

**BIBLE ASSOCIATION.**—A supply of Bibles and Testaments, of different kinds, is now in the hands of our Treasurer, brother B. J. Underhill. The orders of the members of the Committee can be supplied at any time. Any destitute person, family, or district, being properly represented by any member of the Association, will be supplied. Sabbath Schools will be supplied on such terms (either full price, part price, or gratis,) as their situation requires. Will the members of this Association, and particularly the Committee, make enquiries for those destitute of the Word of God, and have them supplied at once. We hope also an effort will be made throughout the country, where there are no Bible Societies to aid the funds of the Association. The following sums have been forwarded since our last.

By ELDER J. WALLACE.

Asa Fillmore,	Coverdale,	£0 5 0
Lazarus Colpitts,	Do.,	0 5 0
William Smith,	Do.,	0 5 0

By MRS. J. BRUNDAGE.

Mrs. J. Cameron,	Indian Town,	0 5 0
Mrs. Eliza Gault,	Carlton,	0 5 0
Miss Lewis,	St. John,	0 5 0
In sums less than one dollar,		1 14 0

Total, £3 4 0

**DISTRICT MISSIONARY.**—The River St. John having opened, and the boats commenced running, we expect the arrival of brother Taylor and family soon. We are particularly anxious that he should make no more delay than he can help in getting here. Different fields require immediate labour. In the mean time, we hope those who have called for labour, and others, will not forget the MISSION FUND. Send to B. J. Underhill.

### General Intelligence.

**A Writ** has been issued for the election of a member for the county of Westmorland, to fill the vacancy made by the death of the late Hon. Mr. Crane. The election for a member for Carlisle county, in place of H. H. Beardsley, Esq., deceased, is appointed to take place on the 18th inst. It is expected that the House will be prorogued about the 1st of May.

**We understand** by the *Carlisle Sentinel*, that the Hon. Mr. Connell will resign his seat in the Legislative Council, and appear as a candidate for the representation of Carlisle County at the election on the 18th. A requisition signed by about 600 names has been forwarded to him. B. C. Beardsley, Esq., father of the late member, is also a candidate.

**RAIL ROAD ACCIDENT.**—A fearful accident occurred recently on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. Two cars, containing 74 passengers, went over a precipice said to be 100 feet high, making four revolutions in the descent. Several were killed, and others were dreadfully mangled and bruised.

**FIRE.**—An alarm of fire was made yesterday forenoon from Mr. J. K. Cambel's Hotel. The engines were early on the spot, and it was extinguished before any very great damage was done.

**MURDER.**—A man named Reardon, living in Cooper's Alley, was arrested yesterday, charged with causing the death of his wife. It appears that on Thursday last, Reardon demanded some money, which she refused, whereupon he attacked her, beating her severely; he again renewed the assault a short time afterwards, by knocking her head against the bed post. A post mortem examination was held, and a large quantity of congealed blood found under the wood. The Coroner's Jury returned a verdict of murder against Reardon. —*Times*.

**HORRIBLE!** The *Church Times* states that no less than four cases of child murder have occurred in Halifax within four weeks!—and asks, have any steps been taken by the authorities to forestall the barbarous perpetrators of a crime which would disgrace the cannibals of the Fejee Islands?—*Obs*.

**A CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS** has been convened by the Rev. John Angell James and other ministers, to be held in Chester in a few days to consider the present serious state of affairs, both in regard to the "deadness" of the Churches, and the alienation of the working classes. The invitation has been made by circular, as there is only accommodation for a limited number. It is said that this meeting is to be only preliminary, and that another conference will probably be held, to which the invitation will be general. —*Ch. Times*.

**DEPOPULATION OF THE SANDWICH ISLANDS.**—A Honolulu correspondent of the *San Francisco Herald* gives some statistics respecting the Sandwich Islands, which are deeply interesting and affecting. He states the population of eight islands, according to official documents, to be 83,641 souls. In a given time the number of deaths, compared with the births, among this population, has been as more than six to one; e. g., the deaths have been 7,943, and in the same time the births have only 1,478. According to Capt. Cook's estimate, there were on the islands when first discovered them, about 400,000 inhabitants; and if in seventy years there has been the disproportioned mortality of 320,000, out of 400,000 lives. At this ratio, no generation will be the last of the Sandwich Islanders, a melancholy consideration, tempered only by the reflection that so many of these dying race have been taught by missionaries the way of salvation through Jesus Christ, and have thus secured light of religious hope in their dying hours. —*Boston Daily Traveller*.

### LEGISLATURE—ORANGE BILL.

(From the Morning Times.)

**MONDAY April 11.**—At twelve o'clock Mr. Earle moved that the order of the day be taken up, and the House went into Committee on the Bill to Incorporate the Loyal Orange Association.

Mr. Scoullar hoped a motion would be made, and the question taken at once, when, if a majority should vote in favor of the bill it could then be gone through without delay. That course would save the time which otherwise would be wasted in debate.

Mr. Barberie spoke to the same effect. If they discussed the matter a week it would not alter the mind of any member, but it might, and probably would stir up excitement and ill-feeling.

Mr. Earle did not court discussion, but if the opponents of the bill provoked it they would find the friends of the bill fully prepared to go into it. He hoped the bill would be read through in the usual way, and before they went into it section by section he would explain the nature of the institution for the benefit of the new members. The Orange was not a secret society; they courted investigation.

(The Bill was then read through.)

Mr. Earle then said he had the honor of introducing this bill two or three times. It was well known that the Orange Society of this Province was a numerous and respectable body, and the bill before the Committee had been petitioned for by several thousands of respectable people. All they wanted was an act of incorporation to enable them to secure their property. The hon. member then read the Declaration of the Loyal Orange Association, the qualification of a candidate for admission, and the Orangemen's oath. He then moved that the bill be read section by section.

Mr. Barberie moved as an amendment that the further consideration of the bill be postponed three months.

The question was taken on the amendment, which was negatived by a division of 19 to 17, two members (Messrs. Johnson and Smith) being absent, who returned, however, after the division.

The bill was then gone through and passed the Committee but on the Chairman presenting the report Mr. Johnson moved that the report be not received when the House divided as follows:—

**FOR THE REPORT.**—Hon. Messrs. Wilmut, Gray and Hayward, and Messrs. Earle, Gilbert, Goddard, Needham, McLeod, Ryan, Purdy, Lewis, Stiles, Robinson, Boyd, Taylor, Hatheway, Pickard, Macpherson, and English,—19.

**AGAINST THE REPORT.**—Hon. Messrs. Partelow, Street, and Montgomery, and Messrs. Rice, Scoullar, Thomson, Porter, Harding Jordan, Smith, Botsford, Cutler, McPhelim, Johnston, Kerr, Willinston, Read, Gordon, and Barberie,—17.

The House having divided equally, the Speaker gave his casting vote against the bill.

Mr. Gilbert then rose and said that he then gave the House warning that the subject would be agitated until the Protestant community were properly represented.

Mr. Earle was well pleased at the result just come to; the great gain the Measure had secured since he had first introduced it was highly gratifying.

**LATEST FROM CALIFORNIA.**—The steamer *Daniel Webster* arrived at New Orleans on the 6th inst., with California dates to the 15th of March, fourteen days later. The *Philadelphia*, from Aspinwall, arrived on the 7th, with \$200,000 in gold.

The *Philadelphia* reports that the *Illinois* sailed from Aspinwall for New York on the 1st inst., with two and a half millions in gold and 600 passengers.

The steamer *Tennessee*, from Panama for San Francisco, was totally lost near the latter port. She went ashore in a fog. She had 600 passengers, all saved. The *Tennessee* was valued at \$200,000; one half insured in England.

Much anxiety is felt at San Francisco, concerning the *Vanderbilt steamer Independence*, from San Juan, over due 30 days. She was seen off Cape Lucas, Feb. 15th. Hopes are entertained that she had put into some intermediate port.

The Bandit Joaquin, who still continues his depredations, is hotly pursued.

The town of Weaver'sville, Trinity county, has been destroyed by fire. Loss \$100,000.

Flour fluctuating, but closed dull, owing to considerable arrivals. Quotations \$11 to \$12½.

**CRUELTY TO THE CALIFORNIA INDIANS.**—The report of the Lieut. Edward P. Beal, Superintendent of Indian Affairs in California, presents a picture shocking to every feeling of humanity—a tale of repeated cruelty and crime, more in keeping with the character of fiends incarnate than with the attributes of manhood.

Lieut. Beal reports that the laws and policy of the United States with respect to Indians have been neglected or violated in that State; they are driven from their homes and deprived of their hunting grounds and fishing waters at the discretion of the whites; and when they came back to these grounds and waters to get the means of subsistence, and also when they take cattle and stock from the inhabitants for food, they are often killed. They are reduced to a state of absolute starvation, and then are shot down like dogs if they dare so much as touch a bone.

In all the frontier towns in California there are many men from Missouri, Oregon, Texas, &c., who value the life of an Indian just as they do that of a coyote or a wolf, and embrace every opportunity to shoot them down. If the poor Indians, driven to despair, make any resistance, or if the whites suspect a disposition for revenge, they get up secret expeditions and slaughter indiscriminately Indian men, women and children. The report speaks thus pointedly in reference to claims upon the general government for Indian wars:—

There are from 75,000 to 100,000 Indians in that country, and probably not a week passes in which some are not killed, or work and starved to death. Accounts of the

killings usually appear in the newspapers; and as such accounts are mostly derived from the actors, they appear as war exploits; and expeditions for which the United States is called upon to pay. The total demand for Indian wars in California, it is believed, is near a million of dollars."

Many illustrations of these "Indian Wars" are reported, only one of which is here given:—

"A party of Indian fighters had been on a long hunt after Indians and were unsuccessful in finding any. Being determined, however, not to come in without scalps, they sent for some Indians who were living near, to make a treaty with them. These Indians slept in the white camp, that night, eating peacefully with—as they supposed—their friends. In the morning, the commander of the white party ordered his men to discharge their rifles and load afresh, so that each might be sure of his gun. He then disclosed his plan, which was, that at the crack of his pistol they were to commence the massacre of their guests. The plan succeeded admirably. All the Indians were killed; and the victors returned with the scalps of thirty Indians to the nearest mining town, where they received an enthusiastic welcome from the citizens."

We have not noticed one-half of the horrors chronicled in this report. The indignation and scorn of outraged humanity follows the perpetrators of such deeds, and calls aloud for the interference of the general government.—*Boston Jour.*

**SOBRIETY OF DEATH.**—A correspondent writing from Panama, March 2d., says: Nearly all the strangers who die here are rum's victims. If you have any friend who is about to cross this Isthmus, tell him to beware of every man who tells him there is any necessity for grog drinking here, on any pretence whatever. Very many who come here are cheated into the belief that they must use liquor or wine to correct this "bad water." It would be just as reasonable to give an infant laudanum to "correct" its mother's milk. I have crossed both roads, on foot and on mule-back, by day and by night. I have escorted ladies across, when the roads were worse than they ever will be again; and I tell all, from thorough experience, they who drink the least of any thing, and above all, of any kind of spirits, will be the freshest of their party, when they arrive, and what is more, for the day or two succeeding, for it is then that the spirit drinkers drop and die. I have seen many who started on this one day's journey, perfectly well and strong, who on the day after their arrival, were put away in that overcrowded "Stranger's Burial Place." Liquor is the curse of this Isthmus.—*N. Y. Obs.*

**CHARLESTON, March 30.**—The jail at Chesterfield was burnt yesterday together with eight prisoners.

### ST. JOHN MARKETS.—April 9.

(From the Weekly Freeman.)

#### PROVISIONS.

FLOUR—Canada Superfine, Wholesale,	28s 9d
Do. Retail,	31s 3d
RYE, Wholesale,	21s 0d
CORN MEAL, Do.	20s 0d
PORK—Mess., Retail,	120s 0d

Stock moderate.

BUTTER—Good packed, 11d to 1s. per lb.

CHEESE—Good Nova-Scotia, 5d. to 6d. per lb.

Scarce.

OATMEAL, 16s. per cwt.  
Business at present is dull. No communication to the interior as yet. Some arrivals from West India and U. States. Prices nominal—Flour a shade lower, 28s. wholesale.

#### Country Market.

The Current prices of this week are as follows:

Beef on foot, from \$6 to \$7 per 100 lbs.
Beef, by the quarter, from 4d. to 3½d. per lb.
Mutton, from 3d. to 4d. per lb.
Lamb, from 3½d. to 4½d. per lb.
Veal from 4½d. to 5d. per lb.
Pork 4½d. to 5d. per lb.
Oats from 2s. 9d. to 3s. per bushel.
Butter from 11d. to 1s. per lb.
Eggs, 10d. to 11d. per dozen.
Potatoes, from 2s. 9d. to 3s. 3d. per bushel.
Grease from 2s. 6d. to 3s. 6d.
Turkeys 6d. to 7d. per lb.
Chickens from 1s. 9d. to 2s.
Cheese from 4½d. to 5d. per lb.
Buckwheat Meal, 10s. per cwt.
Hay, from £4, 10s. to £5 per ton.

#### MARRIAGES.

On the 7th inst by the Rev. S. Robinson, Mr. Byard Dodge of this City, to Miss Unity, third daughter of Mr. Allen Sharp, of Sackville.

At Hampton on 30th ult by the Rev. W. W. Walker, Mr. J. W. Foshay, to Jane, second daughter of Mr. Gilford Flewelling.

#### DEATHS.

At Dover, in the Parish of Dorchester, on the 8th of March, Mr. John Debon, in the 82nd year of his age. His end was peace through faith in the Redeemer.

At North River, Salisbury; on the 21st of February Miss Olive Jane Kellum, in the 17th year of her age. Her last moments were triumphant.

At Sussex on the 3rd inst, John G. only child of Mr. George McCully, aged 8 months and 11 days.

In Parish of Johnston, (N. H.) on Thursday, 19th ult., Solomon, youngest son of Mr. Obadiah Starkey, aged 13 years, one month and ten days. Also, on the 15th ult., Pamela, fourth daughter of Mr. Obadiah Starkey, in the 25th year of her age, after a lingering illness, which she bore with Christian fortitude.