

RUSSIA AND POLAND.

The Emperor of Russia has taken a most important step with respect to Poland by emancipating the peasants and giving them communal administration, by which the principle of self-government is instituted.

The national Government of Poland has, by a notice in The Cologne Gazette, denied that Galicia is in a state of insurrection.

FRANCE.

MARSEILLES, March 15.—Intelligence received here from Rome announces that fresh conflicts between the French and the Papal soldiery had taken place, but were at once repressed.

TERRIBLE CALAMITY AT SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

The bursting of one of the great reservoirs of water about seven miles from Sheffield has been attended with devastations almost without parallel from a similar cause.

Ominous reports had been current as to the state of the embankment. About nine on Friday night, after the engineers in charge had left, a farm-labourer, crossing it as a short cut across the valley, noticed a crack in it.

Solid and substantial buildings, workshops, rows of houses, bridges, everything that opposed the course of the flood, yielded before its overwhelming might.

Among the first of the houses that fell was the "Stag" public-house, kept by a person named Armitage. The family numbered eleven persons, and they were all drowned.

The lower part of the town of Sheffield was covered several feet deep with the rubbish swept down by the stream. Here the destruction of property was almost greater than in the valley, but happily there was but little loss of life.

buildings destroyed; and melancholy were the forebodings of those who looked upon the ruin. There seemed wood enough to build a village.

When the flood had reached its height the water rapidly subsided, leaving the marks of its presence in the streets, which were in many places knee-deep in mud.

Several bodies recovered were partially dressed, while others were entirely naked, their clothing having been literally torn from their bodies by the violence of the stream.

All the houses in Nursery-street were submerged five or six feet in water, and the alarm of the inmates rose to a state of frenzy when escape from their pitiable position seemed impossible.

The walls surrounding Trinity Church were completely destroyed, as were also those of Bethesda Chapel, Stanley-street. The school-room of the latter, which forms the basement story, was flooded to a considerable depth, and the fittings much damaged.

Between Matlock and Hillsborough, a distance of four miles, the greatest loss of life has been caused, whole rows of houses having been swept entirely away, in three of which alone there were twenty-five lives lost.

The most strenuous exertions are making in Sheffield to afford assistance and relief to all that require it, in consequence of the late visitation. A subscription has been opened, and the leading firms of Sheffield, the noblemen living in the vicinity, and the members for the borough have subscribed to it.

The London Freeman remarks in reference to this sad calamity:

We see before us a busy valley, teeming comparatively with life, and running, with its stream through one of the largest thoroughfares of one of our largest and busiest towns, and so onward along the course of the Don.

MISCELLANEOUS.

THE NEW ZEALAND CHIEFS.—The New Zealanders who have been for some time on a visit to England are on the point of their homeward departure.

M. Ed. de Pressense is on his way to the Holy Land for the purpose of gathering materials for a more effective reply to M. Renan.

STATE AID TO PRESBYTERIANS.—It is stated the British Government have replied to the application made on behalf of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, for an increase of the Regium Donum.

Another Alpine disaster of a melancholy character is reported. An English gentleman, accompanied by a Russian friend and four guides, ascended the Dent d'Ardon, and from the top of it the whole party were carried down to the valley by an avalanche of snow.

A woman, named Madeleine Onofri, has just died in an asylum at Rome, aged over 121, having been born in November, 1742.

Mr. Bohn, the well-known bookseller of York-street, Covent Garden, has just sold his publishing business, including his famous "Standard," "Classical," "Illustrated," and "Antiquarian Libraries," to Messrs. Bell and Daldy, of Fleet-street.—London Review.

Dr. Lankester has ascertained that in the course of three years as many females have lost their lives by fire in the metropolis as were sacrificed from the same cause at Santiago (chiefly through the use of erinoine)—over 2,500.

A young lady having met with a disappointment in love resolved the other day to throw herself into the Elbe. She did so from the "New Bridge," and, greatly to her astonishment and the amusement of the lookers-on, found herself seated on the ice, forgetting that it was frozen.

RESIGNATION OF SIR ROWLAND HILL.—Sir Rowland retires from public life with a happy consciousness that he has been a benefactor to the whole civilised world.

Marriages.

On Wednesday last, by the Rev. Mr. Bullock, Rector, Mr. Thomas Brown, to Annie, only daughter of Edward Duckett, Esq.

Deaths.

On Saturday, Emeline, wife of J. H. Murphy, and daughter of T. L. Seaman, of Horton, aged 27 years.

Hemp, Flax, Canary Seeds. A fresh supply of these seeds intended for cultivation has been received and may be had in small quantities of G. E. Morton & Co., Granville Street, Halifax.

Pulvermachers Galvanic Chain bands, for all Nervous affections, &c., supplied at the agency of G. E. Morton & Co.

Mrs. Allen's Hair Preparations, Masons Restorer and Hair Dresser—a further supply received and for sale at wholesale prices, by G. E. Morton & Co.

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To DR. THOMAS GRAHAM, Canning, Cornwallis, Proprietor of Graham's Pain Eradicator.

SIR,—I have been severely afflicted for upwards of twenty years with an Affection of the Liver, which destroyed my health and baffled the skill of the Physicians, and still clung to me in spite of all the remedies I could find.

Yours,

CALVIN BARKER, Deacon of the Baptist Church, December 7th, 1863. Lower Aylesford.

From the Canada Baptist.



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Shipping List.

PORT OF HALIFAX.

Arrived.

Wednesday, 30th.—R. M. Steamship Africa, Anderson, Liverpool via Queenstown 11 days.—S. Cunard & Co. and others 70 passengers, 45 for Halifax.

Cleared.

Tuesday, 29th.—Brig Reindeer, Griffin, F. W. Indies; schr. Tyro, Smith, Liverpool.

Memoranda.

BOSTON, March 26th.—Arr. ship Brenda, Liverpool, G. B., 32 days. 29th.—Blue Jacket, Foots, Halifax; Antwerp, Surette, Argyle; Frank Lovett, Horton, Truro; Blue Wave, Meriam, Parrsboro; Alex. McLeod, Daley, Annapolis; Pearl, Olgelvie, Cornwallis; cld. Halifax, O'Brien, Halifax.

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