

General Intelligence.

A very absurd rumour having been circulated last week relative to the solvency of the Commercial Bank, a run was made upon that institution on Friday and Saturday last, by the labouring people, who had a few pounds of the paper of the Bank. Being finally convinced that they could get specie by calling for it, and the intelligent portion of the community freely offering to take the notes of the Commercial, the excitement very soon subsided. It is said that it was caused by a forged note on the Bank of British North America (of which it is reported there are several in circulation,) having been offered at that Bank, which was detected, and very properly withheld.

Our readers at a distance may place the most implicit reliance upon the stability of our Banks. We believe we may safely say that sounder, and as a general thing, better managed institutions do not exist in any country.—*New Brunswick.*

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.—The Rev. William Donald has received by last Mail, from Wm. Young, Esq., W. S., Secretary to the Church of Scotland's Colonial Committee, Edinburgh, and Treasurer of the Funds contributed by the Church in aid of the wives and families of Soldiers and Sailors engaged in the Eastern War, the following acknowledgment of the collection made for this purpose in St. Andrew's Church of this City:

"Edinburgh, 13th Sept. 1854.—Received from the Rev. Wm. Donald £65 2s. 2d. Stg. (£79 11s. 7d. (cur'cy.) being a collection made in St. Andrew's Church, St. John, N. B., in aid of the wives and children of the Soldiers and Sailors engaged in the 'Eastern War.' W. YOUNG, Treasurer."

In his letter to Mr. Donald, Mr. Young says:—"It will be gratifying to you to know that the St. Andrew's Church collection is the largest I have yet received."

It will also be gratifying to the friends of the Church of Scotland in this Province to know, that Mr. Young intimates to Mr. Donald, that the Colonial Committee have made two appointments of Missionaries to New-Brunswick, namely, the Rev. Robert Stevenson, and the Rev. Peter Keay; and that Mr. Stevenson is now on his way out by the Europa, which was to leave Liverpool on Sunday last.—[Observer.]

FIRE.—About eight o'clock on Friday night a fire broke out in the London Clothing Store, on the North East side of the Market Square, which had been lately fitted up in a very attractive style by the Messrs. Doherty & M'Avish. Almost in an instant the beautiful glass front was destroyed. The engines were quickly on the ground, and were worked with much vigor; but the flames were not checked until the building was a total wreck. Of the stock, which was a very valuable one, any that was not destroyed by fire must have been rendered almost worthless. We are unable to ascertain to what extent the building and stock were insured. The enterprising owners are men to whom the city owes much, and we trust their loss may prove inconsiderable. The adjoining houses though of wood, were but slightly injured. *Freeman.*

We learn that the two locomotives for the Railway line between the Bend and Shediac are now on the ground, and will be made to assist materially in furthering the work on the road. We are told that one hundred and fifty navvies are coming to night from Boston, by the steamer Adelaide, and that the operations will now be conducted with vigor.—*Courier.*

NEW VESSELS.—A new ship called the *Meroo*, was recently towed down here from the Bend, where she was built by Mr. Malcolm Cochrane. She measures 1015 tons N. M., is of remarkably strong construction, and is named after a river in Australia.

Another fine ship, called the *Sunny South*, was also towed down here a few days ago, from Dorchester, where she was built by Mr. Daniel Forbes, for Capt. Michael Thompson, of this City. She measures 1196 tons N. M.—*Cour.*

The receipts of the Police Office for fines and costs for the month of September were £210.—*Freeman.*

QUEBEC, Sept. 26.—Lord Elgin left here this morning in a special train on the Quebec and Richmond Railroad, for the Western part of the Provinces. He intends to make a tour of Upper Canada previous to his departure for England, and will be present at the Provincial Agricultural Exhibition to be held at London, C. W. about the middle of next week.

Mr. Marcy, Secretary of State of the United States, has replied by telegraph to the Canadian Government, that the Reciprocity Treaty cannot take effect till the necessary legislation shall have taken place in England and in all the colonies interested.

Thursday 21st ult was observed throughout Nova Scotia as a day of prayer and thanksgiving to God for his mercy in preserving the people of that Province from the ravages of cholera.

The papers received from all quarters are complaining of the high prices of the necessaries of life. The Halifax *Sun* says that in consequence of the good crops in Nova Scotia, not four bar-

rels of flour will be required from abroad the coming year where ten barrels were consumed during the past two years.

The *Deseret News* is clothed in mourning for the death of Elder William Richards, one of the Mormon Saints, who leaves twenty desolate wives to mourn his loss.

Railroad between Montreal and Quebec.—The Grand Trunk Railroad, by way of Richmond, is so far completed that a locomotive passed over the line on the 10th Sept. making the trip in eight hours. The road is to be open for passengers and freight about the middle of October.

WEST INDIES.—Kingston papers to September 11, inclusive, have been received at New-York. The Governor had dissolved the Assembly, and the measure seems to have given satisfaction. It is supposed, however, that a large proportion of the present members will be returned to the new Assembly. The writs are made returnable on the 19th of October.

CALIFORNIA.—The steamer *George Law* arrived at New York last Tuesday night, from Aspinwall, via Kingston, Jam. She brings the California mails of Sept. 1st, \$1,202,272 in treasure on freight, and 737 passengers.

The Bishop of Victoria, describing his late tour in Southern India, says that there is now a Brahmin in the Judge's Court, and educated in Madras University, who gained the prize for the best essay in favor of the Christian religion, and who yet remains a heathen!

Great Yield of Gold.—Fourteen thousand dollars the result of five days labor of four men, was taken from the claims of Clifford & Co., on Oregon Hill, last week. This was one of the first hills on the Nevada Coyote lead in 1851, and has been constantly worked ever since. All the companies on this hill are doing well. It has been one of the richest localities in California, and will continue to afford good working ground for years to come.—[Nevada Democrat, California.]

The *New York Tribune* says a steam-engine capable of doing the work of twenty slaves can be purchased for the price of a single one, and fed at less cost than a single labourer.

JAPAN.—The *New York Herald* publishes a letter written on board the steam frigate *Powhatan*. The *Herald* describes it as written on Japanese paper of a delicate hue of a fine texture, but strong and cohesive, three distinct specimens of paper all of different patterns and curiously ornamented.

COAL.—The *New York Shipping List* of 27th Sep states: "The price of hard coal is to be reduced to-day fifty cents per ton, viz. to \$7 from vessel and \$7 50 from yard."

The screw steamship "City of Manchester," from Liverpool 7th sept. arrived at Philadelphia on the 26th, with 694 passengers.

A pumpkin vine sprouting out of a manure heap at Pittsfield, produced 34 pumpkins whose aggregate weight is 592 pounds. These must be what people call "some pumpkins."

PAPER FROM GNAPHALUM.—Messrs. Smith and May, of Lee, Mass., have manufactured paper from the fibre of the plant *Gnaphalium*,—life-ever-lasting, as commonly called. They say the paper can be made 12½ per cent cheaper than of rags.—Some of the farmers of Berkshire County, on whose land this plant grows wild, say if there is not enough of it now growing, they will cultivate it; because it will yield two crops a year, without other labor than harvesting, when once seeded; this will give an average of forty dollars per acre, without the probabilities of a failure of crops like those of grain—besides, it will grow where grain will not.—[Amherst Express.]

An edict by the Russian General Krusenstern has been published, ordering the inhabitants of Odessa to set fire to that city if it were attacked and retire into the interior. The *London Times* gives sufficient credence to this document to make it the text of a leading article. It is not well enough authenticated to deserve such attention.

SPAIN. The intelligence from Madrid is important. The republican party is extremely active, and new outbreaks are considered inevitable. It has been discovered that republicanism has been extensively organized, and was almost ready for action throughout Spain.

Queen Christina has arrived at Lisbon. Her travelling title is Countess Disawenda. She will embark at Oporto for France.

The Count de Monte Molin has issued a circular to the Carlists, advising them to remain quiet.

INDIA AND CHINA.—The mail is telegraphed with dates from Calcutta to Aug. 12; Bombay 1st, Shanghai July 15; Canton 20th; Hong Kong 22d.—Trade in India is very favorable. Trade in China is dull. There was great confusion at Canton, the insurgents having taken several places near, and now threaten Canton. The foreign residents are placed under the protection of the batteries and the ships.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Since the announcement of the departure of the expedition against Sebastopol, all is bustle in the Mediterranean ports.—Several ships having left Toulon for the Levant with troops. The *Thabor* sailed from Marseilles on the 6th, with Colonel Dahesme, of the 7th Dragoons, Chef d'Escadron Abrantes, of the Staff, 9 captains and lieutenants, 17 surgeons, and several commissariat officers. The Dauntless, fast screw steamer (38 guns), has gone out with sealed orders.

It is reported that recent seizures of arms in Italy have led to the discovery of a secret society at Lyons intimately connected with the Italian revolutionary party.

It is suspected that King Otho, not sufficiently warned by the severe lesson he received in the summer, is again contriving how to get up troubles in Greece. It has been observed that he ceases to hold any communication with his Minister of the Interior. The French government keeps a wary eye upon this silly monarch's proceedings.

The marine authorities at Cherbourg have received orders to prepare for the reception of the entire Baltic fleet by the beginning of October. Admiral Deschenes, at the head of 45 French ships of war, and accompanied by 10 English vessels, carrying part of Baraguay d'Hilliers' army, will anchor at Cherbourg previous to the division of the fleet between that port and Brest.

MONIES RECEIVED.—By Gilbert Corey, 7s 6d.; Mr. J. F. Goldrup, 30s.; Rev. D. Crandal, 7s 6d.; J. Blakney, 7s 6d.; Rev. J. Hughes, 7s 6d.; Miss Mary McPhail, 5s.

FOR COLPORTAGE.—Miss Falkner, 5s. by Mr. J. Blakney. Collection at Salisbury, 8s 7d.

J. F. MASTERS.

FRENCH MISSION.—D. Purinton, Esq., 60s.

A. McL. Seely.

Received from A. H. Estey by A. McL. Seely for the Colporteur Society £3.

J. F. Masters is the Treasurer for that Society.

DEAR BRO. BILL.—I send you the following by request, and shall be glad to see it in your valuable paper. Affectionately,

C. A. BUCKBEE.

New York, Sept. 25, 1854.

The American Bible Union gratefully acknowledges the receipt of one hundred and seven dollars from friends of the Bible in Nova Scotia, as follows through the *Christian Visitor*.

C. A. BUCKBEE,

Assistant Treasurer Am. B. Society.

Per J. W. Barrs,

ON LIFE MEMBERSHIPS.

Rev. W. Chipman	£1 5 0
James S. Morse,	1 5 0
Mrs. Ed. Strong (Rachel)	1 5 0
Benj. Eaton,	1 5 0
John P. Lyons,	1 5 0
John Webster,	1 5 0
Abel Strong,	1 10 0
William North,	1 5 0
Eliza & Margaret Stevens,	4 12 6
S. Fitch,	1 5 0
Rev. John Chase,	1 0 0

DONATIONS.

Abel Parker,	0 10 0
Thomas White,	0 6 3
John Vaughan,	0 5 0
Second Cornwallis Church,	
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Rev. Jno. Chase, Revision	
Testaments,	16 10

ON LIFE DIRECTORSHIP.

J. W. Barrs,	5 0 0
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Per Eld. James Herrett,

TO AID THE GERMAN SCRIPTURES.

Second Salisbury Church, (applied to Eld. Jas. Herrett, L. M.)	1 5 0
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BAPTIST BAZAR, CARLETON.

The Committee beg respectfully to announce, that through the kind aid of friends, they will be able to offer for sale at moderate prices, a large assortment of useful articles of Clothing, &c., Fancy Work in great variety. To commence on Wednesday the 11th inst., and following days, at 2 o'clock, P.M., in the Temperance Hall.

P. S.—Tea and Coffee will be provided at the Refreshment Tables. Admission to the Hall 7d., half-price for Children.

A Public Tea Soiree will be held in the same place on Friday. Tea on the Table at half-price. Admission 2s. 6d., with a free Ferry Ticket to and from Carleton.

Tickets may be obtained of the Baptist Pastors in the City and Portland. Carleton, Oct. 5, 1854.

NOTICE.

The next Quarterly Meeting of the Baptist Churches in Albert and Westmorland Counties will meet with the First Church in Hillsborough on the second Saturday in October, 1854. Ministers and people are generally invited to attend. Hillsborough, Sept. 15. J. H. HUGHES.

Acadia College.

Agents and friends who have been collecting the Endowment Subscriptions will please forward without delay all monies and notes of hand belonging to Acadia College in their possession—that the accounts may be properly made up for the approaching Convention.

S. FITCH, M. D., Treasurer Acadia College.

pleasure of baptizing into the likeness of Christ's death and Resurrection, and we are encouraged to hope that others, who have of late enjoyed the love of Christ, will soon follow the example and command of their Lord. We are making arrangements to build a commodious house for the worship of God at the above mentioned place, and have good encouragement of success. Our esteemed Brother David Roberts, has kindly offered us a lot of land for our purpose, and one hundred dollars, and others in the city also whose hearts and hands are always open to good objects are ready to assist us. It will no doubt afford our esteemed Brother Elder Blakney, who is now prospering in the Lord's work in another part of the vineyard, much pleasure to hear that his own neighbourhood is thus blessed. During the time above mentioned, I have endeavored to preach 32 sermons, attended 5 conference meetings, attended 4 other services, visited and prayed with a large number of families, and distributed about 800 pages of tracts. Collected for the mission as follows, at South Bay 14s. 9d.; at Grand Bay, in contributions 30s. 7d.; Mr. Samuel Bars, 5s.; Mrs. Annham, 5s.; at Gundalo Point, in 3 collections, 30s. 6d.; Mr. John Herington, jun., 10s.; Mr. Thomas Petengell, 7s. 6d.; Mrs. Mary Keirstead, 20s.; Elder Blakney's sons, 5s.; Mrs. Vincent, 2s. 6d.; at Milkish, in collections, 7s. 6d.; from Esquire Whitman, 9s. 10d.; Mr. Wm. Wordon, 5s.

Respectfully yours, D. CRANDAL.

[FOR THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR.]

Upam, Aug. 18, 1854.

DEAR BROTHER BILL,—

I hereby send a brief sketch of my Mission at Mill Cove, which, with Brethren Bunting and Kierstead, I visited on the day we parted at Wickham, and addressed a congregation at their Chapel the next afternoon, on our return from the up lake tour, of which you have been informed by Brother Porter. As his appointments called him home, I stopped at the Cove alone, and preached in different parts of the place. The Church here is small and at present not prosperous, having no ordinances, nor public worship, unless some Minister happens that way. Most of them appear to see their need of a Pastor. They certainly ought to have one; but it will be necessary for some other Church in the vicinity to unite with them in raising a support. The Cove Church would at present, however, require aid, as their subscriptions for a Minister's services half the time, might not exceed £25. There is a large field for Ministerial labor in that section, which ought to be cultivated. After being a week with those friends I left on the 10th inst. for home, which I reached on the 14th.

Received during the time at the Cove from Brother John Heritt, 20s.; from Mr. Archibald M'Clean, from Cumberland Bay, 20s.; Mr. Alline M'Clean, 5s.; Mr. Omarr, 5s.; Charles Harris, 5s.; Henry Patterson, 2s. 6d. Total £2 18s. 7d. Collection on Sabbath, 11s. 8d.; collection at Morton, 9s. 10d.; Sister at the Ferry, 5s., received of the sums collected while with Brother P., £1 10s. 7d.; share of collection at Quarterly Meeting, 8s. 7d. Total £6 8s. 2d. Likewise received from Brother William Branscomb, 7s. 6d. per the *Visitor*.

Hoping the Lord may revive his work in all our Churches and throughout the world.

I am, yours, &c.,

SAMUEL BANCROFT.

TEMPERANCE.

The most worthy Patriarch of the Sons in North America, is highly complimented by the Prince Edward Island Press for his stirring address on Temperance during a recent visit to the Island. The cause has many whole hearted friends in that colony.

VIOLENT STORM.—The storm of Tuesday night last, broke the Telegraphic wires beyond Eastport—hence the English news by New York has not come to hand. The steamer "Governor" was delayed 10 hours after time by the severity of the storm.

The American Government is exceedingly anxious to have the Reciprocity Treaty go into effect at once, but can do nothing until the Provinces take action. Why delay?

The Steamer "Arctic," due at New York on Monday last, out 15 days and 16 hours, not heard of up to 4 o'clock, P. M., yesterday.

The ravages of the cholera have nearly terminated at Pittsburg; likewise the yellow fever at Savannah and adjacent towns.