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A verdant olive branch of peace Upon our pillows prest, Shedding its grateful fragrance round Before we sink to rest—

A kindly wish that each may dwell In undisturbed repose, Until the morn her robe of light Round every sleeper throws.

Then scorn not thou this little word Of peace and amity; It is a link in Love's bright chain, How small so'er it be.

Provincial Wesleyan

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1854.

Thoughts on the Present State of the World.

(Continued.)

In our late notice of the Jews, we had intended to state our conviction in respect to their return to their own land...

Ladies' Department.

Mischief Makers.

Oh! to know in this world is found Some little spot of happy ground, Without the village tattle...

Mischief Makers.

These mischief-makers that remove Far from our midst the wreath of love, And lead us all to disapprove...

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For 'tis a sad degrading part, To make another's labour smart, And plant a dagger in the heart...

A Leaf from Every-day Life.

Evening is spreading her mantle over the fair earth, shutting out from our view the snow-dusted scenes around...

The Husband.

Since the great interest of female education took hold of the public mind, we have seen accustomed to endless expostions of the duty of preparing women to be the companions of men...

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In giving expression to my opinion on this matter in my former communication, I aimed at doing so in courteous and kindly terms...

With regard to the contributions toward the Academy Endowment Fund, I am encouraged to believe that the amount which I ventured to state in my last for the N. S. West District...

I am, dear Doctor, ever yours, J. MCMURRAY.

Halifax, January 30, 1854.

Letter from Rev. R. A. Chesley.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—I ought to have told you long ago about our excellent Missionary Meetings on the Aylesford Circuit...

If the collectors do their duty, as I know they will, and cheerfully too, the results will be gratifying to all the friends of the Mission Cause.

We found the people cheered with good crops and good markets; and not a soul raised the cry of "hard times."

What I saw of the disposition of the people, and their prosperity, induces the hope that they will increase their subscriptions to their Circuit funds...

As Farmer Hopkins' choice, I was obliged to join Bro. Lockhart in assisting Bro. Barratt on the Annapolis Circuit...

Owing to stormy weather we could only hold three out of five Meetings on Digby Circuit, Bro. Barrett and Bro. Lockhart were the Deputation...

It will not do for Calvinist Baptist Ministers to say, as one said very recently in this region, "We believe that infants have an interest in the covenant of Grace..."

We are about erecting a new Chapel in Digby. Our Chapel at Trout Cove is finished outside, and to be finished inside in the Spring...

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Irishland pays \$15,000 a year to the Propaganda at Rome, besides supporting no less than 2500 priests at home, building no less than 2500 chapels, 55 convents, and about a hundred other houses of monastic retreat. It sends to foreign service, at Drumcondra, near Dublin, and three of them Jesuit colleges, of which Convent, under the presidency of Dr. Kenny, late of Palermo, and vice president of Maynooth, is the most celebrated—*Corr. Com. Advertiser.*

Australia—Sydney.

Where sixty-five years ago, Governor Phillip looked upon a silent harbour from an open boat Governor Fitzroy now dwells in a castellated structure, which cost £60,000, with a tower seventy feet high, soaring stately above the tower and water of Farm Cove; and thence he looks out on a proud and stirring scene...

Intellectual Influence of Prayer. Think of the exalting associations of communion with "the Father of light" through the Divine Messiah, and by the aid of the Holy Spirit, think of the high privilege that the petitioner is advanced in being permitted to adore Him before whom the principalities and powers of heaven prostrate themselves with profound reverence...

No Sabbath. In a "Prize Essay on the Sabbath," written by a journeyman printer in Scotland, there occurs the following passage:—"I think I would rather have the Sabbath abolished than have the work of labour thus going on in one monotonous and continuous and eternal cycle, limbs forever on the rack, the fingers forever playing, the eye-balls forever straining, the brow forever sweating, the feet forever plodding, the brain forever throbbing, the shoulders forever drooping, the loins forever aching, and the restless mind forever scheming."

Ireland.

BELFAST, (Ireland), Dec. 26th, 1853.—An official return has been made of the total agricultural produce of Ireland, of the number of acres under cultivation, and the amount of stock in possession of the population, during the year 1852—Owing to the extensive emigration to America and Australia, the number of holdings, the extent of land under cultivation, and the quantity of crops sown, have undergone a considerable diminution, as compared with the previous year, and yet the aggregate produce of the country is largely increased, and like the other crops, in which the diminished cultivation has taken place, have been found to exceed the produce of the previous year, and a similar phenomenon is observed in nearly every department, which has been brought under review. In the article of stock, the returns show a large increase—The present Russo-Turkish war has affected the markets considerably here, and many sincerely long for a cessation of hostilities, which would restore the economic equilibrium.

What ought Protestants to do at this Crisis? But the question remains, What ought British Protestants to do at this crisis? That it is a crisis is manifest. Rome does not seek even to deceive us. She tells us more plainly than words could tell us, by deeds which sound through all Europe, that she is not base enough to abjure her faith whenever she may have grasped the power she is now showing earth and hell to attain. No warning more, plain and loud, has been given to a slumbering people; and on the way on which we shall improve it will probably depend the issue of the conflict to us. It summons us to stand and combine for our liberties. The ground is fast sinking beneath us. In a little, defence will be impossible.

Let us look along the Papal front, and see how ominously the battle threatens us, and how it comes nearer us every hour. Popery is again the ruler of the great despots on the Continent. Though weak in moral power, Rome is strong in political and military force. The great armed masses of France, and Austria, and Naples, and Spain, are at her service. And though we believe these powers would not engage in a crusade on purely religious grounds, they have, unhappily, a political interest in the subjugation of Britain. The Pope would invade us because we are a Protestant nation. The English pervert, Father Ignatius has just accomplished a tour among the leading sovereigns, with considerable success, as he tells us in the Tablet, in order to enlist them in a crusade for the conversion of England—This conversion is to be brought about, not by prayer, but by force. Indeed, if this fanatic had not the sword mainly in his eye, it is strange that he should go to emperors and such people. A bitter, fierce, and exasperated spirit is springing up against our country abroad. The most terrible threats have been published...

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ly pointed against us; they have been so abundantly in different quarters of Europe, and without dishonour. The utter extermination of our faith and name, and the trampling out of the ashes of the Reformation, have been declared to be necessary before the world can have peace. In concert with these terrible sufferings from the suppressed volcano of sacerdotal wrath, there have been attacks on our rights as Britons, and our faith as Protestants, by almost all the governments of the Continent. In Spain, they deny burial to our dead. In Austria, they deny our missionaries. In the Papal States they rob us of our Bibles. And now in Tuscany they have cast into prison a British lady for no offence but giving a copy of God's Word to a peasant. And what is kinder than these men, abandoned of God, and left to the guidance of the Pope and their own blind and raging passions, taking the last step of crossing the Channel, and by one summary blow wiping from the face of the earth a country which so deeply pains and torments them? We no more doubt that they will do so than we doubt our own existence, provided God do not divide their counsels, and find work for them somewhere else.

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