

man, upon an unwilling congregation, and thus run the risk of scattering it altogether.

In our own little corner of the vineyard, we were congratulating ourselves some time ago on a substantial addition to our strength. Alas! how short-sighted is man! Four missionaries came to us, and in a year four have departed. The venerable Dr. McGilivray has gone to the better country. Mr. Jardine has returned to Scotland, and also Mr. Tallach. Mr. Cameron has accepted a presentation in Canada to the astonishment and regret of all his friends here. Why under the peculiar circumstances of his case he has turned his back on his native Province in her need we do not know. Perhaps he has a reason; it ought to be a strong one.

Turning our attention to matters of a secular nature, we find the gold prospecting in Nova Scotia more promising than ever. Great quantities of the precious metal are undoubtedly being found, and there is every appearance of the approaching summer being a busy and successful one in that direction.

In England, the most absorbing topic of the day, is the Great Exhibition, which was to be opened on the first of the present month. There is every probability that its success will not be inferior to that of its predecessor in 1851, while it will be on a vastly greater scale. It would appear to be a subject of universal regret that neither the Queen nor the Prince of Wales will be present at its opening, the latter in accordance with a plan laid down by his late lamented father having set out on a tour to the East.

The subscriptions for a monument in honor of Prince Albert, have now reached upwards of £40,000. Several of the great cities intend having monuments of their own. Her Majesty has decided that the national one shall be a monolith or obelisk, consisting of a single stone of as great height as can be procured, with designs by the most eminent artists.

The destruction of the American frigates by the iron clad Merrimac in Southern waters, has been a subject of exciting debate in Great Britain, and it is pretty generally conceded that the present navy must be replaced, at any cost, and as speedily as possible by iron ships of the Warrior class. The great question is whether artillery may not be discovered powerful enough to destroy even them.

The people of England have shown princely generosity in aiding the poor people made widows and orphans by the terrible accident at the Hartley coal pits, the sum of £70,000 having been subscribed for that purpose.

The unnatural war in the States of America continues on ever increasing proportions. For some time victory has declared in favor of the North, and a number of important

positions after much hard fighting, has fallen into their hands.

The last battle fought at Pittsburgh landing on the Tennessee was the most bloody and fiercely contended that ever took place on this continent. It seems to have been something like a drawn battle. The South leaving the field in order on the second day, but carrying with them many guns and thousands of prisoners. The North confesses to a loss of 5000 killed and wounded. The South as yet has not given any official account of the amount of their loss. It is really fearful to contemplate the present position of this once great commonwealth. Yet dark as seems the future, the issue cannot be doubtful. The North, we are convinced, though it may gain many victories, by the aid of overwhelming numbers, never can permanently bring back or conquer the South. It is a bootless war so far as that is concerned, and fraught with future ruin to the financial credit of the North. Slavery will no doubt receive a blow, perhaps a death blow. Already it has been abolished in the District of Columbia, and a treaty has been made with Britain giving, it is said, the right of mutual search, in order to put down the slave trade. This is a great and glorious concession, and must lead to most important results.

The gold discoveries in New Zealand have been very valuable, 25,000 ounces having been exported within six months after the first discovery. The gold fields of Columbia are represented as richer still, and it is said the precious metal has also been found in the Presidency of Bombay.

We observe from the newspapers that a great portion of the town of Kingston, Jamaica has been destroyed by fire, and that also thousands of families have been ruined by terrible inundations in the valley of the Sacramento.

In Canada and some parts of the States, particularly Connecticut, the ravages of floods have been most destructive. In our own province, the amount of snow upon the ground during the last two months has been greater than ever known before, and a sudden thaw would have brought unexampled destruction. By the blessing of a kind Providence they have escaped so great a calamity.

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