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the whose branches shall fill the earth, and under which the birds of the air shall take refuge and whose leaves are for the healing of the nations.

North and South.

The article on another page, discussing the merits of the present war between North and South, is perhaps a little aside of our usual course of correspondence, and yet we think the questions involved in this war are so intimately connected with the operations of the church of Christ in that really great country, that christian men must have a deep interest in it, even though it were only on that account. The funds hitherto employed in missionary work and Bible-distribution are almost wholly withdrawn from these channels, and applied to the prosecution of the war.—Missionaries are told that in consequence of the demands for the war they must be prepared to relinquish their salaries, and enter into some employment to provide themselves with bread. Those who were engaged in the work of home evangelization, also, have to enter the Army to procure the necessities of life. Even Christian Ministers have to leave their churches and follow in the train as chaplains, and thus render aid to the cause of the government. This we consider a most melancholy phase of the war. Some of our readers have thought that we should have denounced in stronger terms the Southern rebellion and of course, approved of the course pursued by the government. We heartily approve of British neutrality, and fear that if Britain has taken any other course in relation to the rebellion, far worse consequences would have ensued. Of course extreme northern sympathizers are not satisfied with neutrality, unless it includes hatred of the South. Whilst we think no one with anti-slavery feelings could approve of the course of the South, even long previous to the capture of Sumter, yet until we have a more distinct declaration of anti-slavery feeling, and exhibition of less arrogance in the north, we must give a very qualified approval of their aims, or the mode by which they seek to accomplish them. We doubt if the cause of freedom would be more benefitted by the preservation of the Union, than by shutting up slavery in the Southern States and letting it work itself out.

The article under the caption "Mason and Slidell," in defence of the Northern States, is received, and will appear in our next.

WEEK OF PRAYER.—The meetings held during the week were in general well attended—some of them crowded. The one on Wednesday evening was very interesting. An excellent spirit prevailed. The closing meeting was held on Saturday afternoon, over which T. A. S. De Wolfe, Esq., presided.

We learn from the *Sun* that "after the meeting the Committee met to receive the report of the Vigilance Committee on the subject of Intemperance. The report, which recommended Total Abstinence, under God, as the only remedy for the sin of Intemperance, was received and adopted; and in carrying it out it was agreed that meetings be held among the military men now in the city for the purpose of advocating the principles of Total Abstinence. It was agreed to hold the first of the series of meetings in the Argyle Street Church at half-past five o'clock on Tuesday afternoon."

DESACRATION OF THE SABBATH AND THE SANCTUARY—We learn from the Canadian Baptist that "on a recent Sunday evening in Dr. Magoon's church in Albany, N. Y., a sword, sash and belt was presented to Captain Stinson—otherwise, Rev. H. K. Stinson, sometime pastor of the Baptist Church in Lagrange, N. Y., but now Captain of a cavalry company in the Federal army. One of our exchanges," the same paper remarks, "speaks of this as a 'singular scene'—singular enough we should say. While we appreciate the patriotism of the Northern people, we do not believe that their cause is holy enough to justify such performances as this on the day which we are commanded to hallow. To say the least, we consider such transactions as unbecoming in the extreme, when they are to take place in Christian sanctuaries during the hours set apart by the Divine Being for His own worship. Possibly our Albany friends deemed the 'Reverend' character of the Captain sufficient to legalize the 'singular' proceeding. There is not, we are quite sure, any passage or precedent, either in the Gospels or the Epistles, which can be quoted in its vindication. We do sincerely hope that our American brethren will not forget, in their very natural excitement, that there is a time for everything."

This we think a very mild condemnation of what, we doubt not, has brought a blush on the cheek of a very large proportion of the Christian people of New England.

News Summary.

OUR English mail by steamer arrived on Wednesday last. The latest dates are to the 28th ult. The news of the surrender of Mason and Slidell, in accordance with the demands of the British Government, had not then reached England. There was, however, from accounts received from America, a pretty strong hope and expectation in the public mind, that the Washington Cabinet would not attempt to justify an act which all the nations and jurists of Europe so strongly condemned. The warlike preparations were not abated, and no doubt, until the state of matters is more quiet on this side the water, a strong force will be kept up in these Colonies, and every means adopted to render them capable of defence under any emergency likely to occur.

The only movements in the conflicting parties appear to be in the Southern Coast, where the naval expeditions have established a footing, and seem threatening to invest Charles-town. They are also said to be advancing into the interior. The New York banks have mostly stopped specie payments, and very extensive embarrassment appears to pervade the commercial circles throughout the North. The abundant grain crops, however, and the partial failure in France and England, occasioning a large demand for breadstuffs, are highly favourable to the Northern trade. The Government is nevertheless a cumulating an enormous public debt. With three quarters of a million of troops enrolled in actual service, the daily expenditures are said to amount to three millions of dollars per diem. This, however, we should certainly think a good deal exaggerated.

The London Papers are filled with account's of the last obsequies of the late Prince Consort, who appears to be sincerely and deservedly lamented in every part of the Empire. It is most satisfactory to know that Her Majesty, thus far, has borne her sad and unexpected bereavement with much firmness. The death of her husband has broken up a circle of family happiness and affection which it is seldom the lot of Royalty to enjoy. The feelings of every christian heart in her widely extended dominions, will prompt the earnest prayer that she may be enabled to sustain the shock, and be long spared to a people who so deeply appreciate her worth and love her person.

Notices, &c.

Letters Received.

Jos. H. Bent, 7th Rev. A. D. Thompson, 1st W. J. Gates, 4th £44—10/- sent 10/- balance as above—Have credited \$10 to names, given remainder to yourself for present. B. E. Tremain, 2d. ed. J. L. Brown, 6th, 1 sub. Isiah Thurber, Esq., 6th, £3. Paid 3/- 9d. to A. G. Wilbrough Sabean, 8th, 1 sub., 5s—Rev. Mr. 7s. 6d. dozen—Will write concerning Raper. J. W. Armstrong, 9th R. H. Phillips, 8th. Rev. T. H. Porter, Jr., W. Church-Hill, Esq., 7th, 1 sub. A. Chipman 9th, H. J. Gerner, 2d. M. J. Bowden, 30th, 10s. 7d. H. B. Payson, Esq., 2nd, £5. J. E. Wells, Junr., 4th, say \$2. J. M. Parker, Esq., 8th, 1 sub., 2s. J. King, Esq., £1 17s. G. V. Rand, 8th, 2 sub. Rev. W. Chipman, 4th, 20s.—Have sent £. M. to G. P. L. S. Payzant, 9th, 28s. od. C. Bezzanson, 25th. Rev. A. F. Porter, 2d, 20s.—Yes. Rev. H. Angell, 20s. Joseph S. Iris, 30th. I. M. King, 10th. Rev. James E. Baldwin, 7th, 2 sub., 20s. R. R. Layton, 25th, 20s. Melatia Kinman, 27th, 20s. Thomas Willett, 8th.—Yes.

We have ascertained that the following were accidentally omitted in our last week's issue:—Rev. J. M. Whidden, per T. M. King, 20th, £2 12s. 6d.—George Giffen, 27th.—Rev. J. J. Skinner, 28th. W. F. Cutten, Esq., 31st, £5, 3 subs.

NOTICES.

At a recent meeting of the French Mission Board, it was unanimously resolved that the churches throughout the province be requested to take up a collection for the French mission on the last Sabbath in January 1862, or as soon as it may be convenient. As our funds are exhausted, we trust the churches will generally and immediately respond.

HENRY ANGEL, Secretary of the Board, Yarmouth, Jan. 6th, 1862.

The Foreign Missionary Board.

As the Secretary, Rev. Dr. Tupper wishes me to announce a Meeting of the F. M. Board, I therefore notify that a Meeting of that body is appointed to be held on Wednesday, the 22nd of January, at 2 o'clock, P. M., in the Baptist Meeting House, Tremont, Aylesford. Brethren, attend.

GEORGE ARMSTRONG, Chairman

General Intelligence.

DOMESTIC.

Mr. Judah Bishop, of Round Hill, Annapolis County, was accidentally killed on Tuesday week by the falling of a tree.

Mr. George R. Anderson, son of the Hon. Receiver General, left Halifax on the arrival of the mail from England last week, with important despatches for Canada.

Hugh Hartshorne Esq., has laid on our table a useful almanac and prospectus of the Royal Insurance Company, of which he is Agent.—This company, we believe, stands well in public estimation.

A company of the Military Train, a corps called into existence by the necessities of the British Army in the Crimea, occupy the brick building near the Dartmouth Ferry wharf in this city. They are quite short men, but appear capable of enduring much hard service.

THE MEDICAL SOCIETY OF NOVA SCOTIA:—At the annual Meeting of this Society, held on Tuesday evening, 7th inst., Dr. Forrest was elected President, Dr. Tapper, 1st Vice President, and Dr. Snyder, of Shelburne 2nd Vice President. Dr. Black was elected Treasurer, while Dr. Almon, who resigned; and Drs. Gossip and Moren were re-elected Secretaries.

The City Council, at a meeting held on Thursday last, agreed to prepare an address of condolence to Her Majesty, expressive of sincere grief at the death of the Prince Consort. A resolution previously laid on the table by Ald. Jennings, to present the Halifax Volunteer Battalion with a set of colors, was adopted. Mr. John L. Barry was re-elected City Assessor.

We learn from the *Sun* that a society has been formed at Tangier, under the title of the "Tangier Progress and Reform Society." It is based on total abstinence, and contemplates the promotion of intellectual and moral improvement. This is a highly commendable step.

INSPECTION OF TROOPS.—We learn from the *Reporter* that Lieut. Colonel Taylor has been sent out from the Horse Guards to inspect the Volunteer and Militia forces of the British North American Colonies, in order to see if they can be relied on in case of emergency. The Scottish Volunteers and the Chelicto Greys are to be inspected by this officer on Friday next, when they will be put through a rigid examination in order to test their efficiency.

PORKIANKA.—A correspondent informs us that a few days since Mr. William White of Berwick killed a pig 7½ months old which weighed 353 pounds. Who can beat that?

Mr. Abraham Young, of Granville Mountain a few days ago, slaughtered a grunter, 17 months old, which weighed 616 lbs. We live in a great country for pork.—*Bridgetown Register*.

INSTITUTION FOR THE DEAF AND DUMB.—The directors have much pleasure in acknowledging the following collections and donations, received since their last monthly announcement:

Rev. Mr. Milner, Garrison Chaplain.....	£1 0 0
Mrs. Mijner.....	1 0 0
Nepean Clergy.....	1 5 0
Mr. Henry Y. Clarke.....	6 12 6
Hon. M. B. Almon.....	6 0 0
Judge Marshall.....	1 0 0
A. Friend.....	5 0 0
Messrs. Northup, 1 barrel of sugar.....	5 10 0
Grand Jury fines, by Mr. W. K. Reynolds.....	3 10 4
Collection, at Dartmouth, by Rev. Dr. Shreve.....	3 0 0
Do. at St. Margaret's Bay, by Rev. Mr. Ambrose.....	0 18 2
Do. at Kentville, by Rev. Mr. Yewell.....	2 0 0
Do. at Chalmers' Church, Halifax, by Rev. Mr. Crawford (the second within the year).....	8 0 7
Do. at Poplar Grove Church, by Rev. P. McGregor.....	10 0 0
Dg. at Primitive Church, New Glasgow, by Rev. J. Walker.....	8 0 0
Do. at Cornwallis, by Rev. J. Storrs.....	2 3 9
Do. at River John, by Rev. H. MacKay.....	1 12 6
Do. at North Cornwallis Presbyterian Church, by Rev. W. Murray.....	1 12 0

Also Christmas Cake, Mr. Liswell; Barrel Apples and sundries, from Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Naylor, Mr. Rennels, and others, all acceptable.

JAS. C. COCHRAN.

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Prince Edward Island.

The Charlottetown *Monitor* of Dec. 25 says "that up to Friday last the steam ferry boat was enabled to cross; but on that night the frost set in, and by Saturday the harbor was effectually closed." On the following morning a truckman named McGuire, in attempting to cross on the ice, fell through and was drowned.

New Brunswick.

Some of the St. John papers have been indulging in some senseless expressions of jealousy and instituting comparisons between their city and Halifax, and the harbors belonging to the two cities respectively. St. John doubtless has some advantages which Halifax can never possess, but we have others which can never be their lot. We have nothing, however, that we need brag about.

MELANCHOLY ACCIDENT.—We regret to learn that Mr. William Till, an old and much respected citizen of St. John, and father of the proprietors of the *New Brunswicker*, when leaving the office of that paper on Friday night, slipped on the steep stairs, fell, and was instantly killed. —*Courier*.

LOYALTY.—We learn from the *Colonial Empire* that Lieut. Col. Kennedy in passing from Halifax to St. John found the roads blocked with snow from Truro to Sackville, and spoke in the highest terms of the people on the route, who turned out most cheerfully to assist him, and other officers with him, on their journey.

He says that farmers cut down valuable fences to let the sleighs pass through their fields and gardens—that at one place where the roads were quite impassable the sturdy countrymen turned out in a body, and walked on nine miles with the sleighs to break down a track, all manifesting the greatest enthusiasm for their Queen and country.

"This shows with what heart, and soul, and perfect enthusiasm, the people of these colonies enter into the present movement of the mother country."

We understand that there are upwards of 200 of the new comers in Hospital; one poor soldier died on Saturday, from exposure on the passage from Halifax.—*St. John Express*.

The arrangements made for the reception, accommodation, and transportation of troops in New Brunswick, appears to have given very general satisfaction. A portion of those intended for Fredericton, about 400, were sent forward on the 4th inst.; 50 sleds, each took 8 men.

Canada.

THE FORTIFICATION OF QUEBEC.—The military authorities are engaged in strengthening the defences of Quebec. Guns of heavy calibre are being mounted on the side facing the Plains of Abraham, and embrasures for artillery are being made in different parts of the works.

PREPARATIONS FOR THE FIELD.—Working parties of the Quebec Garrison are being employed, every day, in the preparation of redoubts and sand-bags for temporary field defences. A large number of these have been got ready, in case of need.

A meeting was held recently in Montreal, presided over by Mayor Rodier, for the purpose of making arrangements for raising a regiment of French Canadian Chasseurs.—*Express*.

General Tom Thumb, during his recent sojourn in Canada West, was called upon one day to preside at a wedding, in which the bride and bridegroom were only a few inches taller than himself. The General drove to the church in his miniature turnout, and enjoyed the honor and felicity of giving away the bride. Mr. Charles Henry Richardson, the bridegroom, is just three feet high (only six inches taller than the General) and twenty-eight years of age—Miss Elizabeth Carter, the bride, only thirty-four inches high and twenty-four years of age. Both are said to be in easy circumstances.—*Ib.*

The Board of Trade inquiry into the loss of the steamer *North Briton* in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, has regaled in finding Capt. Grange guilty of an omission in not taking soundings at 4 a.m., on the 5th, as he had intended.

COL. RANKIN who was arrested a short time since for recruiting for the U. S. Army and was dismissed from the Militia and his commission cancelled has now resigned his commission in the Federal service in consequence of the English embroilie.

LOOK OUT.—The following from the *Boston Traveller* is perhaps as truthful as we could wish just now about the Canadas:—"We might conquer Canada but that is by no means to be depended upon, and if we judge by the events of history, we ought not to take a Canadian conquest into the account at all. We have repeatedly failed in attempts on that country, and we see no reason for supposing that we should be more successful there now than we were in former days. We have not better commanders and better soldiers than we had in 1775 and 1812, and we broke down utterly in those years. We are much stronger than we were, but the capacity of Canada to resist us has increased as much as our capacity to attack her. We should not delude ourselves with wild talk about foreign conquest at a time when we cannot drive a domestic army from the vicinity of Washington, when our national capital is virtually besieged by land and blockaded by water. If, instead of wasting precious time, every sand in the glass of which was of gold, we had done something to impress foreigners with a sense of our capacity to fight, we should not have been threatened by other powers; but our forbearance, our timidity, our fear to strike lest the Union should be endangered, have caused the English to believe that we can be dealt with at no great hazard."

Army List, issued monthly.....	£0 2 6
British Workman, per annum.....	1 3
Cassell's Family paper, per annum.....	7 6
Dial, (and Star,) weekly, per quarter.....	5 0
Englishwoman's Domestic Magazine, per annum.....	8 9
Family Herald, per annum.....	7 6
Good Works, per annum.....	7 6
Hoo-er's British Ferns, quarterly.....	3 1
Illustrated News of the World, per quarter.....	5 0
Journal of Health, per annum.....	3 9
Kingston's Magazine for Boys, per annum.....	3 9
Ladies' Treasury, monthly, per annum.....	7 6
London Journal, per annum.....	7 6
MacMillan's Magazine, per annum.....	13 9
News of the World, per quarter.....	5 9
Once a Week, per quarter.....	3 0
Punch, the London Charivari, per quarter.....	0 9
Rifleman's Weekly Journal, per annum.....	15 0
Saint James' Magazine, per annum.....	15 0
Temple Bar Magazine, per annum.....	15 0
Universal News, weekly, per quarter.....	5 0
Volunteer Army List, monthly.....	1 3
What Not, Magazine of Fashions, &c., per an.....	7 6
Youth's Magazine, per annum.....	6 2