

SARDINIA.—The king's further progress through his new dominions has been marked by the same enthusiasm which characterized its early days. At Bologna, the civil and military authorities went to meet his majesty at the cathedral, where an immense crowd was assembled. The king was received by the clergy. *Te Deum* was celebrated, and in the evening the illuminations throughout the city were general.

SICILY.—The latest reliable information from Sicily clearly establishes the fact that the insurrection is not yet crushed. The principal towns are certainly in the hands of the Neapolitan troops, thirteen of the leaders of the insurrection of Palermo have been shot, the flower of the aristocracy is imprisoned; but at Corleone, in the mountains, a provisional government has unfurled the flag of revolt, proclaiming the unity of Italy under King Victor Emmanuel.

SPAIN.—A decree granting a general amnesty has been published. Count Montemolin and his brother Ferdinand will take their departure from Spain. The Cortes have been convoked for May 28.

UNITED STATES.

On Monday week Mayor Wood, of New York, transmitted to Mr George M. Dallas, United States Minister to England, a letter of invitation for the Prince of Wales to visit that city.

The Japanese embassy arrived at Washington on Monday week, they were received by the President on Wednesday, and will shortly proceed to New York.

The Republican Convention is in session at Chicago: Mr. Seward's friends are hopeful of his success in spite of the opposition of Pennsylvania and Illinois.

The Postmaster of New York has absconded, leaving an enormous deficit: the Hon. J. A. Dix has been appointed in his stead.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. S. G. Goodrich, more widely known as 'Peter Parley.'

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CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK.

MAY 23.—Wednesday.

" 24.—Thursday. Her Majesty Queen Victoria born, 1819.

" 25.—Friday.

" 26.—Saturday.

" 27.—SUNDAY. Proper Psalms—*Matins*: xlviii. lxxviii. *Evangelist*: clv. clv. Proper Lessons—*Matins*: Deut. xvi. to ver. 18; Acts x. ver. 34. *Evangelist*: Isaiah xl. Acts xix. to ver. 21. Athanasian Creed to be used.

" 28.—WEDNESDAY. Lessons—*Matins*: Nehem. viii.; Matt. xxvi. *Evangelist*: Nehem. xii.; 1 Cor. ii. Proper Epistle and Gospel.

" 29.—THURSDAY. Lessons—*Matins*: Nehem. x.; Matt. x. *Evangelist*: Nehem. xiii.; 1 Cor. 12. Proper Epistle and Gospel.

LECTORI BENEVOLO.

The want of some recognized organ of communication between the members of the Church of England in these Canadian Dioceses, has long been severely felt and generally lamented. It is a fact strange in itself, and hardly creditable to us as a body, that from some cause, whatever it may be, we should at this moment have no periodical specially devoted to the promotion of our literary and ecclesiastical interests. As a body we claim to be behind none in the Province in ability and intelligence, while we are acknowledged to be superior to most in numbers and wealth; and yet we have no means by which the minds of the members of our communion can be awakened to any dangers that may threaten us, or be directed to the adoption of such steps as might conduce to our welfare.

The consequences of our present position are highly injurious. Isolation not only from the Church at large, but actually from each other, tends very strongly to produce apathy and indifference, and induces men to be content with a condition of mediocrity which, were they kept fully informed of the energy, progress and efficiency, which characterizes the life of other portions of the Household of Faith, would be simply intolerable.

Our laity have little knowledge of the throbbing vitality which marks the state of the Church at home, and of the thousand tokens of "the good hand of her God upon her," which meet us everywhere—in her earnest and frequent devotions passing into the outward forms of mercy to the poor, love to the outcast and the fallen, and missions to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death.

Our clergy too, especially in the rural districts, with their narrow means, and consequent inability to procure expensive periodicals from England or the United States, feel themselves alone to a far greater extent than ought to be the case. They are thus kept comparatively uninformed of the leading events, and the prominent men, and the current ecclesiastical literature of the day, and hence there is a tendency to sink down to the dead level of a standard unworthy of their sacred cause and discreditable to themselves.

Our local affairs too, especially in these days of Synodical deliberation and action, suffer materially from the want of a properly conducted Journal, in which subjects of importance about to be brought before the deliberative body of the Church can be fully and temperately discussed.

Several attempts to supply this want have been made within a few years back, but from various causes they have failed to succeed.

Undeterred by that failure, however, we have resolved to bring out "*The Canadian Church Press*" as a Weekly Journal, which, while chiefly ecclesiastical and literary in its character, shall, nevertheless, include such a summary of political, commercial, and general intelligence as will prove, we trust, acceptable to all its readers.

The stand point from which we shall regard all matters coming within the sphere of our notice will be that of loyal hearted members of the United Church of England and Ireland. Convinced of her Evangelic truth no less than of her Apostolic order, we, although not loving controversy, shall by God's grace be ever ready to uphold and defend them both, against all assailants.

We have, however, no desire to ignore the fact that differences of opinion exist among us on many important subjects; although we are among the number of those who believe that the differences among really earnest-hearted and devout men are less wide than the dictates of partizanship would lead us to believe. Without therefore in the slightest degree compromising our own principles, we shall always be ready to admit into our columns any communication with which those of our brethren who differ from us in opinion, may be pleased to favour us—reserving to ourselves, of course, the right to controvert their positions if we see fit, being deeply convinced that temperate and reasonable discussion carried on between sincere and christian-hearted men, must inevitably tend to the advancement of truth. In all such discussions it will be our constant aim to be guided by the dictates of Christian courtesy, and that which we shall endeavor to accord to others, we shall demand for ourselves.

We desire it to be understood that our position is one of entire independence of all persons and all parties. We shall always be led by our sense of duty to treat with deference and respect those who are our superiors in ecclesiastical position, but we shall also be compelled by the force of principle to offer our opinion freely upon all public documents and public acts which appear to us to involve consequences of importance to the Church.

We desire to give a considerable degree of prominence to the literary department of "*The Canadian Church Press*," and beside reviews and notices of new and important works, we shall furnish lists of books, (whether published in Canada, England or the United States,) which appear likely to be of use to the clergy, not only in their studies, but in their pastoral ministrations.

We claim full power over all articles and communications sent to us for insertion. We must strive to avoid prolixity ourselves, and to prevent it in others. We urge upon intending correspondents the necessity of terseness and condensation. We should prefer that they should compress their own matter, instead of compelling us to undertake the unsatisfactory task of doing so for them.