

known before. The day was celebrated with becoming rejoicings in Canada and New Brunswick:—For some unexplained reason scarcely any notice was taken of it in the capital of Nova Scotia. In Pictou it was almost a general holiday, and the ladies of that little town selected the day to present a set of colours to the Volunteer Company.

No movement of any great importance has been made by the belligerents in the neighboring Republic during the past two months, though the want of success by sea by the powerful Federal Navy is one of the most extraordinary circumstances of this cruel war. We have the burning of the Jacob Bell, with it is said 1500 tons of tea, and the capture by the Confederates of two of their most powerful rams on the Mississippi. While the Federalists can only boast of the occasional capture of an unarmed steamer attempting to run the blockade.

Poland has risen in insurrection against its tyrant, and to the astonishment of the nations, bands of half armed undisciplined men are defeating in repeated encounters, the trained legions of the Czar. This insurrection seems to be extending over the whole country, and is evidently gaining in strength every day.—The conduct of both Russia and Prussia towards this unfortunate and noble people is denounced by nearly every portion of the press both in England and France, and we observe that Lord Palmerston in his place in parliament has spoken out on the subject with the spirit and freedom of an Englishman.

Great preparations are making in the city of Glasgow, to give a suitable reception to Lord Palmerston on the occasion of his being installed Lord Rector of the University. Take him all in all, the present premier is perhaps the most popular of living men with all classes, and the occasion will doubtless be a most interesting one. The office of "Rector" is purely an honorary one, but has been an object of ambition by the most distinguished.—In the bright roll are to be found the names of Burke, Adam Smith, Thomas Campbell, Sir James McIntosh, Lord Jeffrey, Brougham, McAulay, Derby, Sir James Graham, and many others, and the inaugurals of some of them are the finest gems of English eloquence.

DR. BEGG, not satisfied with his speech upon the "Paper lads," has come out upon the subject of sermon-reading particularly, and student-training generally, in a bulky pamphlet.

**SUGGESTED TOUR FOR DR. GUTHRIE IN THE HOLY LAND.**—A literary journal states that Messrs. Strahan & Co., the enterprising publishers of "Good Words," have placed £5000 at the disposal of Rev. Dr Guthrie, to enable him to make a tour in the Holy Land, with the view of writing a commentary on the Bible, to be published in periodical numbers.

REV. W. ARNOT, of the Free Church, Glasgow, declined the call of the St. George's English Presbyterian Church, Liverpool, with the liberal salary offered of £750. Commissioners from the Lancashire English Presbytery were admitted to the Free Church Presbytery of Edinburgh to press the call. When Mr Arnot announced his decision, Dr Buchanan and Prof. Gibson referred to the fact that Mr A., by this decision, kept himself from being mixed up with the controversy in England on the mode of conducting public worship.

THE Free Church edifice of Kelso (Dr. Bonnar's) has passed into the hands of the Established Church of Scotland. £2000 have been raised by the people towards erecting a new building.

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We beg to acknowledge, through Rev. Mr McKay, a sermon by the Rev. Dr Stevenson, Convener of the Colonial Committee, but which we regret arrived too late for publication in the present No.

"Life Jottings," and "Church Innovations" have also been crowded out.

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