

and after some remarks in reference to the low condition of religion, it was agreed to hold four united prayer-meetings. The first was held in the Bleeker street Baptist church, (brother Corey's) and to our surprise and joy, was wonderfully successful. The house was completely filled by members of all the evangelical churches and congregations. Addresses, marked by deep, earnest feeling, were made, and prayers of a very fervent character were offered. It was a meeting long to be remembered. The meetings of the three succeeding weeks were of a similar character. The third was held in the First Presbyterian church, a very large edifice, capable of accommodating, at least, 1,200 persons. It was full-crowded. It was the largest prayer-meeting that any of us ever attended. We have felt that we could not afford to discontinue such precious meetings, and mean now to hold them every week at the different churches in turn.

**Pennsylvania.**—The Manayunk church has received seventeen by baptism, and the church at Elfreed thirty-seven. The church at Damascus, as the fruits of a protracted meeting, has received an addition of thirty-eight by baptism.

**Indiana.**—Ten have been added to the Baptist church at Indian Prairie, forty to the church in Lafayette, twenty-three to the Lauramic church, seventy-seven to the church in Vernon, and twelve have been baptized near Angola, Steuben County, and thirty-three at Sugar Creek.

**Illinois.**—Fifty-eight have been baptized at Johnson's Grove, and at Paris sixteen have been added to the church.

**Iowa.**—At a protracted meeting held by the North Walnut Baptist church, four converts were baptized; eighteen were added during a similar meeting at Martinsburg; seven at Bushy Bend; four at Clear Creek; five at Sharon; nine at Green. Special meetings have been held at Burlington, and twenty-seven have already been baptized.

**Colonial and Foreign.**

**United States.**

**WASHINGTON, Dec. 27th, 1857.**—In the Senate House, on a motion to print the President's Message, Mr. Hughes, of Indiana, offered a Preamble, in which was expressed entire concurrence with the President's Message on the matter of the Lecompton Constitution, and "therefore resolved, That 20,000 copies of the Message be printed." Upon this motion, the yeas and nays were ordered, when to the dismay of Mr. Hughes and other gentlemen on his side of the House, it was seen that the yeas would far exceed the nays. So soon as the yeas had voted, Mr. Hughes asked leave to withdraw his preamble, and contrary to all usage, the Speaker ruled this motion in order.

Disunion is at this moment not to be entertained, and for this reason. The convulsion of the monied world which has swept away the vast fortunes of hundreds of merchants and manufacturers of the North, has brought about the most frightful collapse in the South, which has changed the value of lands and negroes to the sum of many millions. In order to show you how this monetary revulsion affects the South, let me give you a few facts from correspondence from Mississippi and Virginia. The sales of negroes in Richmond, on the 10th inst., show the following results—"A No. 1," (meaning a first-rate Slave,) black, 22 years old, sold for \$620. A good cook, \$475. A No. 1, broken, fancy woman, 26 years old, good seamstress, (1 copy the Dispatch,) sold for \$530; and like prices, until the end of the list, it is stated. "Little Niggers, from 5 to 7, sold in lots or by the dozen." And this report of the Slave market concludes with saying—"The annual sale is regarded as a fair test of the market, as the Slaves were fresh from the country and fully guaranteed, and the auctioneer exerted himself to obtain high prices." These prices are less than half what were current at Richmond six months since. Then as to land—the prices of Cotton lands in Mississippi, for example, have gone down from \$60 per acre to \$20,—all these are so many drawbacks against any warlike schemes for setting up a Southern Republic next year.

**THE UTAH ARMY.**—The expresses which have recently arrived at Fort Leavenworth, from the army of the West, bring information that the whole force, with the exception of Col. Cooke's command, had concentrated on Black's Fork, and were moving towards Fort Bridger, from which they were distant only a few miles. The progress of the army was exceedingly slow, sometimes making only two or three miles a day, and then encamping in the night. The horses, mules and other animals were giving out hourly, and it is not worth while to conceal the fact that all the animals will perish this winter. While this is the case, it is satisfactory to know that the troops would soon be in a position where they could bid defiance to the Mormons, and the elements would not harm them. The supply trains had all arrived and were in company with the military, and there would be abundance of provisions for the whole army. Fort Bridger, it will be recollected, is 113 miles from Great Salt Lake City, but between that Fort and the city all the great obstacles to the march of the army are interposed. The drifting snows fill up the canons and passes and an impassible barrier is presented to the march of the troops until next spring.

The effect on business of the stoppage of so many factories throughout the country, is everywhere felt. The demand for raw materials cannot revive, until there is a more general resumi-

tion of work. The Providence Journal exhibits the condition of the factories in that State. While 502,000 spindles are stopped, and over 9,000 hands thrown out of employment, but 206,000 spindles are running, employing 4,400 hands. This is but a specimen of all New-England.

The mild weather still affords unusual facilities to send Produce to our market. The receipts of Flour for the past three weeks have averaged nearly 200,000 barrels a week.

The taxation of New York for 1858 will reach one hundred dollars for every voter, according to the number of votes for Mayor. A national tax of like proportion would bring out of the pockets of the people \$300,000,000.

An eminent author states that there is scarcely a culinary vegetable which can be found to grow naturally. Rice, rye, and barley have, by cultivation, been altered from plants not now resembling them. The cabbage has come from the colewort.

**Great Britain.**

**HOUSE OF COMMONS.**

Thursday 10th.

**THE CALCUTTA MEMORIAL.**

Mr. Wise asked the President of the Board of Control why her Majesty's Government had declined to present to her Majesty the memorial from the British inhabitants of Calcutta; and what precedent there was for requiring such petitions to be transmitted through the medium of the Governor-General.

Lord Palmerston.—As the memorial to which my hon. friend refers was addressed to me, probably I am the proper person to answer that question. Finding that it was the invariable rule—and a very proper rule, as I think—that any complaint made against the conduct of a governor abroad should be transmitted through that governor, in order that it might be accompanied with such observations and explanations as he might think proper to offer, so that the Government at home might be made acquainted at once with all the matters upon which a decision should be come to, I deemed it my duty to return that petition to those who sent it to me, requesting that they would observe the invariable practice, and transmit it through the Governor-General.

**THE EX-KING OF DELHI.**

Mr. Marshman.—I wish to ask the President of the Board of Control whether it is true that when the King of Delhi was taken prisoner an assurance was given him that his life should be spared; and if so, perhaps my right hon. friend will inform the house what were the circumstances and what was the authority under which that assurance was given.

Mr. V. Smith.—From the information which we received upon the subject, in the first instance it appeared that the Governor-General had given orders that the King of Delhi should be brought to trial, and if it were proved that he had surrendered on the faith of whoever arrested him that his life should be spared, that he should be taken to Allahabad in order to be sent out of the country. Since then a letter has been received from Mr. Saunders, who was appointed Commissioner of Delhi by Sir John Lawrence, in which he states that Captain Hodson did promise to the King of Delhi his life, and that under no other circumstances could they have seized him. In consequence of that offer being made by an officer in her Majesty's service, it is of course utterly impossible that we should depart from it.

**DR. LIVINGSTONE.**

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, in moving the postponement of the order for going into a committee of supply until the 5th of February, stated that the Government proposed to advance the sum of 5,000l. from the civil contingencies, to be hereafter voted by the house, for the expedition of Dr. Livingstone into the interior of Africa.

**MARRIAGE OF THE PRINCESS ROYAL.**—As the 25th of January next is now definitely fixed for this interesting event, great preparations are being made at St. James's Palace, where the grand festival in honour of the royal nuptials will take place. It is probable that her Majesty will leave Windsor for the metropolis about the middle of January. It is said to be her Majesty's intention to give a series of brilliant entertainments before the day of the marriage, which will be honoured by the presence of all the royal visitors who are to attend the ceremony, and who, it is supposed, will exceed thirty in number. The illustrious visitors will be partly received in Buckingham Palace, and partly at two or three of the great hotels, which have been already engaged for the reception of the guests. The King of the Belgians, the Prince and Princess of Prussia, and the Duke of Saxe Coburg, are named among those who will be present.

**THE PRINCESS ALICE.**—The Telegraph informs us that Lieutenant-General Van Omphal has been despatched from the Hague on a special and delicate mission to the English Court. The gallant officer is instructed to "demand officially for the Prince of Orange the hand of the Princess Alice," the third child of the Queen and Prince Albert. The Princess Alice Maud Mary was born on the 25th April, 1843, and therefore has not completed her fifteenth year.

Colonel Crosse, who has recently arrived from India, where it is said he amassed upwards of 1,500,000l., is in treaty with a noble marquis for the purchase of large estates in Yorkshire, it being the intention of the colonel to stand for one of the divisions of that county in the event of a vacancy. The colonel is the founder of his own fortune, having left England in 1808, almost penniless.—*Court Circular.*

**A BID FOR NENA SAHIB.**—The landlord of the White Hart Inn, Southampton, in a letter to a London paper, says:—"Allow me to suggest to Lord Palmerston, through your paper, that a better plan to dispose of that brutal fellow, Nena Sahib, than was done with the sons of the King of Delhi, would be to bring him alive to England; and if his lordship falls in with this view, I am willing to give to the Indian Relief Fund the sum of £2,000, on his being delivered up to me, together with his military clothes and sword, which I will take at a valuation."

**THE NAME OF HAVELOCK.**—It is rather curious that the name of our fortunate general in India is Havelock, which, by the slight change of one letter, becomes *Haveluck*, and the result of the last exploit is—that we *Have Luck* now.

At a meeting of the Geographical Society, on Monday, Sir Roderick Murchison read an extract from a recent Australian paper, which announced that the reported fresh-water lake in the interior of Australia was an illusion, and that the water perceived there was only the temporary collection from floods.

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