

called the Gorham College, (which had been promoted, and in a great measure built and partially endowed by the widow of the late James Gorham, Esq.), was burnt down; and it having been resolved subsequently that the College should be carried on in Halifax, in connexion with the Dalhousie College, Mr. Tomkins had to remove thither. The attempt not succeeding there, after 12 months Mr. Tomkins removed with his family to England, leave of absence having been accorded to him by a meeting of the church, held August 7, 1859. In consequence of his continued absence, at a meeting of the church it was unanimously resolved that he be requested to resign his pastorate."

Subsequent to this, Mr. Melvin resumed his position as senior pastor of the church, which he still retains. For some years there were divisions, difficulties, lawsuits, but with these the writer will not meddle, as he has never had the opportunity of visiting that section of Nova Scotia, and no good would result in reviving those things that have in the past injured the church, and which should be allowed to rest.

The Rev. James Howell, from Guelph, Ontario, became the assistant minister of the church, in 1860, which, with the stations around, would supply work for several men.

The church at Milton, which is flourishing under the pastoral care of the Rev. R. K. Black, was, until 1855, a branch of the Liverpool church, and the church at Pleasant River, at a greater distance, where the Rev. S. Sykes ministers, is another outgrowth.

For the last three years the Rev. C. Duff has laboured at Liverpool, Brooklyn and Beachmeadows, and his labours have been greatly blessed.

Of the present position and prospects of Congregationalism in Liverpool and the surrounding country, the readers of the *Independent* have been furnished with accounts from time to time. In Queen's County, Nova Scotia, there are noble men and women striving for the maintenance and growth of Christian churches, governed according to the principles laid down in the New Testament. It is the hope of the writer that no root of bitterness will be revived, but that all who adhere to the church polity of the Apostolic days will work together heartily for one common cause.

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THE SCULPTOR OF BRUGES.

BY MARIE SIBREE.

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The tears started to Anka's eyes. "No ; I am an orphan, and without a friend in this country. But my parents were Protestants, and I learned to read the Scripture at my mother's knee. I wish she had buried me then."

"It is a sad thing to be motherless, and it is a great trial to be childless. I had five children once ; one died in its infancy, and I was