

missioners were called on to visit in the Presbyteries of Abertarf, Inverness, Nairn, Forres, Elgin, Dornoch, Alford, Kincardine, O'Neil, Aberdeen, Fordoun, Brechin, and Forfar. The number of parishes visited was 103. The sixth report refers to 99 parishes visited in the Presbyteries of Meikle, Arbroath, Dundee, Perth, Dunkeld, Weem, Auchterarder, Dunblane, Stirling, Dunfermline, Kirkealdy, Cupar, and St. Andrew's. The seventh report refers to all the parishes which the Commissioners were required to visit in the Presbyteries of Linlithgow, Biggar, Peebles, Dalkeith, Haddington, Lauder, Dunse, Chirnside, Kelso, Jedburgh, Selkirk, Langholm, Lochmaben, Annan, Dumfries, Penpont, Kirkeudbright, Wigton, Stranraer, and Ayr. There were 99 parishes visited in these Presbyteries, making in all 301 parishes embraced in the three reports, in which destitution to some extent was alleged to exist by the parochial ministers. The tables shew the alleged causes of destitution in each case to be owing to the following causes:—1. Population of the parishes; 2. Territorial extent; 3. Obstructed access; 4. Inconvenient divisions; 5. Ministers having to officiate in more than one church; 6. Inconvenient situation of parish churches; 7. Inadequate size of churches; 8. Unequal allotment of gifts; 9. Condition of Churches; 10. Seat-rents; 11. Want of endowments.—*Scotsman.*

**THE BISHOP.**—We have had the pleasure of receiving a letter from our absent Diocesan, dated at London, 7th March at which time his zealous exertions were continued in behalf of our Venerable Society for the propagation of the Gospel. His visit to England has been of eminent service to this good cause in awakening public attention to the claims of the Society and the pressing wants of the Church in these colonies. An instance of the benefit of such exertions appears in our present number. We are not able to say positively when his Lordship intends to leave England, but we presume it will not be later than May, if he decides on coming direct to Nova-Scotia, which we hope will be the case. We believe that we speak not for ourselves, but for the Church at large, when we say that his Lordship's return as early as may be consistent with the interests of the Church, will be hailed with general satisfaction.—*Col. Churchman.*

**THE REV. FITZGERALD UNIACKE.**—We understand that this esteemed Brother is to be out in the May packet, and we trust with amended health.—*Id.*

#### POLITICAL SUMMARY.

It has long been the practice with noisy politicians and designing demagogues, in all parts of British America, to ascribe the disaffection and the rebellion in Canada, to the misrule and tyranny of British officials, over an oppressed and insulted Canadian population. This was always found to be a popular theme, and has sometimes proved a useful weapon to raise aspiring individuals above their ordinary level in Society, and give them an unusual but short lived tribute of public applause. But we find Lord Durham, no mean authority even in the estimation of the radicals themselves, with a sagacity and penetration worthy of his noble mind, and with a candour and impartiality which redound to his immortal honour, ascribing these political dissensions to a very different, and we have no doubt, to their true and proper cause. "My observation," says his Lordship, "impressed on me the conviction, that for the peculiar and dissimilar dissensions of Lower Canada, there existed a cause which penetrated beneath its political institutions, into its social state. I expected to find a contest between a Government and a people, I found two nations warring in the bosom of a single State, I found a struggle not of principles, but of races, and I perceived that it would be idle to attempt any amelioration of laws or institutions until we could first succeed in terminating the deadly animosity that now separates the inhabitants of Lower Canada into the hostile divisions of French and English.—The national feud forces itself on the very senses irresistibly and palpably as the origin or the essence of every dispute which divides the community, we discover that dissensions which appear to have another origin, are but forms of this constant and all prevailing quarrel, and that every contest is one of French and English in the outset, or becomes so ere it has begun its course."

The arrival of the *Great Western* steamer at New York, on the morning of the 15th inst. after a tedious and boisterous passage of 23 days, from Bristol, has

put us in possession of British news to the 23rd of March, which in the present agitated and unsettled state of society, are more than usually interesting.—We are sorry to find (although it is only what we have always expected,) that the radicals are mustering in great strength and menacing the government itself. The Ministry at the latest accounts appeared to be in a very weak and tottering condition, unable to support themselves against the opposition they had to encounter in Parliament, far less to grapple with such difficult and important subjects as the settlement of the Canadian disturbances, or the adjustment of the boundary question.

The dispute between Holland and Belgium, which has existed for a number of years, has at length, through the powerful and determined resolution of the Conference of London, been brought to a termination.

General tranquillity still prevails throughout the Canadas, except on the immediate frontier of the United States, where, we regret to learn, several marauding inroads, accompanied with the destruction of valuable property have lately taken place. Most of the political prisoners at Fort Henry, in Upper Canada, and at Montreal, have been released, and certainly no government has shown, throughout this unnatural contest, a greater desire to temper justice with mercy than that of Great Britain.

Several of the New-Brunswick papers, and some of our own Journals, appear to be very desirous to establish a charge against Sir John Harvey, for the arrangement into which has lately entered with General Scott, regarding the disputed territory. We have neither time nor space to discuss the subject at present, but we consider that we are bound as public journalists, to express our sentiments as we have hitherto done, fully, fearlessly, and impartially. Instead of blaming, we highly commend Sir John Harvey, for the wisdom, and prudence, and moderation which he has displayed in this as well as other acts of his Colonial Administration, and we have not the least doubt that both he and Mr. Fox will receive the cordial approbation of the Ministry, for the part which they have acted in this very critical and delicate affair.

It is easy for a party of restless and hot-headed Colonists, many of them Agitators, Contractors, &c. to cry Havoc, and let slip the days of war, when they are more likely to fill their purses than risk their lives in the contest. But it is quite a different matter for Great Britain and America to engage in such a dreadful contest, affecting the interests of so many Millions of human beings, and occasioning a destruction of property, and a sacrifice of human life altogether incalculable. We still think that war will be prevented, and the news by the *Great Western*, tend to confirm us in that opinion.

#### NEWFOUNDLAND.

Late papers from Newfoundland, state that very great distress prevails in that Island. The Governor has authorised the Commissioners of the Poor, to expend the sum of £200 from the Treasury. The Irish Society had also contributed the sum of £240, for this truly charitable purpose.—*Jour.*

#### HARBOUR GRACE, APRIL 2.

**SEAL FISHERY.**—Several vessels have arrived from the ice,—and, we are happy to state, with good trips of seals.

**COLONIAL UNION.**—The Upper Canada House of Assembly have appointed Sir Allan N. McNab, speaker, and Wm. Hamilton Merritt, Esq. Commissioners to proceed to England to negotiate with the Home Government, a union of Upper and Lower Canada.

**THE ARMY.**—The *Hercules*, Capt. Barnard, arrived from Kingston, Jamaica, on Wednesday last, after a passage of 24 days, with 1 major, 4 captains, 6 lieutenants, 1 ensign, 1 quarter-master, 1 surgeon, 1 assistant do. 51 non-commissioned officers, and 351 privates of the 37th Regt. On Thursday afternoon they disembarked. At present the appearance of this corps betrays the effects of a service in a noxious climate, but it will no doubt soon recover the bloom of health and vigor in this garrison.

When the *Hercules* left Jamaica the frigates *Pique* & *Vernon* were daily expected to convey the 6th regiment back again to Halifax.—*Rec.*

Her Majesty's ship *Hercules*, we understand, sails for Bermuda on Thursday next.—*Jour.*

#### PICTOU, APRIL 16.

The ice is at length broken up in our harbour, which is now entirely open. Two persons crossed the ice so late as Saturday last. We have had continuous rains for some days past, and the roads are, in consequence, almost impassable.

**GAY'S RIVER.**—On Tuesday, 9th instant a frightful casualty happened here. A tree fell upon Mr. Alexander Annand, which crushed his head in a dreadful manner and terminated his earthly career in an instant. He was in the prime of life, and but 16 months married. His loss is deplored by a widow far advanced in pregnancy, and a number of friends and relatives.

**MECHANICS INSTITUTE.**—Mr. A. McKenzie lectured last Wednesday evening on Meteorology Mr. A. McKinlay, (President) will conclude the lectures of the Session, on Wednesday evening—subject, Natural Philosophy, with experiments.—The evening of the first Wednesday in May, is that on which the election of officers is to take place.—*Nov.*

**PASSENGERS.**—In the *Hulifax* from Liverpool, Mrs. Hunt—In the *Defiance* from Boston, Mr. H. Fay.—In the *Acanian* from do. Messrs J. E. Fairbanks, J. Gibson and G. Essen.—In the *Elizabeth*, Mr. James Furlong.—In the *Vernon*, Mr. W. Donaldson.

#### TO SUBSCRIBERS.

We have to express our thanks to Mr. McBEATH, for his friendly letter with a list of six new subscribers to the *Guardian*, and we are happy to learn that double the number will soon be required in that district. We have received several valuable Original Communications, from esteemed friends, which we intend to publish as soon as possible.

#### MARRIED.

On the 11th April inst. at Granville, Nova-Scotia, by the Rev. George Miller, Mr. JAMES TOWNSEND TUORNE, to HANNAH ELIZA, second daughter, of Mr. Thomas Robbee,

At Pictou on the 13th inst. by the Rev. John Stewart, Mr. WILLIAM ROSS, to Miss MARGARET ROSS, both of that place. At Miramichi on the 11th inst. by the Rev. Robert Archibald, Mr. DONALD McMILLAN, of the Parish of Chatham, to Mrs. MARGARET McPHERSON, of the Parish of St. Mary's.

At Miramichi on the 12th inst. by the same, Mr. JOHN McLELLAN to Miss MARY JOHNSTONE.

#### DIED.

On Wednesday morning, after a short illness, SARAH, wife of Mr. Peter Lynch, in the 53d year of her age.

Departed this life on Saturday the 20th inst. in the 76th year of her age, BRIDGET, consort of the late Frederick Sturay, of this town.

At Gulliver's Hole, County of Dighy, on the 11th February, Mr. WM. MACKAY, in the 74th year of his age. He was a native of the Parish of Creech, Sutherlandshire, emigrated to Nova Scotia about 36 years ago, and was deservedly esteemed by the whole community in which he lived.

At Flat River, P. E. I. on the 15th inst. in the 71st year of her age, ELIZABETH, wife of Alex. McDougall, Esq. and daughter of the late Archibald Campbell, Esq. of Bragiean, Argyleshire Scotland.

Early in February, in the Island of St. Vincent's, W. I. of the prevailing fever, the Rev. ROBT. H. CRANE, Wesleyan Missionary. The death of this truly estimable man, and excellent Missionary, is deeply regretted both by his own relations, and the Church of which he was an honoured minister.

#### MARINE NEWS.

##### PORT OF HALIFAX.

#### ARRIVED.

*Thursday*—Sloop *Pickle*, Campbell, St. John's, N. F. 7 days—dry fish to the master.

*Friday*—Am. schr. *Eclipse*, Wheldon, Philadelphia 19 days—flour, meal, bread, &c. to David & Gibson, and J. Essen; schr. *Defiance*, Currie, Boston, 7 days—naval stores, tobacco, &c. to H. Fay and others; brig *Flotilla*, Thompson, Baltimore 15 days—flour, bread, &c. to S. Binney; *Placide*, Harrison, Ponce, 25 days—sugar, &c. to J. A. Moren; Sarah, Williams Havana, 22 days, (9 on the coast) sugar to J. Leishman & Co.—on the 1st 2nd, and 3d inst. experienced heavy gales from the west; Am packet brig *Acanian*, Jones, Boston, 3 1-2 days—flour, naval stores, &c. to D. & E. Starr & Co. and others; brig. *Lady Chapman*, Gilbert, Mayaguez, P. R. 22 days—sugar and molasses to J. & M. Tobin; brig *William IV*, Mortimer, Trinidad de Cuba, 25 days—sugar, molasses and coffee to J. Allison & Co. schr. *Experiment*, Cameron, Yarmouth, 3 days—salt, bound to Magdalene Islands; brig *Granville*, Lyle, Xagua, (Cuba) 26 days—sugar and molasses to H. Lyle.

*Saturday*—Am. schr. *William Henry*, Rider, Fredricksburg, 7 days—flour to J. H. Braine; *Endeavour*, Houghton, Liverpool, N. S. 12 hours—sugar to D. & E. Starr & Co. *Broke*, Shelburne; *Powels*, Duncan, St. Thomas, 25 days—rum, sugar, molasses & salt bound to Sydney—passenger Mr. Ensley.

*Sunday*—Schr. *Speculator*, Young, Lunenburg—1 day; schr. *True Brothers*, Slecomb, Liverpool, N.S.—sugar and flour; brig *Argus*, Kinney, Gibraltar, 32 days—wines fruit, &c. to Fairbanks & Allison; schr. *Mariner*, Gerard, Philadelphia, 10 days—rye flour, to S. Binney; *Esperance*, Sydney, coal; *Hope Bruce*, Shelburne; Reform and Hazard, St. Mary's lumber.

*Monday*—Schr. *Vernon*, Cunningham, Falmouth Jam. via Shelburne, 26 days rum and ballast to J. Strachan.

*Tuesday*—Schr. *Eagle*, Wilson, St. Andrew's, 5 days, lumber and shingles; *Emily*, Crowell, do. do. Am. brig. *Emeline*, Slate, New York, 4 1-2 days, beef, pork, &c. to D. & E. Starr & Co. S. Binney and others; packet schr. *Industry*, Simpson, Boston, 4 days general cargo to H. Fay and Rigby & Jennings; *Ion*, Hammond, St. John, N. B. 3 days & Yarmouth 36 hours—salt, rum & tea, to S. Binney.

*Wednesday*—Schr. *Rival Packet*, Patillo, Liverpool, N. S. 12 hours—dry fish; *Rambler*, Port Midway, do.; *Thistle*, do. do.

#### CLEARED.

*Wednesday*—Ellen Burke, Boston—coal by the master; Am. schr. *Marion*, Torrey, Bridgeport; Am. schr. *Banker*, Rider, Bucksport, U. S.—ballast.

*Thursday*—Schr. *Elizabeth*, Sublut, Fortune Bay, N. F.—molasses and flour by J. Furlong.

*Saturday*—Congress, Cameron, Pictou—assorted cargo by J. U. Ross and others; *Arnide*, Smith, St. Andrews—porter, &c. by A. Keith and others.