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 selfgovernment is instituted. Decrees to this effect were published in the official journal of St. Petersburg on Sunday, and the emancipation of the peasants was also solemnly proclaimed in the squares of Warsaw at the same time. The measure seems to be dictated as much by policy as humanity, as it is officially stated that all connection between the nobility and the peasantry is now entirely served.

The national Government of Poland has, by A notice in The Cologue Gazette, denied that Galicia is in a state of insurrection. An insurrection in Austria, says this notice, can only be wished for "by Russia or by the partisans of anarchy," and it goes on to say that all who provoke an armed insurrection in Austria under present circumstances will be guilty of high treason against the National Government.

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, Detachments of soldiers patrol the streets to preserve order. The Pope's health is improving. His physicians have ordered him to remain perfeetly quiet and to avoid fatigue.

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 parwhere the reservoir burst, down the course of the rivers for twelve or fourteen miles, the country is laid waste. The reservoir covered an area of seventy-six acres, would hold 114,000,000 cubic feet of water, and was not quite full. The embankment, which crossed the end of the valley, was an enormous erection, with an average height of eighty-five feet, and forty feet in thickness. It was 300 yards long. It is estimated that require it, in consequence of the late visita-that the loss of life will exceed 250, and that tion. A subscription has been opened, and the

state of the embankment. About nine on Fri- the number missing exceeds any previous estiday night, after the engineers in charge had mate. The property owners damaged by the left, a farm-labourer, crossing it as a short cut flood have held a meeting and have resolved to across the valley, noticed a crack in it. He at take united action against the water Company. once gave an alarm, and ran down the valley to A clause in the company's act, passed the year recall the engineers (Mr. Gunson and another after the Holmfirth flood, specifically fixes upon gentleman), and he succeeded in overtaking them the damage caused by the failure or giving ing them. They returned, but thought the way of embankments or reservoirs on any of crack of little importance; in a short time, how- their works. The damage is estimated at half a ever, other signs presented themselves, and they million, which is more than the capital of the attempted to blow up a weir that crossed the dam at one end, in order to allow the water to escape. While the men were engaged in laying the charge, Mr. Gunson and his companion went to the fissure and crossed it. Mr. Gunson had scarcely got clear, when the fissure widened to a tremendous creeasse, and a portion of the embankment, 110 yards long by 70 feet deep, gave way at once, and the "world of water" rushed, along the course of the Don. Large iron-man-ris, Mr. Solomon Fader, to Miss Lorintine Stone, with a prodigious roar, into the valley below. The

like the heaviest thunder, and the unhappy cot-

in their houses, from which they had not the slightest chance of escape. rows of houses, bridges, everything that opposed life, what was to supply to the mills along the the course of the flood, yielded before its over- valley, by which its inhabitants earned their whelming might. All were whelmed beneath livelihood, the water requisite to work themthe mighty rush of the waters. But the loss of but what proved to be too soon the water of property, incalculable as it is at present, sinks death. The reservoir, formed by an enormous into insignificance when compared with the aw- embarkment across the valley, held back for ful loss of human life. Between Hillsborough- nearly a mile the waters which flowed down bridge and Malin-bridge there stood several from higher lands, where clouds and rain were long rows of cottage houses, inhabited by the abundant, and formed one of the largest and workmen of the mills, and forges on the adjacent most beautiful artificial lakes perhaps in the streams, with their families. With a few excep-tions, the flood has wholly demolished all these mills along the inferior part of the valley with rows of dwellings. In many instances even a regular supply of water in all seasons, and so their foundations are obliterated. Standing at to maintain, without check from changing of the late Charles M. Cleary, aged 20 years. the junction of the Loxley and the Rivelin are weather, the manufactures on which all classes of the late John and Margaret Lindsay, aged 22 of the late John and Margaret Lindsay, aged 22 years. dows burst in by the flood, standing to mark back, it is said, seven hundred million gallons the site of the once populous village. Whole of water, nearly ninety feet high, three hundred McGowan, in the 47th year of her age. families were swept away with their dwellings, feet long, and forty feet thick, had been hardly

the "Stag" publichouse, kept by a person it might be persumed that double care would named Armitage. The family numbered eleven be taken, and no expense spared to insure safepersons, and they were all drowned. A farm- ty." house inhabited by a family named Tickett, was swept away with all its occupants, who are stated to have numbered ten or eleven persons. The farm premises, with fourteen milch cows, was THE NEW ZEALAND CHIEFS .- The NEW also carried away by the flood. Not a vestige Zealanders who have been for some time on a of her age, Mary Phinney, eldest daughter of Mr. of the homestead remains. Near to the house visit to England are on the point of their home- and Mrs. Gilrert Phinney. Her sufferings were prolived a Mr. Price, a shopkeeper whose household, ward departure. ' An unpleasant difference has tracted and her patience enduring. Although not a including his son and daughter-in-law, num- arisen among them in regard to the appropria-

that was so suddenly to befall them.

The lower part of the town of Sheffield was Birmingham. 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. On Lady's bridge a great number of people were standing looking over the parapets at the fearful heaps of timber mixed with straw and other débris which the flood had piled up against the masonwork of the bridge. The immense quantithe application made on behalf of the Presbyter of rafters, flooring, joists, planks, and miscellaneous articles heaped within a few feet of the Regium Donum. We understand that the applisop of the bridge told a portentous story of cation is politely refused.

buildings destroyed; and melancholy were the in the streets were several people moving about hastily with torches which they had improvised.

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 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 im-

The walls surrounding Trinity Church were completely destroyed, as were also those of Bethesda Chapel, Stanley-street. The schoolroom 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. In the opposite row, the whole of the inhabitants were drowned and scarcely any of their bodies have been discovered. The flood seems to have swept off everything before it, from the confluence of the Loxley and the Rivelin to the Don. Between Wardsend and Sheffield on the Don, the bodies were seen lying in the mills and the mud and ruins. There were fourteen in one place, ten allel from a similar cause. From Bradfield, in another, and thirteen in a third. At Neep send 900 acres of gardens were devastated, and whole families were swept away. An official report, just received, states that 156 dead bodies have been already recovered; seventy have been identified. Large numbers are not yet

The most strenuous exertions are making in Sheffield to afford assistance and relief to all the value of the property destroyed exceeds half leading firms of Sheffield, the noblemen living six millions of letters annually—fitteen millions a million. The details to hand are copious but in the vicinity, and the members for the borough have subscribed to it. 5,000/. was gathered in Ominous reports had been current as to the a very short time. The latest inquiries show that

> 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 ufactories of different kinds, farms, and numer- | eldest daughter of Mr. Alexander West. enormous mass burst down the hillsides with a din ous cottages, with tradesman's houses, stud the valley almost continuously throughout its whole tiers in the valley were drowned instantaneously length; gardens are general, and the whole scene is one of cheerful busy industry. At the last day of January last, by the Rev. William Chiphead of this valley, however, industry had creatman, Francis Boesel, of Nictaux, County of Annap-Solid and substantial buildings, workshops, ed what was in ended to be to it a reservoir of wallis aforesaid and not a trace remained of the thriving and completed. The engineers were confident in rison, in the 50th year of his age.

At Richmond Depot, on Saturday last, Sybilla, the industrious articans who sought their beds on its strength, and, of course, the many who could Friday night, unconscious of the dreadful tate | not understand such work reasonably shared their confidence; the more so, perhaps, because, Among the first of the houses that fell was since the terrible bursting of the Holmfirth dam,

MISCELLANEOUS.

bered six persons; all of whom are drowned. | tion of the presents made by the good people of

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.—
He will publish a Life of Christ very soon after
his return from the East.

STATE AID TO PRESBYTERIANS.—It is

Another Alpine disaster of a melancholy the forebodings of those who looked upon the character is reported. An English gentleman, ruin. There seemed wood enough to build a accompanied by a Russian friend and four village. At the police-station was a little crowd guides, ascended the Dent d'Ardon, and from the of poor ill-dressed people who had been flooded top of it the whole party were carried down to out of their dwellings, and who were glad the valley by an avalanche of snow. The Rusto spend the night crouching round the fire; and sian and one of the guides were picked up dead.

A woman, named Madeleine Ono'ri, has just died in an asylum at Rome, aged over 121, having been born in November, 1742. She retained her intellectual faculties to the last.

Mr. Bohn, the well-known bookseller of Yorkstreet, Covent Garden, has just sold his publishing business, including his tamous "Standard," clothing having been literally torn from their "Classical," "Illustrated," and "Antiquarian Libraries," to Messrs. Bell and Daldy, of Fleetstreet .- 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 crinoline)-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

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. There is hardly a country now which has not reformed its postage on his principle of low equal charges by weight, and prepayment. All civilisation ought to unite in honouring such a man. His grudging country, or rather its Government, did the very least for him it could. It gave him, after long delay, and when the public cried open shame on aristocratic neglect, its humblest title, and a subordinate post, for services infinitely greater than those which have been rewarded with a peerage, and a pension for several generations. How ignominious the system which muss have a peer at the head of an institution of which all the merit and efficiency is due to a plain citizen, and the peer is a mere sinecurist! The Sultan or the Czar would have been more generous. The Post Office opened to the many, and to the poorsent trough the Money-order Office—a book post—a small-parcel post—a rapid and frequent delivery in large towns-would combine into an inscription which would testify far more than nearly all of those which adorn the honorary plate or statue. - Freeman.

Marriages.

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

On March 28th, by the Rev. Fitzgerald Uniacke, M A., George B. Blackwell Engineer of H. M. S. Styx, to Mary Eilen Theresa, eldest daughter of James O'Neil, of this city. In Windsor, March 29th, by Rev. D. M. Welton,

Mr. William Reddan, to Miss Elizabeth Bacon. By the same, March 30th, Mr. James Brown, to Mrs. Mary McHeffy, both of Windsor.

By the same, March 28th, Capt. George T. Bolman, to Miss Jane, eldest daughter of Col. James De Wolt,

At Elm Villa, Pleasant Valley, Cornwallis, on the

Deaths.

wallis aforesaid.

On Saturday, Emeline, wife of J. H. Marphy, and daughter of T. L. Seaman, of Horton, aged 27 years. On Friday, Mrs. Margaret Lynagh, in the 55th year of her age.

On Saturday 26th, Mary Collins, widow of the late Mr. Jeremiah Collins, aged 72 years. On Wednesday last, Mr. David Kiely, aged 79

On Wednesday last, Edward Azor, youngest son

On 27th inst., Mary, the beloved wife of Mr. John At Dartmouth, on Wednesday, Mr. Thomas Har-

beloved wife of Mr. John McCarron. At the Poor's Asylum, on the 29th March, George

Plate, (colored) aged 47 years. On the 30th, Richard Maddigan, aged 46 years, At Green Hill, on 16th inst., Mr. James Blackie, in

the 93rd year of his age. Ou the 3rd inst., at Mount Hope, Dartmouth, in the 53rd year of his age, Frederic Fitch, formerly of

At Indian Harbor, Margaret's Bay, on the 16th of February, Mrs. John Richardson, in the 63rd year of her age.

At Paradise, September the 18th, in the 20th year professor of religion, her sorrowing parents and friends were greatly cheered by her happy departure.

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 Neryous affections, &c., supplied at the agency of G. E. Morton & Co.

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

Sin,-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 ; sometimes rendering my life hopeless and causing my friends to look upon me without hope of ever seeing my disease removed unless by death. I was at last informed by the Rev. Abraham Stronach of the wonderful cures which were being made by your Pain Eradicator and advised by him to try the effects of a bottle upon my disease. I did so, and it surpassed afl expectation, and I should be ungrateful for the relief your skill has brought me it I did not report my case to you. The first bottle I procured raised me from my deathbed, and in less than a fortnight from the time I obtained it I was enabled to walk to the house of God without the assistance of a cane. Since I first procured your medicine I have taken three bottles and its effects are truly astonishing. By the blessing of God it has cured me and so operated on my constitution as to make a new man of me. I feel young again. The best I can say of your Medicine is not haif good enough.

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

From the Canada Baptist.



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PORT OF HALIFAX.

Arrived.

Wednesday, 30th .- R. M. Steamship Africa, Anlerson, Liverpool via Queenstown 11 days-S. Cunard & Co. and others 70 passengers, 45 for Halifax. Thursday, 31st -Brigt Boston, hence for Boston, eturned from sea, on account of ice of the harbor.

Saturday, 2nd .- R. M. Steamer Arabla, Hockley, Boston 3 days-77 passengers, 25 for Halifax-was tetained off the harbor by ice.

Cleared.

Tuesday, 29th.—Brig Reindeer, Griffin, F. W. In-lies; schr. Tyro, Smith, Liverpool. Wednesday, 30th .- R. M. steamship Africa, An-

lerson, Boston. Thursday, 31st .- Steamship Alpha, Hunter, Bermuda and St. Thomas; brigt Boston, McGregor,

Boston; schr. Ospray, Rice, St. John, N. B. Friday, April 1st.—Brigt Gem, Sherring, B. W. Indies—by E. C. Twining; schr. Advance, Folker, Cornwallis-by S. F. Barss.

Saturday, 2nd .- 'R. M. steamer Arabia, Hockley, Liverpcol-by S Cunard & Co. and others; schr. Venus, George, Boston-by W. Hare and R. I. & W.

Memoranda.

Boston, March 26th.—Arr. ship Brenda, Liver-pool, G. B., 32 days. 29th.—Blue Jacket. Foote, Halifax; Antwerp, Surette, Argyle; Frank Lovett, Horton, Truro; Blue Wave, Merriam, Parrsboro'; Alex. McLeod, Daley, Annapolis; Pearl, Olgelvie, Cornwallis; cld. Halifax, O'Brien, Halifax.

New York, March 23rd.—Bark Augusta Kelly, Newport, Eng.; brigts Howard, Liverpool; Martha, Pictou; schr. Alma, Halifax; Atlantic, Arichat. 24th .- Bark Queen of the Fleet, Halifax; brigs C. C. Van Horn, Windsor. 26th .- St. Vincent, Arichat; Barbara, do; Victoria Ursula, Pictou. 28th. -returned ship Lydia, (of Yarmouth, N. S.) bound to Callao, having encountered a violent gale on the 8th, during which, sprung aleak. 26th .- cld. schr. Lima, Maranham.

LIVERPOOL, G. B., March 13th -Arr. Themis, St. John, N. B. 14th.-Gertrude, do. 12th.-Cycla, for Halifax, has put back. 15th,-Persia, which sailed on the 9th, for do, put back here yesterday. 18th .loading for Halifax-M. A. Horton, Ocean Child, Estella, Annie Laurie, Glen Tit, Pathfinder, Catherine, Southerner, Nebtunus; eld. Borella, Halifax.

LONDON; March 18th .- Loading for Halifax -- Spirit of the Ocean, Forest Queen; for Pugwash-Norgo. CLYDE, March 18th.-Loading for Halifax-Roseneath, and Nictaux; for Pictou-Cabot; for Quebec

The bark Onward, Trefry, at New York, 19th ult. 63 days from Newport, Wales, had strong W gales the entire passage; on the 17th day out sprung a leak, and the pumps had been so constantly to be worked that the entire crew were completely exhausted when the vessel arrived in port. One of the men, James Sinclair, of Halifax, died of exhaustion on the 18th ult. For seventeen days previous to reaching New York had been under double-reefed sails for the want of men to work ship, and part of the time had strong W. gales, lost fore yard, split and lost sails, & c.; on arrival in port was leaking 2000 strokes an hour. The crew were taken ashore at quarantine in an almost helpless condition.

St. MICHAEL's, March 1st.—The schr. Henry Elwith a general cargo, was abandoned 26th February, 26 miles N. W. of the Island of St. Mary's with seven feet water in her hold, and on her beam ends. Six of the crew taken off and landed here 28th Feb. by the Criteria, Hurrell, from London, arrived here.

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