

A Mission being now established in this District, and a fund open for its support, we trust those churches needing labour, will forward their contributions and requests. Amounts paid in to Brother Underhill for this fund, will be acknowledged through this paper. We hope other Districts will also open Mission Funds, so that the poor and destitute churches may be supplied with some public preaching. We also hope to see the day soon, when men of God, from among us, shall proclaim a FREE SALVATION on every hill, and in every valley of the British Provinces. While others are doing much, LET US DO A LITTLE.

A MORAL VIEW OF THE ISLAND OF CUBA.

The Rev. Mr. Cutter, who is spending the winter in Cuba in a letter to an American paper, from a place called Cardenas, after alluding to some of the social customs of the place, presents the following dark picture of its moral features. We do not doubt the statement. We were intimate with a young man of good morals, and apparently correct religious principles, who spent a few years in Cuba, and on his return he was morally and religiously scarcely the wreck of former days. Associations had ruined him. "Evil communications corrupt good manners." No pecuniary benefit should induce young men to put themselves in the way of vicious associations.

"The moral features are darker still—the custom of concubinage prevailing to such an extent, that the Bishop in his recent visit, approved them sharply, and to remove an objection founded on the great expense attending the marriage rites, offered to marry any of them free of charge. The objection urged was a serious one to a poor man. If it be correct, as we are informed, that the marriage fees were often eight and nine ounces, and sometimes more. Such an excuse, however, could hardly be admitted for a wealthy merchant, doing the most lucrative business in the city, and occupying a house that cost forty thousand dollars.

"While on this subject I will speak of another, that may show the deep degradation of the affections. I refer to the burial of the dead. The grave-yard just lies on the outer limits of the city. In it the dead are buried indiscriminately to age, sex, or color, in long trenches dug for the purpose. Often they are covered so slightly that the face and other parts of the person may be entirely exposed. After remaining thus buried for a twelvemonth, the decomposition of the flesh being hastened by quick lime, the bones are dug up and thrown into a heap, where they lie bleached by every wind of heaven—all mingled together, skulls and bones of the master and slave, of the beautiful daughter and the lowest serf—all unknelt, all unknown. Where marriage, the institution on whose holy observance society must stand, and the funeral rites, in which the purest affections of the heart are fostered, are unknown, what hope can there be for freedom? What glory or strength would such people bring to any land? I had no desire to see them put and parcel with us when at home—I have a deeper repugnance against their annexation than ever.

We have heard of some parcels of papers, which were not duly received by the parties to whom they were addressed. They were all mailed by us. Should any be lost, if the parties failing to receive them will notify us, we will send again the numbers not received.

To CORRESPONDENTS. Our report of the D. Meeting occupies so much space in this number, that we are obliged to defer other matters. The article on Punctuality from our esteemed brother W. C. E., and other correspondence will appear in our next.

BUSINESS NOTES.

J. A. W. have not been requested to send any to Nash-walk.

I. T. Papers sent; accept our thanks.

S. A. B. C. Errors corrected, and back numbers sent.

W. S. Papers sent by Gagetown, as directed, addressed to yourself.

G. S. Back numbers sent. Need not return any.

ELDER J. W. The books you wished are all ready. Where shall we send them?

R. B. We have purchased the book for you; will send it the first opportunity.

J. L. W. Esq. Money received; articles purchased; can't find W. C.

We have received several letters containing subscribers names, and ordering back numbers; all of which have been attended to.

For the Advocate.

BROTHER EDITORS.—Allow me to express the pleasure I feel in the appearance of your neat semi-monthly, which cannot fail to accomplish great good. It is already welcomed to the fire-sides of hundreds who were provided for with instruction on those important matters with which your sheet teems; and we hope it will be duly appreciated by thousands in this and the neighboring colonies, who may not have been accustomed to welcome into their families a religious periodical. I presume that Elder McLeod will excuse my returning the compliment found in his editorial of Jan. 1st, 1853, where he congratulates the subscriber "on his prospect of success in his labour of love in behalf of the weather beaten Sailor."—The Lord has made you the instrument of much good in both city and country in preaching the gospel of Jesus, and you have our best wishes and

humble prayers, that in conducting a religious newspaper you may be rendered still more abundantly useful.

May "The Religious Intelligencer, and Bible Society, Missionary and Sabbath School Advocate," prove itself to be like the leaves of the Tree of Life which are for the healing of the nations.

E. N. HARRIS.
Seamen's Chaplain

St. John, Feb., 1853.

(By Telegraph to News Room.) OPENING OF THE LEGISLATURE.

THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER,
Thursday, 24th Feb., 1852.

This being the day appointed for the Meeting of the Legislature, the Lieut. Governor came in the usual state to the Council Chamber, and being seated on the Throne, commanded the attendance of the House of Assembly, who being come, His Excellency was pleased to open the Session with the following.

SPEECH:

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:

I have much pleasure in informing you that the Railway Bills passed by you in the last Session have received the sanction of the Queen. Nothing has occurred to change my opinion as to the policy which you have pursued, or to shake my faith in the advantage to be derived from great public works of this character. In the despatches which will be laid before you, you will find certain remarks on the Bills themselves, to which I solicit your attention. It is possible too that some measures may be taken by you for the purpose of encouraging and regulating emigration, in connection with these enterprises.

You may deem it expedient in your present Session to consider the general management of the Roads throughout the Province. Looking to the large outlay of Public Money which now takes place in this department, I see great reason to doubt whether the present mode of administering it is the best which can be adopted.

Your wisdom may possibly devise some amendment in the present Law for regulating the Election of Members of the Assembly, and for trying the validity of the return made by the Sheriff; at any rate, it is my duty to bring the subject under your notice.

The Law Commission appointed in pursuance of the Act of last year, have laboured with much diligence and perseverance. I trust you will find even in the present Session an opportunity for Legislating on the first report which they will make. There is no subject which requires to be dealt with more vigorously or more cautiously than that of Law Reform.

A Bill will be laid before you for securing a registration of births, deaths and marriages. Great complaints have been made to me of the want of some such provision, and I shall be happy to see the defect remedied.

It has pleased Providence again to bless us with abundant crops, and the Commercial situation of the Province is upon the whole satisfactory.

I believe that the Exhibition which took place last Autumn at Fredericton was calculated to inspire confidence in our resources, and stimulate the industry of our people.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:

I congratulate you on the prosperous state of our Provincial revenue. There has been an improvement in almost every branch of receipts, and the whole aspect of our finances promise well for the credit and future progress of New Brunswick. At the same time the liabilities which we are about to incur in promoting the execution of great public works, will suggest caution and economy in dealing with our ordinary expenditure.

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:

You are well aware of the measures taken by Her Majesty's Government in the last season for the protection of our fisheries. You have heard also that Her Majesty's Ministers are anxious to effect such arrangements with the Government of the U. States as may conduce to greater freedom in Commercial intercourse with our neighbours. The Provincial Government have not been unmindful of the importance of these questions, or the interests of our people. The pending state, however, of any negotiations, would render it impossible to afford detailed information, or to Legislate with advantage at the present time upon the subject.

Apprehensions have been expressed least the interests of New Brunswick should be overlooked in carrying out any such arrangements. I am happy in being able to inform you on the best authority—that the prosperity of the North American Provinces is one of the main objects which Her Majesty the Queen has in view, and that in any adjustment of the fishery question, the interests of New Brunswick will be carefully considered.

EUROPEAN NEWS.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.

The steamer Pacific arrived here at 6 a. m., bringing 32 passengers. She left Liverpool on the 9th inst.

Sir Charles Wood, at a banquet, had thrown out a hint that it was the intention of the new Ministry to extend the Franchise.

Parliament was to resume business the day after the Pacific left.

A meeting was held in London, to petition to use influence towards putting an end to the occupation of Italy, by Austrian and French troops.

Elihu Burritt will visit Cork in a few days to agitate Free Ocean Postage.

The steamer Parisian had exploded in the Rhine, and several persons were drowned.

Austrian and Russian troops were concentrated on the

Turkish Frontier, but as yet had committed no acts of hostility.

The Turks are gaining advantages at Montenegro.

The Augsburg Gazette of the 5th, quotes from the Vienna Gazette, an article upon the affairs of Turkey, in which it states, that Austria has not taken an aggressive attitude against Turkey.

The continent of Europe is quiet.

FRANCE. The state ceremony of the marriage of Louis Napoleon and Eugenie Montijo took place on the 30th of January. The Religious ceremonial took place on the following Sunday at Notre Dame. The marriage was celebrated by the Archbishop of Paris, in strict accordance with the Ritual of the Roman Church. Magnificent pageantries attended the introduction of the Imperial couple to wedded life.

ITALY.—A Genoa letter of the 19th of January states that DANIEL MAZZINGHI, a surgeon, aged 25 years, native of Volterra, has just been tried there and sentenced to three years imprisonment for having, conjointly with Capt. PAKENHAM, of the British navy, preached in favor of Protestantism at La Spezia and its neighborhood. The trial took place with closed doors. Letters from Turin state, that the case was brought before the Chamber of Deputies on the 19th, and that explanations were promised on the subject next day.

The Intendant-General of Chambéry has published a decree, prohibiting the introduction into Savoy of the Bible bearing the name of DR. SACY. The Intendant founds this measure on an article of the statute, which requires the authorization of the bishop for the printing of Bibles, and consequently prohibits Bibles printed abroad from being introduced into the country without that authorization.—Advent Herald.

NOTICE.

The Committee of THE BIBLE ASSOCIATION, organized at the D. Meeting in Kingston on the 21st February last, are requested to meet at the residence of Mr. B. J. Underhill, in St. John, on Wednesday the 9th inst., at 3 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of making arrangements to carry forward more vigorously the object of the Association. WILLIAM PETERS, Secretary.

St. John, March 1st, 1853.

COUNTRY MARKET.

ST. JOHN, Feb. 25, 1853.

The following are the Current Prices for the week ending February 25.

Flour, Mill, in bags, 15s. 7 1-2d.
" " per bbl. 32s. 6d.
" Canada Superfine, per bbl. 32s. 9d.
" Middlings in bags, 9s. 6d. to 10s.
" Rye, per bbl. 22s. 6d.
Beef on foot, from \$5 to \$6 per 100 lbs.
Beef, by the quarter, from 24d. to 3d. per lb.
Mutton, from 3d. to 34d. per lb.
Pork 4d. to 4 1-2d. per lb.
Oats from 2s. 9d. to 3s. per bushel.
Butter, from 11d. to 1s. per lb.
Eggs, 1s. per dozen.
Potatoes, from 2s. 6d. to 3s. per bushel.
Buckwheat Meal, 10s. per cwt.
Hay, from £4 to £5 per ton.

MARRIAGES.

At Upper Sussex, on the 10th ult., by the Rev. Matthew Smith, Mr. Thomas Cochrane, of Salisbury, Westmorland, to Mary Jane Beech, of Smith's Creek, Studholm, King's County.—On the 13th ult, by the same, Mr Samuel Stockton, to Miss Elizabeth Oldfield, of the same place.—On the 18th ult., by the same, Mr. William McKnight, of Dutch Valley, King's County, to Miss Mary Chambers, of same place.

By the Rev. Wm. Sears, Mr. Edward J. O'Brien, to Miss Amelia Bishop, eldest daughter of Mr. Edward Bishop, of Hopewell, Co. Albert, on the 23d November last. By the same, on the 30th October last, Mr. Andrew Mitten, to Miss Ruth Maxwell, of Sackville, Co. Westmorland. By the same, on the 19th January, Captain Jonathan Hicks, to Miss Jane, second daughter of Mr. Joseph Richardson, Co. Westmorland. By the same, on the 10th February, Mr. Samuel G. Marks, to Miss Abigail Ann, eldest daughter of Mr. John Martin, of Harvey.

DEATHS.

At Woodstock, on Thursday morning, after a long illness, Francis B. relict of A. S. Carman, Esq., and third daughter of the late Colonel Ketchum, in the 43d year of her age.

At Philadelphia, Penn., on the 2d inst., Mary S. Haynes, formerly of this City.

On the 11th inst., at Cornwallis, N. S. of erysipelas, Sarah Barry, wife of the Rev. William Somerville, and daughter of R. McG. Dickey, Esq., of Amherst, N. S., aged 42 years.

On Monday evening the 27th December last, Mr. Chas. Fawcett, of Salisbury, Westmoreland, aged 33 years.

On the 17th January, at the Millstream, King's County, Levenia, the beloved wife of Mr. James Ryan and second daughter of Deacon John Keith, of New Canaan, aged 26 years. Mrs. Ryan had never made a public profession of religion, but all who had the pleasure of an acquaintance with her had good reason to believe from her amiable life that she did love the Lord and his people from early life to the day of her death. She was desirous to be with the people of God: she lived much beloved and died greatly lamented.

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