

sufferers were children between the ages of seven and four,—two boys and two girls.

A new carbine has been invented, which throws a ball 600 yards, or a distance which it was formerly supposed a cannon could not reach.

The wheat crop is coming up beautiful every where, and looks more promising than it has done at the same season for years.

The accouchement of the Queen, who is again *en route*, will not take place, it is expected, before May.

King of Hanover will visit England after the marriage of the Crown Prince. He wishes to consult Sir Henry Hallford, the physician, on the state of his health.

Five large steam frigates, it is said, are now building at Blackwall, London, for the Emperor of Russia to be used in the Black Sea for the prosecution of the war against the Circassians. One of the steam frigates is now completed.

The passengers on board the *Oriental*, two hours after leaving Malta on the 28th November, had a splendid view of *Ætna* in eruption, which continued visible to them for five hours, the *Oriental* at the time bearing 105 miles N.E. from the burning mountain.

Private mercantile letters received from Calcutta state, on good authority, that it is in contemplation of the Indian Government, to maintain the number of steamers lately employed in the Chinese war, although the war has terminated, so as to form an additional means of communication between this country and Bombay or Calcutta.

The Town Council of Liverpool on the 14th ult. refused, by a majority of 30 to 30, to give the children of the catholic poor a secular education in the corporation schools.

On the morning of the 21st ult. a fire broke out in the premises of Messrs. Platt and Co., Tar and Turpentine Distillers, Parliament-street, Liverpool, which consumed their works, besides two large ware-houses, a school-house, and some cottages. The property insured amounts to £53,880.

Mr. Joseph Sturge, a well meaning, but weak enthusiast, whose name, in connexion with abolition, is familiar to American ears,—has been getting up what is termed a universal suffrage conference, at Birmingham, the political principles of which assimilate to those of the chartists.—Mr. Sturge is a man of peace, a quaker, and revolts at the chartists' physical force views. On Tuesday, the 27th ult., the conference met at Birmingham. One of the first acts was, of course, the election of a chairman. Mr. Sturge was proposed by the Rev. Mr. Spence, of Bath; seconded by Mr. Feargus O'Connor, and carried unanimously. The next business was the appointment of a committee, and the adoption of a political code. The moral force men, with Mr. Sturge at their head, voted—"That a Bill of Rights, based upon the most extensive suffrage, should be made the basis of discussion in the conference." The extreme chartists, including of course, O'Connor, moved as an amendment. "That the people's charter form the basis of discussion." The amendment was carried by 193 to 94. Mr. Sturge then said he could no longer act as chairman, and left the room. Every body anticipated this spirit except Mr. Sturge himself. Both parties have since been sitting at their respective places of meeting.

The British and North American royal steamer, the *Columbia*, Capt. Miller, from Boston and Halifax, arrived at Liverpool on Thursday morning, Dec. 29th, at 1 o'clock. She sailed from Boston on the afternoon of the 10th ult., and from Halifax, where she stopped nearly five hours, on that of the 18th, having made the passage in 12 days and 6 hours, and from Halifax in 10 days and 4 hours.

The returns of the condition of the Banks of the United Kingdom, to the 10th Dec., exhibited an average for the preceding 4 weeks of £35,265,083 circulation, which is a decrease from the amount of the preceding month of £1,651,657, but an increase over that of the same period of last year of £701,412. The bullion of the Bank of England was £10,511,000, which is an increase of £641,000 on the preceding month, and of £5,480,000 on that of last year.

A murder was committed in Whitecross street, London, on the night of the 25th ult.

A man, named Michael Meagan, and his wife, who had been spending the day from home, had on returning, a squabble with Thomas Leary, a journeyman shoemaker, in their service, who lived with them. Meagan stabbed him with a shoe-maker's knife, from which he died almost immediately, and the murderer has been committed to take his trial.

*The ship Scotland*.—A distressing calamity happened to the New York transient ship *Scotland*, which sailed from Liverpool on the 8th, and returned again on the 29th ult. While in lat. 59, lon. 20, she was struck with a heavy sea, which carried a way bulwarks, spars, studding sails, railings, cabinose house, partly filled the ship with water, and drove in the fore and after hatches.—But this damage, though great, was the least part of the calamity. The same sea swept overboard Captain Robinson, Mr. Palmer, second mate, the steward, (a boy,) and two seamen.

*China*.—It appears that after the conclusion of the treaty, the restless French resident authorities offered to mediate between the Chinese and Great Britain. The Chinese, however, who are constitutionally averse to all acts of foreign interference, and who considered it an annoyance sufficiently galling that they were driven into intercourse with one barbarian race, adjusted the affair themselves, quietly refusing to avail themselves of the inestimable advantages which the trickiness of Gallic diplomacy might have gained for them. Indeed it is said, that the Chinese are disposed to confer upon England all the privileges which, at the risk of defeat, the loss of life, and at the expenditure of treasure, England alone and unaided has challenged and won.

Intelligence has been received in town, that Assistant Commissary General Howe, long a resident in Quebec, where he was universally esteemed and respected, unhappily terminated his existence, at Halifax, (where he was stationed) about a week since, by blowing out his brains. Despondency at the dangerous illness of his brother is the supposed cause assigned.

The above named officer was brother of the Hon. Mr. Howe, formerly editor of the *Nova Scotian*. It is said that they passed the evening previous to the fatal event in each other's company, and that there was nothing in the manner or speech of the Assistant Commissary General to create suspicion, or induce anxiety on the part of his friend.—*Quebec Mercury*.

IRELAND.

Mr. O'Connell denies, in a published letter, that he intends to publish a "History of Ireland." But he has in the press a portion of a "Memoir of Ireland and the Irish."

An awful catastrophe occurred in a Catholic chapel at Galway on Christmas-day. At early prayers, in the parish chapel there was an immense concourse of people the gallery, as is usual on Christmas mornings, being crowded to excess. By the pressure of the crowd one of the rails of the staircase was broken, and some person, hearing the cracking noise, cried out that the gallery was giving way. A rush was made to escape, and many of the victims in their eagerness to get out, fell down, and were trampled to death. 4000 or 5000 people were present—no less than thirty-three people have been killed.

The lord lieutenant visited the national school, Dublin,—an establishment supported by government for the education of children belonging to all religious creeds, and where the pupils receive secular and religious instruction, in conformity with their respective tenets—on the 15th ult., and was highly gratified by an examination of the scholars and their masters. The Protestant Archbishop of Dublin; Dr. Murray, the Catholic Primate of Ireland; and a leading dignitary of the Presbyterian Church were present.

Agrarian outrages unfortunately continue. They have hitherto been mostly confined to the county of Tipperary. The bulk of these outrages, it is alleged, are to be traced to the harsh treatment of the tenants by their landlords. Religious feeling has little to do with them. Mr. Mortimer and Mr. Scully, both recently assassinated by the peasantry, being both Roman Catholics. Mr. Mortimer, it seems, had brought actions against two of his te-

nants, for having violated the conditions of their lease, by cultivating a portion of the farm in a different manner from that agreed upon. They had paid their rent to the very day, and agreed to give up possession, to avoid the law suit, after having paid the costs, but the unfortunate landlord did not live to receive it. He was murdered the same day. Mr. Scully's murder, and the circumstances attending it, have already travelled across the Atlantic, and that event, and the frightful state of society which it discloses, have made a deep impression on the public mind throughout the three kingdoms.

A public meeting of the inhabitants of Glasgow was held on the 12th ult., in promotion of the League Fund. It was attended by the principal merchants, bankers, and traders in the city. The chairman moved counter resolutions, declaratory of the necessity of previously carrying the "charter," but the chairman refused to put them to the meeting, on the ground that it was called for a totally different object, in which view he was supported by an immense majority of those present. Resolutions in accordance with the business were passed, and the meeting separated.

Obituary.

DIED.—At Guelph Dec. 26th, Mrs. Catharine Howitt wife of Mr. John Howitt, of that place, much beloved and lamented. After being a constant member of the Methodist Society for several years in England, she with her husband and family, in the year 1836, emigrated to this place, where she joined with several of her former friends in our Society. Through often deprived of the use of grace through afflictive circumstances, and long the songs of Zion in a strange land. In view of her dissolution, her greatest desire seemed to be a full resignation to the will of her Redeemer. As she was resigned to His will, so her grave she was followed by numerous friends. Her husband has lost a real treasure, her children an affectionate Mother—her servants a pattern of meekness—her social circle a pious and cheerful companion, and the Church Militant a follower of Christ.—Communicated.

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