

## News of the Month.

The news is not of much importance. Commercial matters continue in a healthy condition, though the uncertainty of peace or war still operates to retard speculation. Mr. Bright continues to agitate the subject of Parliamentary reform. The Princess Frederick William, eldest daughter of Queen Victoria, was safely delivered of a prince, at Berlin, on the 27th ult. The latest bulletin reports both "as well as can be expected under the circumstances." The marriage of the Prince Napoleon with the Princess Clotilde was celebrated on the 30th inst. at Turin. The British Government, it is alleged, have completed a contract with three large iron companies for a supply of 68-pounders as fast as they can be cast. An important contract for gunpowder has also been taken. Sir Charles Napier has addressed a letter to the Earl of Derby on the state of the coast defences. Mr. Gladstone is gazetted Lord High Commissioner of the Ionian Islands. The Earl of Ripon died on the 29th ult. Some of the Paris journals assert that in the event of a change of ministry in England, war is inevitable. Mr. Henry Hallam, the historian, died at his residence on the 22nd ult., at the advanced age of 81 years. The screw steamer *Czar*, with government stores, bound to Malta, foundered off the Lizards on the 22nd ult. The captain and his wife, and several of the crew, in all 14, perished. Twenty-one Captains in the Indian Army are *Gazetted* Majors in the army, and two Majors are promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonels. Col. Wetherill, C. B., to be Deputy Quarter-master to the forces in England. vice Brownrig. The *Corriere Mercantile* states that the Government of Modena has sent 500 men and two pieces of artillery to watch the Piedmontese frontier. The *Augsburg Gazette* repeats that the levy of 12,000 recruits, ordered to be effected in February, is not an extraordinary measure, but is designed to complete the peace effective footing of the army. The Prince of Wales arrived at Verona on the 22nd.

In India, Feroze Shah was defeated with much slaughter, by General Napier, on the 17th Dec., at Ranode, and pursued for eight miles; his force was again dispersed on the 23rd by troops from Poonah. Nana Sahib was reported at Churdah, in Oude, with 1500 men. Two Rajahs with him have solicited government for protection, when they may be able to escape. Their messenger also appeals on behalf of the Nana himself for clemency to his family. Nothing authentic had been heard of Lord Elgin's trip up the Yang-tse-kiang. The Chinese report that the ambassador's ship exchanged fire with the rebels in passing Mou-hoo. The *Laplace*, with Baron Gros on board, got ashore on one of the Chusan Islands, and was towed to Shanghai by Her Majesty's ship *Inflexible*. His Excellency then proceeded to Hong Kong by the *Aden*. Mr. Reed, United States' Commissioner, returns to America.

The Presbytery of Pictou met in Pictou the 1st day of March. The storm having prevented the attendance of various members the Court adjourned to the 3rd day of May.

The Rev. T. Talloch gave in a report of services, which was approved of, and recommended appointments as follows:—To preach at Pictou on the 6th of March, 1st of May, and 5th June; at Cape John 13th of March, 1st & 2nd April; Roger's Hill, 20th March, 10th & 18th May; River John 27th March, 17th & 15th May, and at St. Mary's on the 22nd & 29th days of May.

Members of Presbytery were ordered to produce at next meeting, their session books.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet at Pictou on Wednesday the 1st day of June.

JAMES MAIR, Pres. Clerk.

## For the "Monthly Record."

## HOME MISSION FUND.

1859.  
Feb. 28, Balance in hand, £38 1 1

## YOUNG MEN'S SCHEME.

Balance in hand, £50 4

## BURSARY FUND.

1859.  
Collection already advertized, £42 5 3  
Jan., Collection St. Matthew's Church, Halifax, 12 3 6  
Feb., Collection St. Andrew's Church, Pictou, 4 10 0

£58 19 9

To cash pd. Synod Clerk, £2 10

Feb., Cash pd. by order of Committee of Bursary Fund, 20 0 22 10 0  
£36 9 9

## WIDOWS' FUND.

Collections already advertized, £25 16 0  
Feb., Collection New Glasgow, Rev. Mr. Pollok, 4 14 0  
£30 10 0

## SYNOD FUND.

Balance on hand, £2 6 0 1/2

## JEWISH MISSION.

Collection already advertized, £1 2 0  
W. GORDON.  
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