

The Spanish revolution wears an aspect not so hopeful as before. The republican party have rioted and threatened mischief. The central power is too weak and divided. Great political transitions almost always require a Dictator. Spain is one of the most difficult countries to manage. Its provinces have great diversities, and have been in total darkness. They see but a few glimmerings of the dawn, and have not yet emerged into day. The political signs in France must alarm Napoleon if he be a nervous man. He is said to believe in destiny, and to wait upon the developments of the future with the coolness of a Turk. He is now stripped of all his early advisers, except Persigny, and is labouring under a disease which is incurable. The French is a treacherous and unstable nation, and how can it be otherwise when they have no fixed principles? Any political edifice among such a people is a frame without a foundation. The formation of a firm national power is a social process. The Chinese embassy has been handsomely received by Her Majesty. It was under the management of Mr. Burlinghame, an American. Free commercial intercourse with China is a matter of vital moment to the greatest nations and potentates. China has nearly one-half of the population of the globe, and when making money is the question, kings and queens must be courteous even to pagan celestials. The Alabama claims are to be settled by a conference in Washington, if the conference is not broken up. This pleases, while Johnson's politeness and peaceful expressions, displease, the Americans. Whoever tries to please the multitude, has undertaken a hard business. If the policy of the new American cabinet is to be restrictive as regards reciprocity, it will be a serious matter for our coal districts. We have in Pictou, according to Sir Wm. Logan, an inexhaustible bed of coal. The east side of the East River of Pictou, where the coal seams hitherto were considered of little value, is now found to be equally rich with the west. But the Dominion supplies as yet no market, and thus the blessings of Providence are, by the perversity of man, withheld from mankind. Congress reports show this policy to be of an *annexational* character. With the South under military rule, the Americans wish to enlarge their dwelling place. The insatiable ambition of democracies hitherto have produced their downfall, and it looks as if the great democracy of modern times was destined to be no exception to the historic rule.

Lord Justice General Inglis, a son of the late Dr. Inglis, has been elected Chancellor of the University of Edinburgh over Mr. Gladstone, and Lord Stanley, Rector of the University of Edinburgh over Mr. Lowe. On the other hand, the Scotch Universities have returned Liberal members. Inglis acquired his great fame as a pleader, by his defence of Madeline Smith. The *Scotsman*, newspaper, has now a daily issue of eight pages, and is the only paper out of London printed upon copperplate. The Free Church has received a very handsome legacy lately by the demise of D. Duncan, Esq., of Arbroath—amounting in all to £50,000. The Pope's invitation to the Eastern Bishops, has raised the slumbering prejudices of centuries, and been treated as an insult. Her Majesty's Book is, by the request of the native chiefs, being translated into one of the languages of S. Eastern India. A Munich professor has found, from the perusal of Chinese manuscripts, that a company of Buddhist priests discovered America about a thousand years before Columbus. It appears that China is the greatest field of modern Roman Catholic missions. A careful observer, who has travelled in the country, has estimated that of the missionaries employed in China, one in fifty is Protestant, and the rest are Romanists. It seems by the late treaty with France, the Jesuits have regained the property which they held before their expulsion, two hundred years ago. The result is not difficult to predict. They will succeed, of course, in implanting a perverted Christianity, exasperating the government by their unprincipled intrigues, and exciting a hatred against all forms of Christianity, and resulting