

years to repair her losses, and the lesson that has been taught her would doubtless for years to come make her very cautious how she wantonly provoked a similar chastisement. The Kingdom of Spain, within the year, under the guidance of her liberal and judicious Statesman Espartero, has made large advances towards improvement, both in respect to civil and religious liberty. Old factions, in that most factious of all other countries, have been put down, and their causes of discontent vastly diminished by the establishment of a Constitutional Government and an abridgment of Ecclesiastical tyranny. Sardinia with her new and improving institutions has made great and happy progress within the same brief period. Religious toleration, suppression of monastic establishments and nunneries, rejection of Papal interference and many corresponding improvements, strongly attest the wisdom of her government and the enlightenment of her people.

Italy, like some of her own domains, the seat of volcanoes and earthquakes, is still convulsed with internal commotions, the natural results of ages of misgovernment, corruption and priestly domination.

Perhaps the most singular political feature of the age is the Concordat, or ecclesiastical contract between Austria and the Pope. While other countries are throwing off the trammels of religious bondage, this great power would seem to be willingly degrading herself, and her youthful despot, stultified by a senseless superstition, by a deliberate compact, submitting to the dictation of a foreign priest.

If we look to the extreme East, events little expected have signalized the year. The great insular Empire of Japan, containing a population of ten or twelve millions of people, hitherto almost hermetically sealed, so to speak, to all other nations, has opened her ports to an intercourse with England, America and France, and will doubtless soon become the centre of a vast commerce, and be opened we trust to the blessed influences of Christianity.

What is transpiring on our own continent affords much to occupy a reflective mind. Northern America is now increasing in population by almost a million per annum, who from whatever other stock or language, must almost immediately assume the characteristics of the Anglo-Saxon race, with all their activity, knowledge and restless and eager pursuit of improvement. What is to be the destiny of such a race at the close of the present century? Who can even form approximate conjecture? Let us hope as the great truths of the Gospel are fully disseminated among them, that they will present a spectacle in which the world may have reason to rejoice.

As regards our near neighbours, the United States, the most important feature presented is the fierce antagonism that is yearly increasing between the advocates of freedom and of slavery. Why do not all the wise and the good in the great Union—for there are many of them—rise up as a single man, and by a moral influence which none could resist, settle this momentous question at once and forever. England found means of doing it; why should not America?

The telegraph despatch which we subjoin brings a report that the City of Kars had fallen before the Russian forces. We trust it may turn out untrue, altho' Gen. Williams, who commands the Turkish garrison, had been so straitened for provisions that it is very probable they may have been starved into a surrender.

We hope before going to press to have news by our own English Steamer, hourly expected.

Telegraph Despatch.

Merchants' Reading Room, Dec. 29th, 1855. The Steamship Pacific arrived at New York on Friday evening last. Liverpool dates to 15th inst. Kars has fallen from famine—no particulars received. Russians attacked entrenched French lines in Crimea. After an hours fighting withdrew. Breadstuffs firm—no change in price. Cotton had advanced 1-6th. Breadstuffs firm—no change in price. Provisions unchanged. Sugar market dull—prices unchanged. Coffee prices a shade higher. Money market easier. Consols quoted at 88 1-2.

General Intelligence.

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Halifax, Dec. 24, 1855. His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, in Council, has been pleased to make the following Appointments: To be High Sheriff for the ensuing year for the County of Cape Breton—Richard Gibbons, Junior, Esquire. To be a Notary and Tabellion Public—Henry A. N. Kaulback, Esquire. The Treasurer of the City Mission, acknowledges the receipt of £5 0s 7 1-2d from the

Grand Jury of the County of Halifax, being the half of the fines collected by that Body during their late session. The half yearly Examination of the Free Church Academy, was held on Monday last. The attendance of pupils and of spectators was very large. In all their exercises the pupils acquitted themselves admirably.—Presbyterian Witness.

INQUEST.—A coroner's Inquest was held on the body of a Squaw, named Hannah Silome, found dead at Dartmouth one day last week, and verdict of died from intemperance and exposure as returned by eleven of the Jurors—the Foreman dissenting on the ground that he was not satisfied with the chemical analysis of the stomach, deceased.

An appeal is being made to the Trustees of Public Schools in the City of Halifax, by those engaged as Teachers, on the ground that the remuneration they receive is inadequate to secure them a comfortable subsistence in these times of high prices. They respectfully request a consideration of their claims, and suggest some changes in the terms on which pupils are admitted which they think would operate beneficially to their interests. It is to be lamented that a class of persons discharging functions so important as those which pertain to the office of Teacher in Public Schools, do not receive remuneration proportioned to the responsibility of their position.—Westeyan.

Moose Horn, with thirty-eight forks to it was taken to England by last Steamer. The Moose was shot by the Indians from Captain Chenley's camp at Ship Harbour. It was a curiosity, nearly three times the size of the ordinary Moose Horn.

P.WASHI, December 20.—FIRE.—On Thursday the 20th instant, at 3 1/2 o'clock, P. M., a fire broke out in Mr. R. F. Bent's store, situated in Wat Street; the inside of the upper story of which was partly consumed, a portion of the goods being burnt up, the remainder destroyed by water.—Cause of the fire unknown.

SUBEN DEATH.—Yesterday, Jas. Gilmore, of Parash River, while at work in his Saw-mill, dropped down dead. Coroner's inquest will be held to-day, the 25th.—Colonist.

New Brunswick.

ST. JOHN, December 24. On Friday night last, at 12 o'clock, a fire broke out in a large barn in rear of the Yorkshire Tavern, Charlottetown. There were consumed in the barn four horses, three of which belonged to Mr. Nas, the tenant of the Yorkshire Tavern and one Mr. Plummer, two cows and two pigs. The buildings belonged to J. D. Lewin, Esq., and were partially insured. There was no insurance on the stock, the loss of which at this season of the year, must fall very heavily on Mr. Nason.

MELANCHOLY ACCIDENT.—On Saturday afternoon, while Mr. Charles Aline and Mr. Dakin, butchers, were engaged on the roof of a building, Waterloo street, the support on which they rested gave way, and they were precipitated to the ground, falling about thirty feet. The injuries received by Mr. Dakin are dreadfully severe. Some of his limbs are broken, and a small vessel which he held in his hand at the time of fall, penetrated his side, immediately above his hip, inflicting a ghastly wound. It is the opinion of his medical attendant that he cannot survive. Mr. Aline, although seriously, is not dangerously hurt. When taken up he was perfectly insensible, and it was many hours before consciousness was restored.

SHOCKING ACCIDENT.—Three men named Williams, Goss and Hawkins, who were lumbering on the banks of the Nashwaaksis, have been burned to death in their camp. Their horse came over, and this excited the suspicion of their friends who went to the camp on Tuesday and found there the scorched remains of the three unfortunate men.—It is supposed that the camp took fire while they were asleep.

MELANCHOLY.—Fredericton, Dec. 21.—Two fine young boys sons of Mr. J. Estabrooke, of Canning, were drowned last week, while skating opposite their father's house on the River. Their bodies were found next day.

Her Majesty's Queen has given her assent to the New Brunswick Prohibitory Liquor Law. TRADE IN CANADA.—The favorable weather of this autumn has made trade uncommonly active in Canada. Large quantities of Canadian wheat have been purchased by the Rochester millers and ground into business flour.

The processes of mining for iron give employment to upwards of twenty-six thousand persons. The value of the mouth of the furnace, of the iron raised last year in Great Britain, was nearly ten millions sterling.

The English Patriotic Fund now furnishes relief to the following persons; widows 2526, children 3804, and orphans who have lost both parents 97. The amount of subscribers to the fund now reaches the large sum of £1,291,296.

At a review of British Artillery, recently held near Sebastopol, before the new Commander-in-Chief, the 1st of the Service brought no less than seventy-five field-guns into position. The number of immigrants which arrived at New York up to December 12, this year, was 127,595, against 293,94 for the same period last year—a falling off of 171,399.

The Fire Department of New Orleans has disbanded. The Controller sold at public auction the contract for extinguishing the fires of the city for five years, pursuant to the ordinance lately adopted on that subject. The contract was bid off by Messrs. John Adams and John Youness, at \$100,000 per annum.

The Emperor Napoleon has presented to the Princess Royal of England a fan once belonging to Maria Antoinette, and to the Prince of Wales a small watch of which the case is composed of a single ruby split in halves.

Captain Robert McClure, the Arctic discoverer, has received the honour of knighthood from her Majesty.

Central America.

DISCOVERIES of a highly interesting character have been made in Guatemala, by the Abbe de Boarbourg, a learned French priest, who is perfectly competent to conduct such investigations. The Abbe claims not only to have discovered the remains of various antique cities of great magnitude and solidity, similar to those previously found in Yucatan and other parts of that country, but he has also chanced upon some most precious monuments of the languages and history of the aboriginal people, long anterior to the arrival of the Spaniards. What will be most surprising to scholars, and will, doubtless, be received with some incredulity, is the assertion of M. de Bourbourg that these languages contain undeniable relics of various Scandinavian and Teutonic tongues, Danish, Swedish, English, and even some oriental words are said to be found in great distinctness and purity, mingled in the early dialects of the country, while Indian traditions declare that their ancestors migrated from the north-east by sea, through mist and show. From these philological traditions, M. de Bourbourg concludes that there was a migration into the country from the settlement of the Northmen in Massachusetts. If true this is a most interesting contribution to the history of the American continent, and the public will wait with impatience for that more complete account of it which M. de Bourbourg intends to lay before the world, with the documentary evidence sustaining his conclusion.

Letters Received.

Rev. Dr. Crawley, 13th. Rev. A. Potter, 21st, (rem.) Rev. J. E. Balcom, 18th, (rem., 2 subs.) Rev. C. Tupper, 21st. (Quite satisfactory.) J. W. Hart, Esq., (rem.) James B. McNutt, 19th, (rem.) Rev. A. W. Barss, 24th, (rem., 1 sub.) W. F. Cutten, 24th, (rem., 4 subs.) C. Jost, 24th, (4 subs.) J. Clark, 20th. Pe'er Corkum, 24th, (rem., 1 sub.) James Lantz, 24th, (3 subs.) Rev. J. J. Skinner, 24th, (rem., 7 subs.) Mr. Robert McQuahae. Rev. Jas. Stevens, 24th, (rem., 3 subs.) Rev. Jas. Parker, 21st, (rem., 6 subs.) Jos. D. Marsters, 27th, (rem., 2 subs., perfectly correct. 2s. 6d. due you before.) E. M. Saunders, 26th, (13 subs.) Asaph Marshall, 24th, (rem., 2 subs., all correct and satisfactory.) John Plumb, 26th. Asaph Whitman, 29th, (9 subs.) B. L. Telfer, Dec. 24th, (rem.)

We are much obliged for the contents of all the above, and have attended to all the directions given. Not a bad beginning. Brethren will please proceed.

WE have made some of the improvements we intended, in our present number, and trust its general appearance is a movement in advance. We have not yet satisfied ourselves. We have been able to add what is equal to about two columns. If our press and materials would have allowed, as we expected, we intended to have made an enlargement equal to about a page.

Dr. M'Lane's Vermifuge. ALWAYS RESORTED TO WHEN EVERY OTHER REMEDY FAILS. NEW YORK, September 15, 1852. This is to certify that my child, three years old was troubled with worms some six months. I had tried several kinds of medicine, but none of them did any good; and it was not until I tried Dr. M'Lane's Celebrated Vermifuge that she found any relief. I gave her the contents of one bottle, which brought from her a very large quantity of worms, but they were so completely cut to pieces it was impossible to count them. My daughter is now doing well; indeed she is completely restored to health. I therefore take pleasure in recommending it to parents. I would say, by all means keep a supply of this valuable medicine constantly in your houses. I have known many children to die suddenly from the effects of worms. It also not unfrequently happens that children are treated for croup, when the choking and coughing is caused altogether by the irritation of worms. Therefore, we say again, keep it always in the house; it costs but little, and may be the means of saving life; and at any rate it will save physicians' bills.

MRS. LANE, No. 333 Eighth street. P. S. The above valuable preparation, also Dr. M'Lane's celebrated Liver Pills, can now be had at all respectable Drug Stores in this city. Purchasers will please be careful to ask for, and take none but Dr. M'Lane's Vermifuge. All others, in comparison, are worthless. Sold in Halifax, by JOHN NAYLOR, and WM LANGLEY.

Fevers of all descriptions and their cure.—Many remedies have been prescribed for the relief of suffering humanity for the cure of these distressing and often times fatal diseases. Few seem to be worthy of much comment, in a word, few possess any intrinsic value, Holloway's Pills, however, will be found invaluable for these complaints, and will readily check the worst stages of the evil, in truth, by a perseverance with this remedy according to the prescribed directions, they will restore the sufferer to health, after every other means have failed. These Pills are also famous in all diseases of the stomach and bowels.

Married.

At St. Paul's Church, on the 26th ult., by the Bishop of Nova Scotia, assisted by the Venerable Archdeacon Willis, Robert Palmer Howard, Esq., M. D., of Montreal, C. E., to Mary Frances, second daughter of the late Judge Chipman. On the 27th ult., by the Rev. R. J. Unacke, Mr. Thos. G. Elliot, to Miss Harriet Smith. At Trinity Church, Hamilton, Bermuda, on the 13th ult., by the Rev. J. B. Freer, F. F. W. Evans, Chaplain of H. M. S. Boscawen, to Catherine Stowe, fourth daughter of W. B. Perot, Esq., of Bermuda. On the 10th ult., by Wm. Sanderson, Esq., J. P., Mr. George Peters, to Miss Elizabeth Cameron, both of Three Rivers, P. E. I. On the 13th ult., at Liscomb, Mr. Joseph Carter, of Bristol, U. S. Mariner, to Miss Sarah Jane Crooks, of Crooks' Island, off Liscomb. On the 11th ult., at Liscomb, by the Rev. J. Alexander, Mr. Seth Crooks, Mariner, to Miss Sarah Robinson, of Indian Harbour. At Harmony, Q. C., on the 24th ult., by the Rev. D. O. Caskill, Mr. Benjamin Leonard Telfer, of Caledonia, to Miss Anna Maria Harlow, of Harmony. At Maccan, on the 18th ult., by the Rev. David McKean, Mr. Amos Purdy, Merchant, of Wallace, to Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Mr. James M. Atkinson, of the former place. At Amherst, on the 23rd ult., by the Rev. E. B. Demill, A. M., Mr. James J. Hickman, Merchant, to Elizabeth, second daughter of Amos S. Blankhorn, Esq. At Amherst Shore, on the 20th ult., by the Rev. E. B. Demill, A. M., Mr. William Boss, to Sarah, daughter of Rev. Maynard Parker. At Bill Town, by the Rev. James Parker, Dec. 18th, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Isaiah Dodge, of Wilmot, to Miss Eunice Ann, daughter of C. R. Bill, Esq., M. P. P. By the same, Dec. 20th, Mr. Joseph Sanford, to Mrs. Desire, widow of the late Robert Parker, of Cornwallis. At the residence of the Bride's Father, Dec. 17th by the Rev. J. C. Hurd, Mr. Angus McLennan, of Arctigonishe, to Miss Margaret Ann Curby, of Cape Can. At Clarence, on the 15th inst., by the Rev. N. Vidtce, Mr. Warren Longley, of Annapolis, to Mrs. Sarah Ann, relict of the late Samuel E. Morse, of the former place. At Clements, Oct. 10th, by the Rev. Aaron Cogswell, Mr. Joseph Wear, to Miss Charlotte Chase. Nov. 1st, by the same, Mr. John H. Milliner, to Miss Ruth Potter. Nov. 29th, by the same, Mr. George Ruggles, to Miss Lydia Chute, fifth daughter of Abel Chute, Esq. Dec. 13th, by the same, Mr. Whitefield Roddy, to Miss Susan Hicks. Dec. 13th, by the same, Mr. William Pankney, to Miss Mary Jane Rutchey.

Died.

Suddenly on Sunday, 30th ult. Jane, wife of Mr. John McLearn, aged 70 years. The deceased had been connected with the Baptist Denomination, for more than forty years. On the 24th ult., Mrs. Henry, aged 27 years. On the 25th ult., James Kelly, in the 50th year of his age. On the 27th ult., after a lingering illness, Mrs. M. Kirk, in the 68th year of her age. At Liscomb, on the 8th inst., Mrs. Mary McKlnlay, aged 71 years. At St. Mary's River, East, on the 5th Nov., James Hemlow, aged 97 years, the oldest inhabitant and first settler on the River. At Sherbrooke, St. Mary's, East, on the 13th inst., Annie, fourth daughter of Alexander and Margaret Sinclair. In Roxbury, on the 30th ult., of consumption, Mr. George A. Shaffroth, formerly of Nova Scotia, aged 24 years. At Liverpool, N. S., Dec. 21st, Margaret Nastassy, youngest daughter, of the Rev. S. T. Rand, aged 2 years and 10 months. Brother Rand says in connection with the above, "I arrived here in less than two days, but too late to see my child alive. She had been ill about 3 weeks, of water on the brain. Yesterday we placed her little body by the side of her little brother, our first-born, who died and was buried while I was absent, thirteen years ago. There they will rest in peace till the trumpet calls them into life. It has been a severe trial to us all." At Cornwallis, Dec. 13th, Eunice, widow of the late Abel Benjamin, aged 86 years. At Clements, Dec. 6th, Mrs. Mary Word, aged 92. Her end was peace. At Rawdon, 23rd Nov. last, Hugh McLearn, aged 88 years. For thirty-four years he was a member of the Baptist Church, and sustained his christian profession with much propriety.

Shipping List.

ARRIVED. TUESDAY—R. M. S. Curlew, Hunter, Bermuda, 5 days; brig's Africa, Meagher, Boston, 3 days—37 passengers; Margaret, New York, 3 days. WEDNESDAY—Packet schr Isabella, Hadley, Guysborough; schr Topsy, Ready, Canso. FRIDAY—Brig Grand Turk, Leadly, London, via Dover, 38 days; Magnet, LeRoy, P. E. I.; schrs Ariel, O'Brien, do.; Sarah, O'Brien, do.; Laleach, McLearn, do.; Electric, Sydney. MONDAY—Packet brig Boston, Roche, Boston, 34 days—10 passengers. CLEARED. WEDNESDAY—Brig Avosetta, (new, 144 tons,) St. John, N. F.; brig Ocean Bride, Campbell, Liverpool, G. B.; schr Champen, White, Charlottetown. FRIDAY—Gold Hunter, Henry, Boston; Joseph, Alywood, P. E. Island; Ariel, Moore, do. SATURDAY—Arab, Roy, Kingston, Ja.; Lady Sale, Brough, Fortune Bay Nfld; Lima, O'Brien, New York; Saranc, Porto Rico; Argo, Nickerson, Nfld. MONDAY—Hope, Ozong, Nfld; Africa (pkt), Meagher, Boston; Boston, Spearing, Cuba.