

profession. Many backsliders have been hopefully reclaimed. Many of the old members were revived, and entered fully into the work. Thus, dear brother, we have still farther proof that the Lord is good to all that call upon him."

YEAR OF JUBILEE.

In our last we published the Resolutions of the Committee of the B. and F. Bible Society, passed at a special meeting held in London, Dec. 6th, 1852. Since then a CIRCULAR has been handed us from the NEW-BRUNSWICK AUXILIARY BIBLE SOCIETY. It is designed to call the attention of Ministers and others to the proposed scheme of raising a Jubilee Fund, by special collections, &c.

At a very full meeting of the Committee of this Society, held at the house of the President, Mr. JUSTICE PARKER, on the evening of Tuesday the 25th January, 1853, the following Resolution was, on motion of the Rev. Richard Knight, unanimously passed:—

On reading a Resolution passed at a meeting of the Committee of the British and Foreign Bible Society on 8th December, 1852, which is as follows—

"Resolved, That all Clergymen and Ministers throughout the Empire, friendly to the Society, be respectfully requested to present its objects and claims to their Congregations, by preaching Sermons, and making Collections in its behalf. When there is no local impediment, it is submitted that March 13, being the first Lord's Day in the Jubilee Year, would be appropriate for the purpose."

Resolved unanimously, That the Clergymen and Ministers throughout this Province, who are members of this, or any other Auxiliary Bible Society, or favourable to the principles and objects of the Parent Society, be respectfully requested to present the same to their Congregations by preaching Sermons, and making Collections in aid of the proposed Jubilee Fund of the B. and F. Bible Society; and that where there is no local impediment, it would be highly desirable that the same should take place on the day proposed by the Committee of the Parent Society, as appropriate for the purpose, namely, on Sunday, March 13th, being the first Lord's Day in the Jubilee Year.

It is proposed that a special public meeting be held in St. John, to celebrate the Jubilee Year of this Society, and it is probable some day in September next will be appointed.

To CORRESPONDENTS.—G. S. your suggestion is good. We had intended to do so soon.

E. C. F. Accept our thanks. Our first number is all gone. We intend to enlarge as soon as possible.

J. M. V. Papers have been sent.

EUROPEAN NEWS.

ENGLAND.—The English news this week is almost a blank. Nothing has transpired in the political world worth chronicling. Gladstone has been elected over Percival Oxford University. There is some talk that the Duke of New Castle will succeed Earl Dalhousie as Governor General of India.

Apprehensions are evidently felt though not admitted of a *coup de main* of Napoleon III., against England. Among other symptoms it appears Government has been making enquiries of the various Railway companies how many men and horses and munitions of war they could convey to any specified point in case of emergency. Arrangements are making also to have the regular troops and militia available at a moment's notice. A large militia station is to be formed at Birmingham, and no more regulars are to be sent from home at present.

In the Navy Yards the greatest activity prevails.

The celebrated trial of Achilli vs. Newman is again before the courts.

The Rev. Dr. Rice, of London has committed suicide.

FRANCE.—News to the exclusion of all other is the Emperor's marriage to Mademoiselle De Montijo. This has taken Paris by surprise, and was unfavourably received by the Bonapartists. The lady is a Spaniard 25 years of age, and a Blonde. She is a grand daughter of the British Consul at Malaga. Her mother was an Irish woman named Fitzpatrick; her father was the younger son of a Spanish family, who fortunately by death of elder brothers, succeeded to titles of Count Montijo, Duke of Teba and Penando. Her Sister is Duchess of Alba, and Mademoiselle is herself Countess of Teba. The proposal for her hand was formally made by the Emperor on Sunday last, and of course accepted. Next day the happy bridegroom communicated to his Ministers that his determination was taken, and that it was a marriage of affection.

One report says that all the Ministers except one resigned, but the Emperor refused to accept the resignation. The Government statement is, that they assented, as did the diplomatic body. It is said the civil marriage has already taken place and the religious ceremony will be held on the 29th inst., on which occasion also, Prince Napoleon Jerome it is said, will espouse a grand-daughter of Marshal Berthier, the daughter of the Prince of Wagram. The Senate, Legislative Body and Council of State, are summoned to-day (22d) to receive a communication from the Emperor relative to his marriage.

Simultaneously with these matrimonial schemes, has taken place a disastrous fall on the Bourse, but the Government organs assert that there is nothing in the State of the country, either financially, commercially, or politically, to cause distrust. They attribute the fall solely, and probably truly, to the check put to wild speculation, and say that when the reaction thus caused shall have restored things to a proper level, the Funds will be in harmony with what the Pays call the general prosperity. Nevertheless the Bourse, on Wednesday was more depressed than since the *Coup de Etat* of December. Prices were for 4 1-2 on the 17th, 105 to 45; on the 18th, 105 to 110; on the 19th, 103 to 50; on the 20th 77 to 90; on the 21st 79.

Twenty Line of Battle Ships—screws; 18 Frigates; and 15 smaller Ships of War are building in the French Navy Yards. Napier the ship builder of the Clyde, recently received orders for 6 Steam Frigates from France, but the British admiralty cancelled the order and gave him a similar order for England.

The Budget for 1854 presents an increase of 57 millions francs over that of '53.

An article in the *Monitor*, supposed to be written by the Emperor himself, complains bitterly of the Correspondant of the London Times, *Morning Chronicle*, and *Advertiser*. Some say in it a commencement of a scheme to excite hostility towards England.

ITALY.—The Tuscan *Monitor* of the 13th, officially contradicts the reported death of Francisco Madiat, and says every body knows that the persons confined in the prisons of the Grand Duchy, are treated with kindness, humanity, and philanthropy.

AUSTRIA.—A telegraphic dispatch from Vienna of the 17th, announces the death of Archduke Regner, formerly Viceroy of Lombardy.

INDIA.—Details of Indian news add little interest to the telegraph already published. Great complaints are made of the inactivity of General Goodwin in Burmah. Pegu was captured by 1,200 men, under Goodwin, while five months since, Major Cotton took the place with 500, and would have kept it, had his instructions permitted. The intentions of the Indian Government are believed to be, to annex Pegu only, but competent authorities strongly urge an advance on Ava.

Bombay market report money in good request and rates moderate. Freights are higher and tonnage is scarce.

CHINA.—Hong-Kong dates of 27th November, states that in the beginning of the month the rebellion was successful, but latterly, rumour states the Imperial troops had gained decisive advantages. Shanghai dates of 25th Nov., state that the Import market is favourable, but exports show a deficiency since July 1st of 2,000,000 lbs. on the previous year. Freights from Canton to New York, tea \$10.

AUSTRALIA.—The Overland Mail brings Sydney dates of Oct. 16th; Melbourne of the 25th; and Adelaide, Nov. 6th. Flour, at Melbourne and Sydney, is from £40 to £47 a ton; the 4 lb loaf is 2s. 6d. Gold is from £3 7s. 5d. to £3 10s. 6d. per oz. A large emigration continued. The news from the diggings is of a mixed character, some are doing well and many are dissatisfied. Farm labour is very scarce. Sydney papers apprehend a temporary inconvenience if breadstuffs do not arrive from America. The *Great Britain* steam-ship arrived at Port Philip, Nov. 12th. She left the Cape on Oct. 17th.

Emigration to Melbourne.—The following is an extract from a letter dated "Melbourne, September 26, 1852:—" "The expenses here are so enormous that £100 a year leaves me with hardly a penny to myself; board and lodging cost me more than £1 12s. per week, and washing is 9s. per dozen; in fact everything is three times as dear as at home, and no doubt, with the thousands pouring in, will do for bread in a few months, as no corn has been sown nor the fields tilled to produce anything, so that we here shall be dependent on America if you at home do not supply us. Now, regarding persons emigrating to these colonies, I from experience say that the working man, the mechanic, and the tradesman are the only fit persons to venture here; the gentleman without capital, the clerk, &c., are in as bad a position as the pauper at home, and are not wanted; and as to persons in either of the last named positions giving up situations of only £100 a year, if permanent, they will bitterly regret the day they made so fatal a step. I say this to place you on your guard against being led away, or advising others to act in the way I have mentioned. There is no doubt there is a great deal of gold in the fields, but still it is not every person who is successful—though many make hundreds; and numbers work for months and make not a penny. You can hardly imagine the difficulties a digger has to contend with in winter from the roads being almost a bog for 10 and 12 miles together, so that the party who is travelling gets over his knees in mud and water, and sometimes up to his neck, and it actually requires a man to pull you out, the mud is so tenacious. Then the company, at night, should you not be able to reach an inn—sleeping in a blanket or rug, and expecting every moment to be roused up and robbed by the bush rangers. When you arrive at the gold fields, almost 100 miles from here, you then set to work, and of course almost break your back, and completely skin your hands with using the spade or pick; then, if you persevere—strength, constitution, and health good—you may be successful; but thousands come down without any gold—in truth it is a complete lottery. I have known persons in their first hole take 40lb. weight of gold; others work for two months, and, just as they were thinking of leaving in despair, come upon hundreds."

BURNED TO DEATH.—On Wednesday evening, between 7 and 8 o'clock, an old colored woman commonly known by the name of "Nelly," living in St. Georges street, below the Centenary Chapel, was burned so severely by her clothes taking fire that she expired in a short time.—*Morning Times*.

The *Observer* publishes the Annual Report of the Ladies' Benevolent Society.—The balance from the previous year was £17 7s. 10d., the amount subscribed £20 12s. 6d., and the expenditure £18 17s. 8d., leaving a balance of £19 2s. 8d. on hand.

THE FISHERY QUESTION.—BRITISH RATIFICATION OF THE TREATY.—Our contemporaries were a little behind time yesterday, in the important matter of the reciprocity treaty brought back by the Africa with the ratification of the British government. This treaty was concluded between Mr. Everett and Mr. Crampton, at Washington, a few weeks ago. We gave at the time, as far as it could be ascertained, the gist of it.—*New York Herald*.

VARIOUS ITEMS.

It is stated in an English paper that Queen Victoria has, at Windsor, a Sabbath and a day class of children belonging to the domestics, to which she unremotingly attends, when the Court is held there.

A PRETTY IDEA.—"Lost, yesterday, somewhere" between sun-rise and sun-set, two golden hours, each set with sixty diamond minutes. No reward is offered, for they are gone forever."

Grades of Drunkenness.—The *Providence Post* says that "Patrick Collins was fined \$1, and costs for being indecently drunk," in that city on Tuesday last. Are we to infer from this that people sometimes get decently drunk in Providence?

The British possessions in India contain 94,500,000 inhabitants, among whom are only 337 Missionaries, which is only one to about 280,000 of the inhabitants.

Harlan Page once went through his Sabbath School to get the Spiritual census of the school; coming to one of the teachers, he said, "Shall I put you down as having a hope in Christ?" The teacher replied, "No." "Then," said he very tenderly, "I will put you down as having no hope." He closed his little book and left him. That was enough. God gave that young man's soul no rest till he found rest through the cross.—*M. Star*.

A brother of the Methodist denomination has been enabled, during his business life of fifteen years, to appropriate \$9,000 dollars for Missionary objects.—*Am. paper*.

Recent English papers state, that 58 persons have renounced Popery in St. Paul's, Bermondsey, since the 15th Sept. last. Several of these converts are well educated persons; among them two ladies, one of whom had been a convert to Popery. It may be added that great numbers more are meditating their withdrawal from the communion of the Romish Church.

In France, under a recent decree, books of every description, political or religious, circulated by Colporteurs have to be stamped by the Prefects. The mark is placed on the title page of every volume. Each Colporteur is required to obtain a licence, and the prefects of the different departments are authorised to withdraw these licenses in case of dissatisfaction with Colporteurs.—*M. Star*.

Some small sensation has been created among the native community in Calcutta, by the baptism of a young widow lady of the Tagore family, who was converted by the mere reading of a Bible given to her, by a female relative now dead.

At a recent meeting of the Edinburgh Bible Society, Lord Panmure (late Mr. Fox Maule,) announced his retirement from public life, stating that in all probability his voice would be heard little for the future in public, and then only in defence of Protestantism and the Protestant Bible.

IDIOTCY.—Dr. Howe has examined almost the entire number of cases of idiocy known in Massachusetts, and the result is, in all but four instances, he found the parents of these idiots were either intemperate, addicted to sensual vices, scrofulous, predisposed to insanity, or had intermarried with blood relations.

It is estimated that there are in London 28,577 needlewomen under twenty years of age, the average earnings of each being four pence half-penny a day.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT.—The entire sum of money raised by the churches of Great Britain for missionary purposes, is about \$1,750,000, and by those of America, \$750,000; making together, \$2,500,000; and yet this sum scarcely equals the annual gifts at Kallee's temple, Calcutta.

THE COVETOUS MAN. We read in the Bible of persons falling into gross sins, and yet being restored and saved; but not of the recovery of one guilty of the sin of covetousness. Balaam, Gehazi, Judas, and Annias and Saphira are awful examples.

The *Revenue*, from New York, has arrived at Australia. A number of our young men went out as passengers in her.—*News*.

COUNTRY MARKET.

ST. JOHN, Feb. 11, 1853.

The following are the Current Prices for the week ending February 11.

Beef on foot, from \$5 to \$6 per 100 lbs.
Beef, by the quarter, from 3d. to 3½d. per lb.
Mutton, from 4d. to 4½d. 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 £5 to £6 per ton.

MARRIAGES.

On the 13th ult., by the Rev. J. Gunter, Mr. Jacob Currier, of Gagetown, to Miss Caroline Armstrong, of Burton.

On the 19th ult., by the same, Mr. James Brown, of Queensbury, to Miss Mary Curry, of Douglas.

At Carleton, on Wednesday evening last, by the Rev. W. T. Cardy, Mr. John McLeod, to Miss Mary Stackhouse, both of Carleton.

DEATHS.

On Sunday, at 12 o'clock, P. M., Susan, the beloved wife of Mr. Robert Hannah, aged 39 years.

At Fredericton, on Thursday, 3rd inst., James P. A. Phillips, Esq., Senior Proprietor of the *Head Quarters*, Newspaper, aged 43 years, leaving a large family to mourn his loss.

At St. Eleanors, P. E. Island, Jan. 25th, Susan Maria, only remaining child of the late S. C. Holman, of Charlottetown.