

Dr. Halley's congregation, at Manchester, at a public meeting, subscribed, then and there, £1000 for educational purposes; £6000 is expected.

Bombay.—Advices from Bombay are up to February 1st. In Gwalior two or three battles have been fought, in which the British arms were successful. The natives of the country are said to have commenced the hostilities by firing first at a baggage party, and then on some reconnoitering troops. The British right wing, under the command of Sir H. Gough, attacked the Mahrattas in their position of M-abrajpool, while the left wing, under Maj. Gen. Grey, followed up the assault at Panniar. The loss of the British army was severe, amounting to 141 killed, and 826 wounded; the natives lost between 4000 and 5000 killed and wounded, and 50 pieces of artillery. The fort of Gwalior shortly after surrendered, and some of the principal chiefs came in and tendered submission. The British Government has resolved not to occupy the country. Matters were still in a quiet posture in the Scinde, Panjab, Hydrabad, and Sukkar. India throughout is peaceful. —*British Paper.*

[This cruel butchery is without even an apparent object. How long is it to continue?]

At a large meeting held in Glasgow, it was resolved to recommend to the Free Church of Scotland, to send back the money received from the Slave States. Such a procedure would strike a severe blow at the iniquitous system of Slavery, as countenanced, and practiced by professing Christians.

The last letters from Italy are full of accounts of the armed bands which have of late re-appeared in the Appennines and in the low country on the coast of the Adriatic; and it is said that all the troops the Pope has at his disposal at Bologna, are not sufficient to prevent the nightly depredations to which that city is exposed.

The impression has become very general that Sir Robert Peel intends, on the renewal of the Bank Charter, to prohibit after a certain time, the issue of Notes by Private or Joint Stock Banks. This measure will curtail to a very serious extent the power of those Banks to accommodate their customers. The amount of the Private and Joint Stock Note circulation in the United Kingdom, namely, £18,000,000, makes the withdrawal of it, and the substitution of Bank of England Notes, a matter of great delicacy.

Jews.—The celebrated professor *Tholuck* lately wrote as follows; "There have been effected more voluntary conversions of Jews in these last twenty-five years, than in the seventeen hundred years elapsed since the days of St. Paul."

OREGON.—TERRITORIAL GOVERNMENT FORMED.—Recent letters state that at a meeting of the American settlers in the spring of '43, a Government was regularly formed by the choosing of Judges, Sheriffs, Clerks, &c. It was a perfect Territorial Government, except that no Governor was appointed. The *Newburyport Herald* of Thursday contains an interesting letter from a former citizen of that place, now settled at Williamette Falls, Oregon, dated 29th of Oct. 1843, which states that within six months there have been erected at that place 2 flour and 2 saw mills, and between 30 or 40 two story frame dwellings. The settlement is upon Williamette river, a branch of the Columbia. He also states that the climate is good, that there is no sickness of consequence, and that mechanical labour commands from \$2 to \$2.50 per day.—*N. Y. Observer* April 13th.

Snocking Loss of Property.—The *Pennsylvania Inquirer*, of the 15th ultimo, gives a terrible account of the wreck of the *Shepherdess* steamer. It pathetically says—"One man lost 3000 dollars in money, and another thirty negroes!" We trust that the latter calamity will touch the benevolent bosoms of the Americans, and that no time will be lost in subscribing for the poor man at least thirty blacks. It is bad enough to lose mere dollars, but to see one's black human flesh go to the bottom of a river, would wring tears from the heart of a rock.—*English Paper.*

Penny Postage.—A gentleman recently returned from Europe states, that the influence of the penny system of postage throughout Great Britain, in improving the intellectual, moral and social habits of the humbler classes, is truly wonderful; that hundreds of thousands are learning to write for the pleasure of corresponding with their friends. The effect of reducing the postage from a shilling to a penny, in increasing the number of letters, is well illustrated by the anecdote of a person writing to his son in London; "Remember my dear boy, not to forget to write often, for every letter saves me eleven pence!"

The people of Iowa have decided in favor of forming a State Government. Delegates are to be elected next August to a con-

vention, which is to assemble in October to form a constitution. At the next session of Congress, Iowa will apply for admission into the Union as a State.

DRUMMOND LIGHT.—It is in contemplation to light the Hall of the House of Representatives with the Drummond Light. This light is produced by the union of two parts of oxygen and hydrogen gas upon a piece of unslacked calcined lime in a state of combustion, and is said to possess an illuminating power equal to six hundred oil lights from the best argand burners. The light can be sustained, without diminution for twelve hours, and the cost of it is declared to be but one-fourth the cost of oil light.

Dr. Burns is doing well for the Free Church. Hamilton has acted very spiritedly, and expects to raise £400. Toronto may exceed £150. Cobourg, it is pretty certain, will subscribe £200.—*Christian Guardian.*

At the Niagara April district Assizes, John H. DeWitt was found guilty of setting fire, on the 13th July, 1840, to the valuable mill of Gilbert M'icking, Esq., of Chippewa. DeWitt was a comrade of the ruffian Benjamin Lett, and besides the crime of which he has been found guilty and condemned to the Penitentiary for life, is known to have been one of the parties by whom Brock's monument was blown up, who burnt Chippewa Church, robbed the house of the Rev. Mr. Anderson, and committed numberless other villainies. The gang is now utterly broken up.—*Montreal Gazette.*

A late trial for usury has caused no little sensation in the city of Toronto. It seems that a Mr. Thomson had lent the Messrs. Sutherland the sum of one thousand pounds, charging for it at the rate of fifteen per cent, or two and a half times the legal rate. The Messrs. Sutherland having, it is said, afterwards quarrelled with Mr. Thomson, sued him for usury, the law imposing a penalty or the forfeit of treble the amount lent, should more than six per cent, be exacted; one half the penalty to go to the informer, the other half to the Queen. The verdict of the Jury was against Mr. Thomson, and the enormous sum which he is consequently compelled to disburse will, it is to be hoped, prove to the Legislature of this Province the utter absurdity of our present usury laws, which, independently of all other objections to them, tend to raise the rate of interest on money, instead of lowering it as they are foolishly supposed to do.—*Id.*

MONTREAL PRICES CURRENT.—MAY 1.

ASHES—Pot	26s 0d	BEEF—Prime Mess tierce	\$12
Pearl	26s 6d	Do do blbs	\$7½
FLOUR—Fine	2s 3a 2s 6d	Prime	\$5½
WHEAT—	5s 9d to 6s 0d	TALLOW—	5d
PEASE—	2s 6d per <i>minot.</i>	BUTTER—Salt	5d a 6d½
OAT-MEAL	8s 6d per <i>cow.</i>	CHEESE—	3d a 5d½
PORK—Mess	\$15	EXCHANGE—London 1½ prem.	
P. Mess	\$12	N. York	3
Prime	\$10	Canada W.	½
LARD—	4½d a 5d <i>p. lb</i>		

By the last advices from Britain business was generally a little duller, especially in wheat and flour. Pork was advancing; beef flat onary, and pot ashes a shade lower.

Monies Received on Account of

Advocate, Vol. X.—W. Edwards, Lochaber, 16s 8d; Z. Fell, St. Johns, £1 10; S. Blackstone, Barton, 5s; Rev. T. Hulbert, Orillia, 15s; J. Modeland, Chingacousy, 1s 4d; Drummer Sutherland, 93d Regt., Toronto, 2s 6d; R. Byewater, Vaughan, 7s 6d; S. Armitage, Newmarket, 2s 6d; O. Phillips, do 2s 6d; T. Warwick, do 2s 6d; T. Freedom, do 2s 6d; W. Dunn, Whitby 2s 6d; J. G. Rogers, Etobicoke, 2s 6d; J. Wilson, Credit, 2s 6d; W. Dunbar, Pickering, 1s 8d; J. Christie & Son, Toronto, 5s 5d; Rev. R. H. Bourne, Rawdon, £1 5s; W. Newth, Chambly, 1s 8d; A. Davies, 71st Regt., do 1s 4d; F. T. Bush, Beverly, 2s 6d; P. Hicok, do 2s 6d; W. Greig, and R. Rennie, New York, 6s; J. Brodie, Bytown, 1s 4½d; W. Glassford, Gloucester, 2s; Rev. J. Clinie, jun., Darlington, 1s 8d; A. M'Laren, Caledon, 5s; Sundries, Montreal, 16s 5d.

Donations.—J. Cooper and Family, £1 5s 10d; Aldboro' Society, £1 15s.

Penny Subscription Cards.—Jacob Rynal and Margaret Hess, 10s.

Arrears.—M. Kelly, R. C. Regt., Amherstburgh, £1 18s 6d; Sundries, Montreal, £1 15s.