

my boots for a pillow in a calico hotel; they only charged me three shillings for it, as I was there only half the night. A travelling companion begged hard for a small one for the minister's pillow; but the master said this were all too big. * * * At the time I paid 5s. for a feed of oats, and £1 for the horse per night; but generally I was treated with cordial hospitality and kindness."

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Religious Miscellany.

It is said that the baptism of Prince Napoleon's son is at this moment a great stumbling-block to the Church. The little prince was half baptised immediately after his birth: it is almost without precedent that the full rite of baptism should be postponed for more than six months. The infant is now more than a year old, and the reason given for the extraordinary delay is that Prince Napoleon will have no other godfather for his son than the King of Italy who is excommunicated. The Pope making a point of holding to the excommunication in this case, no baptism in France can be found to fly openly in the face of the Church, and Prince Napoleon, with equal firmness, declares that unless Emperor Emanuel holds his infant over the font he shall not be baptized at all.

THE GOSPEL TRIUMPHING.—We often hear desponding views of Christianity. But let us look at this statement, showing the advance the Church has made. There were, of Christians, in the first century, 500,000; in the fifth century, 15,000,000; in the sixteenth century, 50,000,000; in the eighteenth century, 100,000,000; in the nineteenth century, 200,000,000. Is there not something inspiring in such a view? Yet a little reflection and we may say, "From the tops of the rocks I see them, and from the hills I call them; who can count the dust of the earth, and number the fourth part of Israel?"

STUDENTS OF THE ESTABLISHED CHURCH.—The Clerk of the Presbytery of Glasgow has recently stated that there had never been a larger number of divinity students in connection with the Church of Scotland than at present, and in point of attainments they were also far above the average. Dr. Russell said it was extremely important to bear in mind the fact known, that however other objections might be placed, the Church of Scotland was never better supplied with students than at present, either with regard to quantity or quality.—*L. Witness.*

We learn with great satisfaction that the British and Foreign Bible Society have presented to the Nova Scotia Auxiliary 950 copies of the "Acts of the Apostles" in Micmac for distribution among the Indians. The last census sets down the Indians in Nova Scotia at little over one thousand; and

this being the case, we have no doubt this supply will be adequate for a long time to come. The translation is by Mr. Rand, the indefatigable Mic Mac Missionary.—*Id.*

Our friends in Chatham, we understand, are busily preparing for a Bazaar to be held in that place next summer, for the purpose of aiding the funds of the new Kirk.

The first Protestant College in Turkey was opened in Constantinople on the 19th of September last.

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The Church Paper.

Who can estimate the value in drawing the minds and hearts of young and old towards the Church we all love as a common heritage. It is a constant reminder of what is going on in the fold of Christ, in the spring when the flowers begin to bud and bloom, through the dry heats of summer, in the autumn when winds carry the sear leaves around our dwellings and whistle in every opening and crevice, in the winter when storms rage and howl without, and old and young are gathered around the comfortable fire within, during all the changing seasons of the year, it pays its regular visits, to remind us of the permanency and the prosperity, the cares and trials of a Church which will continue to exist until the end. And it leads us and aids us to love the Church. It is a golden tie to bind us to dear brethren, with whom we hope to dwell in eternity.—*Selected.*

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Choosing a Minister—A Legend of the Olden Time.

In one of the cities of Asia, during the first century, a couple of disciples had met together to choose a minister:—

"We need," said A., "located as our church is, in the very heart of a city given to idolatry a man not only distinguished for talents and attainments, but also for eloquence; I would therefore nominate Apollos, who is 'an eloquent man and mighty in the scriptures.'"

"Apollos is undoubtedly eloquent," said B., "and a good biblical scholar; but we want a bold, energetic man, who will grapple with the giant evils of the day, and fearlessly 'fight the good fight of faith.' Such a one is Cephas, whose very name suggests a firmness and strength. He is also ardent and zealous, and will stir up our pure minds by way of remembrance."

"We live among men of great learning and classical attainments," said D., "and I would ask whether Cephas is sufficiently scholarly to meet the arguments and sophistries of men distinguished as philosophers and critics?"

"If you want a highly educated man," said E., "select Paul. His scholarship is un-