

GREAT BRITAIN AND THE CONTINENT.

Considerable distress from want of food seems to exist amongst the poor in England.

The trials were proceeding in Ireland. Deaths from starvation were daily reported. Emigration is likely to be considerable this year.

It is said now to be certain, that Prince Albert is labouring under a disease of the lungs.

Professor Syme, of Edinburgh, will succeed the late W. Liston in the University College Hospital, London.

The Chinese are becoming more polite. They no longer use the term "barbarians" when speaking of the British.

Respecting the proposed Canal through the Isthmus of Suez, a correspondent of the *Debats* says, "there are ten operators, geometers, and levellers." A first levelling has taken place at Cairo, and in the vicinity of the Pyramids.

It is said that the British Government intend laying a duty of 1s per 1000 cubic feet on Gas, which would raise a revenue of £2,000,000.

At a meeting held in Liverpool, to present a Silver Cruet Stand to Dr. Coffin, author of the Guide to Health, a Dr. Hall presided, who said that, were it not for Druggists' Shops and Gin Palaces, the patriarchal age might be revived.

The Earl of Powis was unintentionally shot by one of his sons on the 7th January, while they were out pheasant shooting.

17,000 copies of the first number of a new paper called the *British Banner* were sold. It is intended to compete with such papers as the *Weekly Despatch*, &c.

Mr. D'Israeli, sen, author of the *Curiosities of Literature*, died in London on the 19th January. He was in his 83rd year.

Government has, for the present, refused to reduce the duty on Tea.

Many small farmers in Meath and Cavan Counties, Ireland, are selling their interest in lands, and preparing for Emigration in Spring.

Elihu Burritt's league of Universal Brotherhood, already numbers 20,000 members.

A Tea-party was lately given in Leicester, by the Mayor and other individuals, to those who, from age, misfortune, and honest poverty, had hitherto only heard of such gatherings. More than 1700 partook of tea, plum-cake, buns, bread and butter, &c. Several Ministers addressed the audience, and the whole passed off admirably.

In Tipperary lately, a farmer who had married a wife with some property, to the discomfiture of other suitors, was shot within a few yards of his own house.

The Government have a number of agents actively employed in disarming the peasantry.

Maryland Hams are liked almost as well as the Westphalian, in England. Their quality is chiefly derived from excellent feeding and curing. Those of 1847 are very superior.

A treaty has been formed between the Duke of Parma, Modena and the Emperor of Austria, to resist the reform spirit.

By a treaty between the Pope and the Emperor of Russia, the Roman Church is to be tolerated in Russia.

The King of Bavaria, has of his own free will abolished the censorship of the press.

The expense for 1846, of Her Majesty's ships employed in suppressing the slave trade, is £201,623 sterling.

The Liverpool Association for the reduction of the duty on Tea, has again commenced operations.

The hour of noon is announced at Rome by the discharge of a 24 pounder, from the castle of St. Angelo.

Sir R. Peel voted for the admission of Jews into Parliament.

Nearly all the cases tried at the late assizes at York, had their origin in strong drink.

It is stated that in every chapel in Ireland, a policeman is stationed during the celebration of Mass. The reason given is, to observe whether any persons are denounced from the altar.

The *Aberdeen Journal* completed on the 28th January, its hundredth year. A dinner, on the occasion, was given to Mr. Chalmers, the proprietor.

The Court of Session has decided that the Presbytery of

Edinburgh could not oppose a Free Churchman's election to Professorship in the College.

The cellars of the Austrian Treasury contain 50,000,000 florins in gold and silver bars, lately taken from the Crown Mines of the In Siberia, they have ministers, physicians, lawyers, and judges who were once slaves.

An Episcopal Minister at York lately refused to grant a Marriage License to a party on the ground of drunkenness.

Some of the Highland Landlords are exerting themselves to employ the poor in trenching and draining their Estates.

UNITED STATES.

A correspondent of the *Christian Watchman* speaks of the prospect of Texas soon becoming a free state at no distant date. Germans are coming out by ship-loads, and they are to be opposed to slavery.

The Mayor and Citizens of Philadelphia have proposed applying to the Legislature for more ample powers to stop the riots which has so long disgraced that city.

General Scott has been suspended from the command of the army in Mexico. General Butler has succeeded him.

The steamer *Talohessee*, from Red River to New Orleans, was destroyed by fire on the 18th January. Forty persons are supposed to have perished.

The boilers of the steamer *Blueridge* exploded on the 8th January, near Pittsburgh, reducing her to a complete wreck.

A Ship Canal across the isthmus of Florida, to avoid the dangerous navigation from New Orleans to Mobile, has been spoken of.

The Vermont Legislature has refused to repeal the law which allows the people to decide by a popular vote, whether the traffic in Liquor shall be allowed in that state.

In 56 hours, between 9th and 11th January, the Hudson was bridged over with ice 18 inches in thickness.

The finances of the State of Massachusetts, for the year 1846 stands thus: receipts, and balance from 1846, \$599,090.40; expenditure, \$478,755.63. The Rev. Waddy Thompson, called this the model State of the Union. In this State, the number of State paupers is 9063; proportion of these who are foreigners 7035; and the proportion probably made so by intemperance in themselves or others 8703. Expenses of supporting or relieving them \$347,411.19.

Between 16th and 21st January, 4000 immigrants arrived at New-York. Fever still prevails,—number in that time received at quarantine Hospital, 363.

The Coffee used in the U. S., in the year ending Sept., 1821, was 11,886,073 lbs; and in that ending Sept., 1847, 150,332,992 lbs.

The receipts in the U. S. Treasury, for the year ending, 30th June, 1848, from Customs, Sales of Public Lands, &c., are \$49,801,623.80, and the estimated expenditure \$53,615,660.7

Monies Received on Account of

Tract Effort.—Per Mr. McCallum—G. Joseph, 10s; J. Speirs, 10s; W. McB. 1s 3d; J. Sutherland, 2s 6d; J. Smith, 2s 6d; P. D. Brown, 1s 3d; Mr. Brutus, 5s; A. Howard, 5s; James Unsworth, 5s; J. Mulson, 10s; W. McFavish, 5s; An Old Tippler, 1s 3d; J. Blanchet, 2s 6d; Wm. Laverock, 1s 3d. Cash, Sundries—11s 3d, 2s 6d, 1s 1½d, 1s 7½d, 1s 10½d.

MONTREAL PRICES CURRENT.—FEB. 28.

ASHES—Pots, 25s 0d a 00s 0d	PEASE . per min. 0s 0d a 0s 0d
Pearls 30s 0d a 00s 0d	BEEF per 200 lbs.—
FLOUR—	Prime Mess (do) 00s 0d a 40s 0d
Canada Superfine (per brl.	Primo . . . (do) 00s 0d a 30s 0d
196 lbs.) . . . 00s 0d a 00s 0d	PORK per 200 lbs.—
Do Fine (do) 24s 0d a 25s 0d	Mess . . . 00s 0d a 80s 0d
Do Extra (do) 00s 0d a 00s 0d	Prime Mess 00s 0d a 55s 0d
Do Middlings, 00s 0d a 00s 0d	Prime 00s 0d a 45s 0d
American Superfine	BUTTER per lb. 0d a 0d
(do) 00s 0d a 00s 0d	
Wheat, U. C. Best,	
(per 60 lbs.) . . . 0s 0d a 0s 0d	