

The Provincial Wesleyan.

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The immunities of the Royal subjects of the Porte shall be religiously preserved, without interference on the independence and dignity of the Sultan's crown. As deliberations are taking place between Austria, France, Great Britain, and the Sublime Porte to assure to the Christian subjects of the Sultan their religious and political rights, Russia shall be invited, when peace is made, to associate herself thereto.

The belligerent Powers reserve to themselves the right which appertains to them of proposing in a European international conference over and above the four guarantors.

The Crimea.

FRIDAY, December 28.—The weather has continued very mild since the last mail left until today, when the frost has again been severe. Christmas-day, like that of last year, was bright and sunny, with an atmosphere as resplendent as it was exhilarating. In all parts of the camp, from the headquarters of the Commander-in-Chief to the tents of the private soldiers, Christmas parties were assembled and the usual fare of the season abounded. It is satisfactory, too, to be able to say that, although there was plenty of merriment, there appeared to be very little excess; for in the various camps there was less noise, and less evidence of intoxication, than occurred on several occasions a month or six weeks ago. The rations to the men continue to be excellent in quality and sufficient in quantity. The advantages which have accrued from the rationing paid to the soldiers, as well as the clothing, are nowhere more apparent than in the appearance presented by the greater number of recruits and young soldiers, sent to reinforce the older regiments in the course of the autumn. These young men are not only, as a general rule, robust health, but are rapidly gaining sturdy frames and vigorous constitutions, which can stand them on the return of spring, to do no trifling opponents in the face of the enemy. They feel the benefit of escaping from the crowded towns which many of them have been habituated to in England; and now that the duties are light, diet and shelter good, they have sincerely longing hearts to health to content against, but the mind still arising from the temptations to intoxication. It is to be deplored that so little recreation is to be got by the men, excepting what is found in the canteen. The regimental hospitals are nowhere crowded, and what sick there are are reported to be suffering only from such ailments as are usually met with at this season in England.

SATURDAY, December 29.—Another of the few remaining days of this eventful year has passed without leaving anything remarkable to be recorded at as far as relates to the Crimean army, but as the last month of '54 draws to its close, we cannot, however, think too much of the brighter future which is before us. In conjunction with a committee of the House of Assembly, to examine and report upon the Public Accounts, the Hon. Provincial Secretary laid upon the table accounts of the Electric Telegraph Company. Also, report of the Postmaster General, which last named was referred to Committee on Post Office Affairs.

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