

WE do not hold ourselves responsible for the
views expressed by our Correspondents.

THE NEW RATE.

To the Editor of the *Common Guardian*.

I enclose you a copy of the monthly meeting of
the Social Union, and the report says that "the
rate was affirmed for a fortnight to make the rate."
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had been proposed to the meeting, the rate as a

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of course, will not be made till the usual monthly
year, which will take place on the first Wednesday
of the year.

Yours respectfully,
JOHN ELLIOTT,
Clerk to the Board.

Small Local Board Office,
Tues. H. 35, May 15th, 1868.

THE REV. J. BROOKS'S REPLY TO THE
REV. F. STEGALL.

To the Editor of the *Consett Guardian*.

19.—I have to thank you for the fair and truthful, high credit report you gave in your last, on the aid delivered in the Consett Town Hall, on the 10th inst. by the Disbandment of the 1st and 2nd Regiments of the Consett Rifle Volunteers. It contrasts honorably with a report which appears in the same issue, bearing the name of Frederick Steggall. This statement I deliberately affirm to be untrue from beginning to end. I am sorry for the weakness of the grand old book press the proprietors of the *Consett Guardian* as it deserves to be printed. I am, Sir, your obedient servant, when he visited

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and fury had the advantage, either in the hall, or in the way home to his own cottage, and these three men, that had been acting as long there for want of work, when it overflowed his diaphragm, and thrust him into this dangerous paroxysm of rage? Let us say the sick man "has recovered." I shall not offer one word of self-defense beyond what is necessary to establish the statements of the letter. Devised of course, and a blatant flourish of rhetoric, always ready to the hand of any body, who has rather other-facts to argue; in addition, is contradicted by the facts. Let me say something, this letter is the most worthy thing over which I ever wasted my time in writing.

I am charged with quoting a garbled passage from a sermon of Mr. Stogdell's. I suppose this is the famous passage in my lecture. I said I had been told that a person not very far from the place in which we were met had told ministers of the gospel who received their support from the state were more faithful in the ministerial duties than ministers who were not so situated to attract their own congregations. If Mr. Stogdell never used such language, not a syllable in the lecture could apply to him personally, if he did thus speak of thousands of his nonconformist brethren, no words of condemnation could be laid to his charge.

bit of fiction which the writer of the letter con- sidered around himself when he takes of being "fully pro- vided by the chairman" from some combat I sought to give with him, is a useful warning for sympathy. The prophesy of the small and slender references are thoroughly distorted and appropriated; but more of this presently. Ben Mr. Stogard puts into my mouth the saying that "the Bishop of Durham" is the best thing that has ever happened the very essence of a falsehood; I did not say I was the Bishop of Durham. Scitellie was I concerned during the delivery of my lectures about the movements of the "English Congress," on Mr. Stogard's account, and the "cultures of nature," that were around and in the

to the Hall until the hour was nearly final. I sought to catch a glance of him near the inner door of the Hall before the proceedings formally commenced, but to my regret I was unable to do so. He was not at the Hall, but he was quite home. It was only a few minutes before his voice was heard that I was aware he was present. Your readers can deal as well as I can with my conjectures and my speculations as to the cause of his letter. Shall I be imputing the writer of the letter if I say that I have been thanked repeatedly for the lecture, asked to deliver it again, requested to publish it, and that if I could afford perhaps I might do so? I think you would much rather say that the lecturer who had made such a vast and noble length of

of truth a man can find when starting under the weight of wounded pride, whether tormented by his own error or that of another. I could not do so even though Mr. Sturgis had published it." "The Knight of Cope-
sett," lauding his great prototype La Mancha, was heard early on the day after the delivery of the lecture boasting his initial response to threaten what he was going to do. Well, has done it. Here he stands, full of air, of my unfortunate in Copey or elsewhere, being unadvised or unacquainted. I hope your printer's devil kept out of the way. Really, it is true? Can it be that I shall have on as before, to startle me again, if I am not the simpler?"

Yours truly,
Wm. Lloyd Garrison.

ance was laid to the "church" established in England; and any allusion to the "establishment," which Archbishop Paley says is a part of Christianity, is, in his opinion, altogether unwarrantable. He is, however, accused of turning aside from the broad object of the lecture to "advocate any brand of protest against the church." Again, not the most remote allusion was made to the Baptists or their distinctive teachings concerning the Kingdom of God on earth. The readers to put together everything in this letter about the Baptists, and then try to find out why it is all there.

The real source of this trouble against the Baptist is far more than the lecture; but it is not necessary to dwell upon to take the "sermon" from an old newspaper.

er. While sitting at the table, generally the valiant knight must have a dash at Mr. Spurgeon. He must reply before he dare to venture on the third act, in his business of talk over the ladies and the armour of righteousness" that would so easily shiver his bones. Why are Baptist ministers so poor? so weak? Ministers. Why are they poorer than they otherwise would be? Mr. Spurgeon answers, "because the ministers of Baptist Churches have to feed 'dumb dogs' belonging to another church."

Mr. Sturgell quotes Mr. Spurgeon. Allow me to respond to all the inhabitants of this healthy theocracy, by testifying that I have never seen a

to the direction of it. the many of the Bible arranged that such men the 22nd inst.

THE MINISTERS THE CHURCH. also re- reply from Dr. W. H. willingness to accept the Board.

The Board decided an inspection should of each should be sent

ally the harbinger for May. Last week at a Conference of ministers and others, numbering many hundreds held in connection with the Liberation Society, in London, Mr. Burgess after quoting his own words, "the giant of voluntarism and the dwarf state," says, "if our people had not first to support the State parson, they would support their own minister well enough." "Yes," said one of my deacons this morning before I left, "I was speaking with him on the subject of the £1180 a year for tithes in two parishes, and there is one poor man in my employment who is a Primitive Methodist, and who in the judgment of Church people themselves, does very much for the poor of his parish."

The plaintiff was represented by Messrs. H. B. Hays and J. M. Hays, of the firm of Hays, Hays & Co., attorneys at law, of New Orleans. The defendant was represented by Messrs. J. M. Hays and J. M. Hays, of the firm of Hays, Hays & Co., attorneys at law, of New Orleans. The case was heard by Judge J. M. Hays, of the district court, and the judgment was rendered in favor of the plaintiff.

men against whom neither bad poverty can be alleged, and even that, "for conscience toward God." Why this kind of Baptist ministers, of whose number a word was said at the meeting? Is it that the State is to be made any poorer, that the State is to be made any less any glory; has our own little premonition of good at their expense. No one will hereafter question that Mr. Stoddard has at command an unlimited supply of "sentiments, unkind more liberal and christian," for the service of Irish Catholics or any body stand in need. What think you of "bloodshedding" as a "unkind more liberal and christian sentiment?" "Bloodshedding," by whom? If this odious term refers to the blood of the innocent, it is a high and holy theme.

ing, and when Frederick Augustus, the duke of Saxe-Coburg, had been invited to attend the anniversary was never offered to an utterly though enthusiastic assembly of men and women, from whom not a sound of discord would have been heard, if Mr. Streggell and his followers had not been present. I had already told you in the ball announcing the lecture. I have now nearly done with the letter of Frederick Streggell. There are many things I omitted in it. I had prepared many more concise reply, but was induced to choose some forms of expression somewhat, believing that a gentleman was not for war (whom Mr. Streggell will little suspect) in saying that had the letter been written by a minister of another sect, and that I should have been more than ready to

I feel tempted to close with the beautifully related administrative many years ago to one who sought place and power by unlawful means. "Oh full of all subtilty and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, with this net art thou to prevent the right ways of the Lord," (Acts xiii, 10).

JOHN BROOKS,
Baptist Minister.

May 16th, 1868.

* There is but one suitable noun, but I don't like to use it; it is too much in the style of the letter I am answering. Your readers can easily supply the word for

A correspondent at Orleans, writing on the 11th, says:—The Emperor looked ill and moody, and touched his hat slowly at rare intervals.

Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe, recently addressed the Judiciary Committee of the Massachusetts Legislature in advocacy of female suffrage, at an audience granted her for that purpose.

During a severe thunderstorm on Monday

A man named Donald Matheson, while walking along Radical Road, Salisbury Crags, Edinburgh, was struck by lightning and killed on the spot.

