

The inhabitants of Syria are also receiving chastisement for their blood-thirsty deeds.

Through the recent elections in the United States, four millions of slaves are beginning to think that the time is at hand when they will be set free; the time when those horrid deeds of bloodshed, which have disgraced the American nation, will be ended.

The Japanese Embassy to America will no doubt be fraught with good results to the former in a moral and intellectual point of view, and to the latter in a commercial aspect. The Japanese Empire has heretofore, been almost hermetically sealed; so much so, that little or no intercourse has been kept between its people and those of other countries.

And last but not least in the catalogue of national events of 1860, stands the visit of the Prince of Wales to the American continent. Never before did the Anglo-Saxon mind of Europe coalesce more closely than on this occasion. In this visit we see even more than the representation of Royalty; we see the symbol—prospectively at least—of a great nation, over whom our youthful Prince, may one day sway the sceptre. Consequently, though only a youth, the hundreds of thousands of America, both British and United States of America, who went out to see, saw 'more than a youth clothed in soft raiment;'—they saw one who may carry with him to the throne of the greatest nation under the sun, those reminiscencies of friendship, formed through this visit, that may bind these two Anglo-saxon nations more closely than ever to each other.

And his visit to British America will no doubt be the harbinger of good. These Colonies will now be known, and receive a place upon the map of European mind. The inhabitants of the Mother Country will learn through the representations made by the British press, something of the value of this immense section of her Colonial Empire; and that here is a country capable of sustaining the entire population of the British Islands. Here is the foundation of a great empire, with natural resources more vast and varied than those of England, Scotland and Ireland—here the surplus population of the mother country may erect to themselves, homes surrounded with all the comforts of life—even to luxuries, and here capitalists may find numerous sources for the safe investment of their dormant capital.

The great Eastern, that wonderful structure of modern art, has also visited our shores.

Considerable progress has been made in the preliminaries connected with the construction of the Halifax and Quebec Railway. It is confidently anticipated that the time is not far hence when this gigantic work will be executed; when three important Colonies will be united, if not by a legislative or federal union, by an iron band, at least.

In the Lower Provinces, the march of improvement has been slow,