

We have received the first number of the *Christian Mirror*, a journal "devoted to the interests of religion and general literature," which has been established in a similar form to the *Wesleyan*, formerly published in this city. The number before us is a most favourable specimen. It embraces a very great variety of matter, all of it of an interesting and useful kind, being divided into a number of separate heads. Besides the religious and other extracts which form the staple of the work, the number contains an affecting moral tale, a summary of foreign and domestic news, and a variety of miscellaneous extracts calculated to render the *Mirror* a deserved favourite with the great mass of readers. We have not a doubt that it will be successful, and we are certain that it merits it.—*Commercial Messenger*.

LITERARY NOTICE.

THE NESTORIANS; OR, THE LOST TRIBES: Containing Evidence of their Identity, on Account of their Manners, Customs, and Ceremonies; together with Sketches of Travel in Ancient Assyria, Armenia, Media, and Mesopotamia; and Illustrations of Scripture Prophecy. By ABRAHAM GRANT, M.D. Harper & Brothers. New York. 1841.

Scarcely have we perused a book with more pleasure than the one of which the above is the title. The subject is no less novel than curious and interesting.

Where are the ten tribes of Israel? Do they still exist as a distinct people in some remote part of the earth? or have they become so blended with other nations, as to lose their identity, and leave no marks by which they may be distinguished?

These are questions which have long been asked both by Jews and Gentiles; and any clue which may lead to a satisfactory reply cannot fail to excite the curiosity, and awaken the interest of Christendom.

Though we do not take upon ourselves to say, that in the Nestorians the Lost Tribes are really discovered; neither would we presume to assert the contrary. We think it, however, highly probable that the conclusions at which our author has arrived are in the main correct. But as we intend laying the whole work before our readers in a series of numbers, we leave it to each to form his own opinion.

Dr. GRANT seems to be a man peculiarly qualified for the arduous task he undertook. If a character in which were united ardent piety—keen penetration—great powers of observation—more than ordinary moral fortitude and courage,—was necessary for traversing dangerous and barbarous countries—regions seldom trodden by the foot of either European or American,—he was the man. His medical knowledge alone was a passport to nearly all the nations of the East.

The style of the work is simple and unostentatious. Brevity, particularly, seems to have been studied by the writer; and his object seems to have been not so much to write a book, as to throw light on a subject hitherto involved in the deepest mystery.

The circumstances which led the Doctor to visit the people he describes, are detailed in the first chapter, which will be found in our present number. The importance of the work—the novelty of the subject—and its attractive character—warrant us, we think, in publishing the whole; and we promise our subscribers that the pleasure and profit it is calculated to yield will amply repay its perusal.

We have to acknowledge the receipt of a very interesting family paper, entitled the "*Portland Tribune*," "devoted to Literature, News, &c."

From the Montreal Gazette.

As aggravated reports may have reached town by last evening's mail from Kingston, as to the accident which befell His Excellency the Governor General on Saturday last, we have been permitted to publish the following extract of a note from Major CAMPBELL, Military Secretary to his Lordship, to the Hon. PETER MCGILL:—

"I am very sorry to inform you that His Excellency the Governor General has met with a serious accident today. In riding home, attended by his groom only, his horse fell with him; the whole weight of the animal coming on his right leg, has fractured it just above the ankle. He has also a wound above the knee. He is at present tolerably easy, though I am afraid he is to suffer a good deal, when the inflammation comes on."

MONTREAL FRIENDLY UNION.

WE rejoice to hear that the Friendly Union of Montreal has petitioned the Corporation for a lot of land for the Union Building; and that the Hon. PETER MCGILL has recommended it to the Corporation, and has advised the Agent to cause trustees to be elected, to whom a deed might be given should a grant be made.

ORDINATION.—The Ordination of the Rev. M. Emile Lapelletrie by the Presbytery of Quebec, to the office of the Holy Ministry, took place on Thursday last, in St. Andrew's Church, in presence of a large congregation, who seemed much impressed by the religious services on the occasion. The Ordination Sermon and Charge were delivered in French by the Reverend Mr. Campbell, of Brockville, whose pure pronunciation and perfectly accurate knowledge of that language, could have been obtained only by a long residence among those claiming it as their native tongue. Among those who assisted at the Imposition of Hands, in addition to the Rev. Dr. Black, Dr. Mathieson, and the Rev. Mr. Esson, of this city, were the Rev. Dr. Cook, of Quebec; Rev. Mr. Muir, Beech Ridge; Rev. Mr. Roach, Beauharnois; Rev. Mr. Shanks, St. Eustache; Rev. Mr. McPherson, and other Reverend Gentlemen, including Mr. Tanner, Presbyterian Minister, lately arrived in this country from Switzerland. The various Swiss Missionaries, from the different parts of the Province, were also present on the occasion.—*Transcript*.

The Acting Treasurer of the Society for Propagating the Gospel among Destitute Settlers, has great pleasure in acknowledging having received the sum of £6 10s. 9d., very liberally contributed by the small Episcopal congregation at Lacine, after a sermon by the Rev. D. Robertson, on the 25th July last.—*Id.*

SUMMARY OF NEWS.

The Steamship *Britannia*, which left Liverpool on the 19th ultimo, arrived at Halifax, after a boisterous passage, on the 31st, with ninety-six passengers.

MEETING OF THE IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT.—Both houses of parliament meet at two o'clock to-morrow, at which hour there will be a Commission in the Lords for the purpose of directing the Commons to proceed to the election of Speaker.—*Standard*, 18th August.

The Staffordshire iron masters have reduced the price of iron 10s. per ton.

THE WESLEYAN CONFERENCE, by last advices, was in session in Manchester. The question of Ministers wearing silk gowns had been discussed, and decided in the negative. The Centenary Fund had reached £190,000, and was expected to amount to £200,000. Twenty-seven of the clergy were reported to have died during last year.—*Herald*.

The laying of the keel of a large war steamer of upwards of 1,000 tons burden, to be named the *Infernal*, has been completed on the same slip whence the *Devastation* was recently launched at Woolwich, and a large quantity of timber is already prepared for constructing her at a short notice.

CHINA.

We have received, says the *Morning Herald*, a letter from Macao of the 27th of April, put on board the steamer at Bombay on the 18th of June, after the mail and other despatches had been embarked. It is to the following effect:—

"Macao, April 27.
"The Chinese local government has violated the agreement made with Captain Elliot for the renewal of trade with British subjects. We are also surprised to find that since the 1st not 1,000 chests of tea have found their way out to foreign vessels by smuggling. We had hopes of doing something in that way, but the unexpected vigilance and activity of the Chinese mandarins and soldiers have disappointed our hopes for the present.

"About the 17th a chop arrived from the emperor, couched in the most violent terms, ordering all authorities, civil and military, in the provinces of Canton, to destroy all the teas, rhubarb and other articles necessary for the English barbarians. This order is rigidly obeyed, and one half of the crop of teas is already destroyed, and the work is still going on.

"Indemnity is promised by the same chop to those whose property is destroyed, and rewards for those who discover secreted articles.

"We further find in the same chop political intercourse with the English is interdicted, and the lately-appointed commissioners ordered to retire.

"Numerous fire-vessels and rafts had been sent down the river among the foreign shipping by which several vessels and cargoes have been injured, but no total loss.

"Our commander is deliberating on the propriety of moving all vessels below the second bar into a wider part of the river.

"A report prevails, but to which no credit is attached, that some British subjects were kidnapped by the Chinese on the night of the 25th.

DREADFUL FIRE AT SMYRNA.—The *Smyrna Journal* states, that "A dreadful calamity has just visited the town of Smyrna, and plunged 20,000 of its inhabitants in desolation and misery. The fire broke out at midnight in a coffee house of the Bazaar. A third of the Turkish town, all the Jews' quarter, a great number of mosques, seven synagogues, and 9,000 to 10,000 houses, were reduced to ashes, and are at this moment only heaps of burning ruins. Several persons have perished in this horrible catastrophe; the number is not correctly known, but it is estimated at from 30 to 40. The loss is incalculable: it amounts, however, to several millions."

CANADA.

THE GOVERNOR GENERAL.—The *Toronto Patriot* says, "It is again rumoured and believed that Lord Sydenham will, if he desire it, be continued as Governor General. It is also said that he will not spend the winter in the province.

It is supposed that the Parliament will be prorogued during the present month. If such be the case, the Members will have no sinecure for the few days to run. All the important business, with the exception of one or two Bills which have passed both Houses, is yet to do; and the great object of the meeting is yet unfulfilled.—*Com. Messenger*.

We have learned from Kingston that the Provincial Bank Bill has been lost in the House of Assembly, by a majority of eleven, 29 voting for, and 40 against the measure. The business is thus, we fancy, settled for the present.—*Id.*

MONTREAL, Saturday Evening.—The arrival of news from England, has given a new impulse to speculation in Flour. Holders anticipate a golden harvest. The average had advanced to the turning point, and Canadian Flour was admitted free, and sold at prices rising as high as 40s. Indeed, some parcels were sold at 41s. Quotations are 39s. a 41s. For some days previous to the *Britannia's* sailing, the weather had been inclement, but at her departure, it had changed for the better, and was as favourable as possible.—*Id.*

M'LEOD.—The trial of Mr. M'Leod has, it appears, been again put off till some time in this month. The *Kingston Chronicle* says that "the cannon and ammunition recently stolen from the various arsenals and other places in the state of New York, are now concentrating in the vicinity of Utica, to await the result of the trial." It is said that Gen. Scott has been sent to the frontier.