

PRESBYTERIANISM AT HOME.—The Assemblies of the Scotch Kirk and Free Church are now in session at Edinburgh.

PRESBYTERIAN CLOSE COMMUNION.—On Wednesday the Assembly of the Scotch Kirk was occupied in the discussion of an overture from the Presbytery of Glasgow.

THE CHURCH IN ITALY.—The Legations in Italy is still full of exciting elements. The conflict between the spiritual and civil power is not ended.

From the Tuscan papers we learn that all the bishops of Tuscany, in consequence of orders from Rome, refused to officiate on the 13th, 14th and 15th, at the religious ceremony of the anniversary of the Constitution.

The Rev. G. Osborne, one of the secretaries of the Wesleyan Missionary Society, stated in a recent speech that the king of one place in the South Sea Islands was an excellent local preacher.

General Intelligence.

New Brunswick.

The Assessors of Taxes for St John have just completed their labours for the present year and the books will be in the hands of the Collector in a few days.

The Lieut. Governor and Lady arrived in the City on Tuesday last, and have occupied rooms at the "Waverley."

Canada.

Catharine McCann, of Merrickville, died on the 3rd inst. She is supposed to have been 114 years of age.

Two cannon taken from the Russians in the Crimea, have been secured by the citizens of London, C. W.

Blondin is to cross Niagara river on the 20th. He has announced that he will walk the entire length of the rope, one thousand feet in length, and two hundred and ten feet above the boiling chasm, blindfolded and encased in a sack.

European News.

MISCELLANEOUS.

NEW WORK BY THE EMPEROR OF THE FRENCH.—The Emperor of France is engaged on a life of Julius Caesar.

Lady Byron, a few days previous to her death, sent the sum of two hundred dollars to the Sicilian committee of London, in aid of the Garibaldi fund.

EXHIBITION OF 1862.—We see with pleasure that the amount decided upon for a guarantee fund for the Great Exhibition of 1862 has not only been raised, but exceeded.

DEATH OF PETER PARLEY.—The American papers announce the death of "Peter Parley," as Mr. Goodrich familiarly designated himself.

"SYMPATHY" WITH GARIBALDI.—A Garibaldi "sympathy" meeting was held in St. Martin's Hall, London, on Thursday evening, last week when it was resolved to open a subscription for the purpose of "presenting a testimonial" to the Italian patriot.

THE LATE ARCHBISHOP OF YORK.—An interesting anecdote was (says The Guardian) related by the Rev. F. J. Jameson at the last meeting of the Cambridge Churel of England Young Men's Society.

THE ATLANTIC TELEGRAPH.—Mr. Seward, the Secretary of the Atlantic Telegraph Company, has written a letter to a contemporary, in which he affirms that the expedition has been sent out to endeavour to put the Atlantic cable into working order.

THE PRINCE OF WALES'S VISIT TO CANADA.—We read in a letter from Quebec:—"With a view to preserving a lasting memento of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales's visit, a meeting has been held at Toronto at which it was concluded to plant with ornamental trees and shrubs a strip of land bordering on the really charming bay of Toronto.

RAILWAY ACCIDENTS.—A return has been published, showing the number of persons injured by carriage accidents in the metropolis alone, during fourteen months, and the number injured "from causes beyond their own control" on all the railways in Great Britain and Ireland during five years.

A BOLD BOY TRUMPETER.—A letter from Madrid says:—"In the triumphal entrance of the troops here, the heroes of the day (with the exception of General Prim, who was so greeted that he had to deliver half a dozen speeches as he went through the streets) were a trumpeter and a dog.

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