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Letters from Rev. R. Knight, D.D. No. III

THE CONTINGENT FUND

By an authority of high respectability rendered all the more valuable as it is a testimony from without the pale of our deno-mination, Methodism has been thus defined :

"Christianity in earnest." The mottoes inscribed on its banner latent at its very birth, but legible and loud as soon as it had strength to give utterance to its sentiments were, "The world is the parish," to "spread holiness through the and" the aim. Thus it spake through the memorable man raised up in the pro-vidence, and by the grace of God, to originate its plan, nurture it in its infancy with parental care, systemize and strengthen it in its progress by his well disciplined judgment, and to extend it by his unwearied, self-denying, and unexampled labor.

It may as well be said at once that i pinion I am utterly at, variance with those who are crying out now and again that Methodism has fulfilled its mission :" that the decrepitude of age has come upon it; and that therefore, by an imaginary law of its own nature it must soon render up its breath. In the conclusiveness of reason and common sense may it be as correctly said. that in the same proportion as a noble river deepens and widens in its voluminous flow is found the proof that the sources of its existence are being exhausted and soon must cease to furnish their supply. Fulfilled its mission, indeed !/ Let the manifold and rapidly increasing Churches formed and nuron the continents of the earth and the islands of the seas be the answer to a sentence so absurd, and which is entitled to no higher parentage than that the "desire is the father of the thought." The noble sentiment expressed by one of its warm-hearted appliances had to be provided. friends but a short time ago meets the fact of its constitution we rather think, namelythat die when it may, it will be found that the disease which induced its decease was the enlargement of the heart." Minding the same thing, walking by the same rule, it will continue to inhale its breath from the fountain of life. God will save it from suicide-give it strength according to its day, perpetuate its existence, and honor it hereafter as heretofore, with a prominent position in the frontal rank of those evangelistic institutions by which it is in His purpose to put the sceptre of universal dominion into the hands of His redeeming Son. "God is

in the midst of her, He will help her, and that right early." Still, when we look at the carly days of

Methodism we cannot but be persuaded that the times made the men. There were difficulties then to encounter which exist not now, with less of ways and means to meet them. Plans therefore for sustentation and progress, thus early originated, are as venrable for their age, as valuable for the objects they contemplated. These honors ga-ther around the head of the Contingent fund. Hence it has been designated "one of the oldest and most excellent charities under the direction of the Conference." More than centenarian in age, it still retains the spring time of its vigor ; but the object of its supporters must more than ever be, as soon as possible to make it overflow its banks that it may irrigate the surrounding country, and thereby make " the wilderness like he garden of the Lord."

Thus pulsated the hearts of our Founder and his friends, when they first formed the fund in question. Places for the conducting of divine worship had to be erected-Ministare to occurry them had to be provided -the

to sea. Which of you will not rejoice to throw in your mite to promote this glorious work? Let every member of Society, once a year, set his shoulder to the work, contri-a year, set his shoulder to the work, contri-

uting more or less as God hath prospered Let every one do herein as he is disposed in his own mind, and according to the ability which God giveth, and there will be derful demonstration of its immer o lack. Men and brethren, help! Help relieve your companions in the Kingdom f Jesus who are pressed above measure .---Help to spread the gospel of your salvation and every part of the building is in first nto the remotest corner of the Kingdom, rate order. The mass of dead stock till the knowledge of the Lord shall cover he land as the waters cover the sea." Such was the powerful eloquence, deriv ing its unction from the love of God. roducing in the soul the love of man, with The Book which the claims of the fund in question was Concern has immense power for usefulness, enforced on the attention of our Societies a and we mistake not, if the Concern does not hundred years ago. Since that period, the world's moral and religious wants, as far as Methodism is concerned, have led on in advance of the resources at command, so that there is no appearance of diminution as to it seems a thing of life, and the way it is

throwing off its publications is wonderful. Some of its recent works are having an asits claims. Our denomination is much wealthier now than then, and as the inspired tonishing sale. The agents have somehow principle of action is "according to the ability which God giveth," enlarged works that will be read. In our estimation benevolence is equitably demanded, and t is an excellent idea, and we wish them may be reasonably expected. In fine, from abundant success in carrying it out. he above forcible putting of the case, so

long ago, we see clearly evolved the true Wesleyan maxims, A parish not less limited THE NEW TEMPERANCE LAW. A new law regulating the sale of spiritous wants, and a pose not less o meet, as far nothing laws, with which the world abounds. in its extent than the world's wants, and a in its voluminous flow principle of charity and purpose not less as possible, the urgency of the claim .- It is not a prohibitory law, but a hcense law, vast the population which a list of languages the Benediction from the President. ardent and intentional than Calls, however, from all parts of the United under which it will not be difficult for any so numerous represents! How irresistible We append a financial statement which Kingdom multiplied. Methodism, in the to obtain liberty to make or vend liquor in would seem the appeal which the mere will be interesting to our readers. One of expansion and zeal by which it has been any quantity. Such a law is a sham, and statement of such a fact bears home to the the items of which it is composed deserves ever peculiarly characterized, rushed respon-sive into those openings. The resources of pire State, will so regard it. No law but a the Contingent fund, as sustained by the prohibitory one, is worthy the name of a tian! yearly collection, were found to be still paintemperance law. So we believe, and so we fully inadequate to meet the expenditure preach.

thereby necessarily incurred ;-hence other STATE OF THE CHURCH Several interesting revivals are in pro-For nearly sixty years the Contingen gress in the city and vicinity. It has on the fund was sustained by the yearly collection whole, been a year of prosperity, and we doubt whether the Methodist Church ever only. But in 1815 (the year in which the

writer commenced his itinerant labour) an stood better here, than at present. April 23, 1857. additional measure was adopted for its augmentation, by the institution of the July collection, so called, as in that month it was

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lowing observations : "In order to provide for the expense THURSDAY, MAY 14, 1867.

which may be incurred by the employmen ommunications designed for this paper must be accor panied by the name of the writer in confidence. /e do not undertake to return rejected articles. of additional preachers, for the purpose o carrying the Gospel and its ordinances those parts of our country which are in a We do not assume responsibil great degree destitute of the ordinary mean of Christian instruction, as well as to pre

Weslevan Conference of Eastern vent, if possible, the necessity of future extraordinary collections, by making the yearly income of the Contingent fund more equa British America. PREPARATORY COMMITTEES o the average amount of the demands upon

t-an annual public collection for the sup-The members of the different Preparaport and spread of the Gospel at home sha be made in all our congregations throughout the Kingdom in the early part of the month of July, which shall be brought to the ensu-ing Conference, and applied in aid of the old established yearly collection which is in the following order:

privately made in the classes. An address Contingent Fund Committee on Friday, June to our congregations on the design and ne-cessity of this collection shall be prepared, Education Fund Committee do., do., 6 p. m. opies of which shall be sent to every Cir-Supernumerary and Ministers' Widows Fund cuit for the guidance of the Preachers who may be employed in making it." Strengthened as was the fund by the aux

Book Committee, on Monday June 22, 9 a.m. Sackville Academy Board Meeting, on Tuesiliary appliance of the July collection, furday, June 23, at 9 a.m. ther aid soon became imperatively demande That the laudable objects it sought to accom June 23, at 6 p.m

The Conference will meet at 10 o'clock the spectacte there exhibited, or the Sha plish should not be arrested in their progres other means had to be subsequently resorted on Wednesday, June 24, 1857.

the soil of England: and how far it has Mr. Smith, the Agent of the Society, been instrumental in opposing the progress seconded the resolution. His account of This great publishing establishment is do-ing a brisk business. It has evidently taken atmosphere tainted by such influence, may He had formed fifty Branch Societies in None Social. Of these he had lately reof that noxious fluw, and purifying the his own proceedings was deeply interesting. power afford a pleasing theme for speculation but Nova Scotia. Of these he had lately refor doing good. Several improvements have must be left for the light of Eternity to visited twenty-two. The Meetings had sales room has been fitted up in better style, it has conveyed the promises of life and immortality unfolded in the Gospel. Fiftyrate order. The mass of dead stock three years only have elapsed since it first Responding to invitations from New Brundescend to important impor devoted to important improvements contem-public; but for every one of those years have been circulated nearly a million copies of the Scriptures, and these in about two hundred show itself with an energy which it has different languages. Into many of themthe work it had accomplished, how glorious never before evinced. The Agents under-stand working it to a charm. In their hands the prospect that lay before it. He quoted translated, in whole or in part, through the an expression of the arch infidel Voltaire direct labours or encouraging pecuniary asthat in the nineteenth century the Bible has been done surely constitutes a claim by would become consigned to oblivion or regot hold of the idea that it is best to publish the Bible Society or the support of every ceive an unparalleled diffusion. How had his prediction been realized ! The work true hearted christian, while the much that remains to be done gives to that claim the was of God, not of man.

By the fourth resolution which was mov urgency which demands immediate and hearty response. From six to seven hundred ed by the Rev. Mr. Crisp, and seconded by languages, or dialects to say the least, yet T. A. S. De Wolfe Esq., the officers of the wait to become to their unillumined tribes Society were appointed, and the meeting the vehicle of God's Holy Word. How was closed, after singing the Doxology, by

heart and conscience of the favored Chris- especial mention, and has been brought par-

ticularly to our notice by the Secretary o We have thought that it would not be in- the Society who views with affectionate reappropriate for us to preface our brief report gard the zeal of the young in the good cause

of the Society's meeting by the few pre- which he has himself so much at heart .ceding observations ; and it may not be un- In the Sabbath School of the Brunswick interesting to our readers if we contrast the Street Wesleyan Church a " Mayflower Asstatement of the Society's funds for the first sociation" has existed for the past two years, year of its existence with that of the last and in each of those years it has collected

of which we have any knowledge, showing, for the Bible Society about four pounds .as this will do when compared with other The children who thus manifest an arden ordered to be made in all our congregations. **Provincial Wesleyan** Societies' progress, gratifying-though let interest in the circulation of the Bible will on the minutes of that year we find the folgreat, the means of the Christian world con- themselves the Scriptures which are able to sidered-in its rapidity. During the first make them wise unto salvation.

year of its existence there flowed into the In 1855, this Auxiliary remitted to the treasury of the British and Foreign Bible Parent Society a free contribution of £125, Society but a few pounds over the amount, and on purchase account £169 16s. 6d.-in which in the past year has been remitted all, £294, 16s. 6d. ; and the Parent Society from Nova Scotia alone : the precise figures in its Report for that year acknowledges a as we collect them £619 10s. 2d. Now the legacy from James Gorham Esq., late of

income exceeds a hundred thousand pounds. Liverpool (less expenses), £50 stg. The At the meeting on Tuesday evening it Pictou Auxiliary remitted £70 sterling, the This province lies directly betweeen Europe evidently no untinished master of diplomacy was a delight to the friends of the Society New Glasgow Auxiliary £38 sterling, and

tory Committees will please to take notice to see the venerable President in the chair. an old friend of the Parent Society, Wm. that they will be expected to attend the dif. Dr. Twining gratefully expressed his high Mattheson Esq., two donations of £50 stg. world. ferent meetings at Sackville, N. B., in the appreciation of the honor conferred upon each. In the past year, 1856, this Auxilweek immediately preceding the Conference, him in appointing him to the post he now iary remitted free contributions to the amount occupies, and avowing his ardent attach- of £250, and on purchase account, £125 11s.

> to its interests he should ever be devoted. He last the Treasurer has remitted on purchase took a rapid survey of the most important account £234 4s. 11d., making altogether topics embraced in the report of the Parent since January 1856, £609 16s.

boon conferred upon our soldiers in the Crimea by the liberal distribution among them Auxiliary Missionary Committee, on Tuesday of the Bible, and beautifully portrayed the spectacle there exhibited, of the Sar-

reading in their own tongue of the wonder-

to sea. Which of you will not rejoice to rest. The Methodists in this city under- marsh of Popery, threatened to overwhelm an interesting illustration of the blessing ed, the stranger, and the blind man might help ca, and the Protestant work looks to the Min to raise the holy noise." "And then with re- sionary Society of the Methodist Episcona ference to the English part of general society in Church to fulfil her part of the plan with promp Bombay, the merchants and the members of the titade and energy. The appropriation has been two services come, in general, from a class some made : and now, we ask, where is the man of degrees above that stratum of society where the ability, and sufficient experience, and devotion Wesleyan masses lie." Having given this " final to become the founder of this mission, and to reason, that the Wesleyan Missionary Society, superintend it and give his whole life to it although the largest, we believe, in the world, And where are the two or three junior brethren been made in the establishment. The reveal. Meanwhile, to the 'regions beyond' been held amid storms but they were in has as yet sent no mission to Bombay," (not of equal devot on and consecration, to go with netcook, Kentville, Nictaux Falls, and and Fletcher, labored there more than thirty The Reman Cathola Church has not be

Petite Riviere, he had formed new societies. years ago, until they were removed in conse- slow to perceive the vast and free held for ma quence of the failure of their health.) the writer sionary labor opened in Turkey, by the result. these provinces and had formed in the lat- getic is the spirit of this movement" that we do both north and south of it. But Bulgaria has ter sixteen Branch Societics, and three not doubt a Wesleyan Mission here would soon particularly attracted their attention, and the Auxiliaries. Mr. Smith earnestly appealed be followed by a Wesleyan chapel and Society, have already made a skillut and powerful more Auxiliaries. Mr. Smith earnestly appealed on behalf of the Society, showing how great and it is perhaps desirable that such a mission ment to occupy it, and win over the people to should be established. It would probably gather acknowledge the Pope as the head of the Church to itself at once the greater part of the Indo-instead of the Patriarch of Constantineple and Britons of Bombay, for its constitution is admir-the Czar of Russia. To this movement of the ably adapted to secure the confidence and love Catholic mission France lends the splendor and of the poor. It finds work for every man to do, prestige of her name. The missionary contest as soon as he becomes its member, and makes him esteem himself by showing that the church really between Roman Catholicism and Protes. does so; and the old Wesleyan motto affords the tantism. The contest involves an immense stake does so ; and the old western involve another this tantism. The contest involves an immense stake surest index to the unparalleled progress of this These provinces he close to Hungary, where great movement, ' At it, all at it, and always at there is an extensive though depressed Protocol

Let the friends and supporters of the Society of Polind. This is the way of access to southct upon the motto generously att. ibuted to them ern Russia, where Protestantism comes in conv the Bombav Times and there will be no want tact with the other creeds, and the difference of means for the extension of the Wesleyan Mis-, races are much mixed up with each. There sions to Bombay and Calcutta. - Wesleyan Mis-then, and these ten or twelve different races, sion ary Notices.

The Methodist Episcopal Church has been ap- east, and the Danube on the north; and from it prised for a year or two that the General Mis- let the light go forth for the healing of the na ionary Committee, with the concurrence of the For the more perfect satisfaction of the Church

thorized the establishing of a mission in Bulga- we will add an extract from Rev. C. Hamlin, h ria, in European Turkey. We were led to this D, written since his return to Constantinople determination by what we regard providential It is dated December 10, 1856, and is as follows indications, some of which we will mention in " PAPAL MISSION TO BULGARIA -- In no vious letters I have spoken of the apprehension the course of this article.

Bulgaria is a province of Turkey, in Europe, which exists in England of great efforts on the punded on the north by the river Danube, on part of the Papal power in Europe to establish the south by the range of the Balkan Moun- missions in Bulgaria and the Danubian provinces. ains, on the east by the Black Sea, and on the Since my return I find the work has actually west by the province of Servia, being in gener- commenced. The Catholics were quick to fee al terms, three hundred miles long from east to and feel their double advantage in the dissatia west, that is from the Black Sea to Servia, and faction of the Bulgarians with the Greek Church one hundred wide from north to south, that is, and in the fall of Russian protectorate. A Cafrom the Danube to the Balkan Mountains - tholic priest, educated in France, but a Bulga-The climate is delightful and salubrious. The garian by birth, is here, operating upon influennorthern portion, along the Danube, is rather tial Bulgarians at the capital. Mr. Schautller ow, and in some places, marshy; but the south- met him with the Bulgarian printer who has ern, and particularly the south-western portions, been printing the P-alus for us, and found him comprehending the slopes of Balkan toward the a polished, educated man, cf pleasing, insinuat-Danube, are high rolling, and very healthful.ing address, speaking French beautifully, and and Asia, considered politically and socially, and He afterward learned from the printer, himself is a very healthful and interesting portion of the a very intelligent Bulgarian, that this priest is making large promises to the Bulgarians of pro-

tection and worldly advantage, as well as all The population of Bulgaria proper, that within the limits marked out above, is about four spiritual blessings, if they will only obey the millions, all of one race, one language, and one Pope. He also expresses the opinion that Pronish the only possible safeguard against Rome been in the country for many centuries. They We have saved the Armenian nation from Roma are a mild, contemplative people, and consider. ed the soundest portion of European Turkey. and are we not called upon to save the Bulgarians? The greatest contest which Protestantism In these respects they approximate the Armehas had with Rome, since the era of the 'Refor nians of Asia, among whom Protestant missions mation, will, doubtless, be in Turkey. The have been so successful. They belong to the European provinces are now fresh soil, and great Sclavonian language, which is derived from great Sclavonian language, which is derived from Asia. Their ancient language is regarded by we are losing time which the enemy is gain them as a classic, which bears a similar relation The increasing tacilities of intercourse with the as a classic, which bears a similar relation to their spoken dialect that the ancient Greek ing. The Wesleyan-Society can do a good and a great work ; but with that work, as yet

become a fixed sons for enterta . At the com an the British Iraw troops and Canada was the except the stre own hardy sons be alert to emi ment as the one and bullied, and the British Min would fain have supplies to Cana them a passage # them over of winter amoun We are informe rival in Canada to the subject, a with their differing languages, let us plant our est terms to the Bulgarian mission, on the slopes of the Balkan tance of maint Canadas at pres ity of being able railway connex

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ittee, on Saturday, June 20, at 9 am. Society. He made especial reference to the Religious Intelligence.

India, and the improving state of education in does to the modern Greek. They are very much

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Mountains, overlooking the Black Sea on the Bulgarian Missions. Board of Managers and the bishops, have au-

faithful performance of "their duties evoked the fiery hate of persecution centering in the gathering of brutal and unruly mobs-the United Kingdom presented manifold scenes of spiritual dearth and desolation-a painful paucity of financial means to meet the exigencies of the times existed-and the necessity of the case therefore demanded that something should be done. Hence this fund, of which it may be said that it owed its birth in part to the tempest of the times. and was " cradled in the storm." was formed, as one of our Connexional institutions.

An accredited writer on the denominathis, as well as some others, of our author tional funds of Wesleyan Methodism states the following objects : "The liquidation of done much more, candour must compe that at that early period it was applied to debts on those preaching houses which had us to admit. So plain is the principle o been already built-to provide means for action on the ground that every source from calling out an additional number of Preachers-to meet the deficiencies of those Preachers who were stationed on the poorer Circuits in England, Scotland, Wales, and Ireland-and to enable the Preachers to sion cannot claim indulgence. A somewhat defray certain law expenses which in those days they were sometimes compelled to incur in order to obtain protection from persecuting mobs."

Whatever modifications of this fund may have since obtained, of its essential principle and design there has been no invasion. low, as then, it is intended to stretch forth its hand of charity to aid in accordance with the means at command the necessities of poorer Circuits; alleviate the personal and family afflictions of our Ministers who are still engaged in actual service, and thereby to strengthen and extend the labors of the Goanel ministry.

Both the purity and dignity of its principles are coeval with the era of its earliest effort, in the form of a yearly collection, solicited not from the hand of outside benevolence but made from the members of the Church in the several classes as supplementary to the support they had by other means rded to sustain the preaching of the Word. This collection was first formally made and universally injoined on our Soci-eties by Connexional authority in the year 1756, just one hundred years ago.

Some few of the Societies, pressed by existing necessity, and already convinced that something must be done to relieve the pressure, had laudably stepped forward in discharge of an obligation they felt to be resting upon them. The yearly collection, however, was not connexionally recognized and enforced prior to the above date. From that time it has held place among the standing orders of our Church discipline; and there must it remain, and that, too, with growing vigour, as long as the world's moral and religious destitution shall require the

ervices of a Wesleyan Ministry. The principle and importance of this annual collection in the classes constituting the actual membership of our Church, cannot be more equitably and vigorously put than by the following instructions thus early given to the Superintendents of Circuits, and directed to be read in every Society :-"How shall we send a sufficient number of

the most of all wanted. Many are willing to hear, but are neither able nor willing to bear the expense. Nor can it yet be expected of them. Stay till the Word of God hash touched their hearts, and then they will provide for them who preach it. Does it

not lie upon us in the mean time to supply their lack of service-to raise a general fund, of which from time to time, the expense may be defrayed? By this means, willingly offer themselves may

The Conference genero aid, and from the profits of the Book-room voluntarily awarded a considerable donation amounting to some thousand pounds a year.

THE PRESIDENT would request of the This fund, also, is among such as have been adopted by our affiliated Conference, and by Chairmen of Districts that at their several its authority is made one of its standing rules, and as such is earnestly and affection ately commended to the patronage and supclaims on Circuit allowances ; and also to port of our Societies and Congregations. Previously to our present Conferentia organization-when we existed merely as prepared correctly alphabetical, not only in District Committees, and were more espe-cially under the direction and control of the the initials but succeeding letters. British Conference-But little was done for

ized funds. That it was our duty to have To Our Agents. Lay and Ministerial. The fiscal year of the Provincial Wes-

Society.

which we received financial aid, we should leyan closes on the 20th day of May. It is have endeavored by all attainable means to very desirable on many accounts that the strengthen. Free, however, as we are to balances due should be paid in before that confess our former defections, longer omis time, as the accs, for the Conference year will then be closed. We again repeat that new dispensation has reached us. We are many of the Circuits, notwithstanding the raised ecclesiastically to a more dignified praiseworthy efforts of some, are very largeand responsible position ; and to render ourselves worthy of a charge so elevated and

ly in arrears. Our payments at this period honourable, our dignity must be sustained and our responsibility discharged by a largeof the year are very heavy, and we are now in hopes of receiving largely before the time afforded for supplying Sabbath Schools hearted, warm, and unwearied liberality ;specified; and while we would avoid defer- with the Rible, and its bounties to the poor, and to no one fund, as regardsourpeople,c we so justifiably, or should we more earnest ring the payments of balances due till Con- endeared the Society to his heart; for he ly make our appeal; for the issue to which it mainly leads is a more wide, and still ference, we would say, that at the Confe- had witnessed the blessed results among rence the balances must be paid. If not these classes. Mr. Uniacke also adverted widening dissemination of the word of Many barren spots within the range of our paid at that time, we shall be compelled to to the triumphs of faith, through the knownewly appointed Conference lie still unbles strike the names of defaulters from our list. ledge of the Word, which formed the bright by the fertilizing influence of an evangelical

ministry; and to the occupancy of these out posts, the voice of pressing invitation bids are due in advance; and our subscribers He concluded with an expression of the us come. A similar state of things in this and agents will please take due notice, and pleasure it gave him to unite on that platare due in advance; and our subscribers He concluded with an expression of the respect as that which gave to this fund its govern themselves accordingly. origin in the parent land obtains here .-

We have the same remedy in our keeping We have the same remove in the same is applica-and all we want is the means of its applica-The British and Foreign Bible cation. As children, the parent has nourished us; and having brought us up

thus far to the maturity of manhood, let The Queen of voluntary institutions for be ambitious in our turn to act a parent' the promotion of Christian objects, as it has

been happily termed, had its progress admi-Such, Sir, do I deem the importance this fund to be, that I must crave permis sion to occupy your columns with an additional communication on this portion of financial discipline. I am, Yours, R. KNIGHT.

New York Correspondence.

remain unoccupied? We have frequently cularly to the circulation of God's Word as AN IMPORTANT CHARITY. The Methodists in New York are doing

noble work, in providing a home for the aged and infirm members of the Methodist inferior moment to the universal circulation enforced the duty of union. Church. About 25 are now cared for at of the Bible claimed the attention. Christhe "Home," though as yet, the plan propo- tians! You are numbered by thousands in the Resolution, took occasion to show the sed to meet fully the necessities of this class, this community; and might we not justly obligation of missionary societies to the pied for the purpose is a dwelling house, but in a short time, the new building, in year would be generally conceded to the grateful emphasis he acknowledged the supprocess of erection, will be completed. This laudable object of testifying your catholicity port derived by the Wesleyan Missionary is to be a splendid edifice, every way adap-by meeting together on the common ground Society from its co-operation. He relabourers into those parts where they are ted to the object intended, and will accommodate a large number of persons. There are in New York one, and per-

haps two, hundred aged persons, who have rian sympathy? long been Methodists, and are now waiting The origin, object, operations and accom- nations of Italy, Turkey and China. in "good hope" of eternal life, but are now reduced to poverty and are unable to support themselves. Most of them are females. To have a good home provided for them is principles of the two great commandments ing the third resolution, which conveyed an object worthy of our New York friends. and we have, no doubt, from the manner in which they have taken hold of it, they will carry it out and make it all it should be.

MATTHEW RICHEY, D.D. ful works of God. These men had left their ful works of God. These men had left their country ignorant of the Bible, but they had and the knowledge of salvation through faith in PRESIDENT.

carried back with them into Italy the tes- Christ will supplant the miserable superstitions taments they had received on the field of which now reign over myriads of our fellow-sub meetings they will secure a record of the battle, and blessed effects were already re- jec's. Of the Missionaries now in India it may precise date of birth of each child having sulting to their country from this event. Following the President's opening speech Whole districts of the Madras Presidency, conimpress on the minds of the brethren the was the reading of the Report by the Secre- taining large cities and populous villages, neve necessity of having their Missionary Lists prepared correctly alphabetical, not only in admirable exhibition of the work both at home and abroad, and of the importance of

home and abroad, and of the importance of sustaining and carrying out the great object ness of Missionaries, it may be observed that the for which the Society had been constituted. Government finds no lack of candidates for em It was listened to, as it deserved to be, with ployment in the civil and military services in marked attention and interest. It will India. Some of the best qualified and educated shortly be printed. Let our readers pro- men in the Universities have offered themselves to go wherever government may please to ap

cure and peruse it. The first Resolution-that the Report be point them in that vast region. Shall not Christian Missionaries also be found in sufficient received, printed, and circulated-was movnumber, suitably qualified for the great work of ed with a speech of characteristic catholicity publishing the Gospel of peace to those who are by the Rev. R. F. Uniacke. He referred afar off

to his early connexion with the Society, his When the means have been found for strength growing love for it, and his firm belief that ening and enlarging the Missions in the Madras Presidency, and in the neighboring island o nothing could ever separate him from it. largely in advance of our receipts. We are low Its blessings to the young in the facility it Ceylon, it will become a subject of grave con-Society ought not to resume its long suspende Missions in Calcutta and Bombay. Earnest invitations have been received from both those Presidencies. Many members of the Methodist Society are scattered through the army and other departments of the public service. A few weeks ago a letter was received from a resident in Bengal enclosing a donation of ten pounds, and The subscriptions, according to our terms, est page in the story of the Russian war. calling the attention of the Society to the claims of the populous and neglected region in which the writer had been called to reside. We have form with the pious clergymen of other denow to acknowledge a similar communication nominations in the grand purpose of circufrom Bombay, with a donation of five pounds -

lating the Word of God. He cited also passages from an address of the Bishop of Melbourne, indicative of the same feeling lic journals at Bombay, in which the subject of on the part of that colonial prelate.

dency is discussed. The Bombay Guardian of The first Resolution having been se conded by J. G. A. Creighton, Esq., and rably reported and its claims eloquently and adopted, the Rev. Professor Tomkins moved convincingly enforced at the Annual Meet- the second Resolution-expressive of gra-Madras has lately laid the foundation of a new ing of the Nova Scotia Auxiliary, held in titude to God for past success, and recognis-Temperance Hall on the evening of Tues- ing the duty of redoubled exertion on the day the 5th instant. How is it, we earnestly part of Christians. The speech with which The Guardian thus explains this absence :inquire, that on such an occasion any seat Mr. Tomkins introduced this resolution was "The Wesleyans have given themselves special in that commodious Hall was permitted to able and comprehensive. He pointed parti- ly to the south of Indua and Ceylon."

seen every bench and every aisle filled by the work of Protestants, cited a copious ex-

The Rev. James England, in seconding of that Society which aiming at no secta- cognised in its establishment the Provirian purpose, appeals to no merely secta- dence of God, that same Providence which was now opening up a way for it among the

plishments of the Bible Society must invest The Rev. J. Hunter of the Free Church it, to the eye of every one animated by the followed with an excellent address in mov--love to Gop and love to man-with per-

tached to their ancient classic are desirous of having it restored; and for this purpose, they wish it taught in the schools, as well as their own spoken dialect.

Their religion is of the Greek rite, and they are under the ecclesiastical jurisdiction of th Greek patriarch of Constantinople, who appoints their bishops. It is the policy of the pat riarch to appoint Greeks for bishops ; and to cause the Bulgarian language to be displaced from the public worship, and from the schools, Domestic. and the Greek language to take its place. This

produces great dissatislaction among the Bulgarians, and strongly inclines them to disaflection toward the Greek Church. This disaffection has been greatly increased by the results of the late eastern war, by which the Russian influence in h's previous tank and precedence in the General natters of religion in the Turkish provinces as been nearly, if not wholly, destroyed. This has left them free to think and act in matters of religion.

As a missionary field Bulgaria offers great promise. We have already remarked that the people are mild and contemplative, and therefore (Malagawacht.) Alex. McDonald, (Cape North.) predisposed to religious thought and worship --There is perceived among them a growing dis-Leod. (Island Point.) Lauchlan McDonald, flection toward the Greek Church, to which is (Grove's Point,) Jas. McAuley, (Boularderie,) to be added the fact that for many years past Donald Morrison, (Baddeck)-In the County they have given indications of a disposition to of Cape Breton : Donald McNeil, Esg .- In become acquainted with the spirit and forms of Protestant Christianity. Two editions of the the County of Guysborough, except St. Mary's District : Abraham N. Whitman, Donald Gunn, Scripture, in their own language, have been John Stuart, James Fitzgeraid, Godfrey Peart, ublished by the British and Foreign Bible So-Andw. Sangster, Jas. A. Tory. Chislon, Jos G. ciety, and have gone into circulation by pur-Hadley, Johathan Hartley, Esqs .--- In the Dischase. A third edition has been called for, and trict of St. Mary's Guysborough : John Rude has just been issued, or is now being issued by Sen, Rob. Kenedy, Sen., Israel Nickerson, Jas. the British and Foreign Bible Society. Besides W. Young, Thomas Smith, Wm. Pride, Alex. this desire for the Scriptures in their own tan-Sinclair, Wm. Lynch ---- In the County of Picguage, they have repeatedly applied to the mistou : Roberi & McKenzie, (Paton.) Juse Cricksion of the American Board at Constantinople ton. (Pienou) Alex. Mehay, (West River.) to extend the mission into Bulgaria. They have Chas. McLellan, River John, Equ. To be even offered aid to induce them to come to them, Coroners in the County of Victoria Geo Ingrabut the American Board did not think that they The pious Serjeant who sends this letter sends han, E-q. (Badleck.) John Robertson, Esq. at the same time extracts from two of the pubhad the men and the money to spare for such St. Ann's.) - - To be surveyor of shipping : Ja an extension of their mission at Constantinople; cob S. Ingraham, Esq., Victoria County - - To the absence of the Wesleyans from that Presiand under the circumstances they informally be members of the Roard of Commissioner of addressed themselves to the Missionary Society

Schools for the County of Victoria: Jos. Hart, October 11th, 1856, stating that, " aided by a of the Methodist Episcopal Church, under a be-(Baddeck.) Rev. A. McIntosh, (St. Ann's) Government grant, the Wesleyan Mission at lief that this society would be able, if it should Rev. A. McDonald, (Grand Narrows,) Rev. C. undertake the mission, to carry it on vigorously. Ross. (Wycoccinagh.) - To be Commissioners Anglo-vernacular institution," adds, that " a con- An intimation was also given that it was judged for taking Affidavite, Receptizances of Bail and temporary wonders that there should be no Wes- that the two Boards of missions could and would for Relieving Insolvent Debtors in the County levan Mission in either Calcutta or Bombay."- work agreeably together in European Turkey. of Victoria: Jos Haft, and Wim Jones, Esqu-In pursuance of the suggestions from our bre--To b. Collector of Control Duries for Port thren of the American Board our General Mis-Medway, Queen's County . Jos Jones Leteon, sionary Committee made the necessary appro-Esq, vice Wm. Foster. Log, resigned.-Tobe The Bombay Times of January 27th, 1857, priations two years in succession; but the men goes more into detail. Having asked the ques- were not found for the work. Then the late the waiting crowd when subjects of infinitely tract from Chillingworth, and eloquently tion, "How is it that there are no Wesleyans in eastern war occurred and was actively carried To be Collector of Colonial duties at Pugwash, Bombay ?" it replies, that, " In the first place, on in Bulgaria and its vicinity, and thus render-Cumberland County : Ja-, McNab, E.q., vice Bombay is eminently the Scotch Presidency, and ed it impractible to establish the mission. At David Rodgers, Esq., superseded ---- To be Methodism never obtained much footing in Scot- the close of the war the application to us was Collector of Light Duties at Whitehaven : Mr. land." It finds the home of Methodism in Corn- renewed through Rev. Dr. Hamlin, from Con-

James Feltmate. wall .- and mentions Treffry and a host of other stantinople, and so favorable were the circumworthies who have been raised up in that coun- stances, and so urgent the request from Bulga-We are glad to hear, that on Thursday, Mr Howe introduced a resolution authorizing the ty, erroneously classing the learned Dr. Adam ria, that our General Missionary Committee, Clarke as one of them,--and amongst the wild and Board, and bishops, concurred in making Government to employ a suitable person to exand licentious peasantry of Wales, Lancashire, arrangements for an early commencement in the amine and systematically arrange a mass of old and Yorkshire; "while the gleanings in the mission. Indeed, so favorable and so urgent were Provincial documents which have been for years Scotch vineyard were scarce, the harvest in the circumstances, that an active association in stowed away in various unsuitable places in the England was marvellous." It alleges the Armin- England, called the Turkish Aid Society, prof- Provincial Building, huddled together in most ianism of Wesley as one cause of his want of fered pecuniary support to the American Board puzzling confusion. We highly approve of this success in Scotland; and as a third cause, "the if they would extend their Constantinople mis- step, and if the matter is placed in judicious red-bot impulsiveness of the movement " "as sion to the Bulgarians. This has probably been hands, we are sure much valuable matter will be little in accordance with the cautious tempera- consented to to the extent of the Bulgarian popu- rescued from an ignoble fate, and the foundation ment of the people of Scotland." "The frank lation south of the Balkan Mountains, making laid for "Historical collections of Nova Scotla" confessions of the class meeting and its fervid ex- Adrianople and Phillippolis centers of this ex- after the pattern of those of Massachusetts periences could be as little sympathized with, by tension, and leaving Bulgaria proper, with its Both Mr. Howe and the hon. Attorney General which they have taken hold of it, they will a cold Scottish Presbytery, as the solemn shout or race when the foundations of Society life and power thereof, be spread from sea

they will be in the field in three. From what I have seen of the theological seminaries, I am sure we can get the men, and I earnestly hope we shall soon have a mission in Bulgaria."-Rer. Dr. Durbin in Zion's Herald.

all unknown and untried, it will be long before "

General Intelligence.

Colonial.

and Watters were I PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENTS .- The followas far as beard f .27; Crock, 223; ing appointments by his Excellency the Lieut. Governer and Council bear date May 7, 1857 COUNTY OF -Richard Smith, Esq , to be one of the Justices County, besides the of the Peace for the County of Hants, with additional candidate man) lost his ele Commission .----- Wm. Clarke, Esq. to be the quence of his strict a Law' On the pres Custos Rotalorum for the County of Guysboro', except St. Mary's District, in the place of the a Liberal, and very was returned secon Hon, R. M. Cutler, resigned. - To be Justices of the Peace for the County of Victoria : Mallate Liberal memb votes were - for Sm com Campbell, (Baddeck,) Charles Campbell, Gilbert, 1.605 : Bott Monro. 679.- Cou Malcom McLean, (Upper Baddeck,) John Mc-

> Portage, Sussex, w the 20th ult., with h wood to his house returned alone, which family, and a daughte of her father. On at work, she found ! he had cut, dead. wood a little dista from it. It is supp taken suddenly ill a travel, had loosed that their return hor and bring help. the help arrived. illness, and the cor nict accordingly. Sussex, was about left a large family, Inteligencer. Canada.

SUDDEN DEATH

The weather is no and navigation fairly Business is brisk i of the Spring appear what conflicting. promising; another report, and that alter njured wheat. In the Provincial tant measures have the Grand Trunk warmly discussed. The Post-Master promised Civil Serv change the old mode ments in the Gove stringently provides nation by a Board, a which appointments be made. The en undoubtedly tend effective. Another bill, which here, for which the

credit, is one introd MacDonald, entitled ing Prisons, and for Common Gaols." and it is much wante A bill for the C Lower Canada has It was infroduced Cartier. The Board of Tra ed of the draft of a

