beside-the light, so that he could stand up and read. I had the curiosity to ascertain what so much interested him, and found, to my surprise and gratification, that the book over which he was poring, in this sink of wickedness, and which he was snatching scraps of time to read, was the New Testament!

Another and somewhat ludicrous incident, illustrative of the same-characteristic, was narrated to me by a friend living in one of the tide-water countles of Virginia. On a blenk, barren hill-top, in rather a desolate boking neighbourhood, stood one of the old churches which had been built under the established religion in the colonial days of Virginia. The bricks had been brought from England, and the whole aspect of the building was much time-worn-especially, as until recently it had been but little used. In the aisles and without the walls slept the dust-of some of the old cavalier early settlers of the colony. At one end of the building was a square tower, in the top of which was a good sized room and over which acreamed an old rusty weather-cock, whenever the winds came howling round the old church. Altogether, it was rather a ghostly-looking place, and one which timid people might not wish to pass too near, after night-Nevertheless, a minister who had come into the neighbourhood to reside, not-finding a bed-room and-study in the house where he boarded, some distance off, took up his abode in the room in the old church tower, and there lived for many months, if not years. One Saturday evening, when it was growing towards the noon-of-night, the silence of his solitary abode was disturbed by a footstep on the stairs below. The footfall was heavy and slow, and as the stairway was winding, some little time clapsed whilst the strange visitor was ascending. Accustomed as was this elerical brother to his odd-residence, he had not been used to night visitors. Who could it be? Perhaps, for a moment, the good man's superstition may have got the better of him, and it-may have crossed his mind that possibly when the door opened, one-of-the-old cavaliers-from beneath the tombstones below, would be his unwelcome and uninvited guest. There was a knock at the door. The minister called out " Come in," and in walked an aged colored man who, in passing along the neighbouring road, aw a light-in-the window of the minister's tower, and determined to come up and solace himself on his pilgrimage, by talking with the man of God about the concerns of his soul. A most agreeable surprise!-Pres.

COLOURED CHURCH MEMBERS.—The Methodist Church (South) reported, in 1849, as the whole of the coloured church members, 137,528; in 1847, the Baptists had 100,000, the Presbyterians have 7000, and the other denominations are supposed to have 15,000; making a total of 250,000, which we presume is now at least 300,000. Taking the adult slave population, it will be found that the report of the professors of religion is as great among them as the whites.

The Magazine will be published on the 15th of every month, and it is requested that all literary contributions be forwarded ten days previously.

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The second article, on the policy of the Church in Canada receiving aid from the Church in Scotland, not forthcoming in time for this number.—The communication of an "Old Scotchman" we decline inserting. The columns of the Magazine will be open to controversial discussions on matters in or out of the Church, if the Magazine is the proper or best place for them, and if there is a need-be to enter on them or continue them; but until these conditions seem to be met, we shall exercise our own judgment, and refuse to accede even to the wish of respected friends.

The Members of Committee appointed to submit, at next Synod, a draft of Literary course for Students preparatory to entering the Theological Academy, are requested to meet in the U.-P. Church, Toronto, on Tuesday, the 19th inst., at two o'clock, p.m. This notice to be considered official.

John Jennings, Convener.

The Sabbath School Juvenile Missionary Society, in connection with the United Presbyterian Church in Pakenham, held their first Missionary Meeting on the evening of Tuesday, the 22nd February, on which occasion they were kindly entertained with tea, &c., by one of the teachers. The contents of the Missionary Box, which amounted to £2:15s.

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