

authority of the missionary cause of the Church was not always paid into the treasury of the Parent Society, but appropriated independently of it. This practice gave the committee evident concern, and was regarded as one of the causes of the deficiency of the treasury. The general opinion prevailed in the committee, and was warmly expressed and commended by Bishop Waugh, that all monies raised on the general credit of the missionary cause of the Church, as authorized in the Discipline, belong sacredly, and of right, to the treasury of the Parent Society. Yet the committee appeared to be in a clear opinion, that any Church, or any members of any Church, were not at liberty to raise funds specially for any specific Church object, but that they ought to be encouraged and assisted to do so, the object to be supported being a legitimately authorized interest of the Church. But Bishop Waugh very clearly and forcibly insisted that all such local and specific action of the Church should take an appropriate name to designate it, and such a one as would not come into conflict with the general Missionary Society of the Church. In this view the committee seemed to concur; and we hope it will be generally accepted, and that the general and heretofore administration, in all its parts, be made to conform to the provisions of the Discipline.

United States. The opening of Congress, and delivery of the President's message, are the chief items of interest from the United States during the past week. Congress assembled on the 1st inst.—The President paints a glowing picture of the internal prosperity of the country, in an announcement of a great reduction of the public debt. The United States, the message proclaims, are at peace with all the world. The Foreign Enlistment story is set at rest, and the Central American Question is in a fair way of being settled. The Fishery Commission has been employed a part of two seasons but without much progress in accomplishing the object for which it was instituted, in consequence of a serious difference of opinion between the commissioners, not only as to the precise point where the rivers terminate, but in many instances as to what constitutes a river. Resource must be had to the office of an arbitrator in this matter in accordance with a provision of the treaty. Trade with the British Provinces has increased; the exports thither exceed in value this year those of the last by nearly \$7,000,000.

Latest from Europe. ENGLAND.—The enthusiastic reception which Lord Palmerston has met in all the commercial towns which he has lately visited, and the hearty response which in each of them his enunciation of the sentiment that the permanency of peace must depend upon the fidelity of Russia elicited, are significant of the spirit which prevails in those portions of the Kingdom where the renewal of hostilities, should such take place, might well be supposed to occasion the most concern, and afford gratifying evidence that the sentiment of national honor has not yet been sacrificed on the altar of commercial cupidity. They also prove the buoyancy of the nation after sustaining the heaviest and most protracted war; and constitute the best and most intelligible defiance to the enemies of England. We believe that for the real interests of humanity the war was too speedily concluded; that now for the continuance of peace, we regard the maintenance of a bold and unbroken front by England as the best preservative, and therefore behold with gladness the manifestations of patriotism which greeted the Premier alike in London, Liverpool, and Manchester. If Russia has been reckoning upon the prostration or dependency of England her mistake must now be apparent even to herself.

FRANCE.—The French Customs revenue for the month of October exceeded by 120,336 francs the receipts for the same month last year. For the ten months of the present year the receipts show a decline of 735,000 francs as compared with same period in 1855. SWITZERLAND.—The Times' Paris correspondent says that it appears that the Federal Council of Switzerland would have no objection to release the prisoners of Neuchâtel on condition that the king of Prussia will renounce all claims to the sovereignty of that canton. It is not probable, however, that his Majesty will show any disposition to make that concession.

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Commercial. Halifax Markets. Corrected for the "Provincial Wesleyan" to 4 o'clock, Wednesday, Dec. 10th.

Wesleyan Conference Office. Letters and Money Received Since Our LAST.

Marriages. AT St. John, N. B., on the 4th inst., by the Rev. W. McLeod, A. M., Mr. Joseph STOKMAN, Jr., merchant of Yarmouth, N. S., and Miss Mary Ann Stewart, daughter of Capt. John Stewart, of St. John.

Deaths. On Friday, 28th ult., ALLAN, third son of J. W. Fairweather, aged 2 years.

Shipping News. PORT OF HALIFAX. ARRIVED. R. M. Steamship Arabia, from Liverpool, Dec. 5.

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