consider one of its most hopeful character- of his fellow-Christians. and you shake down its strength in Europe, of the synods or not. Hence, in their ranks you find every shade of opinion, from exof Europe as Paris is the metropolitan city treme Rationalism to the most stringent and be dispersed from Germany, and its influis to come from the evangelization of France. The hostility of the French Reformed Church to Popery is ineradicable. It is traditional. and its traditional history has been written Protestantism. It is a grand thing, morally, for a nation or a church to have a history and especially a heroic history-French Protestantism has a martyrological history, and its battle with Popery must inevitably be "unto the death." So all Protestants feel here, and it is a divinely-predestined state of things from which great and historical consequences will yet flow to perhaps all western Europe. Meanwhile it serves to keep the Protestants from Popery. I doubt whether the latter succeeds in proselyting from the former. In the earlier hisapostasy to Rome occurred: there were even royal examples which stunned the regenerations; but apostacies are now comparatively unknown, and men of high political ambition, like Guizot for example, have carried their Protestantism with them even into the highest places of a Papal French

Another favourable fact respecting the reformed faith is, that it has what sympathy still remains among the scientific and literary men of France for religion. There are some strong Papists among this class I have already admitted the fact in my remarks on De Maistre and the Papal reacthe heathen they denounce as the work of a tion; but these are few, and men of peculiar character or idiosyncrasies. There is very little religious faith at all among the literati and savans of France; but what I affirm is that French Protestantism has whatever of sympathy most of them do entertain for Christianity. This would appear a priori as a matter of course; for Popery here, as elsewhere, is the great stumbling-stone of Christianity to intelligent men. French infidelity has always been the reaction of

French Popery.

I affirm further, that this sympathy learned men in France for religion is in creasing. The revolutionary excesses have produced a reaction in this respect as in so many others. The old Voltairian ideas are clearly seen to be disastrous among the people. Some religion, for the popular mind at least, is found to be necessary. The readily than they have for a century. Those who think that Popery, by reason of its greater formalism and greater authority, is preferable for the present low condition o ne popular mind in France, still think that when that condition is ameliorated, Protestantism will alone suit it; while another class, who are better thinkers, believe that Protestantism is not only necessary as a reof it-that Poperv, in other words, is adapt-+d only to keep the popular mind in its degradation, and therefore subject to all the disastrous evils which have so frequently of the "Reformed Church." upturned society in France.

The result is, that a popular religious faith being admitted to be necessary, Protestantism has the great advantage of being recognised by the intelligence of France as the final, if not the earlier, form of that faith, And Protestantism with this great vantage its present numerical strength as above giv pervading it, has a prospect such as ha never before cheered it since the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes. The "Reformed' Church, as its great representative before

marred when we look within, and find that united as one Church, with one faith. The ted circles, but the whole body of the Church torial, with Presbyterian intermixed." is thus split up, and every man who takes they declare that freedom in faith, life, and ably be adverse to Popery. inquiry is the first and only foundation of a

creed, that one of their leading orators, the

dies of the country, I pause briefly and younger Coquerel, lately declared that if he glance at the condition of these two national were left to draw up a confession, as the creed of the Church, he would not subscribe it himself, for he would never fetter his con-The Reformed Church is characterized science by a settled formula, or help to lay by a profound hostility to Popery. And this such an unevangelical yoke upon the neck istics. It is placed here by the providence gious matters, follows his own conviction of God face to face with the mighty apos- and the teaching of the word of God, for the tasy of Rome; it is the providential antagonist of European Popery. Popery has no own conscience alone, is, in their opinion, a such relation to Protestantism in any other member of the Evangelical Church: it matpart of the world, unless it may be in our ters nothing whether he agrees with the docown country. Overthrow Popery in France trine of the Reformers and the confessions

orthodox Biblicism." all Italian popery at this moment. France sustains Popery in its Oriental and even its Australian missions. Put France in array Americans, where the quarrel is more about against Popery and its remnants would soon dogmatic or ecclesiastic details than general ence in the diplomacy and politics of Aus- in our ignorance of its practical concomisecondary, and before long extinguished. thing that every man "should follow his France, in fine, is the only breakwater to own conviction in religious matters and the English Protestant influence in the states of teaching of the word of God, for the expo-Europe, and the yet inevitable triumph of sition of which he is responsible to his own the Reformation throughout western Europe conscience alone." But here this "liberal-My German authority says:

all this there is an utter want of any firm, conscious, living faith; and that it is only a variation of the old formula of unbelief What is truth?' For if in the same Church one preacher may point to this path, and another to the opposite, as the road to eternal life, it is evident that the Church confesses thereby that it does not itself know the way, and, therefore, that it does not believe in the Gospel which it holds in its hands, and which points out this way so clearly. We have only to look this Libe ralism attentively in the face to discover the leading features of the old Rationalism there. And if we are likely to hesitate, tory of Protestantism notable instances of from the fact that there are in its ranks some men who truly believe, and base their and the aim of the great mass of the party will soon help us to decide that we have met here with a spirit which is not of the Gospel, 'By its fruit ve shall know the Where, then, are the works of love this party? The great things which have been done for the spread and establishment of the kingdom of God, and which are the glory of the Reformed Church, have not

and benevolence only receive a tithe of their support from them.' I have quoted from this German author because, as my letters return hither into the hands of French brethren from whom I have received many courtesies. I wish not to risk both their good will and my own comparative ignorance of the internal condition of their Church, by an original judgment on the subject. But this much I will repeat. that these struggles are tending to the restoration of spiritual life in the body. The evangelical party prevailed, as I said in my last letter, in the last consistorial election in Paris, notwithstanding the strong local influence of Mr. Coquerel—and this is a great triumph for a party which it is said had not, twenty years ago, a single man among the also moves on prosperously amid the strife. Twelve years ago there were only 404 pastors; in 1803, when their statistics were published by the First Consul, they had but 192; now, as stated in my last letter, they have about 600, including those which reno other proof," says the complaining German above quoted, "of the spread of evansult of that amelioration, but as the means gelical opinions in France." And these results, it must be remembered, are exclusive of the statistics of the independent Churches.

most of which have arisen since the revival Thus much respecting the National Resitution, their field of labour, their spirit, and their interests, are thoroughly German. the nation, needs but to be made more con- The whole character is unmistakably differscious of this fact, and more confident in its ent from that of the Reformed National providential mission, in order to exert a Church. But, for all this, wherever the much more positive power over the public two come into contact with each other, their intercourse is most friendly and fraternal. But let us not look at the favourable side The attempt to introduce the old Lutheran-Church," so glorious in its history and so with but little success; while in Paris there really replete with resources, latent though is so little sympathy with it, that one of the many of them be, is internally distracted, most esteemed and popular of the ministerand wastes a large amount of its energies in of the Augsburg Confession is a reformed its interior struggles. There is commotion Genevese. The existing Church in these all through its ranks. This is better, to be provinces is pervaded by a thoroughly cathsure, than the stillness of moral death, which olic and evangelical spirit. It is not my life in French Protestantism. But alas that abundance of every variety of gifts-such gregation was composed of persons of all render necessary such a struggling regener- tion-as well as love to sinners and watchful-A German writer now under my eye thus of the Augsburg Confession in Paris. Their describes this internal condition of the Re- whole condition is better organized than that "The pleasure which we derive from divided themselves into two parishes, and these numerous Churches, these pastors, and and St. Marcel, with the hope of bringing O! that the God of Providence and grace God. these consistories have only an outward the Gospel to the immense population of may sanctify this afflictive dispensation to unity, and are not inwardly and sincerely German working men residing there. The the good of those who yet survive; and may number of Lutheran Christians in France is we all be followers of them who through Reformed Church encloses within its pale somewhere about 600,000 or 700,000—half faith and patience inherit the promises. not different sentiments merely, but different as many as there are of Reformed Chrisparties; and these are not confined to isola- tians. Their church-government is Consis-

Such, then, are the two leading Protesby which, in their controversies, they desig- France, and the increasing vigour of other place for the meetings of conventions, etc. The nate each other. In one respect we have evangelical parties here, we may look upon bishop and clergy—of the cathedral—should here the same antagonism and strife which the upward tendencies of these two great live together, eating at the same table, and livhad previously existed in the Protestant French Churches as guaranteed. A few ing a common life. By this means a house would Church of Germany. But there is a wide years will, I think, bring about from them be provided for the country clergy who should difference both in the form assumed and the some most important results to French Prolished as that of the others. In France, the sent unfavourable state of the country, we Rationalists, or rather -- to adopt their own may certainly hope for still larger results from the others by the fact that their funda-inevitably come sooner or later, and which,

Protestant Church to bind itself by any ments of the future.

Popery and Protestantism are so relative-

[FOR THE PROVINCIAL WESLEYAN.] Obituary Notice.

Well-written biographical sketches, correctly and vividly delineating the spirit and THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1855. conduct of a good man, in the family, in the church, and in the world, seldom fail to prove profitable to the intelligent and pious The pen of inspiration has said that the memory of the just is blessed," while before the Church of God by the Spirit of prothe name of the wicked shall rot. We love to think of those with-whom we have taken sweet counsel, and by whose prayers, examsweet counsel, and by whose prayers, example and liberality we have often been bene- and conspicuous union of all who love our Lord ple and liberality we have often been bene- and conspicuous union of all who love our Lord every thought to the obedience of the royal law follow, is the Reverend Duncan McColl. men in all. The remaining 10.000 are made and control of the royal law follow, is the Reverend Duncan McColl. nitted, and cannot out mourn when we be be some of the state of liberty and love. The charity and catholicity who, with arduous labour and amid many privation of Commissariat, Land Transport, Army Works in the sanctuary of God, and in the varied evincing how fully it occupied his heart, must business transactions of life. This is espe- have caught the attention of the most cursory glory, and labouring for the kingdom, of Christ, place, and by whose pastoral fide ity, and exemise calculated that, at the opening of the next cially the case with reference to one of the reader of the New Testament. In his hallowed takes rank among the surest tests of our saving plary life—which it pleased God to crown with campaign, 70,000 British troops can take the best men we have been acquainted with in solicitude to ensure impression, he presents it in relation to himself: "By this shall all men know a triumphant end—it was edified for nearly half field. To this add the following consideraits remnants would soon Germany, and its influcy and politics of Austral penistration of penis viz., the Herald and Tribune, have spoken the profession of Christian discipleship, nothing in terms of the highest respect; but they appears to have more deeply pained his mind said nothing of his religious character, his than the upspringing of those roots of bitterness, happy death, and the respect paid to his those seeds of schism, which, in some instances memory on the day of his interment. These even under his eye, not only deformed, but are subjects, we apprehend, that rise higher, threatened to dilacerate the body of Christ. far higher, than anything that refers merely To refer to a single illustrative example; how to this present world. Our much beloved touching are his words to the Church at Colosse; plify in practice the broad yet discriminating complacency, and awakens sentiments of deep we hear, are docide, apt, and efficient soldiers, and brother, whose sudden and unexpected departure we are called to lament, was about lifteen years ago, through the instrumenties the term imports agonizing care—"I have for tality of the Rev. Mr. Churchill, brought to you, and for them at Laodicea, and for as many the knowledge of the truth, joined the Wes- as have not seen my face in the flesh; that their leyan Chnrch, and from that memorable bearts might be comforted, being knit together period to the moment of his dissolution, in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance evinced his attachment to his God, to His of understanding, to the acknowledgment of the people, and to His cause. Providence placed mystery of God, and of the Father, and of DR. RICHEY, on his recent visit to St. Stephens, him at the head of a large family, where he Christ." discharged the important duties that daily

preacher, and the prosperity of religion.-In his business transactions he acted honorably and humanely, so that the labouring are we not authorised to conceive that a promiman felt at home in his employment - nent subject of his ceaseless intercession in the When Mr. Richards was taken sick and upper sanctuary still is?-" That they all may unable to appear in his shipyard, and was be one, as thou Father, art in me, and I in thee, and Mill Town, remembering that your ministry thought to be dangerously ill, all his men that they also may be one in us; that the world was commenced here, which even then was full laid aside their work and gave vent to their may believe that thou hast sent me." Where, of hope and promise, which subsequent years which have proceeded from the midst of feelings of lamentation and sorrow. Never then, are the proofs of our genuine love to Christ. shall I forget the deep anxiety of mind depicted in the countenance of a female who came running to the door crying, "O! how a world redeemed by his blood, if we place our- of your earliest public labours, and your first viis Mr. Richards? Will be get better? He selves in hostility to that memorable and moni-sit as the Co-Delegate of our recently formed has been a good man to my husband and tory prayer? family. I do hope he will recover.' This been uniformly opposed. Against missions was evidently the feeling of all, and many prayers were presented to God for the presocieties for spreading the Gospel among servation of his useful life, but without effect. His relations and numerous friends on this vital point egregious misconceptions have taction; and even the institutions of mercy anxiously ministered to his wants day and night. Many clustered around his bed as if they could not be happy unless they could see him once more, and if possible do something to mitigate his sufferings and prolong his valuable life. Occasionally a glimmering of hope broke the dark cloud, which guarded by the sensitive jealousy of ecclesiasticheered the spirits of those who were more cal ambition, present, as they have done for ages, forbear to name the late Rev. Duncan McColl, immediately attending upon him, and at the most formidable obstacles to the realization whose holy life and happy death still send forth other times they sank into a state of des- of the very object which they are ostensibly de- a strong evangelical perfume. Amongst us the seas of Tartary and Japan, and compelled Campbell's embarkation for Eupatoria was counpondency, the physicians pronouncing that signed to subserve—the communion of saints. there was little or no hope. In the mids: of all the changes which passed upon the

tled all his worldly matters, had peace with God, and was perfectly resigned to the will his death he took an affectionate farewell of principles, and the exemplification of the spirit and Societies have been formed in numerous his death he took an affectionate farewell of his beloved wife and tender-hearted children, of fellowship in the Gospel of Christ, as exhibit- and aggressive character of our Church will neexhorted his old friends and acquaintances to attend to the one thing needful, inviting spirit of docility, for information on this question, Rev, and Dear Sir that your life and health have one and another to pray with him, and to must soon be satisfied that Christian faith, expedeen spared so that no serious or permanent pray for him. Ministers of different denoceive no support from the state. "We want to unite their prayers in his behalf, and to unity of the Spirit' which the followers of Christ the anxious discharge of your ordinary and oneencourage him to look to Jesus. The-e visits were gratefully received, and we trust were made a blessing to the dying and to the living. At length the hour, the solemn ties and waft the immortal spirit to the realms sighs and devotional hearts while he calmly resigned his breath into the hands of his formed Church for the present. Of the loving Saviour without a struggle and with-Lutheran body I cannot say much from per- out a groan Thus lived and thus died Mr. sonal observation, as its sway is chiefly in John Richards, in the fifty-second year of the southeastern section of France-the his age, with a blessed hope of immortality ancient Alsatia. The German author from and eternal life. May Heaven's choicest ground, in the higher mind of France, and whom I have already quoted shall speak for blessings rest upon his surviving family, and me. He says that the Churches of this or- may they ever prove by personal and happy en, and the spiritual life that is increasingly | der "stand entirely without the circle which | experience that the Divine Being is a father bounds the movements and efforts of French to the fatherless and a husband to the widow. Protestantism. Their theology, their con- Last Tuesday his mortal remains were carefully deposited in the tomb until the mornalthough the day was exceedingly unfavourable, the number that attended the funeral was immense. Service was held in the of the subject alone. This "Reformed ism and High Church into Alsace has met Baptist chapel, it being the largest. The Rev. Mr. Wilson commenced the service,

section of Christ's Church. And what ness for souls combined, as in the Churches seemed to add much to the interest of this mournful occasion was the good, the happy, the Christian feeling of the respective Min

Yours, &c., the slightest interest in Church affairs, or tant bodies in France. Whatever defects Y. Churchman, among other vagaries, is advo- of Divine life and love, in virtue of which they Brethren,—I have no words adequate to exfancies himself able to pronounce upon them, we may notice among them, their whole cating a modified system of monasticism. The are all one in Christ Jesus. Nothing can be press the tender and solemn emotions which the has enrolled himself under one banner or prospective bearing is hopeful, exceedingly following smacks no little of conventual life and more erroneous than to place that unity in a sentiments embodied in your Address, and the the other. 'Liberal' and 'Evangelical' are hopeful. With the general decline of Ra- the celibacy of the clergy. "Every bishop should universal coalescence of sentiment in regard not reminiscences and associations of which they are the names which the two great parties have tionalism, which is now taking place in Ger- have his see, which should be the chief city in merely to the vital verities of the Gospel, but to suggestive, stir within my heart. inscribed upon their, own flags; 'Rationalist,' and 'Exclusive' are those in Switzerland, the growth of Methodism in weapons employed. In Germany each party had its own system and confession, and testantism. Every new development seems, intercourse established between the bishop and sects in one ecclesiastical commonwealth. Were it intercourse established between the bishop and sects in one ecclesiastical commonwealth. ty had its own system and confession, and that of the Rationalists was as firmly estabthat of the Rationalists was as firmly established as that of the others. In France, the would not work; but this need not be a very Church, were not begotten again to a lively hope name—the 'Liberals,' are distinguished from the others by the fact that their feast feast that their feast that their feast that their feast that their feast feast feast feast that their feast fea wives could act as the housekeepers. The East- lowship with each other was not the fruit of their mental principle is to have no creed; while they declare that freedom in faith life and as I have heretofore shown, must as inevitwidowers or unmarried men. The Scripture Son, Jesus Christ; what, after all, would such an says that it is not good for a man to be alone, organization be but a colossal, deceptive, shadow genuine Protestant Church. To such a ly situated at present in France that the and bishops are no exception to the rule. They, length have they gone in this, and so comfirst has everything to fear, the second every too, need a helpmate for them, and what better representation of that habitation of God, through pletely have they denied the right of the Protestant Church to bind itself by any the Spirit,' that living temple, which is destined to hope from the political develop-

Christian Catholicity. Among the objects of faith and hope arrayed

In this mental candid of Saint Paul wil devolved upon him with kindness and afficdoes not recognise a distinct reflection, under an tion, and in the Church he was ever ready to do his part in order to the comfort of the One of the last petitions which He offered on earth for those who believe on Him, was-and

It is therefore deeply to be deplored that Church. thority of ancient prescription, and sedulously

deceased he frequently said, "he had set our regard, if we would arrive at sound concluson the labours of the Ministers who have conti-

minations came to express their sympathy, and constitute the strongest ligaments, of that and lengthened journeys by sea and land, or by tellowship with each other; a principle of association, be it remembered, immeasurably higher f glory. The eyes of his family and some and holier than any that can possibly result from to advance her interests incite us to glorify God of his friends rested upon him with heavy denominational identity, or from coincidence of in Zion, persuasion and practice in regard to Church polity. If Christ is the vine, and all real believ- by which all our Societies in Eastern British ers, the branches; if there is 'one body,' con- America, have been incorporated into one constituted of those who are partakers of like preci- nexion affiliated to the Conference in Great Brious faith; and one Spirit, even as they are called tain, the Parent Body of Wesleyan Methodism in one hope of their calling; one Lord, one faith, throughout the world, and identical with it in one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is doctrine, polity and spirit, we shall esteem it above all, and through all, and in them all, then no less our duty, than our privilege, to do all in there exists, of necessity, an essential spiritual our power to promote the permanent success of union among all in whose hearts Christ dwells a measure, which was so long and so fully conby faith. This blessed oneness of believers in the numerous parties most deeply interested. Christ Jesus, lies beyond the sphere of every ing of the Resurrection. Before the process species of ecclesiastical externalism. Like the ourselves, our families, and many others have interior life of which it is the product, it is hid been edified and comforted by those public exister, the Rev. Robert Wilson, offered up a with Christ in God. From the denunciations of ercises of worship in which you have presided intolerance, and the anathemas of councils, it has during your brief stay with us, and we take the nothing to fear. The gates of Hell,-all the po- liberty to request that soon, and whenever practiliey and power of the pit-cannot prevail against cable, you will be pleased to repeat the favour of 16. The unity of the Church of God, in this view your visit, the value of which we shall never of it, we hold to be 'an elementary and axiom- cease to appreciate. he Rev. Mr. Davies, the Baptist Minister, atic truth among the first principles of faith,' a with great propriety, led the devotional ex- position, which cannot be truthfully predicated and grace may always be the heritage of yourercises. The writer of this article delivered of any other sort of union. And, accordingly, self and household, and that your elevated an address, and the Rev. Mr. Christic, Pres | we find it clearly involved in every descriptive | course may be as the light which shineth more byterian Minister, made some very suitable appellation of the Church which occurs in the and more unto the perfect day. closing remarks. All the services were sacred idiom. She is called 'the city of the livused to characterize it-it may indeed be intention to speak here of individual pastors; solemn, and to some deeply affecting. Every ing God, the heavenly Jerusalem,'-' the bride, considered as the agony of that parturition but I cannot abstain from confessing that I one seemed as if they had lost a friend, a the Lamb's wife'- the body of Christ.' She is which is bringing forth new and evangelic have seldom seen in any Church so great an brother, or a father. Hence the large con- characterised as a spiritual structure reared upon the foundation of the apostles and proph- James Bowes, the prevalence of spiritual death should expansive zeal—so much theological erudistone, in whom all the building fitly framed Andrew Savage, together, groweth unto an holy temple in the William Annett, Lord,'-delineations of her constitution and cha- James Crossett, isters, exhibited in the part they took in the racter significant of the intimate spiritual affini- Wm. Robinson. services, the spirit they manifested, and in ties and mutual relations subsisting between all. seeing this ontward growth is considerably have also taken under their care the mis- the sentiments avowed, that the whole com- however externally separated, who are risen James Archibald, sion parishes of the Faubourg St. Antoine munity had sustained an inconceivable loss. with Christ, through the faith of the operation of

Now, if we rightly apprehend that 'unity of J. McGibbon, C. L., the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of John Veazey, God.' to which it is the great design of the min- Rodney Young, L. P., Z. Chipman, istry of reconciliation, to bring the various con- John Cotterell, stituent branches of God's spiritual family on earth, it is just the practical evolution in their LEANING TOWARD MONASTICISM - The N intercourse with each other, of those principles conceive that it consists in perfect uniformity of regime and ritual; or to imagine that it can be realised in the history of the church only by the obliteration of every line of denominational distinction, and the amalgamation of all Christian

the grandeur of the foundation which God has has not, as in the case of the sorrowing Persian paper that, in the middle of last month, "the Drovincial Vesleyan | the grandeur of the foundation which God has has not, as in the case of the sorrowing Persian | paper that, in the middle of last month, "the laid in Zion? We look for this glorious conpoet, brought back the desponding echo, "Where strength of the whole British army in the Crime a fying influence of the love of Christ, extinguishing the causes of alienation among his followers.

With you, I deeply feel, that among those accurate average of which would be discussed.

> terms of Christian communion involved in the humiliation. Apostolic injunction, "Receive ye one another In your enlightened and firm attachment to as Christ also hath received you, to the glory of the doctrines, polity, and discipline, of Wesleyan this force will be further materially increased.

Address to the Co-Delegate.

The following address, presented to the Rev. the scene of his earliest ministerial labours, has To the REV. M. RICHEY, D. D., Co-Delegate o

the Wesleyan Methodist Conference of Eastern

DEAR SIR,-We the undersigned Officebearers and others, members and friends of the have realized; desire to avail ourselves of the opor of our yearning concern for the saivation of portunity afforded by your return to the scenes Conference, to assure you of our unabated res-Enlightened views of the nature of Christian pect and affection for your person, and of the nion, are obviously essential to a just and ade- great satisfaction which we derive from your ocappreciation of its importance and obligate cupancy of the most influential position in our

Since your departure from our immediate

morially and extensively prevailed. Some neighbourhood thirty-four years ago, the ordiof those unscriptural theories, inwoven with the nary changes and trials of the Church militant very framework of certain sections of the visible have been allotted to the Societies here, and church, fortified by prejudice, claiming the au. many with whom you were once familiar, and who rejoiced in your affectionate and persuasive exposition of God's holy word, have finished their course with joy. Of these we cannot however the truly Wesleyan aphorism has been of union elaborated by 'art and man's device,' carries on His work," for by the Divine blessing sions, must be exclusively fixed on 'the pattern | nuously laboured amongst us, the early Societies shown in the mount,' on the exposition of the bave not only been perpetuated but augmented ver decline, however her relations and institu-Whoever consults those Divine records, in a tions may be modified. We sincerely rejoice rience and character, must ever lie at the basis, burt has befallen you either in your numerous are under the most sacred obligation to 'keep rous special duties, in those eminent places in in the bond of peace.' Their common union by the Church for which your character, attainfaith with HIM, is the very soul of their spiritual ments and talents, have alike qualified you: Your tried fidelity to the Weslevan Methodist Church has commanded our just admiration, and the very efficient manner in which you continue

Acquiescing in the important arrangements sidered, and which has been well received by

We have the pleasure to assure you that

Praying that the choicest gifts of providence We remain.

Rev and Dear Sir. Truly and affectionately yours Robert Hitchings, Jacob Young, George Young, S. S. George S. Hill. Abner Jenkins, C. S. Wm. P. Libbey, Andrew Murchie Thomas Fraser, S. Jas. Hannah William Chalmers

William Thompson James Robinson. Aaron Upton, Timothy Crocker, C S. A. H. Thompson Harrison Thompson James A. Grant. Joseph Andrews. David Upton, David Hill. REPLY

My DEAR AND RESPECTED FRIENDS AND

After an absence of nearly thirty-five years, during which period I have had no providential call to revisit this part of the country, I now find myself, in the discharge of the duties which, in terial labours. By every object which I see around me, and by almost every individual with whom I converse, I am forcibly reminded of the shadowy and changeful character of all sublunary things. I cannot divest myself of the somewhat depressing reflection, that, of the more prominent members and friends of our Church here in those days, the names of more are recorded in your places of sepulture, than I am

able to recognise among the living. the amplitude and beauty of its proportions, with asked, 'Where are they?' the plaintive inquiry twelvemonth. We are told by a Government pended.

summation, not to the effective enforcement, are they?' No: thanks be to God who giveth was in round numbers, 56,000 men of all ranks. whether by moral suasion or dominant influence, us the victory, through our Lord Jesus Christ! of whom the number of ineffectives, from wounds of general conformity to certain ecclesiastical we know where they are. We know, that though and sickness, was only about 4.760. It was constandards, but to the transforming and attractive the earthly house of their taberracle is dissolved, posed of fourteen regiments of cavalry, number potency of the Cross, to the pervading and puri- they have entered a building of God, an house ing nearly 5,000; of flity-two battagens of infan

fraternal intercourse, and bringing into captivity we are under the most solemn obligations to nine companies of Sappers, not far short of good

liarities, whenever higher considerations demand. you, that my conscious unworthiness of the appliaging accounts. Their Commanders are men of ed it, would be willingly merged in the grandeur preciation which you attach to any services I whom we entertain the very highest hopesof the common salvation; and the holy and har- may have rendered to the cause of Christ, con- Vivian, Michel (of Cape renown) Dackson. monizing energies of the love of God, would be trasted as they are in my own mind, with the Commandant of the Artillery, are well known. developed in bright and beautiful manifestation. much more faithful and effective manner in The regimental officers include some of the smart Christians and Christian churches would then which, by the grace of God, I might have per- est and most promising of the contains and subdeem it no compromise of principle, to exem. formed them, represses every feeling of self- terns of the R wa and Indian armses. The men-

> Methodism, and in the assurance of your entire we are called to take a more elevated position. with the augmented responsibilities which it necessarily involves. I hardly need say, I sincerely rejoice. With your earnest and faithful co. operation, and that of our Societies at large, there s no room to doubt that our new organization ductive of incalculable advantages to the Colo-as well as numbers, to take their place beside

> I cannot permit this interview to close with- It is as false as it is mischievous to speak of

Devoutly commending you and your families o God, and to the word of his grace; with sentiments of gratitude and esterm, I bid you-MATTHEW RICHEY.

The Campaign Towards its Close.

Losing sight, as far as may be, of all schemes finely illustrated "God buries his workman but Kamtschatka. It would have been better thought Panmure, who had somehow learned in London ture. The White Sea squadron lingered upon tic Ocean, until the mercury fell to zero, the upon the stern and dark shores of that extremity f Europe. Except some pleasant chapters which we shall presently read in the periodicals, of this cruise to the Dwina and Onega, there is little to show as the results of a long and dangerous expedition. But Russia feels what we do not see. What says Captain Guilbert ?-

"We have learned by information from Arch-Russian commerce by our blockade, and that the utter ruin of the first trading houses of the country were deemed inevitable. If we consider, in fact, that every single, year there entered the 120,000 as the amount of the exports, to which we my add the traffic effected by an equal nummake regularly two trips a year, and convey 15,-00 tons, which give a total of 135,000 tons for ports in neutral bottoms amount to only oneaust have been destroyed by our cruise;"

In the Baltic, the ships that have not already epassed the Skawe are all homeward bound: a amber of them are in Kiel Bay, and will soon e off the Foreland, and some we fear will be ordered much further West than the Channel This fleet has burnt Sweaborg and that is nearly detained masses of troops for the coast defence of half a dozen provinces, and kept the enemy's forces in constant hurry, wear and tear, Russ and of-battle ships from Kinburn.

Will any one with these things in recollection.

we cannot doubt that, well led, they will prove admirable troops. They will number 20,000, and We shall but down the different Foreign Legions acquiescence in the recent arrangement by which at the more than moderate estimate of 5,000 men and, omitting the Sardinian army, we calculate the total strength thus : - British troe altogether 95,000 men. Thanks to our two years experience and our transport service, we may will, with the favor and blessing of God, be pro-

out offering you my warmest acknowledgments | England's sending only a "contingent" to the for your very affectionate Address, and assuring aid of France. What, we submit, would be the ou, that I shall gladly respond to the invitation contingency, if France had not the support, or it vou give me to repeat my visit to this, the loved she had the opposition of this country - the only scene of my juvenile ministry, whenever the Ally, which, in such a war, can effectually susfinger of Divine Providence shall point in this tain, and the only earthly Power which could peremptorily forbid, her progress in the East. ? At the close of a campaign it would be un-

reasonable to expect brilliant or eventful tidings. Marshal Pelissier tells us that, in the rear of Prince Gortchakoff's army, General D'Altonville, on the 27th October, made a longer and stronger advance, with infantry, cavalry and artillery than he had attempted before. He approached very near to Simferopol, found the enemy in All our migratory fleets and squadron, like great force and advantageously posted, and vainwild fowl on the wing, are moving southwards. ly endeavoured to bring on an engagement, tail-They have, during the spring, summer and auting which General D'Allonville was compelled umn, done much more than despatches can tell us. by the desolation of a waterless country to re-England is not so proud as formerly of her float- turn to Eupatoria. Two days afterwards, as we ing fortressess; but she has little reason for dis- hear from a Russian source, the same General satisfaction, and none for shame. Even the Pa- made another advance by a route marallel to his cific squadron, which is in special ill-favour just former line of march, and nearly in the same dinow, has chased the Russian frigates through rection. Thus we find that though Sir Cohn the enemy to destroy his eastern Sebastopol in termanded by a telegraphic despatch from Lord of if Petropaulovski had been taken, instead of that the enemy in the Crimea was meditating an being found ruined and abandoned when the attack upon the Allies, (which probably may have Allied squadron entered; but that would have been a Philo-Russian deceit practised upon his cost us more, and it is of little consequence whe- lordship,) yet General D'Allonville had still ther the snake is killed by a blow or forced to what may be called an army on the north of the turn its sting against its own head. The fog Alma. As the advance of Marshal Pelissier in has at least taught them that nothing but obscu- been brought to a stand-still, it may now be rity and close hiding in the dreary harbours of thought a misfortune that the force at Eupatoria Okhotsk and Saghalieu can save them from cap- was not at an earlier period, augmented by every battalion that could be spared from the detence the coasts and off the bays and capes of the Arcthe Russian army from its entrenched position, Lapland hills put on their winter ermine, and by threatening its right flank and rear. In the the sea threw masses of ice along with its waves southern Crimea, it would seem that, at the approach of winter, the campaign has already dwindled to a mere bombardment of the forts beyond the harbour of Sebastopol.

Of the Russian hosts-for we must no longer speak of them as one army-in and around the Crimea, it is not easy either to obtain or to test information. Their number and position we must take at second or third hand, and we find them so increasing of late that the names of their angel how serious were the losses inflicted on Generals are in some instances unfamiliar. The pivot of Prince Gortschakoff's operations, and also the greatest anxiety, may now be supposed to be Simteropol. The new works using White Sea at least 600 neutral ships, measuring Melnikoff. Southwards, Prince Gortschakoff commands in person against Marshal Pelissier. To meet the Allies who may advance from Euper of Russian and Norwegian coasters, which patoria, there is another Russian army, said to be 80,000 strong, under General Schaladski Further north, in the Upper Crimea and about ne yearly eports. And if we suppose that the Perekop, a Russian force has been concentrated under General Chruleff.. If we now pass out enth of the exports, we shall here obtain the of the Tauric peninsula and look north east tofigure of 148,000 tons, the whole of which traffic | wards the Duieper, we are told that hereabouts General Luders is at the head of 50,000 men. his centre at Alesuki, near Kherson, and his forces communicating with Perekop on the one side, and advanced to Nicholaieff on the other. At this last place, the Grand Duke Constantine directs the entire movement of the troops, havall that most people think about it. That it has Odessa, General Grotenjalm has hurried up his design of visiting the Crimea. Lastly, from blockaded three great inland seas; that it has cavalry to Otchakoff. Verby, the Kinburn expedition has put these gentlemen to some remarkable trouble in marching and counter-marching.

The moral we draw from all this, is not that Cossack scampering about from post to post along the Allies will be overmatched and overwhelmthe Gulfs of Livonia, Finland and Bothnia; and ed. but that Russia will be exhausted. True it that, in conjunction with the White Sea squad- is that the Czar has just ordered a new levy ron, it has ruined the commerce of all the east- which alone is eight times the strength of the ern and northern districts of Russia, is thought British forces in the East. He has decreed the little of by the gentlemen of England who stay raising of only another 400,000 men! But to at home at ease; but the officers of our fleets force the wretched conscripts from their homes, know what they are about, and right dearly does troops are needed everywhere in the interior. half the population of an empire, noble and serf, and the nobles have to be fawned upon and cot abide it. With no heart wound, but pierced ciliated with most unimperial and dangerous conand punctured at every extremity, Russia is like descension. It is awful and shocking to think a drunkard who has fallen into a ditch full of that these masses of humanity are doomed to perleeches, and is taken out in ghastly plight, faint- ish in an unjust quurrel, and in vain; yet, judging and bleeding at every pore. Finally the ging with the dim sight of mortal prevision, to Black Sea fleet has almost concluded its services surely will it be if the Allies remain true to their for the year, and having, for nearly the whole cause, to each other, and to their policy-which of October, kept two Russian armies moving dis- is to disregard the clamour at home for brilliant tractedly about between Odessa and Perekop, attacks, rash movements, and gigantic enterprisits Admirals have left the steamers for the de- es, and to make their aggression itself a long, infence of the position captured on the mainland domitable defence, that shall outwear the resourof Southern Russia, and have withdrawn the line- ces of the foe, and outweary even his redoubtable obstinacy. - Watchman.

tell us that our fleets have accomplished little or THE WHITE SEA.—The French Minister of nothing? Will any one presume to say, in this Marine has received from Captain Guilbert, commy present position, officially devolve upon me, week which contains the anniversary of Inker-mander of La Cleopatre, one of the blockading mann, that England-with her fleets outspread squadron in the White Sea, a despatch dated the from Northern Europe to Eastern Asia, with her | 29th of October, in which he states that having 50,000 men on Russian toil, and her glorious, ascertained that the small vessels of the coast had though some may be monrnful, trophies, won be- been employed in conveying 2000 muskets to fore Sebastopol, and plucked from every angle different points occupied by the enemy, the of the Crimea and every coast of the enemy's English and French commanders had determine territory,—is not taking the share of a first-rate ed to enforce the blockade with the utmost ri-Power in the war? It would be an injustice of gour, and to stop the passage of any vessel or which an Englishman ought not be guilty, to look boat, however small. Up to that date boats beonly at the land force his country has sent to the longing merely to the localities on the coast had Crimea, yet even this is far beyond "a contin- been allowed to pass freely. The commerce of But, whilst I have meditatively walked through gent." Let Mr. Cobden observe how the milithe White Sea has been entirely destroyed; an unmarried, self-denying priests and deacons?" yet to overshadow the earth, corresponding in former friends repose in the mansions of the dead, the East, how it has doubled its force within a aggregate 148,000 tons of shipping has been susFrom

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