

## LATEST NEWS.

The Governor General of India has issued a very sensible circular, stating that the Anglo-Indian Government will henceforth confine itself strictly within the natural boundaries of the Indus and Himmaleh mountains, and that it will devote itself to the happiness, security, and prosperity of its own subjects; and to promote peace and good will among its neighbours.

The last of the prisoners made by the Afghans has come in to the British camp, many also of the native soldiers, who were supposed to have been lost in the disastrous retreat about a year ago, have come in. The notorious Akbar Khan had lost all his influence, and was a fugitive in Kohistan.

The Emperor of China has ratified the treaty of peace.

Great preparations are making by British ship-owners, merchants and manufacturers, to take advantage of the new state of things in China; and the missionary societies are not behind in activity.

A convocation of Ministers of the Kirk of Scotland, recently held in Edinburgh, came to the solemn resolution, that they could not submit to state interference in Spiritual matters; and 354 signed a resolution to resign their stipends, if Government do not pass such laws as they consider necessary to secure the independence of the church.

The demand for bread stuffs in England was more active.

Several defalcations, some of them to a large amount, have lately occurred in New York.

The court of inquiry in the *Somers'* case has not yet completed its painful task; the evidence, however, shows that young Spencer was a very reckless, intemperate, and vicious character. He was dismissed from college for bad conduct, ran away to sea, was cashiered from the navy for intemperance and insubordination, was taken back on promises of amendment, and hung at the yard arm for mutiny, when he was only nineteen years of age. He has it seems a brother in Texas.

The highest postage in the United States is shortly to be ten cents whatever the distance; and the franking privilege whether of legislators or postmasters is to be abolished. This is following the English penny postage system, as near as circumstances will permit. We may soon expect an alteration in Canada.

A bill has passed the United States Senate making provision for the immediate settlement of the Oregon territory, and it is supposed it will pass the House of Representatives. This measure will, perhaps, bring the British and American governments again into collision.

**ANOTHER PLAGUE SPOT REMOVED.**—Among the first resolutions offered in the House of Representatives, the present session, was one by Mr. Briggs, prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors in the Capitol, and we are happy to say that it has become a law.—*Washingtonian*.

**NELSON HACKETT.**—We have ascertained from one of the senators of the State of Arkansas, through a friend at Washington, that Nelson Hackett, the fugitive slave who was given up by Sir Charles Bagot, the Governor General of Canada, was taken to Arkansas—their tried for stealing—publicly whipped—then delivered to his master, by whom he has since been sold to somebody, in Texas.—*Anti-Slavery Reporter*.

The State of Virginia has made a requisition on the State of Massachusetts, for Latimer, not as a slave, but as a felon. The Governor of Massachusetts appears however to understand what such a requisition means, and declines to comply with it. The people of Virginia are very wroth.

The last links in the chain of ship navigation between the Atlantic and Lake Huron, are now under contract. We refer to the Beanharois and Lachine canals. That these canals will ever be used by ships, except perhaps as an experiment, is however doubtful.

The trade in whisky is, we understand, very brisk about the Welland Canal, which may account for the numerous riots and disturbances among the labourers.

**CANAL RIOTERS.**—We regret to learn, that there has lately been some further disturbances among the labourers on the Feeder of the Welland Canal, in the vicinity of Broad Creek. The troubles however, do not appear to have been extensive—the unemployed men, who attempted to stop the progress of the work, being so few in number, that on the appearance of Baron de Rottenburgh, the special Magistrate, backed by the troops, stationed at Danville, the

leaders were taken into custody, and the rabble speedily dispersed.—*St. Catharines Journal*.

The Governor-General's health is much improved.

## MONIES RECEIVED ON ACCOUNT OF

*Advocate*—D. Kennedy, Bytown, £1; R. C. Lawrence, E. Murphy, J. Murphy, W. Wallace, W. M'Gee, £1 5s; Y. Scott, Pakenham, 3s; J. Dick. Lanark, £1; J. Smith and A. Craig, Lanark, 10s; J. F. Lintoff, Perth, 5s; R. Wade, Brockville, 8s 6d; W. Brough and A. Anderson, Brockville, 7s; T. Hume, Brockville, 5s; Sundries, Yonge Mills, 15s; D. Mallory, Mallory town, 5s; E. H. Ellis, Gananoque 5s; Joseph Woodruff, Drummondville, 5s; G. Polly, do, 5s; Alex. Pew, do, 5s; James Brownrig, do, 5s; Mrs. Williams, Montreal, 5s; A. Shaw, 1st Royals, London, £1 7s 6d; Moore Society, 15s; Jas. Baby, Moore, 5s; W. D. Dickinson, Prescott, £1 13s 4d; James Johnston, Point Albine, 5s.

*Donations and Subscriptions*—S. S. Ward, £2 10s; Collection meeting U. S. Church, 7s; James Wilson, 5s; Collection at meetings, by Rev. J. T. Byrne, £2 2s; J. Gillan, 43d, 2s 6d; R. Heaven, 2s 6d; D. Campbell, Bytown, 5s; C. Waugh, Bytown, 5s; Pakenham Mills Society, 5s; Carlton Place Society, 15s; Lanark Society, £1 6s 3d; Perth Society, £5 12s; J. Greenly, Perth, 10s; J. F. Lintoff, Perth, 5s; Kitley Society, 6s 7d; Farmersville Society, 11s 4d; Brockville Society, £1; Mallory Town Society, 14s 3d; Gananaque Society, 15s 9d; T. A. Stayner, D. P. M. G., £10; A. and D. Ferguson, 10s; John Redpath, £5; Robt. Campbell, £5; Chas. Hopper, and eleven privates of the 43d Regt., 15s; Geo. Brush, £2 10s.

*Agency Fund*—Amherstburgh Society, £1 7s; A. Shaw, 1st Royal, London, 16s.

*Anti Bacchus*—Moore Society, 3s 9d.

*Open accounts*—C. B. Knapp, Bytown, £1.

*Arrears*—Ed. Caldwell, 2s 6d.

*Tracts*—Mr. Cook, St. Catharines, 10s. [Will be sent as soon as possible.]

## THE CANADA SPELLING BOOK,

By Alexander Davidson, P. M. Niagara.

TEN THOUSAND copies of this School Book have already been published. It may be had of Booksellers Generally.  
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## ANNIVERSARY MEETINGS.

**F**ROM the interest given to the Annual Meetings of the Religious Societies last year, by holding them in one week, the several Committees have resolved to hold them this year in the same manner, in the AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, viz:—

Religious Tract Society on Tuesday Evening, January 24, 1843.

Auxiliary Bible Society, on Wednesday Evening, Jan. 25.

French Canadian Missionary Society, on Thursday Evening, Jan. 26.

Canada Sunday School Union, on Friday Evening, Jan. 27.

The Churches in the city are respectfully requested to give up their ordinary meetings during that week, that the attendance may be general. Ministers of the Gospel and friends of the Societies in the country, are invited to attend in Montreal during the anniversary week.

Ministers in the country who intend being present at the above, meetings, will please send notice of such intention to Mr. MILNE, at the Bible Depository, M'Gill Street, as early as possible; that provision may be made for receiving them into private Families, during their stay in town.

The Chair will be taken each evening at half-past Six o'clock. Collections will be taken up in aid of the Funds of the several Societies.

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