

from taking the initiative. It would be very silly to suppose that because one is merely born on the threshold of a throne the crown belongs to him, and that he is to succeed to the inheritance of an entire people, as a flock of sheep falls to the lot of a private individual. Let Italy call me and I shall be proud of serving her. I will even add that no one will serve her better than myself. Her enemies are my enemies, and there is a terrible account to be settled between us. But should Italy choose another, my good wishes should be still with her; and to aid her success I should shed the last drop of my blood. Happy he who shall be the elect of Italy! His mission is an easy one. Check yourself and remember this maxim, which is not the less good because it is old, *noblesse oblige*.—Entirely yours,
"L. MURAT."

Mr. Beatty has received instructions to form two new lines of railway—one from the Col de Balacava to Kamiesch, to be worked by horse-power; the other from Kadikoi to the Woronzoff road, near the Sardinian position over Tchergoun.

Marshal Radetzki last week *fulfilled* his fiftieth anniversary of his promotion to the grade of general. He is eighty-nine years of age, and has served seventy-one years. In reply to an autograph letter from the Emperor Francis Joseph, congratulating him on the restoration of his health, the old General has requested to be allowed to retire.

The *Gazette de Lyon* says that "Abd-el-Kader still suffers exceedingly from cholera. He refuses to lie in bed, and remains extended on the ground with his head resting against the wall. He refuses to follow the prescriptions of his medical attendants; and replies to all their representations by the well-known phrase of the Mahometans, 'If I am to die, I must die, for so it is written.' He takes a little chicken broth from time to time, and that is all. He talks of leaving for Paris in a day or two if he can by any means endure the journey."

A singular correspondence appears in the *Melbourne Morning Herald*. A Mr. Croons, a Government contractor, was dismissed, and on asking for an explanation, the Colonial Secretary replied on behalf of Sir C. Hotham—"The remark you were heard to make on the subject of his Excellency's beer at the late viceregal ball was neither courteous nor proper; and furthermore, the want of discretion was aggravated in your recumbent bearing and gestures while in the act of leaving the supper room." The contractor complains in reply—"I am summarily dismissed, and publicly disgraced, and in consequence of my having uttered the exclamation of 'O Lord!' after a draught of the viceregal beer, and for having walked rather hastily out of the supper room with one hand pressed upon my external coating." Against this he protests, adding—"Everything I have myself, at any time, supplied to the victualling department has always been of the very best kind for the price contracted for."

UNITED STATES.

YELLOW FEVER IN VIRGINIA.—Since our last report the ravages of the pestilence in Norfolk have been almost without parallel. In consequence of the greater part of the inhabitants having left, the population was reduced to 6,500, of whom only about 1,500 were whites; yet the deaths have ranged from twenty to sixty a day, and at one time there were over five hundred persons down with the fever. Several physicians and nurses have died. The Rev. Mr. Dibrell, of the M. E. Church, is also dead, and his colleague was also attacked, but is recovering. It is impossible to get attendants for the sick, or coffins for the dead. Scenes of the most distressing character are constantly occurring, and the suffering and privation is very great. To add to the affliction, it is now reported that small-pox has made its appearance in this devoted town. In Portsmouth the mortality, in proportion to the population, is equally great. The people in Baltimore, Washington, Philadelphia, New York, Boston, and other places, are subscribing for the relief of the sufferers, and there is pressing need for all that can be raised.—*Adv. & Journal*.

Diocesan Assembly.

PROPOSED REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

The Committee appointed at the Meeting of the Bishops, Clergy, and Representatives of the Laity, assembled at Halifax on the 12th day of October last, to prepare a Constitution upon which the proposed Synodical action of the Diocese of Nova Scotia should be based, have so far proceeded in conformity with their instructions, as to agree upon the fol-

lowing Declaration and Regulations, which they now publish for the information of the members of the Church, preparatory to submitting them for adoption at the meeting of the Assembly to be held in October next:—

I. Declaration of Principles.

We, the Bishop and Clergy, and Representatives of the Laity of the United Church of England and Ireland, within the Diocese of Nova Scotia, assembled together and intending, under God's blessing and guidance, to consider and determine upon such matters as shall appear necessary for the welfare of the Church in this Diocese, desire, in the first place, for the avoiding of all misunderstanding and scandal, to make a declaration of the principles upon which we propose to proceed.

We desire that the Church in this Colony may continue, as it has been, an integral portion of the United Church of England and Ireland.

We recognize the true Canon of Holy Scripture, as received by that Church, to be the rule and standard of faith: we acknowledge the Book of Common Prayer and Sacraments, together with the Thirty Nine Articles of Religion, to be the true and faithful declaration of the doctrines contained in Holy Scripture: we maintain the form of Church government by Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, as Scriptural and Apostolical: and we declare our firm and unanimous resolution, in dependence on Divine aid, to preserve those doctrines and that form of Church Government, and to transmit them to our posterity.

In particular we uphold the ancient doctrine of our Church, that the Queen is rightfully possessed of the chief government or supremacy over all persons within her dominions, in all causes whether ecclesiastical or civil; and we desire that such supremacy may continue unimpaired.

It is our earnest wish and determination to confine our deliberations and actions to matters of discipline, to the temporalities of the Church, and to such regulations of order as may tend to her efficiency and extension.

I. Constitution and Regulations of Assembly.

1. Periodical Meetings shall be held, composed of the Bishop, Clergy, and Laity of this Diocese; and their Assembly, constituted as hereafter provided, shall be called the Diocesan Assembly of Nova Scotia.

2. Every Clergyman in the Diocese duly licensed by the Bishop shall have a seat in the Assembly, Presbyters alone having the right of voting. The Laity shall appear by their representatives.

3. A quorum of the Assembly shall consist of not less than one-fourth of the whole number of Clergy and Lay members respectively, with the Bishop or his Commissary presiding.

4. The vote of each order shall be taken separately, such vote being determined by the majority of the members present in each order.

5. No rule shall be binding on the members of the Church of this diocese at large which shall not have received the concurrent assent of the Bishop, the Clergy, and the Laity, and have been passed in the Diocesan Assembly.

6. The Clergy being under the obligation implied in their subscription to the Thirty Nine Articles, as well as the three Articles of the 39th Canon, it is not competent for the Diocesan Assembly to make alterations in these formularies or in the method of interpretation laid down in the Declaration prefixed to the 39 Articles, or in the Book of Common Prayer of the United Church of England and Ireland, or finally in the authorised versions of the Holy Scriptures. With these exceptions, the Diocesan Assembly may deliberate and decide by a majority of votes taken as specified in Rule 4, on all matters affecting the interests of the Church of this Diocese.

7. The Representatives of the Laity must have been communicants for the 12 months preceding the Election, and every adult male Parishoner may vote for the Parish or District of which he is a member, upon subscribing the following declaration:—"I do declare that I am a member of the United Church of England and Ireland, and belong to no other religious denomination."

8. Each District forming a separate cure of souls may send 2 lay representatives, and the Parish of St. Paul's in the City of Halifax may send 4, so long as its present area remains undiminished.

9. The meetings of the Assembly shall be Biennial, but the Bishop (or in his absence the Archbishop) shall have power to summon additional meetings at his discretion, and an Election of Representatives shall take place at the Easter Meeting preceding each ordinary biennial Meeting of the Assembly.

10. There shall be two Secretaries, one chosen by the Clergy, the other by the Laity, who shall keep regular Minutes of all proceedings of the Assembly.

Correspondence.

FOR THE CHURCH TIMES.

THE FALL OF SEBASTOPOL.

THE PSALM OF VICTORY.

"Jehovah-nissi". Exodus: xvii. 15.

"The Lord thy Banner," glorious theme,
Let heart and voice be lifted high;
Strike the loud chords to God supreme,
And shout the Song of victory.

Sub'ued and plaintive be the strain
Of mourning for the hurt and slain;
And mingled with the victor's cry
Chant the poor mourner's litaney.

Thou wilt not leave the cadden'd heart
To hopeless sorrow's dark control;
Thy word submission shall impart
"Thy comforts shall refresh the soul"

No more the hostile standards float
O'er guarded wall and deepen'd moat;
The legions of the foe retreat,
And sue for mercy at our feet.

Wild in their haste the warriors flee
Their burning tow'rs and sinking fleet;
Their waters are a shipless sea;
Their city is a houseless street.

Their doomed fortress once the pride,
Of martial strength, the world defied,
But now, with ruin overspread,
Home only of the maim'd and dead.

Glory to Thee all-glorious King,
By whom our conqu'ring hosts are led;
In triumph to Thy house we bring,
The glory on a nation shed.

Higher, still higher swell the strain,
The grateful anthem of the free;
Strike the full chords again, again
Ascribe to God the victory!

W. B.

MELANCHOLY CATASTROPHE.—We regret to learn that a melancholy catastrophe happened at Kentville on Friday evening, Sept. 23, which resulted in the death of one of the young men of that place. It appears that during the evening there was a general turn out to testify the joy felt at the late victories in the Crimea. Several bonfires were lighted in various parts of the village, and a good many salutes fired. About half-past ten the last round was fired—and well would it have been if the last gun. After a considerable number of persons had left the ground, a single gun was discharged, which instantly killed Charles, youngest son of the Hon. James D. Harris. An inquest was held on Saturday, and the Jury returned a verdict that deceased came to his death by a gun unlawfully discharged by Gideon Eaton. The Coroner issued a warrant, and the party is now in custody to await the decision of a Jury of his country, as to whether the discharge of the gun was accidental or designed. Thus sadly terminated the evening which had been commenced with great rejoicings.—*Com. & Chron.*

RAILWAY DEBENTURES.—We have received information from a highly respectable and reliable source, that Nova Scotia debentures, to a considerable amount, have lately been sold in London at 5 per cent. premium, or £105 for £100 bonds. This is a capital beginning, and we will not be surprised to hear, ere long, that our Debentures are as much sought after as those of Canada, and that they command as high a price.—*Ibid.*

Mr. Howe has succeeded in getting permission from the Imperial Authorities to carry the Railway through the Navy Yard. The right of way secured, measures, we presume, will be at once adopted to bring the Railway down into the heart of the City.—*Ibid.*

HONOR TO WHOM HONOR IS DUE.—The National School was the seminary of learning illuminated on Thursday and Friday evenings, in honor of the allied successes before Sebastopol. On both occasions the lighting and decorations were highly creditable to the excellent proprietor, Mr. J. R. Willis. The only churches in the city lighted on Friday evening were St. Paul's and the Universalist.—*Ibid.*
[The Meeting House of the Colored people, Round Church Hill, was also illuminated.]

PAYMASTER CONSTANTINE EVANS, who succeeded the late lamented Joseph Hoffman, Esq., as Paymaster of H. M. S. Daring, 12, Commander Napier, died on board that sloop at Vera Cruz, on the 5th of August, 1855, aged 22 years.—*Ibid.*

A detachment of three officers and about eighty men of the Foreign Legion marched through the City on Thursday evening, 27th inst., and embarked on board the R. M. S. Africa, at the Cunard wharf, for conveyance to England. They seemed to be in excellent spirits, judging from the heartiness with which they sang the songs of Faderland.—*C. Mers.*