

the merit of originality, gravely propounds the supremely preposterous notion, that in the human nature of Christ all men are "generically newborn." Now, all these writers are clergymen, who have subscribed the same articles of religion, and have given their assent to everything contained in the Book of Common Prayer. In their own estimation, they are all sound Churchmen; in that of some portion, at least, of their brethren, there is not a sound Churchman among them. Does not this diversity of opinion prove, beyond all question, that the precise benefit of baptism is not revealed in Scripture, and that it is, consequently, presumptuous, as well as unwise, to attempt to define it?—*Satcliff's Tracts for the Times.*

CONFIRMATION.—A DIFFICULTY.—To the Editor of the *Church and State Gazette*.—Sir—I should be glad if some one of your numerous correspondents would solve the following difficulty.—A family has lately come to reside in this neighbourhood, the members of which have been brought up in an observance of the rites of the Kirk of Scotland. Since their residence here, the children have attended our schools, the eldest of whom, who is about fifteen years of age, is anxious to avail herself of the privilege of attending, with some of her companions, the sacred ordinance of confirmation. My difficulty is, whether it would be right to admit her to this apostolic rite previously to her being baptized according to the forms of the Established Church. Should some of your correspondents kindly reply to this question in your next paper, it would much oblige a constant reader. E. F. P.—*Church and State Gazette*. [We marvel at "E. F. P." making this difficulty. The Rev. James Marshall was admitted, successively to deacon's and priest's orders, without either being baptized or confirmed,—where, or then, should this young heretic not be confirmed?]
—*Free Church Magazine.*

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

JEDBURGH CHAPEL.—This chapel was opened on 15th August with much pomp and ceremony. Dr. Hook of Leeds preached in the forenoon, and Archdeacon Wilberforce in the evening, or rather at "vepers," as we are carefully informed by the papers of the day. About forty clergymen were present; and, as usual, a great stress was laid on the "offertory." Two of the divines present bore the "ladles" from pew to pew, and then carried them to Dr. Hook, who emptied their contents into one receptacle, which was then piously transferred to the Bishop in chief by the Rev. Lord Ryder.

CHAPEL ROYAL.—The Puseyite organ of the Episcopalians proposes that the money collected for the new chapel in Edinburgh should be applied to the restoration of the Chapel Royal at Holyrood. Should this be carried into effect, what will become of the Deans of the Chapel Royal?

ENGLISH INDEPENDENTS.

CENTENARY OF THE BIRTH OF THE REV. ROWLAND HILL.—A very large public meeting was lately held at Surrey Chapel, Blackfriars' Road, London, for the purpose of commemorating the centenary of the birth of the late Rev. Rowland Hill, and also to consider the propriety of erecting a memorial to him. It was resolved to erect, contiguous to the Chapel, a large school-house, where a number of children might receive the blessings of a sound, liberal, and scriptural education; also, to erect two large infant-schools, one of which should be in the Borough Road.

FOREIGN CHURCHES

SYNOD OF NOVA SCOTIA.—DISRUPTION.—This Synod met at Pictou on the 10th of July, and by a majority of eleven to four, including thirteen ministers and two elders, separated from all connection with the Established Church of Scotland, and declared its designation to be "The Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia."

PRESBYTERY OF VAN DIEMAN'S LAND.—This Presbytery, consisting of twelve congregations, has severed its connection with the Established Church, and passed resolutions declaratory of sympathy with, and approbation of, the Free Church.

RELIGIOUS STATISTICS OF THE UNITED STATES.—MINISTERS AND COMMUNICANTS IN 1843.—This table embraces the ministers and communicants in the principal evangelical denominations, according to the latest returns to which access could be obtained;—

	MIN.	COM.
Baptists, Associated Calvinistic,	4,801	575,801
" Free Will,	893	50,628
Congregationalists, Orthodox,	1,150	160,000
Episcopalians,	1,222	say 75,000
Lutherans, Evangelical,	324	146,300
Methodists, Episcopal,	3,947	1,052,392
" Protestant,	400	50,000
Presbyterians, Associate,	110	15,000
" Associate Reformed,	165	26,000
" Reformed,	29	4,500
" Cumberland,	450	50,000
" Dutch Reformed,	261	23,322
" German Reformed,	180	30,000
" General Assembly,	1,617	159,115
" General Assembly, New School,	1,419	120,645

Total reported, 17,073 2,544,763

Comparative Statement.

In 1832.	In 1843.
1 Min. to every 1,433.	1 Min. to every 1,093.
1 Com. to every 7½	2 Com. to every 5.

—*American Missionary Chronicle*, 1844.

TUX MORMON TEMPLE.—One of the editors of the *St. Louis Herald* having lately visited Nauvoo, thus speaks of the new Mormon temple:—"The system upon which this temple has been building is the exaction of labour, every tenth day, from every man who cannot purchase his exemption from the task with money. It will be, if ever finished, a very imposing looking edifice. It stands in a high and commanding position, a prominent object, riveting the stranger's eye at once, and, upon near inspection, the style of architecture is found to be more than commonly attractive, from its singularity. It is like nothing else; and, unless we may be allowed to designate it as the Mormon order, it certainly has no name at all. The stone is of excellent quality, quarried in the neighbourhood, and very good mechanics have been at work upon it. The massive caps of the columns are already carved from huge blocks, showing a gigantic round human face, like the broad full moon. The columns are made to rest upon crescent moons, sculptured on the face of the stone, resting with the horns down, and with a profile of eyes, nose, and mouth upon the inner curve. What idea this is meant to convey we could not learn, though the impression is irresistible, that the church is built upon a Moonshine"

NEW COLLEGE, EDINBURGH.

We understand that ten Merchants of Glasgow have subscribed £1000 each towards the establishment of the Free Church College at Edinburgh,—a noble instance of Christian liberality, especially in the midst of the unexampled sacrifices which are required and made for the building of Churches, and the support of ministers and missionaries. We have no doubt however that it will be extensively followed, and we look forward with confidence to the time when that Institution, already so illustrious in the theological department, through the names of Chalmers, Welsh, Cunningham, and Duncan, will have become no less so in all the departments of literature and science. The recent appointment of Professor McDougall to the chair of Moral Philosophy, has commanded universal approbation, and furnishes an admirable exemplification of the principle which is intended to be

carried out in the future appointments, viz., the combination of high Christian attainments and character, with eminence in talents and learning, in those who in this Institution are intrusted with the sacred duties of education.

We understand that the Rev. Henry Esson of Montreal has accepted the charge offered him in the Theological Seminary of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, and may be expected to enter on his duties at Toronto forthwith. Several students in the preliminary parts of their course are ready to proceed to Toronto to avail themselves of his instructions, on his arrival being announced.

Our next number will be published on the 1st day of December, and it is requested that all communications for it be forwarded forthwith. Presbytery Clerks are especially requested to furnish reports of the proceedings of their Presbyteries.

The Presbyterian Congregation of Hamilton, under the ministry of the Rev. Alexander Gale, have recently seen it their duty to retire for the present from St. Andrew's Church. The following resolution, adopted by them unanimously at a general meeting, will explain the circumstances under which this has taken place:—"Whereas this congregation have already declared their approval of the great principles for which the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada is testifying; and have, in accordance with the regulations issued by the Commission, declared their adherence to that Synod; and whereas it appears there are certain parties connecting themselves with the Established Church of Scotland who are disposed to interfere with the congregation's uninterrupted occupancy of St. Andrew's Church in their present ecclesiastical connexion,—Resolved, That this congregation will not consent to occupy the Church for public worship at the hazard of unseemly litigation, or subject to the caprice or arbitrary pleasure of any individual or party, or to any interruption of the ordinary diets of worship under their minister, the Rev. Alexander Gale; and that they appoint the following Committee to provide suitable accommodation for the public worship of this congregation without let or hindrance, declaring at the same time their readiness to acquiesce in the decision of the joint Committee of the Synods in regard to Church property." The Committee named consisted of the Session and managers, with Messrs. C. C. Ferrie, Daniel McNab, W. P. McLaren, John Young, Jun., James Stocks, Alexander Campbell, James McIntyre, James Stewart, and Adam Cook.

Several Churches were almost immediately offered to the Committee for the use of the Congregation, in the most prompt and kindly manner. That belonging to the Secession was accepted, and the Rev. Mr. Gale officiated there on Sabbath last to a densely crowded congregation, his people adhering to him with very few exceptions.

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