every relation of life, not only as a friend, but as a distinguished Minister of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

inscription:—[" Presented, with seven hundred guineas, to the Rev. W. Morley Punshon, M.A., by a number of his friends, as a small token of their appreciation of his private excellencies and of the distinguished s has rendered to the cause of Christ. London

Our space will not admit of our giving a full report of the several addresses delivered in conbut for an extract from Mr. Punshon's acknowledgement. In connection with touching referceeded to say :-

tion are members of other Churches,-to this day by fairh. I feel that while I am a Methodist by descent I I feel that is no other Church, so far as I know, denominational work. It is a free and frank and ecclesiastical institutions are passing through towards evil. I learned very early one lesson Jesus has always had ministers who have come bring to right issues all legislative action. -I learned it as most people learn lessons, by to the people in 'The fullness of the blessing painful experience; I learned it by one of my of the Gospel of Christ." own faults, and the rebuke which that fault by God's grace set it before me as a rule of con depreciate my brethren. I was rash, and inpassioned, and sanguine, and dogmatic-speak. ing with what Mr. Disraeli would call "the heed. less rhetoric o how below the gangway :" arwas were very much above me. I met with a rebuke which effectually clecked me in the course of conduct, and since that time I have endeavoured always to try to find out what ther was of good in everybody. I do not agree wi the spirit of the policy that some of my brethre pursue; I cannot preach in the style in which some of my brethren preach; but God never in tended all to be alike. And if they will just a low me to preach and lecture, as I can, I won' find fault with them although they don't believ in lecturing. I believe in it; I am for my par sorry we did not take to it a long time before we did. I believe that as a Church all the me chanics' institutes of the country might havbeen under our control if we had only taken u; movements of that kind earlier. And so with other great movements-that of Temperance wor. amongst others-if we had taken hold o them in the beginning and held them in our own hands and wielded them in a Christian manner, I believe we should have been more powerful in connection with the great humanising movements of the age, and in connection with the general impression that our body has made in reserve." To which we add, may their testimony ference to these movements, than we are to-day. be made a blessing to multitudes!

messepresented the facts, and thou knowest that I besteve we are water now than we were twenty From our English Correspondent. years ago; we are very considerably wiser as a body, and I pray God that wisdom may be pour-

dence in a foreign land. I do not at all under

which does not soon or readily forget will b

anxious that He should choose for me.

fulfil.

Here then, to Thee thy own 1 leave;

"Pioneer Experiences."

and Methodist testimony, the statement of Rev

troductory article, remarks, " These witnesses

testify explicitly, positively and from personal

knowledge. Certainly they are credible wit-

nesses; not a company of enthusiasts, irrespon-

sible and unworthy of credence. They are all

ministers in good standing in their respective

churches; most of them are Christian pastors,

York, en'itled " Pioneer Experiences."

Mr. Gladstone's Resolutions on the Irish Churchon the Question -- Judgment of the Court of Arches on Ritualistic Practices-Spr ad of Ritualism-The Atlantic Telegraph-Rev. C Well, Sir, pleasant things and painful are al H. Spurgeon's College—Revival in Cornwall— Accounts from the March Quarterly Meetings ways mingled. I am supposed to be telerably iberal in some things, but I am intensely conservrial to Rev. W. M Punshon-Search stive in my love of England. I feel a great wrench for Dr. Livingston-The Abyssinian Expediof feeling in thinking for a moment upon resi-

For the last fortnight the attention of the stand how I shall feel. I have vague and dreamy ountry has been drawn to the long-mooted notions about the superiority of English institubject of the Established Church of Ireland, tions, which I suppose I must travel in order to by Parliamentary debates of unusual interest and importance. On Monday, March 30th, Mr. get rid of; but certainly deeply graven in a heart House of Commons by announcing his intention been given to me to-day, and will be the mem to move the following resolutions: " 1. That ories associated with the friendship and sympathe Established Church in Ireland should cease thy and confidence of the friends who have gathered here, and of those other friends of whom they are the representatives. I feel deeply grateto prevent the creation of new personal interful to God that I have been permitted to have ests, by the exercise of any pub ic patronage.such a preof of confidence, and I feel deeply 3. That the Queen be addressed with a prayer grateful to you that you have led me to feel the that she will place at the disposal of Parliament I leave behind me many friends, who will, I trust, her interest in the temporalities of the Irish Archbishoprics, Bishoprics, and other Church dignities." The great debate commenced on the following Monday and attracted an audience, with which it followed every incident and argument, was not surpassed by any of the most memorable nights of recent times. The House was densely crowded both on the floor and in On the night when the division was taken the Prince of Wales was among the "strangers."

The Government offered a most determined ounters in which they have been engaged. The strengthen the Government, especially by the looked at with reference to ministerial efficiclergy and members of the Church of Eng and, ency. Applications for admission are beginwho had been warned by Mr. Disraeli that the ning to come from our Colonies, from the Uni success of the measure would be a sure prelimited States, and from Germany. Nearly £1 300 nary to the dis-establishment of the Church of was collected at the meeting in aid of the confidence and with whom I have delighted to England As the discussion advanced within College Fund. ability. We do not doubt that a wide thank God for the ministry and laity of the ment outside increase, and everybody was anxiare standing forth in connection with other on Saturday morning last when Mr. Gladstone Churches. I sympathise greatly with the Church rose to make the concluding speech. More than ening. Scores of persons have been brought Nonconformiat brethren: I do not look upon won a majority of 60! The numbers were place at St. Ives and the surrounding vistages. I belong and which I love so well-I just claim deal with them separately. At present Parliato the level of a formal routine; and thus it

Courches, and always! I do not know whether is anew engaging much attention, and is passing is difficult to keep up a tone of abiding earnestwe shall meet on earth again-I trust we shall; into some new phases. Until recently it was ness, and so there are times when extraordinary Churchmen and Dissenters; but now a very distance may never weaken the bonds of love ling to do just what He wills me to do. I know England are earnestly desirous to accomplish a He can choose for me better than myself. I am feeling has partly arisen from the scandal of retaining such a man as Dr. Colenso in the episwhat may be regarded really as a secular court; and partly from a strong and growing desire on the part of the High Church school to free the On Wednesday morning 9.h inst. Mr. Punpendent and authoritative action to a body like 126 increase; 131 on trial shon was present at the meeting of the Missionary Committee at Centenary Hall, when he was Convocation. Then, public sentiment is eviaffectionately addressed by the President of the dently looking with less and less favour upon In the centre of the salver was the following Conference, in the name of that committee, and the Establishment. Thoughtful men are asking, Circuit there are 85 increase and 103 on trial commended to the divine blessing in the ardu- " How can that be called a National Church eus and important labours which he is about to which controls but half the nation?" Even desence of several others of increasing numbers and influence. In a letter which Dr. Pusey ad-A new work by Mrs. Palmer has been given dressed a week or two ago to the examining to the public, a 12 mo. vol. 368 pp., from the chaplain of the ultra-ritualistic Bishop of Salisnection with the presentation. We have room publishing house of W. C. Palmer Jr., New bury, he remarked that he had long foreseen that Establishments must give way to Denomina All of the writings of this Christian lady are tionalism. This is a most remarkable and unences to the earlier years of his ministry, he pro- well fitted to promote living piety in the Church; expected opinion from such a quar er. The and the present work will be regarded as a va- letter moreover was written in a temperate spirit, My convictions of the necessity of Methodism luable addition to former volumes from the same and expressed a readiness to make over some to the world were deepened during those first pen. "Whose faith follow," is the apostolic of the colleges of Oxford and Cambridge to six or eight years of my ministry, and to day I counsel; and this volume will be found a valua- the Nonconformist churches. This concession, am of the same opinion. To-day I feel that by ble aid to those who desire to be imitators of the however, it must be added, was made with a the grace of God-hough I do not think I higher types of Christian piety, as presenting view to reserve the rest exclusively to the Anghave much bigotry in my composition, and the testimonies of eighty living Ministers, of dif- lican Church, instead of throwing open the en though I have tried certainly to lend a hearty ferent denominations-Congregationalist, Bap- tire universities without any regard to religious cooperation to all Evangelical Churches, and re- tis's, Presbyterians, Episcopalians, Dutch Re- belief. Still the proposal is highly significant of joice infinitely to think that some of the friends formed, and Methodists—as to the possession of the sense which is entertained of the diminished who have attached themselves to this presenta- Christian Holness as a gift of power, received power of the Establishmen', and would probably be received upon the whole with more favour In an introduction from the pen of the Rev. than the proposal to surrender all religious tests am a Methodist also by intelligent preference. Bishop Janes, D.D., it is stated, "This is not a whatever. The fact is, that both our political

can I find what I have sometimes expressed as conversation of ministers of various churches : a sifting ordeal, and great changes are immithe great peculiarity of Methodism-liberty al a book of personal experiences, having their har nent. And it is a time in which we should most most to license, in every direction towards good; monies more perfectly, perhaps in the hearts that earnestly ask of the "only wise God" that He restraint, almost to tyranny, in every direction share them, than in the words that utter them. would specially guide public judgment, and The Dean of the Court of Arches has length officially pronounced on the case of the The catholic christian reader will be delighted two clergymen charged with practising a semibrought about—a lesson which has been of very to see the agreement between deeply experi- Romish ritual. The judgment occupied four considerable value to me in after life. For the enced believes in a l that really pertains to salvation These witnesses, though differing in printed columns; and it will thus be seen that the modes of expression describing the processes the document is a most elaborate and exhausduct. That rule of conduct has been never to through which they severally passed, come to tive treatment of the questions submitted to the the same point, earnes ly longing for Christian Court. According to Sir Robert Phillimore's purity, derived assistance from the "exceeding decision the elements are not to be raised a oft great and precious promises ' given that they at the ce ebrat on of the Sacrament, nor is wamight be partakers of the divine nature," em- ter to be mixed with the wine in the presence of and we may therefore hope to find him re-sp- at every Conference for sixty years. "My eyes," in my early ears I dare say I ventured with braced these by faith and received the gift of the congregation, but the Dean hints that he is sufficient resumption of find fault with those the Hoy Ghost. There is thus a remarkable not aware of any objection to its being done ananimity in the evidence of these witnesses privately. Lighted candles are allowed on the We give as an example of clearness and force, altar; and although incensing persons and Sir Robert Napier is pushing forward the troops the border," he remarked, "and shall soon be as well as of agreement wi hacriptural teaching things is forbidden, Sir Robert speaks of the as fast as the enormous difficulties which beset mere burning of incense as a " pleasant and in- their progress will allow. It is a tedious and toi -Dr. Upham, a Congregationalist, and we might accent custom," against which nothing can be some march, and they can only accomplish some in 1815, and had received and filled fifty-three nultiply such utterances from other churches. a leged! All things cons dered the Ritual sts eight or ten miles a day. In some places their appointments, the fifty-third he closed last Sab-He says, "I do not consider consecration a derivative and with good reason, as a path lies along rugged and rocky tracks not more bath with three sermons, one love-feast, one ancification the same thing. Consecration is triumph. They seem content at present to sur- than about a foot and a half wide, almost every he incipient, the pre-requisite act; but it is not render what little is forbidden, for the sake of step of which is attended with peril; but a large inti God has accepted the sacrifice, and so much that may be retained, especially in the number of men were being set to work to render rought upon us by the c nsuming and restoring way of vestments and decorations, all of which

> but it is now found in every diocese and continually extending from parish to parish; and besides, a large number of "the people love to have it so."

God is perfect." The Bishop, in closing his in- dangerous innovation of a few erra ic priests,

Some particulars of the transmission of messages by the Atlantic Telegraph have just been Debate in the House of Commons - Public Sen- published. A banquet was given in the metro-Debate in the House of Commons - Public Sen- published. A banques was grown in the House of Commons - Public Sen- published. A banques was grown in the House of Commons - Public Sen- published. A banques was grown in the House of Commons - Public Sen- published. A banques was grown in the House of Commons - Public Sen- published. A banques was grown in the House of Commons - Public Sen- published. A banques was grown in the House of Commons - Public Sen- published. A banques was grown in the House of Commons - Public Sen- published. A banques was grown in the House of Commons - Public Sen- published. A banques was grown in the House of Commons - Public Sen- published. A banques was grown in the House of Commons - Public Sen- published. A banques was grown in the House of Commons - Public Sen- published. A banques was grown in the House of Commons - Public Sen- published. A banques was grown in the House of Commons - Public Sen- published. A banques was grown in the House of Commons - Public Sen- published. A banques was grown in the House of Commons - Public Sen- published. A banques was grown in the House of Commons - Public Sen- published. A banques was grown in the House of Commons - Public Sen- published. A banques was grown in the House of Commons - Public Sen- published. A banques was grown in the House of Commons - Public Sen- published. A banques was grown in the House of Commons - Public Sen- published. A banques was grown in the House of Commons - Public Sen- published. A banques was grown in the House of Commons - Public Sen- published. A banques was grown in the House of Commons - Public Sen- published. A banques was grown in the House of Commons - Public Sen- published. A banques was grown in the House of Commons - Public Sen- published. A banques was grown in the House of Commons - Public Sen- published was grown in the House of Commons - Public Sen- published was grown in the House of Commons - Public Sen- published was grown in the House - Public Sen- published was grown in the House - Public Se laying down of the cable, when messages were sent from the room where the company were as embled and answers received in the tollowing periods: From the President at Washington in two hours and ten minutes; from several persons in and near New York average one bour and forty-five minutes; from the Governor of Cuba, who applogized for the delay caused by his residence at a distance from Havannan, two hours and twenty-four minutes; from the Governor of Newfound and, at St. John's, thirty-eight m nutes; and from Heart's Gladstone introduced the question into the Content, Newfoundland, six minutes. But even these performances are quite outdone by an or-

dinary message sent from London to San Francisco on the 1st of February. The wires in

strangers not only fi led the boxes assigned them, founded, 253 young men have been trained in he is very popular and useful. but overflowed into the corridors and passages. its regular classes, and 460 have had instrucesistance to Mr. Gladstone, and both parties and 22 new chapels have been erected by means raced themselves for one of the keenest en- of this agency. In the course of an address characterized by the usual racy language, and leader of the Opposition opened the debate in a sound common sense of the speaker, Mr. Spuremperate, but resolute speech, and he was fol- geon remarked, "We want, by God's help, in owed on that side of the question by some of the first place to send out good pastors, good our first statesmen, who set forth with great preachers, good evangelists; and secondarily good power of argument and in various forms, the scholars—good scholars, however, only with the anomalous position of the Irish Church. Tee view of their being efficient preachers." It is excitement in the country was immense. Crowd- owing to this one purpose, which is ever kept ed meetings assembled to support Mr. Gladstone, supr mely in view, that so much success has atwhile every effort was made by the other side to tended the College. Every subject of study is

We have intelligence of a good work going

on in Cornwall. In the neighbourhood of cuite, there has been a great religious awakcomes to be imagined that special agencies are quarters the names of those who will be preening influence. Still a spirit of habitual expec-

tation ought to be cherished. Many of the accounts received from the separation be ween Church and State. This March Quarterly Mee ings are of a cheering character, and if they at all represent a state of things pretty generally prevailing, we may copal office, in consequence of the decision of indeed "thank God and take courage." Take one or two examples: In the Newcas leupon-Type Circuit the increase of members or the year is 359, with 336 on trial. Sheffield Church from all State control; and give inde- East Circuit 121 increase; 150 on trial. Hull

From several of our smaller Circuits the re turns are equally satisfectory. In the Retford Within the last few months, in a village with a pepulation of only 240 persons, 50 of the num voted Churchmen themselves are beginning to ber have professed to find peace with God. see that theirs is but one communion in the pre- Other returns present similar items of increase.

Last Monday several of our leading friends met to present to the Rev. W. M. Punshon a testimonial, previously to his leaving this country on his appointed mission to America. The testimonial had been subscribed for by friends in various parts of the country, and included gifts from members of other churches beside our own. Among these was the Earlo Shafterbury, who, in a letter dated Nice, stated that he had seen in a newspaper an advertisement of an intended memorial, and so enclosed a cheque for £5, wishing it were more, and saying also how much plessure it afforded him to do honeur to such a man. After the Rev. W. Arthur had uttered some warm-hearted words of fraternal affection, and read a very appropriate address the Chairman, Mr. Sheriff M'Arthur, in the name of the contributors, presented to Mr. Punshon a salver and a cheque for seven hundred

Mr. Punshon holds a high place in the esteem and affection of his brethren, and our Methodis: people generally,-an esteem and love which his self-denying and generous labours, and his exemplary character have well-earned, and uni-

versal regret is expressed at his departure. The Livingston search expedition has returned. and their report gives good ground to hope tha we yet shall hear of the safety of the great explorer. The story that he was murdered is now altogether disc e lited. The expedition reached the spot where this event was said to have taken pisce, and ascertained that he had travelled beyoud that point; but as he pushed on into the was of course lost. He set out with the intenas he had already crossed it from east to west. pearing in civilized parts somewhere on the he exclaimed, "never beheld a sight like thislower Nile.

According to the last advices from Abyssinia tiately and almost instan aneously follow the Undoubtedly ritualism is gaining ground rapid- by the first week in the present month. Sir other; and this will be the case when faith in ly. A tew years ago it was looked upon as the Robert Napier is sanguine that the object of the expedition will be accomplished without much

April 10, 1868.

Evangelicalism seems to be rapidly becoming of his pulpit for a young divine, a relation of the exception instead of the rule in the Anglican his. "I really do not know," said the elergychurches; most of them are Christian pastors, bonoured and beloved by the congregations they of clergy and laity are filled with grief and conwould be dissatisfied with me afterward; and if

Letter from the United States.

time .- April 13 h.-we have had but few spring- vice, is hope of a more joyous meeting after such a long, dreary winter. Business is States will soon be effected.

THE CONFERENCES.

ment of its receipt was received back in Valen- departments of the work during the year. In work to be read at the present time. cia at twenty-three minutes past seven, the whole some of the Conferences, there is a great scarcity operation having occupied only two minutes; of preachers, many of the societies being left to is the title of a work just published by the operation naving occupied only the minutes, or presenters, many of the societies being letter than the distance travelled was about 14,000 miles. be supplied. A number of ministers from Nova At a meeting held last week in connection Scotia are received into our itinerant ranks, which, as indicated by its title, is to give with Rev. C. H Spurgeon's College for the train nearly every year, and they are doing us good a full and accurate account of the operatiwhich in its numbers, and the eager interest ing of young men for the ministry, and which service. It I mistake not, Rev. T. Berton Smith, one of the United Naval forces in connect was attended by several leading friends of other a member of the New England Conference, was denominations, some very encouraging statis- from your country. He was appointed at the two vols. of about 500 pages each, and is beautics of progress were reported. It appears that last session of his Conference to Maiden, a few tifully illustrated with steel plate likenesses of within the short period since the admirable miles from lieston, one of the large appoint- the officers of the Navy department, the leading the galleries, while the peers and distinguished and wise'y-conducted Institution has been ments of the Conference, where I understand, commanders of the navai forces, and others pro-

eleven hundred thousand members, which has It is looked for with interest. just celebrated the first hundred years of its exseminaries, which has its own efficial organs in an able newspaper press, and which is ever ex-This will be the first meeting since the United Centennial contribution, which placed millions, in property and money, at the disposal of the fully met the enticipations of the great b of the ministry and the people. That the Methodist Episcopal Church should look forward with deep interest to the meeting in Chicago, is but natural : and the great size and high character of the church thus represented, awakens the tention of all denominations.

"Every four years the editors of the different riodicals retire, unless re-elected. And when hought atrange that either a change or continuance of editors, would be a subject of much The increase of the number of Bishops is

nother subject that will come before the con

ference. It is proposed to make the number There are now nine; but one of thes disabled by age and infirmities, while another Reminiscences by an Aged Minlaid up with paralysis. And it may be that he propriety of appointing two missionary Bishops—one to reside in Europe, and the other in India-may also be considered. In some sibility, and labor, are already freely mentioned. exciting subject will be that of Lay-Representation. Heretofore laymen have been vigorously excluded from the conferences. No other Pro testant church in this country has been so completely in the hands of the clergy. All attempt introduce the lay element have hitherte failed And the parties which have gone off from the church on this account, have by no means aucseded as was anticipated. But the preser movement has been acquiring momentum for everal years. Bishop Simpson, the most effecvocated the change. Prominent ministers, influential laymen, and the Methodist, one of the heat papers in the land, have been unceasing in the other hand, the opponents of lay represen tation have put forth more power than ever before, to crush the movement. The weight of the Book Concern has been thrown in favor of the who firmly believe that the agitation of the inroduction of laymen, will receive its quietus a Chicago. But in this they may be disappointed.

" In visw of these things, it is evident that nuch to do with the future of Methodism-will do much o determine whether the system shall remain as it has been, or whether it will consider hat some changes may be necessary to accom mable it to meet the responsibilities incurred by the changes taking place in our land and through-

RE-UNION OF CONFERENCES. The New York and New York East Confer-

ences, recently met in the St. Paul's M. E man. Church, New York, for a reunion, and it was a senson of extraordinary interest. Nineteen years had passed since they were divided, and what hundred and twelve of their number had passed o their reward in heaven, and among them ome of the most noted men of the church .-The names of Nathan Bangs, D.D.; Stephen Sanford, D.D.; John Kennedy, D.D.; and Jas. Some had retired from active labors during the time, while a large number of young, talented m-n had entered the ranks. A few of the old sant, festive occasion. Laban Clark, D.D. was about fifty years performed active service in the church. He said it was seventy years since he embraced Methodism, and sixty-eight since he unknown wilds of Central Africa, trace of him entered the ministry. He had enjoyed his labors and was patiently waiting his reward. Marvin tion of traversing Africa from south to north | Richardson, entered the ministry in 1809. This was his sixtieth conference, he had been present a collection of between four and five hundred M thodist ministers in one body. I am just on gone." Heman Bangs, one of the presiding Elders of the Conference, entered the ministry sacrament, two quarterly conferences, and rode ed in different parts of what was then one cirfourteen miles, eight of them in a buggy without cuit. a back to the seat. He was able to be up at After more than twenty years I was returned hese paths more easy and secure. It was four o'clock on Monday morning, rode eleven to labour on the River Philip C. reuit, which is work of the Holy Spirit, that we can be said are most effectively used for training their conthought that some of the advanced treops would miles by stage, and one hundred and twenty-two part of the ground on which I had toiled a quaro be sanctified. It is true that one may imme grega ions to Popish ceremonies and doctrines. reach Magdala, where the prisoners are confined by cars, "and I am here to-day," he exclaimed, ter of a century ago. Many of my old friends " just as fresh for battle as I ever was in my have gone to the grave, but those who still sur-

" Rev. Henry Boehm, who entered the ministry in 1798, now nearly ninety-three years of age, and who was Bishop Asbury's travelling of the minister, the travelling is constant. But ompanion for several years, made a few re- I have reason to thank God for the health and friendly to the Methodists, on hearing a Methodist minister preach on the subject of holiness, said, 'I wonder if such devils who preach that

former acquaintances and friendships, called to Oxford, has become a flourishing village; hun-Our winter holds on remarkably. Up to this parted to renew their labors in the Master's eer-

. When all their toils are o'er."

BOOKS AND AUTHORS. Rev. Jesse T. Peck. D D, has written a work, many beautiful new school houses, and the great reviving somewhat, and the business world is entitled. "THE HISTORY OF THE GREAT REassuming a more stirring—cheerful aspec'. The PUBLIC considered from a Christian stand-point, IMPEACHMENT TRIAL OF PRESIDENT JOHNSON and published by Messrs. Broughton & Wyman, the Province of Nova Scotia. moves slowly, though it is now believed that it 13, Bible House, New York. It contains 710 will not continue more than ten days longer pages, and is printed and bound in the best sty.e The result, of course, remains to be seen ;—the of the art. It is written in the clear, earnest general belief however is, that he will be con- style of the author, and embraces all the essen victed on the charges prefered sgainst him, rand tisl points for a full and complete history of the removed from the White House. Should this R-public. It is multum in parvo-the history of be the result, the reconstruction of the Southern the United States, condensed into one volume. The arrangement is excellent, and each topic, though brief from necessity, is treated with per-The New England Conferences, have all held speculty and force. The author sees an over-America were joined up for experiment from their sessions for the season, except the Maine ruling providence in the entire history of the to all personal interest. 2. That it is expedient Hearts's Content to California, and the message | Conference which meets on the 15th. The rewas sent from Valencia at twenty-one minutes ports of the Conferences were highly satisfacpast seven in the morning; the acknowledge-The History of the Navy during the Rebellion

> minent in the application of scientific discoveries Our General Conference meets at Chicago the and improvements to the naval operations. It is tion in the evening classes; 155 students have first day of May next, and on many accounts written in a pleasing style, and presents a vast been sent out to undertake pastoral charges; will be a meeting of great interest. Subjects of amount of information, throwing much light o. 39 distinct new churches have been formed, great importance to the Courch will come before one of the most trying and interesting periods it. Some of these are thus sketched by a highly of our history. The same publishers will shortly influential Journal of another denomination : | issue their Annual American Cyclopedia, which "The Conference will represent a Church of will give all the current events of the year.

Messrs, Hurd and Houghton, New York, have istence, which is rapidly endowing colleges and issued "The Life Letters, and Posthumous Works of Fredrika Bremer," edited by her sisan able newspaper press, and which is ever the tending its influence through its ably managed ter, Charlotte Bremer, and translated from the Book Cincerns in New York and Cincinnata. Swedish by Frederick Milow. It contains her Biography, autobiography, and her letters, sketches and poems, in which are seen those marked good to all around her. Her heart was open to Though the sum thus realized did not characteristics which made Miss Bremer such equal the expectations of the most sanguine, yet an admired and favorite author. It is a most for Wesleyan Ministers. The writer saw her pleasing and interesting work and will have many readers.

their History of the Great Rebellion. A few Nos. more will complete this great History, the most complete of any written of the rebellion, and of which will be a standard history of that January. he influence wielded by the official papers in great event. No. 28 brings the events of the war down to the investment of Petersburg, and notices the political movements of 1863 & 1864. I'me work is profusely illustrated. CECIL. April 15, 1868.

## For the Provincial Wesleyan. ister.

ed my last sermon in England, in Brunswick John C. Phillips, E q, M.D., of River Philip. chapel, Liverpool, and tour days after I sailed for Newtoundland. What changes have taken Consumption on 15th of February. "But it is thought by many that the most place since that time! It was only seven years before this, that the devoted Dr. Coke had been lingering illness, which she bore with great pacalled to his reward from on board the ship Ca. tience. She was released from her suffering on balva; when only eighteen days sail from India; which country had been for many years the subject of his thoughts, and for the conversion of make no remarks in reference to this excellent whose inhabitants from the deepest heathenism, man, as a somewhat extended biographical noto pure evangelical christianity, was the subject tice will be forwarded in a few days. of his constant petitions to the throne of grace. Samuel Bradburn, the orator of Methodism in ive speaker among the Bishops, has openly ad- its early days, had finished his work only four years; the apostolie Joseph Benson was still lin gering in this world of toil and sorrow; Doc.or heir efforts on behalf of the laymen. But on Adam Clarke, was in the zenith of his h erary fame ; Jabez Bunting, Richard Watson, Robert Newton, and George Morley were the leading minds in Methodism. Our Missionary Society spirituality of Methodist churches may be testnstitution of the conferences in the future, as then had only about one hundred and thirty ed. If the prayer meeting is unattended, and hey have been in the past. And there are many ministers; our missionary membership 28,699; the class meeting neglected, the interence may and our missionary income £37,221 15s 9d.

Timid ones in those days thought Methodism and liter ry and theological culture, and also to Ma hodism no where declined, but in their lowship. s ead God has raised up their spiritual children; a so with lofty minds, with sauctified talent, and the most energising and life-inspiring means with a zeal equalty great for the spread of that the church possesses. And how christians,

It has been my privilege carefully to observe the progress of Methodism during the time of my own itine anoy, when, notwithstanding the two changes had taken place during the time. One great shocks it received—the first under Dr. Warren in 1835, the second, under the so called Methodist Reformers in 1850, by which many of soul. And with respect to the class meeting, ten thousands of our people were led away and ruined in their religious course, yet have I seen attending it, whenever we see it enjoyed a Olio, D.D.; Noah Levinge, D.D.; Peter P. our connexion in England increased from about 200,000 members, to more than 350 000-our loy, D.D., are familiar to the church, and will Missionary Society expanded to four affiliated ong be cherished in the memories of thousands. conferences with more than a thousand ministers, with a membership of near 150,000; with a Missionary income of \$145,140 14 9; while the American Connexion has grown so withten the American Connexion has grown so mighty, that become interwoven wi h religious experireterans still remain, and were permitted to as to give on its roll, a list of near seventy Con unite with their younger brethren on this plea. | feronces; 13,650 regular ministers; 15,000 local preachers; about two million of members; and there, who entered the ministry in 1801, and for eight millions of people; which would be near one third of the whole population of the whole United S ates attending the Methodist ministry -To Gcd be all the glory. Newtoundland, where I spent fourteen years

of the prime of my life, was at the time I landed, merely a Crown colony. It has now its self-government; with good roads, bridges, schools, literary institutions, while its political importance is felt both by the British Government and all her sister colonies

In these Provinces improvement has been marked and obvious. Twenty-five years since I came to THE WALLACE CIRCUIT. That Circuit then included besides the whole of Wallace -Pictou Mines, River John, Pugwash, and River Philip, and five ministers are now station-

vive gave me a most hearty welcome. River Philip is still a very laborious circuit,

Some fifty years ago, a minister not particularly strength, with which he continues to bless me. I feel quite as well as I did forty years ago. Several parts of this my old field of labour

rance former labors and triumphs, and dreds of acres of woodland near Wallace have been cleared, and last au umn were yielding their golden fruits to the industricus husbandmangood houses have taken the place of log huts: towering spires adorn our villag s; while our imprevement in education, and what may be called educational appliances, are an honor to

During the same period the Wallace Circuit has sent out eight ministers, all highly respectable for their talent and zeal, and all still actively ly engaged in their Master's work. Still Methodism has not so progressed or had that leaven. ing effect upon the community which we anticipated. For although our former field of labor is now divided into four circuits, with five min. is:ers, yet not one of the e circuits is relf-sustain. ing, and it can scarcely be said that in any place are our congregations larger than they were twenty years ago Why this is I cannot tell; but certain it is that our ministry cannot long be sustained here unless our people determine to support their min sters; for the annual deficiency of one hundred and twenty dollars cannot be borne, and ought not to be borne by our m nisters. Yet such at present is the case. we hope bowever our financial matters will present a better shewi g at our coming District Meeting.

During the year death has been doing its work, and is constantly reminding us as to the necessity of heir e ready for his approach. Among a number of others I mention the fol-

1. Alexander McPherson, captain of the brig Spartan. He was 43 years of age, a man who nad long lived in the enjoyment of the favour of God, and was beloved by all who knew him. In the month of June last on a voyage to the Island of St. Thomas, he was seized with, and died of yellow fever. Although on the sea, and away ? from all christian friends-yet he realized the presence of God, and died in peace-

2. Mrs. Jesse Rent of Luicester. Sie died after confinement, in the month of Aug st .--For many years had she lived in the enjoyment of religion and her constant desire was to promote the cause of God to her utmost, and do every good cause, and her house was a home the day before her death, when in the midst of great prostration and suffering; her mind was Messrs. Harpers have issued Nos. 25 to 28 of cranquil, and her hope in Jesus was firm and unsbaken.

3. Rebecca Lockhart of Leicester 23 years of age. She died of Consumption on the 25th of

4. Mrs. Samuel Bent, of River Philip. She died on the 29th of January. She had been a member of our Church for many years, and her whole life was consistent with her religious profession. She was beloved by all who knew her. and her loss is seriously felt in the neighbourhood where she resided. Her disease produced much stupor and abberation of mind, so as to revent much satisfactory conversation; yet her end was peaceful,

It is forty eight years this day, since I preach- 5. Margaret Amelia, youngest daughter of

6. Mrs. Richard Black, aged 72 years, after a

Sabbath the 16th of March. 7. Joseph Oxley, aged 90 years. We shall here

WILLIAM WILSON

River Philip, April 16th, 1868.

## The Prayer Meeting and the Class Meeting.

These meetings we believe can be considered the thermometers by which the wa mth and sately be drawn that a comparatively small amount of religious life is in the church; and toat had arrived at its culminating point, and would the members need much more of the quickening the approaching General Conference will have ineviably descend when its then giant mines influence of the Holy Spirit. It is an ominous should cease to think. But he promise is, "in sign of the religious state of church members stead of the fathers shall be thy children, whom when they have so little relish for these means th u mayest make princes in all the earth." The of grace that they will not find time to attend modere itself to the altered conditions of the noble fathers named, and their co:leagues no them to participate in the spiritual unction and church with respect to social standing, wealth. less noble, have long since gone to rest, still has profit of united social prayer and christian fel-

These means of grace must be ranked among christian truth and the salvation of universal being members of the church, can be habi us ly absent from the prayer meeting, where they shoud join in concert for God's blesing on themselves, on the church and the world, and where they should unitedly rise to greater nearness of access to God, is unaccountable, except whenever we find heartiness and regularity in prayerfully improved, when it is looked forwed to with expectation and pleasure, there is sure to be corresponding christian vigor and activity. Then class meetings prove seasons of refreshence and character; gene at edification is the result; and they who thus use such means are not only built up in Christ, but also are prepared with renewed strength and zeal to work for Christ, and be a blessing to others. We would earnestly and kindly call upon all who are in communion with the Methodist church to join in the stated prayer meeting, and be prehave the needful opportunities. Let not worldly cares, nor family concerns, nor the visits of friends, nor indifference, nor excuses hinder. Assemble at the prayer meeting; crowd the altar of prayer; unite in breathings of supplication to the God of all grace for the descentior the Spirit upon your families, your congregations, and the unsaved around you; and while your own hearts will be warmed and quickened, you will realize answers to prayer in the prosperity of the church, and the conversion of souls. God certainly heareth the prayers of his people.

The class meeting if properly improved is one of the best ordinances of the church. Here brethren and sisters in Christ meet who are blended together in a special fellowship within the larger fellowship of the church. The opportunity afforded of a closer religious acquaintance, of knowing each other's christian experience, each other's trials and temptations, each other's habits of prayerfulness, each other's spiritual conflicts and victories, and each other's exercises of faith and piety, naturally elicits strong sympathy and felt oneness in Christ, and cannot fail to subserve the benefit of one and of clergy and laity are filled with grief and consternation. Some have been hoping for a resternation: but there are no signs whatever of this.

Can present netter than I can, my congregation would be dissatisfied with me afterward; and if he should preach worse, I don't think he's fit to preach at all."

It was one of those occasions seldom with greating in population, we also improved. The fluence; Pugwash has also improved. The impressions for good, what light en christian ethics and on the inner life, and what impulses have improved very much. Amherst has grown leaders is alike for the spiritual profit of the inall! While in addition to this, the advice of the

and encouragements can be meeting, and become sanct growth of the individual an of the church in the grace treat members of Methodis whe s, and particularly thos to make it a matter of duty ings, and resolve to obtain can be derived from them. busy city, or engaged in the life, faithfully and constantly meeting, to blend your exp ship, your prayers, with those low travellers to the chur above.

Besides the direct profit of attendance on the prayer meeting, there will be the will largely tend to g ve soli christian character, and force of worthy example to young members of the churc the aggregate of good which church at large, in retains and preventing backslidings, mee ings were sustained wi spirit and number of a tend. are so eminen ly worthy. It has been sometimes said

fai ed in coming to class me week, and they have ben a the church and get again it out being v s ted and pro er rest them and draw them ba and the church This we in places not a few a great d dism The office of c ass tant one -While the ministe ward his pastoral visiting in cases that leaders of classes tend to in the proper nick of bers are lost to the church amid his itinerant duties, ca omnipre ent, paying his visi needed in all cases - (hr

## General Inte

Colonial Steam communication be

The panoramic representa calypse, now en exhibition in demned by the clergy, and by city press, as being an unwar fane method of handling some lime portions of the Book of A man named Wm. Smith himself at the Police Station ing last.

FIRES - Several serious fire having taken place recently in Nova Scotia: The Episco Medway and a dwelling he Truro a carriage factory and ings; at Londonderry the hous Jonathan O'Brien; at Mabou 1) Cameron; at Yarmouth a with several stores and dwelli FATAL ACCIDENT -Mr. I Liverpool, was ser ously inj since by a splinter thrown fro

and expired in four hours after HALIPAX COUNTY TREASUR cial Sessions on Monday, War chosen County Treasurer, in ceed \$800.

PERSONAL -- We take the f Boston Traveller, and are ha Rev. T. B Smith, formerly o is happy and useful in his MT. BELLINGHAM M. E. SEA .- The members of this o gation gathered last evening for a parting interview with T. Barton Smith, who is just terial term with them, in w faithful services, he has secdegree, the respect and affect ioners. The Rev. gentleman entrance into the room, by mo and addressed very appropriady of the church, and wrest of two hundred dollars. The ken by surprise, he soon reco replied in suitable terms of

The occasion was one of gre present." Announcements for Mr. P inform us that he would p James Street Church, Mon last ; would lecture on " Dan Monday evening in that city next preach the Baccalaure convocation of Victoria College

President Richey will let Chicago, as the Representa ence of E. B. America at t ence of the United States.

GOLD .- We have just b W. T. Townsend two bars 90 ounces, the work of ten m Tangier, the yield being equiper ton of quartz. The to \$1200 the value of the gold thus leaving a clear profit of all expenses. The diggings doing well, though last eur The Mayor, as Chairman

Relief Fund, gratefully acknowledge \$500, from Miss Jesse Be being the proceeds of a Baza ment of andland papers at was seed by the Newfou on the coning of the 7th i Field, New York, asking from St. John's to St. G purpose of building a railed tively that the project was a

Messrs. Penton and Mun are said to have advices of sels with 45 000 seals. T this season are remarkably aging 53 ibs to the scal.

OTTAWA, April 25 -In mons to-day Mr. F. Jones' number of salaried minister drawn. Several bills passe to provide for Mr. McGee third time and passed.

Detective Cullen overhea versation between Whelan told Doyle the whole stor McGee. He rested his h Fenian jury. The whole and causes a great sensati committed for trial as an fact. Buckley is also imp Nearly all the member House of Commons have s

each to the fund for discr Sanford Fleming has re colonial Railway explorat the mountains on the cent Supplementary estimate

on Tuesday, include—for tiary, \$20 000; subsidy W Railway, \$500 000; Halil Railway, \$20,000; St. Pe Pier at Digby, \$3,000; Port Dalhousie, \$17 000; between P. E. Island at \$1.600; between Halifa 000; between Windsor, Annapolis, \$4 000; between foundland, \$1.500; betw daien Islands, \$400; for Scotis, \$55,000; buoys, establishment on Sable L establishment on Seal I f Confederation delegate Militia for the Dominion,

So much confirmatory proving the truth of Lac the murder, that no one taken against Buckley, Gee, would be shot, that