

United States News.

MEXICO.

Washington, January 12.

The U. S. steamer Edith had arrived at New Orleans. She left Brazos, 30th ult., and brings a confirmation of the reported advance of Santa Anna with a large force upon Saltillo. The Mexican army was reported nearly 30,000 strong. General Taylor was only six or eight miles on his march to Victoria when General Worth's express reached Monterey. The troops under Twigs and Quitman were but twelve miles in advance. Orders were immediately issued to this division to retrace their steps and proceed immediately to Saltillo. General Butler had already marched with all the troops he could collect to join General Worth. General Lane started for Saltillo with his command on the 20th. Marshall set out the next morning with the remainder of the forces. Except Hunter and Swartout's command, the troops from Camargo are rushing on by forced marches to reach Saltillo in time for battle. Reports had prevailed before positive advices were received, of the movements of Santa Anna. General Wool was only ninety miles from Saltillo at last advices. It was supposed he would join Worth in season to assist in repelling the enemy.

A rumour that Santa Anna had thrown 17,000 men between Worth and Taylor to prevent a junction of the American forces was not credited [Why not?]. An impression prevailed among the passengers in the Edith that a battle was fought about the 25th. It was thought however, that the American forces above mentioned, had reached Saltillo before that time. If so General Taylor and Worth had about 7,000 men to oppose Santa Anna's army, which was believed to have been overrated. The whole valley of the Rio Grande was in a state of great ferment, apprehensions of attacks being entertained at Camargo, Metamoros, and other points from the Rancheros under Canales.

At Metamoros Col. Clark had called on the citizens to enrol themselves for service; and at Brazos, General Jessup had done the same thing. Both points were sadly deficient in arms and men. It was thought that Canales had 2,000 men. General Scott arrived at the Brazos on the 28th ult., and proceeded to the mouth of the Rio Grande on the following day, where he was waiting the arrival of troops belonging to the Regiment of mounted riflemen when the Edith left. It was understood that he would then proceed immediately to Camargo. It was believed that an express had been sent to General Patterson, countermanding his march in the direction of Victoria. The steamship Alabama was at the mouth of the Brazos when the Edith sailed, and will probably bring us more definite intelligence in a few days. A letter in the Picayune, of the 5th, dated Camargo 19th December, (12 o'clock at night) puts to rest all doubts as to the facts expressed in the advices expressed by General Worth at Saltillo, announcing the march of a large Mexican force. The letter gives in detail all the facts above stated. Brig Oneco arrived at New Orleans, 4th instant, from Anton Lizardo, 20th December. She brings nothing later than we had by the Potomac at Pensacola. A letter in the Picayune dated Tampico 23d December, from a reliable source, confirms the report that the Mexican Congress have decided that the war shall not cease. Nor will they receive commissioners to treat for peace until every hostile foot has left the soil of Mexico, and every ship that lines the coast is withdrawn. They have further resolved that they will accept no foreign intervention whatever to bring about a peace. This confirms previous statements, of the truth of which doubts have been expressed in certain quarters.

Editor's Department.

MIRAMICHI.

CHATHAM, TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 1847.

The Subscriber having been compelled to consume a large amount of time, and incur considerable expense, in his too often fruitless endeavours to collect his far-spread Outstanding Debts, hereby notifies all persons to whom he is not indebted, and with whom he has not a running account, that orders for Advertising in the Gleaner, and for Printing, in future, must be accompanied with the CASH, otherwise they will not meet with attention.

JAMES A. PIERCE.

Gleaner Office, October 23, 1846.

MIRAMICHI RELIGIOUS TRACT SOCIETY.

The first Annual Meeting of the Miramichi Religious Tract Society, auxiliary to the London Religious Tract Society, was held in Chatham on Tuesday last, 19th January. Mr Geo. JOHNSTONE was called to the chair, and the meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. Mr McCurdy. George Kerr, Esq., submitted to the meeting a statement of the Treasurer's account, from which it appeared that the funds received since the commencement of the Society's operations in May last, amounted to \$56 17 4; from which the Treasurer had remitted a Bill of Exchange for \$50 ster-

ling, to the Depository of the London Religious Tract Society, for which had been received 703 volumes, and about 10,000 Tracts, together with a donation of £10 worth of Tracts, amounting to about 10,000 Tracts additional. The £10 worth of Tracts received as a donation, were given by the Committee to be divided between the Rev. Messrs. Macbean, Henderson, McCurdy, and Shepherd, and Henry Cunard, Esq., for gratuitous distribution; and it was resolved that the remainder of the books and tracts should be left for sale at two Depots; one to be in Chatham, with Mr Robert Johnstone; and one in Newcastle, with Mr Patrick Watt. The Office Bearers and Committee for the ensuing year were then appointed; viz: George Kerr, Esq., to be Treasurer; the Rev. Wm. Henderson, to be Secretary; and the Rev. Messrs. Macbean, McCurdy, and Shepherd, with Henry Cunard, Richard Hutchison, John Porter, George Johnstone, and James A. Pierce, Esqrs., to form the Committee.

The following persons were also appointed Collectors, namely—Mr J. Miller, for Chatham; A. Davidson, Esq., for Newcastle; R. Hutchison, Esq., for Douglastown; Mr Finlay Morrison, for Burnt Church; Mr John Mackie, for the parish of Glenelg; A. McLaggan, Esq., for Blackville; and Mr W. Parker, for Nelson, together with the two depositors, Messrs Robert Johnstone, and Mr Patrick Watt.

The following is an extract from the Report of the Parent Society for 1846.

"The Society was formed to promote the circulation of religious books and treatises in foreign countries, as well as throughout the British dominions; and is conducted by a Committee, composed of an equal portion of members of the Established Church and of Protestant Dissenters, annually elected at a public meeting of the Institution in the month of May. At the commencement of the Society, in 1779, the sphere of its labours was much circumscribed, by the smallness of its funds, and the unsettled and warlike state of most of the nations of the earth; but, through the general intercourse with foreign countries, from the long continuance of peace, and the increased support which the public has given to the Society, its operations have been extended to almost every part of the world. Assisted by the disinterested labours of many esteemed friends, and devoted missionaries of different Christian denominations, the Society has printed important books and tracts in about Ninety six languages; its annual circulation from the Depository in London, and from various foreign Societies, exceed twenty millions; and its total distribution to March, 1846, has been about four hundred and twenty millions of copies of its publications."

REPORT

OF THE HIGHLAND SOCIETY OF NEW BRUNSWICK, AT MIRAMICHI.

CHIEF—His Excellency Sir William M. G. Colebrooke, Lieutenant Governor of the Province.

Your Committee, in bringing before you a Report of the transactions of the by-gone year, have much satisfaction in doing so under such favorable appearances,—the number of members, and progressing increase of the Society's funds. The Society has also, since last annual meeting, acquired some very essential and permanent advantages, the result of much deliberation and trouble of sub-committees duly appointed for their respective duties, the several reports of which will be laid before you.

The sub-committee appointed three years ago for the procuration of a suitable Seal, Admission Tickets, Plate, and Books of Record for the Society, experienced some unavoidable delay in the execution of the order. At last, however, all have made their appearance, and reflect much credit on the committee, as well as the design, more particularly of such a superior Seal, quite in keeping with the benevolent, loyal, and patriotic intentions of the Institution.

A sub-committee of five members was appointed at last annual meeting, with instructions "to examine the constitution of the Society, and to prepare such amendment or modification of the same as may appear to them necessary, and to report to a special general meeting, convened for the purpose of submitting such report."

The sub-committee held several adjourned meetings, prepared an amended constitution, submitted the same, as directed, to a special general meeting, convened at Hamill's Hotel, in September last, when its deliberations, after careful consideration, were approved and adopted; and your committee have much pleasure in recommending the same as the code of Laws for the order and government of the society.

In accordance with a resolution of the society,

a deputation consisting of Alexander Rankin and Peter Stewart, Esquires, M. P. R., waited on His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, soliciting His Excellency's acceptance of the office of Chief; since which a communication has been received from His Excellency, cheerfully responding to the request of the society, and proffering a donation of £5. Your committee have now much pleasure in naming as Chief of this Society, Colonel Sir William Macbean George Colebrooke, K. H., by name and lineage a "Scotsman."

Your committee have to express its hearty congratulation to every member, for the Act of Incorporation, granted by the Provincial Legislature, which your committee hail as a bright omen in the annals of the society, inasmuch as the accumulated funds can now be fostered and protected, and the benevolent objects of the Institution promoted on a more extensive and safe scale, which in times of vicissitude is absolutely necessary, and can now be effected by this charter.

Your committee, while endeavouring to press on your mind, how essential to the well-being of the society, harmonious and brotherly feeling, encouraged by extending the hand of good-fellowship to each other, would also reverently remind you of the memories of the "departed dead." Two of our number, in the course of the past year, Hugh Munro, Esq., and Mr Archibald Madow, have gone where the wicked cease from troubling, and where the weary are at rest; both well known to all, and well deserve our cherished remembrance of what they have been and what each in his place and sphere has done, not only for the society, but for the benefit of his fellow-men.

A communication has been received from His Grace the Duke of Buccleugh, President of the Caledonian Asylum, Islington, London, containing a detailed account of that institution, established 1813, for the education of the children of soldiers and sailors, which, until lately, only admitted boys, 90 of whom were sharing its benefits; but in consequence of a Resolution to admit girls also, a very considerable addition has been made to the building, and the number augmented by the admission of 30 girls, to participate in its charity, and requiring the benevolent consideration of this society towards it, and when document will be laid before you.

At the last annual meeting, the society granted its patronage to a Ball, which came off at Layton's Hotel on the 23rd February, and was conducted by the managers appointed by the society for that purpose, so as to reflect much credit on them for their exertions and attention, giving general satisfaction to the members, as well as others who swelled the number on that occasion. The room was tastefully fitted up with appropriate national emblems and inscriptions, and the music of the evening interspersed with many favorite airs on the Highland Pipes, altogether enlivening and invigorating the whole frame of every true "Scot," reminding us of our "native Highland Home," and the hospitalities of our revered ancestors; and truly might we have exclaimed with the Bard of Fingal and Morvairn, "It sends the soul back to the ages of old, and the days of other years."

A sub-committee was appointed from the committee at last meeting, to prepare Lunch for the close of this day's business; and your committee have to recommend the grant of the society's patronage to a Ball, to take place as soon as may be deemed most convenient, under proper restrictions of the society, as hitherto. Your society, in departing from the resolution of last year, to hold the festival in Newcastle, do so under the conviction that by associating in one place the whole meetings and festivals for the season, all occasion for party jealousies will be allayed, and meet more fully the Rules of the society.

The sum of £10 was placed at the disposal of the Directors, for the purpose of alleviating distress and education; but as no proper object presented itself, no money was drawn.

In conclusion, your committee would seriously recommend the cordial co-operation of each and every member of the society, in the advancement of the common interest and usefulness of the institution, to such objects as its charter warrants, with good will, patriotic zeal, and sincerity, so as to induce every Scot, except he

"Whose soul's so dead, who never to himself hath said, This is my own my native land," to add his name and support to make us what we ought to be, a worthy kin to the parent society.

The following gentlemen have been appointed Office Bearers for the ensuing year:—

President—A. Key, M. D.

Vice Presidents—Alex. Rankin, Thomas C. Allan, Hon. John Montgomery.

Chaplain—Rev. John Macbean.

Treasurer—Thomas C. Allan.

Secretary—Alex. Fraser, Jun.

Directors—John Macdonald, A. McLaggan,

John Fraser, Cross Point, Restigouche, R.

McLeod, D. Johnston, P. Morrison, J. Caie,

D. McNaughton, R. Hutchison, F. Ferguson,

Bathurst, A. Davidson, Oak Point, D. McKay,

John Mackie, A. McKillop, J. Fraser, Newcastle,

A. A. Davidson, J. McDonald, Bay du Vin,

George Kerr, Wm. Henderson, A. M., Alex.

Loudoun, A. Goodfellow, John Boyd, Joseph

Russell, Wm. Loch,

Piper—Alexander McDonald.

GRAND JURY PRESENTMENT.—We have been handed the following Presentment from the Grand Jury, at the recent sitting of the Inferior Court of this county, with a request that it be published.

Northumberland County, }
January, 1847. }

To the Worshipful Bench in General Sessions convened.

We, the Grand Jury of this County, present to your Worship, the very great need there is for a change in the present mode of expending the public money collected yearly for the support of Paupers in this County. This is a grievance which the Inhabitants year after year has vainly attempted to redress; and similar presentments have time after time, come before your Worships, and up to the present moment your worshipful bench has lent but a deaf ear to our grievance.

We are therefore bound as Grand Jurors of the County which we represent, to state clearly the grievance, so that we may be fairly understood. The inhabitants of this County are called on year after year, to pay a large amount of money for the support of the Poor in the several Parishes; with this we would freely acquiesce, satisfied that the poor of the County must be supported at the public expense; but it is the injudicious manner in which the funds are expended, where the grievance lies. To remedy the complaints, we recommend to your worshipful Bench the following suggestions:

That it be the duty of the Overseers of the several parishes, to advertise for, and take contracts every three or six months, for supplying the poor with food, clothing, &c. as they may from time to time require; and that it be the duty of the overseers to furnish the recipients with orders in writing to the contracting parties; for such articles as the said overseers may think the said paupers stand in need of, and that it be the duty of the said overseers to see that the articles delivered be of the quality and description contracted for. And further, that the said overseers be required to publish at least every six months, the names of persons receiving parochial relief; and to what amount received.

These suggestions the Grand Jury would respectfully submit to your Worships, with the conviction, that if adopted, they will tend to allay the dissatisfaction that prevails under the present system.

The Grand Jury consider it to be their duty to forward a copy of this Presentment for publication.

JOHN WYSE, Foreman.

On behalf of the Grand Jury.

REVENUE FOR 1846.—We are indebted to the Royal Gazette for the following abstract of the Revenue of this Province for the past year.

Saint John,	£93,336 7 7½
Miramichi,	12,492 13 5½
Dalhousie,	3,951 12 11
Bathurst,	2,208 5 11
Richibucto,	2,743 15 10
Shediac,	452 1 6
Bay Verte,	42 16 11½
Dorchester,	196 18 12
Hopewell,	361 8 5½
Fredericton, 1845,	17 11 7
Woodstock,	398 9 0
St. Andrews,	3,564 13 7½
St. Stephen,	1,743 16 4
St. George,	770 12 7
Grand Manan, 1845,	6 0 0
Total,	127,336 18 10½

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—The Communication of C. and E. is received, but its publication has been delayed to make room for the British news.

Civils has been received.