

and Spanish missionaries resident in Cochín China. Some of these missionaries are said to have been put to death. An armed Expedition being sent out to demand satisfaction, and none having been given, the seaboard towns and fortifications were bombarded and taken; but the capital, where the King resides, is far inland; and there is no intelligence yet from the forces sent against it.

There are rumors of serious misunderstandings existing between France and Austria—probably respecting Italy. That country appears to be in a most wretched condition; nothing preventing open insurrections, but the presence of large bodies of troops kept there by France and Austria. Such is the state of this country, that a war may break out in it at any day.

Our American neighbors are blustering about the interference of Britain and France in the affairs of Central America. This small independent state has, in a manner, placed itself under British protection. But the Yankees, ever jealous of foreign influence, as they call it, on this side of the Atlantic; especially, as their main route to California passes through this state, would like to have it added to the Union. Some years ago armed bands of American filibusters found their way into Central America, under Walker, and caused much disturbance at the time. Last summer, another band, under the same leader, was prepared to start on the same errand; but their own Government interfered, and stopped part of them. There are strong suspicions, however, that the American Government would feel in no wise displeased, had these robbers got away quietly. One vessel, the *Susan*, did get away. She sailed out of Mobile, destined for Central America, with a full cargo of armed filibusters; and it was quite amusing to read the speculations of the majority of the American Press upon the subject. "Possibly," it was said, "this vessel might elude the vigilance of our own cruisers, but it was hardly possible she could escape the British." "What then? Should a British cruiser dare to detain a vessel sailing under the American flag, it would be deemed a just cause of war with that nation." Fortunately, such a catastrophe was avoided. The *Susan* was wrecked, and the drowning filibusters were picked up by the boats of the British cruisers, and sent back to their friends as castaway emigrants.

NEW GLASGOW, Jan'y. 28th, 1859.

The Annual meeting of the General Committee of management, in connection with the Lay Association, was held in St. Andrew Church, this day. The Secretary is unable to furnish as full an account of the statistics, &c. of the Association, for this number of the *Record*, as he could wish. This is owing to the fewness of reports received from the several Secretaries of the different branches, by the Secretary of the General Committee. By the Treasurer's report, the amount of £15 19s. 2 1-2 is shown to be on hand. The Committee regret to perceive, by a letter received from Col. Gray, Charlottetown, that the establishment of branches of the Association, in that portion of the Synod, has been unsuccessful. The Committee unanimously agreed to guarantee the sum of £400 for a year, as payment for the services of Messrs. Livingstone and Ross, who are now in Canada, when they will have completed their studies, and who are to be licensed to preach in April next. The sum of £5 was given to the St. Mary's Church to assist in its completion, and it was also agreed, that further assistance would be given as soon as the Association's finances were in more prosperous condition.

The President was directed to see the Clergymen of the Presbytery, and make arrangements to hold week-day meetings in the several branches, during the month of February, and that when the days are fixed, the Secretary will inform the different branches. The Committee adjourned to meet at Pictou on the 4th day of February, 1860.

The Secretary hopes to be in a position to give a much fuller report in the March number of the *Record*.

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