

THE NEWS AND THE PRESS.

APRIL 12, 1867.

Those of our subscribers who are in arrears will find their bills enclosed in this No. up to end of this year. There is a very large sum due for subscriptions and we cannot too strongly urge our friends to remit at once. We have heavy payments to make during the present month and by the payment of amounts now due, we will be enabled to meet the liabilities of our paper with ease.

Liters containing remittances to be addressed to Barnes & Company, P. O. Box 150, St. John N. B.

We call attention to our Monument Fund subscription opened in another column and headed by a liberal brother. Can't we raise the money and have the monument erected before the assembly of our General Conference in July?

BARNES.—Rev. Albert Barnes has just finished his forthcoming Commentary on the Psalms, and the manuscripts have been sent to the publishers. The work will appear simultaneously in London and New York.

Dr. Jack, President of the University, still lies very low, but he passed a comparatively comfortable night, Tuesday.—P.

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.—The following gentlemen were elected Officers at the annual meeting on Monday, the 10th inst. at the Mechanics' Institute.

President—W. H. A. Kears; Vice Presidents—W. Smith, W. Wedderburn; Treasurer—G. Hutchison, Jr.; Corresponding Secretary—H. W. Frith; Recording Secretary—W. J. Starr; Directors—James Allan, Robert Britton, Elsie Brown, Edward Willis, Alexander Gilmour, David H. Hall, Gilbert Murdoch, Edward J. Brass, John McMillan, James Christie, Archibald Rowan, Thomas C. Hubbard.

Auditors—George Blach, O. D. Wetmore, Thomas Harford, Esquires.

PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENTS.—W. W. Gordon, M. D., to be Coroner for the County of Gloucester; Adolphus C. Beckwith, Deputy Land Surveyor, to be a Seizing Officer under Chap. 12, vol. 1, Revised Statutes; also to be a Commissioner under Chap. 5 and 9, vol. 1, Revised Statutes for the Parishes of St. Mary's and Stanley, in the County of York.

ST. LAWRENCE AND BAY OF FUNDY CANAL.—On Wednesday the House of Assembly passed a bill, incorporating the St. Lawrence and Bay of Fundy Canal, New Brunswick, for the purpose of constructing a ship canal across the narrow isthmus about nine miles, which connects Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. The undertaking is a gigantic one for these Provinces, and the amount of capital required will be considerable. The improvement of the means of water communication between the Maritime Provinces and Canada is of paramount importance to the development of inter-colonial trade.—Halifax Express.

THE REVENUE OF THE PORT OF HALIFAX for the three months ending 31st March, shows a decrease of \$36,169.43 as compared with the same period last year.

After a dinner given by the Halifax Yacht Club in honor of the visit of the Countess of Gloucester, the party separated, well pleased with the interview, and fully convinced that they had discharged but a small part of a debt which they owed to one who has spent so much of the vigor of his life labouring for the spiritual welfare of his fellow-men.

NEW FREEWILL BAPTIST PAPER.—The establishment of a new paper out West, has been contemplated, by some of the leading W. B. Baptist brethren, for a length of time. The enterprise has been undertaken, and the first specimen number has been issued. It is called *The Christian Freeman*. It is published at Chicago, Illinois, and is edited by our well known and esteemed brother Rev. D. M. Graham, D. D., who has recently removed from Portland, Me., to that western country. Associated with Dr. Graham are several able writers. Rev. A. H. Chase is business agent. The new paper is in the same form, but larger than the *Intelligencer*. Its first number is well printed and well filled. We doubt not that it will be a worthy associate of the increasingly luminous *Morning Star*. We bid our enterprising brethren God speed, and shall be glad to place the new paper on our exchange list.

PRIVATE CORRESPONDENCE.—We have received a great number of private letters of late, the most of which request answers. We take this way of stating to our friends that we cannot at once reply to all. Last week we spent a few days with the church in Fredericton, and expect to return this week and spend a little more time with them. We are anxious and are working hard to do all we can, and in a little while hope to get time to attend to all our correspondence, and answer some of the many inquiries made. Some of them however you may see answered in this paper.

DEATH OF AN EDITOR.—The *Religious Intelligencer*, the organ of our Free Christian brethren in the British Provinces, and published at St. John, N. B., comes to this week dressed in mourning over the death of its estimable Editor, Rev. E. McLeod. He died at Fredericton, on the 17th ult., of bilious fever, after an illness of only ten days. Three hours before his departure, when all hope of recovery had fled, he asked to be raised on his couch, and, with a voice faltering but trustful, uttered these significant but final words: "I want to give one more full expression of my faith and hope in the Lord Jesus Christ. In the blessed Jesus I have a perfect and complete Saviour, and through faith in him I enjoy a full and perfect salvation. Yes, if I had an ocean of souls I could trust them all in the hands of the Holy Son of God. He is my righteousness. O blessed Jesus, my soul will soon be absent from this body and be present with thee." They are fitting words to be remembered with. With the memory of our own recent bereavement still fresh, and with the sadness which the tidings of William Burr's sudden fall brought us, let us linger in our hearts, we tender our Christian sympathy to our brethren in the Provinces, and pray that God may comfort their hearts, sanctify their loss, and provide a worthy successor of so wise a leader and so noble a Christian man.—*Morning Star*.

WESLEYAN MISSIONS, CANADA.—The Wesleyan Missionary Society of the Wesleyan Canadian Conference, supports 236 missionaries, and 81 paid lay agents. The society's receipts for the past year were \$64,106.86. Of this, \$68,009.36 was raised in the Canadian work, and the balance was received from the Wesleyan Society in England. The Canada Conference has 19,091 members, and they raise \$85,608.36 missionary money—more than \$3 per member.

Are they not the banner church for raising missionary money?

MISSIONARY LABORS IN GREECE.—Fruit of missionary labors in Greece is beginning to appear. A brighter day begins to dawn upon the faithful mission, whose influence it is believed will be very great. Conversions are of almost daily occurrence. In one day eight young women, several of them teachers, applied for admission to the church. At Tripoli a young Greek lady, engaged on her own responsibility, in preaching the gospel, and with great effect. He was only the new Testament, and there is a great demand for Testaments and Bibles.

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BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

LOXDOX, April 8.—The Budget laid before the House of Commons last night by Mr. Disraeli gives general satisfaction and is well received by the press and members of Parliament.

All hopes for the safety of Dr. Livingstone have been abandoned. In 1859 he returned to Africa, a prominent feature of his life, and with great effect. He was only the new Testament, and there is a great demand for Testaments and Bibles.

DUBLIN, April 5.—A desperate rebel, recently taken prisoner in the fight near this city, and who gave his name as McClure, proves on examination to be Col. McNeve, a prominent feature of his life, and with great effect. He was only the new Testament, and there is a great demand for Testaments and Bibles.

LONDON, April 6.—At a meeting of the Liberal members of Parliament, it was resolved to offer a determined opposition to the Reform Bill introduced by the Government.

They propose to bring the subject to a test vote as soon as possible, and confidently expect to carry a majority of Parliament against the Bill, in which event the members of the Derby Cabinet will resign. There is a general distrust in political and financial matters all over Europe.

PARIS, April 9.—The *Maquis de Montier*, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, has made a very conciliatory speech, which has had the effect of greatly lessening the panic which has been spreading in the French frontier, not long since commenced negotiations with the King of the Belgians for the purchase of the Grand Duchy and its incorporation with the French Empire; but as the fortress of Luxembourg, which is the strongest fortification in Europe, was held by a Prussian garrison, and the Prussian Government, backed by the whole of Germany, firmly objects to the transfer of the Duchy to France, King Leopold has withdrawn from any further negotiations on the subject. The French Emperor insists that his proposition shall be carried out and a treaty completed. The national pride of France has been deeply wounded and a wild anti-Prussian feeling prevails. Meanwhile while the dispute is pending both Prussia and France are making military preparations. This threatening state of affairs is the cause of the financial panic which now exists in London, Paris and all the principal commercial centres of Europe.

DUBLIN, April 9.—The trial of the Fenian prisoners on the charge of high treason commenced here yesterday, but was not opened until the 10th inst. The prisoner Massey has turned Queen's evidence.

UNITED STATES.

NEW YORK, April 5.—Congress has adjourned to December with a provision that it may come together in July, if necessary. The friends of impeachment were out voted and the President will not be troubled if he does nothing more, contrary to law. An extra session of the Senate was called by the President to act upon nominations made in the recess.

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