

manner in which persons treat the subjects they discuss. Some have a bland, *insinuating* manner—their pen appears to be dipped in oil, and at the same time they have much *bitterness* in their hearts—they may, indeed, assume a suavity of manner for the very purpose of concealing, as far as possible, inward acrimony and vengeful feelings—"the words of his mouth were smoother than butter, but war was in his heart: his words were softer than oil, yet were they drawn swords."—(Ps. lv. 21.) Others tell plain truth in a plain, blunt manner; and yet it remains to be proved that the latter are the less pious, charitable, and honest characters of the two.

We shall now make two or three extracts from the Review in the March number of the Wesleyan Methodist Magazine for 1838, respecting the works of the Rev. R. Watson: speaking of Mr. Watson the Reviewer says—

"He was no *latitudinarian*."

"He well knew that to the cause of truth no advantage is ever gained by *misrepresentation*, and he never allowed himself to be guilty of it."

"Occasions there might be when he felt that his duty was to be *severe*, but he was never *dishonest*."

"He always endeavoured to place the arguments and inferences of his opponents in the right point of view."

In conclusion we observe, as to that "class of Christians," of hundreds of whom it may be affirmed, they are *Deists, Unitarians, Socinians*, denying equally the Divinity, and vicarious sacrifice of our blessed Lord, and the Divinity and personality of the Holy Spirit, and are utterly fruitless as to the necessity and reality of a *change of heart*, whose lives only afford a practical comment on their professions, and whose religious system, if such it may be called, is, in its leading doctrines, subversive of the whole christian scheme,—if these are "fellow christians," we honestly say, we claim them not as our "fellow christians"—if these are "the children of God" in an evangelical sense, we aspire not to the honour of being a child in such a family, nor to the privilege of being an heir to their inheritance.

TEMPERANCE MONITOR.—Two numbers, March and April, of a paper bearing this designation, have just been received. It is a monthly periodical, containing 4 pages small quarto. The enterprising Editor and Proprietor is Mr. A. W. Smith, a young gentleman of St. Andrews N. B.—The paper is got up with much spirit and bids fair to exert a favourable influence in the good cause it has espoused. Mr. Smith has our hearty wishes for a large subscription list.

We are pleased to witness the additions which are made to our PROVINCIAL TEMPERANCE PAPERS. New Brunswick, however, takes the lead of Nova Scotia in this species of enterprise. The former has three temperance papers: The Christian Repositor and Temperance Advocate, an increasingly-interesting periodical, published weekly in St. John, by Mr. William Till: the Temperance Friend published in Chatham, Miramichi, and mentioned in our second number: and the one above mentioned. Nova Scotia, as far as we are aware, has not a single paper either exclusively or prominently devoted to the Temperance cause.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—To the question proposed by *An Inquirer*, "In what way can the publication of advertisements respecting THE THEATRE in a volume devoted to religion promote the cause of true piety?"—we, for reasons satisfactory to our own minds, decline giving an answer.

## GENERAL AND LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

Since our last—several arrivals from England having very short passages, have brought dates as low as the 21st April.

## ENGLISH.

DISCOVERY OF THE NORTH WEST PASSAGE.—The question which has been a geographical problem for upwards of two centuries, the North-West Passage around the continent of America, is at length determined. The fact of the continent of America being circumnavigated—the determination of the latitude of its northern extremity, in the attempt to ascertain which so many expeditions of different nations have been unsuccessful—the knowledge that the great mountain ridge extending from Magellen Straits to the most northern part of the Asian continent, previously known, actually reaches the shores of the Arctic Sea; all these are highly interesting discoveries, and we owe them, as we do so many other valuable geographical discoveries, to commercial enterprise. The result appears to prove that even in boats, the northwest passage is impracticable, since with all the credit due and that can be given to Mr. Simpson and his brave companions, if they had not found the Esquimaux, and got their skin canoe, it is evident they never could have reached Cape Barrow; and many other similar expeditions might set out without one of them obtaining the same success. The discoverers of the North West Passage, are Messrs. Dease and Simpson, two gentlemen employed by the Hudson's Bay Company.—*Morning Chronicle*, April 19.

GRAND ENTERTAINMENT TO HER MAJESTY.—The most extensive preparations, on a scale of surpassing grandeur have commenced at Goldsmith's Hall in London, for the entertainment of the Queen, who has most graciously consented to accept the invitation of this, the richest company in the world. The festival is arranged to take place on the 24th of May, when a magnificent dress ball will be presented. It is proposed that afterwards there shall be a banquet in the superb hall, or dining room of the company, the grand painted window of which is to be illuminated from without by jets of gas light, and within the noble suit of rooms are to be lighted with gas in glass, so as to produce the effect of moonlight. The rarest flowers and exotics will add to the decorations, and it is said a miniature lake, containing gold and silver fishes, will be a prominent and novel part of the spectacle. Vocal and instrumental performers of first-rate talent are to be engaged. It is not generally known that the carpet in the banqueting room is valued at 1,600 guineas, and that the chairs cost 40 guineas each.

NEW PEERS.—We have received from we believe to be very good authority the following sketch of the projected coronation peerages:—Peers to be raised to dukedoms—Marquis of Lansdowne, Marquis of Westminster, Marquis of Anglesey. Several other promotions in the peerage. Commoners to be raised to the peerage—Sir John Wrottesley, Sir Jacob Astley, Sir J. Hobhouse, Mr. Paul Methuen, Mr. Hanbury Tracey, Mr. Spring Rice, Sir F. Lawley, Sir C. Lemon, and about eight others. The whole number of British and Irish expected is about 26, exclusive of promotions from one rank to another within the peerage. The daughter of the Earl of Liverpool is to be created a peeress in her own right. The Irish peerages are all to be given to Mr. O'Connell's chief supporters. One Irish Dukedom is to be created in favour of Lord Sligo. The constituencies of Cambridge and Nottingham ought to lose no time in providing conservative successors for Mr S. Rice and Sir J. Hobhouse.—*Standard*.

THE QUEEN'S VISIT TO IRELAND.—We have it on excellent authority, that her Majesty will visit Ireland early in August next.—*Dublin Freeman*.

A banquet upon the most magnificent scale is to be given to Sir R. Peel on the 12th May, by the conservative members of the House of Commons. Already the list of hosts exceeds the number of 280.

It is the Earl of Durham's intention to pay a short visit to the north before his departure for Canada; and it is stated that his lordship is expected at Lambton Castle this day. It is considered that a voyage across the Atlantic will be more agreeable in May than in April, and therefore the departure of his lordship is again deferred to some unknown day.

The depots of all the Regiments in North America have received orders to send out further draughts to the service companies.

## AMERICAN.

CINCINNATI, April 25, 8 o'clock, P. M. MOST AWFUL STEAM BOAT ACCIDENT. Loss of 125 LIVES.—It becomes again our painful duty to record one of the most aw-

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