that art in its highest cultivation.

Provincial Weslevan.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 19, 1864. Annual Meeting of the Bible

Society. The fifty-first meeting of the Nova Scotia be published in the form of an appendix to the so, and Paul commended them for so doing. the consolations of the Gospel.

Nova Scotia, he said that, as a stranger, they the sway of our own Queen? Do we not recogwould naturally desire to know what he thought nise in this an over-ruling Providence, opening of their country. The beauty and richness of up that land to British Bibles and to christian the scenery through which he had passed, noble missionaries. Give them the Bible. rivers, cultivated fields, smiling orchards, and generally manifested in its circulation, were in tians of this province for there a Nova Scotian advance of his anticipations. The people of Eng- Missionary, the lamented Gordon had fallen at land were far from having correct notions of the his post-a missionary martyr. extent and prosperous condition of British Am- In support of this honoured cause he could

He would not make a speech about the Bible, lady who had never given her name, had called that could be done by other gentlemen present; repeatedly at the Bible House, with her conbut would endeavour to supply information of tributions. These at different times, larger or the operations of the Society. Their creed was smaller, had amounted to more than £10,000. simple: -The Bible is the word of God. It is One morning two letters had been received the not obsolete or unsuited to the robust intellect one containing a subscription of £1,000, the othof the present age. It is sufficient in itself. The er a subscription of one shilling. Of the last 4d. word is complete, the vision sealed, and the days | was for China, 4d. for India, and 4d. for the Jews of miracles ended. We needed no addition. Let It was all the donor possessed, and it was given us love the Book! Their British organization freely. Such gifts however small were precious was much the same as in this country. They had of such it might be said, they had done what their Auxiliaries, Branch Societies, and Ladies' they could. Had we all done as much as we Associations. In common with other objects of ought in support of Bible circulation? philanthropic and benevolent character, they

other periodic lacy love the fheir He feare, the desired the desir

figures. With the exception of the Jubilee, the ing their speeches for another occasion. income of the present year had been in excess of any former one. Thetotal amount, however, in- From our English Correspondent. cluded purchase monies as well as contributions The subscriptions would not exceed £90,000,not a very large sum, considering the objects contemplated, and the united efforts of churches in every land, and christians of every name. The expenditure of the first year of the Society's existence was only £600, but the last year it had been £151,000. Fifty years ago there were some fifty translations of the Bible in all the hundred and sixty-four languages. During the

more than 45 millions of copies of the word of perhaps scarcely be credited, after all that we have God had been put into circulation. As in the heard of the prodigious successes of our fore case of the Architect of St. Paul's Cathedral the fathers, that during the ten years just past more monument was around you. Could the Bible than twice as many souls have been added to Society by any possibility become defunct, were our Society in Great Britain as were added durits noble efforts to cease, its agents recalled, and ing the most prosperous ten years in the lifeits vast machinery broken up, still its achieve- time of John Wesley. The decrease on the year ments were imperishable, and it has reared for is 36, but this follows upon a continuous increase itself a monument more magnificent than the in the previous nine years amounting to no less grandest pile of architecture, loftier than pyra- than 65,500. mids, and more enduring than brass or marble.

Of their Home-agencies one of the most effect more than usual fervency and solemnity. Some tive was that for employing bible-women in the of the September District meetings were times destitute portions of their large cities. Two of unusual blessedness. It was particularly ac hundred and five of these women were at pre- in regard to the London district, where a da sent employed in the metropolis; and during was specially set spart for prayer and spiritual the last year had sold 9,585 copies of the Scrip- conversation. It was a time not to be forgotter tures. The principle recognized in this compathough the utterances of the ministers were no ratively new agency was most important. To be- of a kind to be reproduced in print, being of the nefit the world you must come into contact with good old love-feast type. Perhaps the spiritual the world. Miss Ophelia could teach, but could state and prospects of the connection were never not touch mischievous little Topsy. It is easy more encouraging than at the present moment, ing room; but such sympathy costs little, and Methodist press which deserves to be read everyit is worthless. The tible-women go into the where. It is the life of Thomas Owen Keysell, lanes and alleys into the garrets and cellars, and by Thomas McCullagh. Mr. Keysell was a

In Polynesia they had been cheered by suc

mention instances of unstinted liberality. A

Mr. Gill was followed by ex-Mayor Hill who were most largely indebted to the christian spoke briefly. The collection was taken up, a thoroughly independent, pursuing his own course lision are familiar to your readers; the sudden ladies of England—they were the mainstay of hymn sung, and as it was then nearly ten o'clock, the other speakers deemed it most prudent sim-He would place before them some facts and ply to move and second their resolutions, reserv-

Social Science Congress-Princess of Wales in Denmark-Mr. Spurgeon's new position-

The day on which I write has been set apart by the order of the British Conference as a day of special fasting, humiliation and prayer on account of the present state of the Connexion. world; now there were translations into one Viewed in one aspect of the case it is singular that such an appointment should have been made first ten years 987,000 copies had been disposed in such a time of peace and prosperity. In every of-in the last ten the circulation had exceeded financial and economical department, in the 17 millions of copies. The last year over 21 erection of spacions and beautiful sanctuaries, in millions of copies had been published and circu- clearing off old debts, in improving the provision lated. The stream of Truth, as in the vision of for the ministers, in breaking up new ground holy water, had risen amazingly, up to the among the neglected poor of our great towns and ankles, up to the knees, up to the loins, and cities-in all these different ways Methodism then overflowing its banks, a river that could has advanced during the past ten years with ranot be passed over, sending its streams into the pid strides. Nor has the advancement been con desert, making it as the garden of the Lord, in- fined to a mere increase of the machinery and to the Dead Sea, healing its impure and stagnant improvement of the finances. The ingathering waters, and making everything to live whitherso- of souls, as is shown in a leader in this day's R order, will bear comparison with the most fruitful periods in our church's history. It will at first

> Yet this day of prayer will be observed with A volume has this week issued from the

of that they impede it, by becoming them. In this way some fourteen thousand ships had ing in public favour. On the whole the Metho- ers point to heaven" lending a new beauty to the else many thieves, whoremongers, drunkards, or what religious effect is produced thereby, or made the same proposition. Both Districts of that they impede my by the been visited during the been visited during the last two years; and dist press is far from being so active as it ought scenery; all this we have heard before. But selves objects of to the nearer, thus making the over visited during the mast two years; and distribution of the soul? I know several months passed before all the prelimitors, and murgarers, are memoers of what is therein performed which can minister in several months passed before all the prelimitors, and murgarers, are memoers of what is therein performed which can minister in several months passed before all the prelimitors, and murgarers, are memoers of what is therein performed which can minister in several months passed before all the prelimitors, and murgarers, a glass in any degree opaque, then you may be complimented on your fine language and be complimented on your fine language and sounding sentences, and your congregations may go away praising the beautiful imagery and sounding sentences, and your congregations may go away praising the composition or learning, but your ornamented in London, bearing a coarse canvas bag containcomposition or learning, but your ornamented in Bourday, seems to dispute about the sermon is now a veil that hides not a glass that ing purchase money from foreign sailors, who five volumes of 'Natural Philosophy;' but his right of occupation of a place on the floor of a sermon is now a ven that mues not a glass that me pure and shows. It is like on windows enclusted with had been supplied with Bibles. In the bag they descendants have grown so stiff and precise, and hotel sitting room.

shows. It is like on windows enclusive with found notes and coins representing every kind so narrowed in their views of their great calling. And truly there is, for here is the building frost-work. How beautiful! we often say of them.

The Bible Society had very largely assisted issue a scientific work in five volumes, he would men of modified Corinthian architecture, rivalling off when we want to see beyond.

The Bible Society had very largely assisted be almost in danger of suspension—most cerbie be almost in danger of suspension—most cerbie be almost in danger of suspension—for in expression by voice, and in expression by voice by the expression by voice by in expression by voice, and in manner, aim at nikeness to that perfectly than of John as to break the bondsman's chains, its images parent window-glass. It is the highest attainparent window-glass. It is the highest attains the bendsman's chains, its images ment of language. Many a man can make a different churches in their distant spheres of Wesley, that he lived for the one great obment of language. Many a man can make a labour, had been translated by the Society's ject of winning souls, and of spreading acciptural keeping watch over the doors, and the immense speech or sermon that will make the audience labour, had been translated by the Society's ject of winning souls, and of spreading acciptural keeping watch over the doors, and the immense speech or sermon that will make the audience lands and the immense think of him and praise him. It is an unspeak-think of him and praise him and praise him and praise him. It is an unspeak-think of him and praise him and ably more dimcuit, and eminent attainment, so that is deepened as he enters, till standing under to hide one's self in the perfect significance and support and constant co-operation of ail denom-

to hide one's sell in the period significance and adaptation of what we say, that no thought shall inations of christians. He would recommend of the last few years. Its annual meeting is now the beautiful dome, he feels his patriotic pride adaptation of what we say, that no thought suall all shall pass by us, as if we were them to read the reports. Do not throw them being held in the ancient city of York. The burst into a flame. No wonder New Brunsstop at us, but all snall pass by us, as it we were not, and shall see nothing between ourselves and side into the waste paper-bag. Rowland Hill hospitality of that venerable and noble old city wickers are proud of their country at a time like not, and snam see nothing between oursesses and the had said that the safest place for a £5 note, that —a place of importance in the days of the Apos- this, for in that building, itself so eminent an the object we present. Colored glass of the had said that the salest place for a 2 note, the salest place most beautiful times is an old manufacture. But of a report: yet no page of church history concan you see through it? The splendid platecan you see through her the spiendid paster tained such marvelous facts or could supply such visitors. The grand Cathedral, the finest in ery and models, churns and cheese, butter and glass now so common, spiendid in its transpar- in the former flourished rich and abundant material for thought. If England, was illuminated with gas in honour of beets, seeds and sningles, harness and handsaws, ency, is of modern art. The former mourished these clergymen on the platform were at a loss the occasion, and presented a spectacle of gorat its height of beauty when the art of glass these clergymen on the pianorm were at a loss the second policy of this painting and pitch-forms, is and ince-engines, and pitch-forms, is and ince-engines, policy of this painting and pottery, and indeed every department of industry was as well represented as norance in reference to the claims of the Bible, Society which reviews all conceivable subjects in could be in British America; for here the iron and the operations in which they were engaged. jurisprudence, politics, commerce, education, and wood, touched by the hand of Anglo Saxon We were in danger of taking too much for granted on this point. There was need of relations, and whatever else, without the power Agriculture sent her fruits of the most tempting unabated effort in the advocacy of this great of settling anything. It is a great talking machine. Yet some of the talk has been interesting ous in size; immense oxen, sheep, pigs, and In various fields of effort, the agents of the enough, though the Archbishop of York preached poultry; and the Fine Arts presented such a and for sake of worldly gain may be purposely Society were labouring with good success. A an objectionable sermon at the opening of the display of penciling, painting, drawing, crayon-Colporteur in Paris, requested a well dressed session. He contended that the advancement ing, wool work, hair and shell work, bracelets, lady to purchase one of his Bibles, she looked at of social reform was a necessary preliminary of and matters particularly attractive to the ladies

ance Hall on luesday evening, the 12th lady was the Empress of the French. In Though the evening was unfavourable, the at-Though the evening was unusually large. The chair was a popish village in France the priest objected to occupied by the Rev. Mr. Uniacke, the President his people receiving Bibles, lest reading for the physician's success. The venerable and marof the Society. An abstract of the Report was themselves they might come to dispute his auof the Society. An abstract of the report we might come to dispute the small read by the Secretary, the Hon. S. L. Shannon. the read by the Secretary, the Hon. S. L. Shannon. the read by the Secretary, the Hon. S. L. Shannon. resc by the Secretary, the Hon. S. L. Shannow, thority as a teacher of Frank. But, said the have heard throughout the entire proceedings, to look at any city in America, or follow in panoform, an account of the operations of the Society, He was once preaching to the Bereans, and they form, an account of the operations of the December, it was once present to the December, and the American war to the present time.

and containing facts and incidents of thrilling inwere not satisfied to listen merely, but searched his aged friend Lord Lyndhurst had derived in Would-be Asters might try their skill in Archery, and containing facts and including in word and the Bible, will shortly the scriptures daily to see if those things were treat to every friend of the Bible, will shortly the scriptures daily to see if those things were

The principal speaker at this Anniversary was with St. Paul, you can sell the books." In the Rev. Mr. Gill, who was present as a deputa- Austria and Turkey the truth was being pected. The poor Princess suffered dreadfully to your readers. There is something suggestive the rev. Mr. Onl, who was present as a deputation from the Parent society. The Rev. gentle- gradually emancipated. In Italy they shew a tion from the Parent society. The Rev. gentle- gradually emancipated. In Italy they show a so as to cause her to feel a nervous dread of cited scramble for notoriety. Would that the crica, having visited Upper Canada as a part of was enough of spiritual darkness in that beauhis mission. More recently he has travelled tiful land; but it would be broken; for standing receive nothing more than a "silent welcome" sought. Or even in the view of so great a multhrough a considerable part of this Province, by their stalls, disposing of copies of the word in Denmark, but the event has proved otherwise. titude of people there is matter for thought, not nearly two hours in length, was listened to with that mighty continent with numerous races, and said that she is utterly weary of the fatiguing titude, wept over them. unabated interest. Referring to his tour through teeming millions of people, been brought beneath grandeur of the English Court. And no won-

appear prominently in public again.

Church. Taking as a motto "Thus saith the the managers, but my duty as your corresponde Lord," he proceeded to a merciless criticism of compels me to mention the fact that hundreds of the Canons and Rubries of the Church of Eng- dollars were made in liquor licenses and rents for land, as tested by Scripture. Mr. Spurgeon has booths to sell liquors-thus putting temptation now unmistakeably got the ear of the country. in the way of honest, industrious and moral folk Though only about 30 years of age, he is beyond It has pleased an overruling Providence to permit question the foremost man in the ranks of Eng- the Exhibition to pass off without serious accilish dissent. Yet he is no party leader. He is dent. The particulars of the Anna Augusta colhe has established himself as a real power in this country. It is quite an unexpected thing he has managed matters with such skill and force The Day of Fasting and Prayer—Increase of British Methodism—Life of Keysell—The High Church party, who hate Evangelical doctrine, especially in their own Church, are with

> that baptismal regeneration is the doctrine of not be regarded as intended to offend your Bapfaithless to his ordination yows. The light of our eloquent friend Mr. Punshor will no doubt stine brilliantly in the West of

but no man in the Connexion possesses more aution and judgment. We have had a Methodist Bishop passing

Fredericton Correspondence. THE EXHIBITION

London, Sept. 30, 1864.

DEAR SIR -In accordance with your reques proceed to write you something concerning the Exhibition now open, which for months has been ooked forward to with so much interest by the habitants of this Province. To go in the beathis own image and likeness." en track of "our own" Correspondents, would be to ask the "dear reader" to accompany me from the wharf at Indiantown to the celestial prised at Spurgeon's picture of the state of things city, take him through the building, and leave in the Baptist churches. You Baptists are noted him again at Indiantown. I take the liberty of for your high pretensions as possessing a "pure are brought into contact with sin and sorrow, preacher of mighty power, a winner of souls, a doing otherwise, for what reader of your paper Gospel," and the "Divine faculty" of being able want and woe in all their varied forms, and their reprover of sin, a thorough original in every wishes to hear again the oft-told description of to distinguish a believer from an unbeliever, and mission had not been in vain. From the most respect. His biographer was his colleague for the scenery of our noble river, whose beauty is wretched haunts of vice and wickedness, and three years in a London Circuit. The book is celebrated world wide, and whose broad calm from the most desolate abodes of poverty, they written with equal taste and judgment, and de- bosom, flecked with the sails of bosts, and ruffl. that every body but yourselves are ignorant of had gathered some of the loveliest specimens serves to be placed on the same shelf with the of by the passing steamer, reflects the rolling the saving plan. Mr. Spurgeon, passing on to thumanity. Much good had also been done lives of William Bramwell, David Stoner, and hills and primeval forests, that now touched by in the port of London. Looking along the John Smith. Speaking of books, one of our the cold finger of Autumn, flash with amber and tise on profession of faith, and baptize by imriver, where the ships lie crowded together, and ministers, Mr. Locke, has lately published a gold, along whose banks are cottages half smoth-their tall masts are thick as the forest trees, large volume entitled a System of Theology, and foliage, harvested fields robed in the reet (?) . . . do we who baptise in the name you might see the Colporteur's boat, with a which has in a short time passed through two or sered and failed tints of October; and above all supply of bibles passing from vessel to vessel, three editions, and seems to be steadily grow. -better than all-are "spires whose silent fing. that baptism regenerates. We do not

The fifty-first meeting of the Nova Scotts lady to purchase one of his blokes, and mould have cheer-his books, admired them, and would have cheer-the Christian teacher's success. Also for our blind that more than one application was made for a Auxiliary Bible Society was neighbored in the temperature in the special policeman to regulate the living stream as something akin to a generation of vipers, and since Hall on Tuesday evening, the 12th inst. fully purchased; but had several copies at home.

My letter is already too long. To the thoughtbe published in the form of an appendix to the so, and Paul commended them for so doing.

Yearly report, we bespeak for it a careful perusal. "Then," said the priest, "if that was the case by the published in the form of an appendix to the so, and Paul commended them for so doing. The visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales ful mind there are other things suggested by

both east and west, for the purpose of attending of God, were men crying, la luce, ta luce, ta luce, almost an idol, in only in what Xerxes wept for, in view of his my Lord thus to fulfil all righteousness." Can meetings of the Branch Societies. He was cor- light! the light! In China their agents her own country. No doubt her heart is still great army, but also for reasons that affected one you tell how to get the venom out of a faith dially received by the meeting, and his address, were at work. Then look at India. Why has amongst the simple people of her girlhood. It is greater than he, who, when He saw a great mul- which holds baptism essential to fulfil all

der. The Prince is gradually developing an excellent tact, and knowledge of the world. It is is to show the people of a country, what its said that his wife keeps him firmly up to his sources are, to create a generous rivalry in trade, duties of all kinds. His is probably one of those and a spirited competition in agriculture, then it natures which require just such control and guid- was a success; for there is no doubt, that many thriving settlements; the general intelligence of cess. Polynesia was of deep interest to him, ance as a judicious, firm, sprightly, and loving went there, who came away astonished at the illustration or proof. In Mr. Spurgeon's hands, the people, and the wide diffusion of religious for two of his brothers had laboured on that wife can he sto #. The Queen seems almost enupon the scene for a few days some weeks ago, which in a country of so small population, can but retirement appears to be her delight, and the get such a show of manufactures. But in a moral expectation is now given up that she will ever view, the Exhibition was not a success; surely temptation is rife enough, when kept down by Mr. Spurgeon has raised an unparalleled hub- all lawful mesns; but when the good of such a the New Testament in the form of a command? bub about the question of baptism, and more display is neutralized by such fungus growths as especially the sincerity of the evangelical clergy horse-racing and balls, every person jealous for in professing adherence to the formularies of the the honor of the cause of Christ, and the ad-Church of England. No less than 45 replies to vancement of religion, must feel that it is unjust him have already appeared. Last Sunday morn- to prostitute public money to such immoral use he made another tremendous attack upon the It is painful to have to write any thing against

and asking no one to follow him as a partizan, shock, the shrieks of women, and rush of men All the small criticism upon his jokes, vulgarities, mad for life, the darkness, the fear and tremband odd expressions has now passed away, and ling, all are past in safety. Thanks be to God. For the Provincial Weslevan, that he should turn controversialist, but hitherto Spurgeon on Baptismal Regeneration. A LETTER TO A FRIEND, MY DEAR BROTHER,-Your letter is to hand, Mr. Spurgeon to a certain extent. Of course In compliance with your request I will endeathey disagree with him when he denounces the vour to give you my opinion in as plain and doctrine of baptismal regeneration. But they brief a manner as possible. I must request, howthoroughly agree with him when he maintains ever, that anything I may say in this letter shall

that church who teaches opposite doctrine is well as give a candid opinion. emoved from London. In Wesleyan affairs set apart by the last Conference to visit and report on Sunday Schools, has hardly as yet begun is work. He has a delicate duty to discharge,

through London and preaching to a very large congregation in Lambeth Chapel. The bodily presence of Bishop Thomson, like that of St. Paul, is weak, but he appears a man of consiheart. An elaborate essay in the pulpit, howof American congregations, but in this old counry we love plain, direct, and heart-moving

generate members of the Baptist churches can mal Regeneration? Had Mr. Spurgeon set off with the intention of preaching against Baptism altogether, or of making it appear as nothing in

his text which may be considered questionable in any case, but pernicious in him who occupies the pulpit, Spurgeon says, " whether a man be believeth not shall be damned. You have only to refer to the text to satisfy yourself that " not believing and being baptized," have no such course there was neither "equivocation" nor Other ministers may be guilty of many wrongs, in error, but Mr. Spurgeon is infallible, and, may add, inexorable. It is only on this admission, that I can understand him in railing against baptism, in relation to man's salvation eremonies on which men may rest for salvation To THE EDITOR OF THE PRO. WESLEYAN. be shaken off as a venomous faith!!" You will surprise you to find him seceding from the as the Baptists. Affecting to depreciate it as a religious sacrament, they deem it a matter so important, a subject so fraught with religious volume on to all other churches, on that very ground; and notwithstanding the "venomous" character of a baptismal "faith," on the part of others, Mr. Spurgeon considers baptism necessary for the

Baptists, as a means whereby they may "fulfil all righteousness." He says, "I am bidden by righteousness? I confess I cannot reconcile the man's own words, any more than I can find all righteousness." But I remember that you Baptists, put a different interpretation on some passages, to that given by the Pædo Baptists. And the foregoing may be regarded as a case in and Faith obeys because it is commanded," this is not a " venomous" but an obedient Faith. Will you tell me where I shall find baptism in The worst part of the sermon, to my mind, i that which you Baptists think the most scriptural and, therefore, the best. In glaring contradiction of his text Mr. Spurgeon selects a candidate for Baptism, to whom the text has no application, on purpose to show that "the Bapism in the text is one evidently connected with

faith," and then proceeds to reason thus-" A man who knows that he is saved by believing in Christ does not, when he is baptized, lift his baptism into a saving ordinance. In fact he is the heat protester against that mistake because he holds that he has no right to be baptized until he is saved." Let me now remind you of what I promised in this letter to notice again as being ensistent and contradictory on the part of Mr. Spurgeon. "Do we find, we who baptise on profession of faith," . . "that baptism regenerates?" What meaning or consistency there in asking such questions, if only those " who know that they are saved by believing in Christ" are fit and proper subjects for baptism; and then what a contradiction to teach that " no one has any right to be baptised until he is saved," and yet baptise-if immersion in water be baptism (?)-" on profession of faith." If to be baptized is a divine command, and we thus fulfil all righteousness " then I think Mr. Spurgeon. mintentionally of course, lifts bantism into a saying ordinance" with a vengeance. I am bidden the Established Church, and that a minister of tist feelings. You must be willing to receive as by my Lord thus to fulfil all righteousness and faith obeys because it is commanded." Thus baptism among the Baptists is made indispensable as a saving ordinance." Without it you can-

I have read, with considerable pain and disappointment, the famous sermon on "Baptismal Regeneration," by Spurgeon. Passing over his not "fulfil all righteousness" nor evince in your England, but it seems a pity that he has been expressions of surprise at the rapid spread of religious life, that " obedience is better than sa-Roman Catholicism in England, it appears to crifice." At the risk of rendering you impatient here is nothing particular going on beyond what me that Spurgeon has exposed himself instead with my prosy comments, I must not omit say. of the error of "Baptismal Regeneration." I ing that in my humble opinion Mr. Spurgeon very much question the religion of the man's teaches a doctrine utterly at variance with his motive in taking up the subject at all. Had he text, and with every other part of the New purposely made it a battery from which he might | Testament. I hold him responsible for what he endorses as the saying of another. The text direct his artillery against a class of men as conscientious in their belief, and as honest in their says "He that believeth and is baptised shall be profession, as Mr. Spurgeon is, he could scarce- saved, he that believeth not shall be damned." ly have made a more despicable use of a religious | Now Mr. Spurgeon's christian genius "Holds subject. It may be, however, that Mr. Spur. that he has no right to be baptised until he is geon does not understand the subject of "Bap. saved." Does not 'assed' come after believing in the order of Divine Providence, to bring in society. Several are in the christian ministry, geon does not understand the subject of "paptismal Regeneration" as believed and taught in and baptism in the text? "He that believeth about the sappy result apoken of by the wise and several lave died happy, whose minds were the Church of England. So far as I can under- and is baptised shall be saved," Can any pasderable intellectual power. His sermon was stand him in his sermon, such would be my addressed exclusively to the intellect, whereas charitable conclusion. For instance, the sum as a means of being saved, as a certainty of it in English people like sermons addressed to the and substance of his argument against the docever able, may be adapted to the taste and wants trine of "Baptismal Regeneration," may be pre- be, however, that St. Mark made a mistake. sented thus :- " Many of those baptized in the This is possible, but Mr. Spurgeon's prodigy Church of England are found to be very bad could not be miataken, and Mr. Spurgeon in characters, and some of them, perchance, end taking sides with him is against St. Mark, and all Missionaries in the Provinces of New Brunswick to astonishment. After the male Academy had their days on the gallows ;-therefore Baptismal the New Testament, in this very important sub-Regeneration is a falsehood." In other words, if | ject. Perhaps the " new translation of the Ampersons baptized in the Church of England were erican Bible Union," will make out that St. Mark then and thereby really regenerated, they could is in error, and that Mr. Spurgeon is right. As not, and would not, be guilty of such base wick- you wish me to point out all I deem objectionable edness and criminal offences as would make an in the sermon, I shall hastily notice, one or two exit out of this world, by way of the gallows, ne- things. Mr. Spurgeon makes his Christian cancessary as an expiation." You would not argue didate say "I am about to be buried in water" against the doctrine that "God made man in

-To rise again out of the water sets forth to all men (?) that he believes in the resurrection of Christ-there is a showing forth in baptism of Christ's burial and resurrection "-why do you But, my dear brother. I was much more aur. Baptists make so much ado about the burial of Christ? What part in the redemption of the world did the burial of Christ accomplish? " He died for our sine and rose again for our justification." We are commanded to shew forth his death until his coming again," but this false imitation of his burial appears to me something akin to a work of supererogation which is eadly calculated to convey false ideas, and make wrong mpressions of religion in many cases. Again Mr. Spurgeon evidently teaches, by implication at least, that baptism is nothing more nor less than the immersion in water of a certain individual. Do you subscribe to this? Alas I know

or religious grounds, there is very little differ- pending upon or being in water at all. Baptism basement-story, four stories high; was laid be. ence, according to Spurgeon, between the is, I conceive, something so solemnly sacred, so fore the Building Committee, and fully adopted. Church of England and the Baptist Church. If peculiarly religious, so essentially divine in all its On the 9th day of June, 1840, a very large Church of England and the Baptist Unurch. If provisions and designs, that it can be administer concourse of people assembled at Sackville to days on the gallows, it will not be denied that thes merit such an exalted position in death. If or sprinkling, or pouring, be in themselves baptism, it is possible to baptice cats and dogs and vice was commenced by the Rev. William Tem. thus degenerate and demean themselves so exethus degenerate and demean themselves so exe-crably, why should it be thought strange that persons baptised in infancy in the Church of persons captized in inlancy in the Church of may be allowed to give it as my opinion that bap- Rev. Richard Knight. Mr. Temple then delitheir high vocation? And why should this rantheir high vocation? And why should this ran-dom mode of stating things be regarded as con-ridiculous, and I fear, a plain perversion of a gregation joined in singing the 737th Hymn: clusive evidence against the doctrine of Baptisword of God, to speak of being buried with now placed in its proper position, when Charles Christ in baptism because a person has been put F, Allison spoke as follows:-

evincing a disposition to go in the way which is Education ever to be furnished by the lustituright in his own eyes," and which cannot be tion be conducted on Wesleyan principles to conducive to an impartial study of those Serip the glory of God, and the extension of His baptized or no, it (the text) asserts that he that tures which are profitable for doctrine, &c. | cause. Amen!" ness of speech in dealing with your favourite bride, gave her approval of her husband's act,

Spurgeon. In compliance with your solicitation by giving the stone a final blow with the workconnection as to sustain such an assertion, of I have given you my opinion. I sincerely wish man's hammer. Hymn 736 was given out, and the doctrine of baptism could meet with some prayer offered by the Rev. W. Croscombe; after "shuffling" about Mr. Spurgeon in saying so. masterly exponent, who would put an end to all which, short addresses were given by Rev. Samcontroversy. Yours affectionately.

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plated to be issued on that subject.

The names of subscribers to the forthcoming volume on "Newfoundland and its Missioninterests, so essential to their " purer gospel" as aries," can be sent to the Wesleyan Office or to demand their separation from, and opposition given to our ministers on their respective Cir-

Mill Town, N. B., Oct. 4, 1864. EDUCATION.—The first movement to obtain a

Seminary of learning under Wesleyan influence, and for the benefit of the youth connected with been raised to its present eminence. the Weslevan Church in these lower Provinces. Windsor in the month of May 1828, when it found upon the list of the Institution. Another was at the Nova Scotia District meeting, held in was unanimously resolved, to establish a Seminary of learning under the auspices of the Wesleyan society, for the accommodation of the

May following, (1829) and the circular on the subject reached Newfound and early in the autumn. prosperity of the Institution. consisted of the Rev. Measure. Black, Croscombe Governor, and Chaplain, and the Rev. H. Pick and Young, slso John A. Barry, and John L. ard, the Principal, entered, followed by the Eng-Starr, Esqs., with Mesars. Martin G, Black, and lish Master, the French Tutor, and the students. John Harvie as corresponding secretaries. The After singing, and prayer by Rev. R. Knight, Committee contemplated the establishment of the inaugural address was delivered by the Prinan Institution that should be competent to im- cipal,—an address characterized by the simplipart a thorough classical education, and that at city of its language, the elegance of its style, a charge within the means of persons of moderate income. But the site of this Academy was the public that a master-mind was at the head soon an insurmountable difficulty; gentlemen of the Sackville Academy, and that, under the from Halifax, from Horton, Bridgetown, and guidance of its Principal, it must and it would Amherst, all claimed to have it in their respective localities. Thus the object was frustrated and the matter of a Wesleyan Seminary was Churchill of Yarmouth, Rev. A. McNutt of kept in abeyance ten years longer, until God Sackville, Rev. W. Croscombe of Halifax, Rev. put it into the heart of the noble minded, and R. Knight chairman of the Nova Scotia District, sainted Charles F. Allison of Sackville in the Rev. S. Busby of Point de Bute, and Rev. W. Province of New Brunswick; to give a large Wilson of Wallace. The tide of prosperity for portion of his property to found an institution Sackville Academy began to flow at the close of exactly like that which had been contemplated its first term, in the year 1843, and it has had no by the Nova Scotia preachers.

rehitecture, and beauty of situation, is unsur- vinces. Its generous founder C. F. Allison, bepassed by any similar Institutions in these Pro- sides his original gift, and his continued pecunirinces; and munificiently deeded the whole with ary aid, also assisted its Board of Trustees with seven acres of land to trustees for ever, for bis wise counsels, and employed a large portion educational purposes.

As the Sackville Institutions as now so identhese Provinces we shall be excused if we give died in great peace, but the benefit he has conn account of them more in detail.

rict. St. John, N. B., Jan. 4, 1839.

seen much impressed with the great importance labours—and their works do follow them." of that admonition of the wise man, "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is from the very commencement of the Institution, old, he will not depart from it." The establish- he has had the charge, and has toiled through ment of schools in which pure religion is not all the years of its existence; he has been cononly taught, but constantly brought before the stantly at his post; has plodded on under many youthful mind, and represented to it, as the difficulties and discouragements: he has justly basis and ground-work of all the happiness which merited for himself the honorable title of D.D. man is capable of enjoying on earth, and emin- he has educated and trained the minds of husently calculated to form the most perfect char- dreds of our youth, many of whom are now acter is I think, one of the most efficient means filling highly important and respectable positions

It is therefore, under this impression, con- and Dr. Pickard still lives and labours in the nected with a persuasion of my accountability to same position; may his life be long apared, and that gracious Being, whom I would ever recog- his efforts to diffuse sound education, and correct nize as the source of all the good that is done in moral principles, be yet more abundantly owned the earth, that I now proprose though you to of God. the British Conference, and to the Wealeyan In literary matters Sackville has progressed and Nova Scotia, to purchase an eligible site, been in successful operation for a few years, the and erect suitable buildings in Sackville, in the friends contemplated a like Institution for the County of Westmereland, for the establishment young ladies, towards which large subscriptions of a school of the description mentioned, in were raised, and the desired object was soon atwhich not only the elementary but the higher taided. At this present time there is in the branches of education may be taught; and to be beautiful village of Sackville, besides the Male altogether under the management and control Academy, and nearly opposite to it, a Female of the British Conference, in connexion with the Academy. The building is spacious, the rooms Wesleyan Missionaries in these Provinces. If are high and well furnished, and where a hunmy proposal should be approved of, and the dred young ladies can be comfortably accomodate offer I now make accepted. I will proceed at led with board and lodging. Near the Female once to make preparation, so that the buildings Academy, is an elegant building, called Lingley may be erected in the course of the next year; Hall. Here is a rich and well-toned organ, on and I will as a further inducement, by the bless- each side of which, hange a full-length portrait ing of God, give towards the support of the -one of Dr. Beecham, the first President of the school, one hundred pounds per annum for ten Eastern British American Conference, the other

I shall be glad to hear that my offer is accepted, and to have the earliest information of your Mount Allison College, a more recent erection, decision on the subject. I am, Rev. and dear Sir.

C. F. ALLISON. The above letter was laid before the New logical Professor to train the min's of these Brunswick District Meeting, held in St. John, young men who may hereafter be employed is you do. But may I ask you what religious in May, 1839; and Mr. Allison appeared per- the important work of the Christian ministry-

statement as it is, and we think, on either moral the sacrament of baptism to represent it as de length, forty-five in breadth, and, including the

under the water for a moment. I may also call "The foundation-stone of this building I now your attention to such phases as, " It strikes me," proceed to lay, in the name of the Holy Trinity, I must hold my opinion and out withfit," " as Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. And may the

I hope you will not be offended with my plain- The excellent lady of Mr. Allison, then a son Busby, William Croscombe, George Miller, and William Wilson: and this most delightful service closed with the Doxology.

On the 19th of January, 1843, Sackville Academy was first opened, and its career of usefulness commenced. It was the day of small things. One of the class-rooms held the whole company. There were five ministers present, as follows Richard Williams, William Wilson, Richard SIR,-I herewith forward a few more articles Shepherd, Samuel D. Rice, and Humphrey permit me to say well done Spurgeon. Would on Newfoundland, for inaestion in your periodical; and I beg to inform your readers, that the with a very few other other persons as visitors. absence of those articles from your columns for with a very few other other persons as visitors, Baptists ere long? There is no other people in some time past, has been occasioned by my atthe world who make so much ado about baptism tention having been given to the preparation of spent in religious exercises, when special prayer as the Baptists. Affecting to depreciate it as a some chapters for the volume, which is contem-After the close of these services, the names of the students were taken down, when only seven

With seven students did the Rev. Humphrey Pickard commence his academical toil as Principal of the Institution, which by his constant and indefatigable attention, and judicious management, for more than twenty-one years, has

But the number of students rapidly increased, so that by the month of April thirty names were leyan society, for the accommodation of the children of their numerous friends, in this and the neighbouring Province, and a committee was appointed to select a suitable place for the In-Brunswick, the Hon, Mr. Prescott, of NovaSco-This Committee met at Halifax on the 21st of tia, with a large number of ladies and gentle-

Addresses were also delivered by Rev C. ebb down to the present time 1864, but has con-That excellent man expended four thousand tinued each year to give full satisfaction to its pounds in the erection of an Academical Instituion, which for convenience, for chasteness of timation of the intelligent of all the lower Proof his time in promoting the objects of the Institution, until the year 1859, when it pleased our ified with the well working of Methodism in Heavenly Father to call him to his reward. He ferred upon these Provinces will never die, but The Sackville Academy was properly a Cen- his name will be cherished, and his generous set lenary Gift, for it was presented in the year will be kept in grateful remembrance by unborn 1839. The following is a copy of the letter of generations. The wise man has said, "The memory of the just is blessed :" and a "voice To the Chairman of the New Brunswick Dis- from heaven" has proclaimed, " blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth REV. AND DEAR SIR,-" My mind has of late | yea saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their

It is due to the learned Principal, to say, that first religiously impressed while under his care,

of C. F. Allison, Esq., the Founder of these Institutions. In the rear of these buildings, stands where its Faculty have power to confer degrees, and the curriculum of which will in no way be inferior to that of any other Collegiste Institution in the Provinces. Besides this, there is a Theosonally before the Neya Scotia District and Thus has our youthful connection the app