

THE PROTESTANT AND EVANGELICAL WITNESS.

Secular Department.

EUROPEAN NEWS.

THE WAR IN MOROCCO.

MADRID, Feb. 7.—Spain has been taken by the Spaniards, after the battle which was fought on the 4th...

News from Morocco is to the effect that the Spanish army were occupied in shelling the Moorish camp...

General Prim, with four battalions, stormed a height commanding a field of battle. The Spaniards charged four times with the bayonet before gaining the position...

250 men and seven officers, wounded, arrived at Algiers on the 24th inst., from Spanish camp. Since the commencement of the war, 11 journals devoted to military matters have been established at Madrid...

MADRID, Feb. 9.—Marshal O'Donnell judges it useless to pursue the Moors into the interior of the empire. In the battle of the 4th inst., the Spanish lost 10 officers and 88 men killed, and 63 officers and 711 men wounded...

THE FRENCH DESIGNS ON SAVOY. The Gazette de Nice, of the 5th inst., published the following:—We are authorized, and requested to give the most formal and positive denial to the statement published by the Courrier des Alpes...

The Paris correspondent of the Morning Herald says: "I have received from a reliable source highly important information. Orders have been sent to Marshal Vaillant to occupy Tuscany with a portion of the 60,000 men under his command, and transfer his headquarters from Milan to Florence..."

British and For. American News.

United States.

TERRIBLE CATASTROPHE.—FORTY-NINE CHILDREN DROWNED.—From the Quincy (Ill.) Herald, we learn that a most terrible calamity, rivaling that of the "Fountain Hills," occurred on Thursday last, near the town of Hardin, Ill., on the Illinois River...

New Brunswick.

The proceedings of the Legislature during the past week may be briefly summed up. Mr. Lawrence's resolution was disposed of on Wednesday, and a committee of seven members appointed to report on all matters connected with the railway. Progress has been reported on a bill to exempt homesteads from executions against real estate...

Nova Scotia.

The Halifax Journal of the 24 inst., says:—Mr. Howe is to be opposed by Mr. W. Johnson in Halifax; Mr. Archibald has to measure weapons (politically) with Mr. J. J. Marshall in Colchester; and Mr. Anand will meet Mr. C. W. Fairbanks in East Halifax. Whatever may be the issue of the contest in Colchester on the 6th inst., there does not appear to be the most remote chance of dissuading either Mr. Howe in Halifax, or Mr. Anand in East Halifax...

The HURONIAN.—It is now fully believed that not one of those on board this ill-starred steamer has escaped. The number of the crew was 72. It was rumored that she had on board 250 passengers, but the statement is a contradiction, and it is not at all likely that so many were on board...

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or four New Brunswick men are supposed to have been among the passengers. A trunk has been found belonging to Dr. Farret of New York. Mail bags have been recovered, and will be forwarded in due time...

The Protestant.

SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 1860.

SUMMARY.

BLACKWOOD'S MAGAZINE for February has been kindly laid on our table by G. T. Hazard, Agent for L. Scott & Co's publications. It contains an interesting account of a visit to the Columbia River, and of a cruise round Vancouver's Island...

Up and arm you, one and all! Arm to guard our native shore! Sons of freedom, hear the call—Arm you, as in days of yore! Hear you, not in that way!

Up to guard your country!—arm you! Find a rifle or a gun! If they say, "We will not arm you," Make it, "Neither will nor can you!"

The Times correspondent at Rome—an Italian by birth, but a naturalized British subject—had been ordered to quit Rome within three days. An appeal through the British Consul had no effect.

Cases of Small Pox reported at St. John, for the week ending 18th Feb'y, 31; admitted into hospital, 4; not declaring the week.

The Sackville Borerer states that the Arphalium pit at Hillsboro', from which 100 tons of coal were mined, yielded 1000 tons per day, which is worth, on the wharf, \$15 per ton. The cost of taking it from the pit is \$3 per ton.

It is stated that Daniel F. Sicles, the slayer of his wife, paragoned, has experienced a change of heart, and contemplates converting himself to some Church. His former friends say they noticed a marked change in his conduct lately. At Washington he led a very different life from what he once did in New York. Before he leaves the capital it is thought he will make a public profession of Christianity.

ANNUAL GRAIN SHOW.

The Grain Show, and Annual Meeting of the Royal Agricultural Society, were held in the Temperance Hall, at Hillsboro', on Wednesday, the 7th March, 1860. At the Show, there was exhibited, for competition, about 40 sacks of grain, all of very good quality. The prizes were awarded as follows, viz:—

Best Wheat, Edward Woodner, 50 lbs. 2 10 0  
Second do., John Deane, 48 1 10 0  
Best Barley, two-rowed, E. Woodner, 57 lbs. 4 10 0  
Second do., John Cameron, Angusine Co., 56 lbs. 12 10 0  
Best Oats, two-rowed, John M'Gregor, jun., 48 10 0  
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Best Clover Seed, Wm. Les, Tryon, 1 10 0  
Best do., John Bryanton, Brasley Point Road, 1 0 0

Young Men's Christian Association and Literary Institute. On Thursday evening, the Rev. D. Fitz Gerald completed his lecture on "William III., his Life and Times." His admirably exhibited the character and achievements of his hero as the liberator of Britain from tyranny of every kind, and the bulwark of Europe against the ambition and intolerance of Louis XIV. He admitted that William had his faults, and fell into mistakes. One gentleman, indeed, at the conclusion of the lecture, tried to stir up a quarrel on account of some transactions connected with the colonization of Darien, &c., as a sort of Nana Sahib, on account of the affair of Glencoe. But this was more a rhetorical suggestion, as the least of it, as was shown on Thursday evening, in regard to the Glencoe business. Besides these references did not touch Mr. Fitz Gerald's great argument, whatever his personal character or his special errand might be, he must ever be famous as the man for the times in which he lived, and who nobly did the work which Providence put into his hands. Yet amidst all his heroism, and his noble and well-deserved tributes of praise to Mary the beautiful, the good, the wise; to whom, in fact, William owed his throne, and who, short as was her career, fairly divides with him the honors of his reign.

The Hall was crowded. No lecture of the season was heard with deeper attention; and none has better repaid it. Mr. James Rogers will lecture on Thursday night, his subject, "The Bible, and the Pious." His lectures have a crowded audience, on such a theme as that. Will he have it!

Our Editor: [For the Protestant.] By inserting the following in your next issue you will oblige Yours, JAMES ALLAN. Ours Here, Feb 25th, 1860. Availing myself of a right the law invests ministers of visiting the public schools, I examined the one on St. Peter's Road, taught by Mr. Robert Robertson, on Monday last; and under present circumstances, I feel disposed to place on public record the expression of my sentiments on the subject. Mr. Fitz Gerald paid a well-deserved tribute of praise to Mary the beautiful, the good, the wise; to whom, in fact, William owed his throne, and who, short as was her career, fairly divides with him the honors of his reign.

Our Editor: [For the Protestant.] There has been a story in circulation here, these last few weeks, that a Protestant girl of the name of Orisk, while in the act of turning the mystic of the mass into

rituals, by slinking a priest, was instantly transformed into a living statue, in which state she still remains. It is very generally believed here by the faithful. Did you hear anything of the report, or is it one of those lying tales more securely to be cherished?

Five Days later from Europe.

The steamer Anglo Saxon arrived at Portland, on Thursday, with date from Liverpool 15th, Queenstown 10th February. In reply to England's proposition relative to settlement of the Italian question, states that she cannot retreat from the engagement of Villa Franca and Zurich. Russia also declines to accept England's proposition as a solution.

Paraguay to French soldiers in Rome have been suspended. Political arrests in Sicily were increasing. A young volunteer rifeman was discovered in a Neapolitan Army—attributed to Piedmontese agency. Naples had complained to other Powers. The Emperor of Austria had sent a fleet to China. Commodore P. B. Headly slightly advanced. Cotton dull.

To Messrs. R. Hyatt & Co. Exchange Rooms, Charlottetown, MARCH 7th, 1860.

All three Government members elected with a large majority to-day, in Nova Scotia.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

[Continued from last.]

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