

**LOYAL MEETING.**—Agreeably to the notification in our last, a numerous and respectable meeting of the magistrates and other inhabitants of this town was held in the Court House on Saturday the 30th ult. when the following Resolutions were adopted:—

Resolved, That the Inhabitants of Lunenburg deeply sympathize in the unhappy and disturbed state in which the affairs of both Upper and Lower Canada are at this time involved, by the treason and rebellion of many of our deluded and misguided fellow subjects in that quarter;—and unanimously desire through the medium of his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to express their steadfast and unshaken loyalty to their beloved sovereign,—their devoted attachment to the Constitution, under which they live, and through Divine Providence enjoy so many blessings; and their readiness at all times when called upon to rally around the standard of their sovereign, and defend the same at whatever sacrifice.

Resolved, That the meeting heartily concur in sentiments of regret at the departure of her Majesty's troops from the garrison at Halifax, where they have uniformly been distinguished by their uprightness of conduct, and for the promptitude and readiness with which both officers and soldiers have always acted on all occasions where their services were required, which has secured to them universal respect and attachment throughout the Province.

Resolved, That this meeting is fully alive to the hardships and fatigue that her Majesty's troops will have to encounter in prosecuting their long and arduous march upon roads rendered next to impracticable at this advanced and inclement season of the year;—and also to the many privations incident to such a march, besides the distress and anxiety of parting with those to whom many of them are allied by the dearest tie of relationship.—To evince therefore our philanthropy in alleviating their sufferings as far as possible by contributing to the comfort and support of the wives and children of such soldiers as are now engaged in the suppression of this unnatural and wicked rebellion, We her Majesty's loyal subjects of Lunenburg, gladly respond to the call which humanity and benevolence at once suggest, by agreeing to contribute, if necessary, to the sum raised at Halifax for the relief of the wives and children of the soldiers circumstanced as above mentioned.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to prepare an Address to his Excellency the Lieut. Governor, embodying the substance of the foregoing Resolutions, and requesting him to make known to her Majesty, the sentiments of her Majesty's loyal subjects in Lunenburg, as expressed by this meeting.

In conformity with these resolutions the following Address was afterwards drawn up, signed by the Sheriff, Magistrates, Ministers of the different persuasions, and others,—and forwarded to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor:—

To his Excellency Major General Sir COLIN CAMPBELL, K. C. B. Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief, in and over her Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia, &c. &c. &c.

May it please your Excellency—

We, her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, inhabitants of the town and county of Lunenburg, having assembled ourselves in the Court House of the said County, for the purpose of expressing our detestation of the unnatural and unhappy Rebellion that exists in her Majesty's Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada,—have most cordially passed Resolutions to the effect, that no sympathy exists amongst us with regard to such treasonable practices as have been carried on of late in those Provinces;—and that we are fully prepared, whenever it may be necessary, to unite with our fellow-subjects, in defending the integrity of the British Empire and its Dependencies at any risk or sacrifice.

And also, taking into consideration the circumstances in which the wives and children of the soldiers lately ordered to Canada from the Garrison at Halifax are placed, we shall at all times be ready to respond to the call of humanity in their behalf.

Deeply impressed with those sentiments, we respectfully solicit your Excellency to cause to be laid at the foot of the Throne, our dutiful expressions of homage and loyalty to her most gracious Majesty's Person and Government,—and also to convey our grateful sense of the manifold blessings, civil and religious, which we enjoy, under her Majesty's mild and equitable sway.

We further beg leave to assure your Excellency of the high esteem that is entertained by us for your Excellency's administration of the affairs of this Colony.

Lunenburg, January 2d, 1838.

**SMALL POX.**—It will be seen by our obituary, that a case of this terrible disease, in its worst form, has occurred in this town. While it is our duty to submit with patience to whatever scourges the Almighty may please to send us, and to learn from them all, the evil of sin which is the prolific parent of disease and death,—it is not less clearly our duty to seek by every means which He may make known to us, some relief or mitigation of their virulence. And with regard to this disease it has pleased God to discover to man a blessed security from its dreadful ravages, in vaccination, of which the advantages have now been tested by long experience in every part of the world. We earnestly recommend all who have not yet taken this precaution, to do so without delay, under the inspection of some competent medical man; and indeed we cannot see how parents can answer it to their consciences who neglect thus to secure their children against future suffering. Much of the diffidence which prevails respecting the efficacy of vaccination has arisen from the practice of resorting for it to ignorant persons incompetent to decide whether the constitution has been duly influenced or not by the vaccine matter. And hence, it has often been stated, that persons thus nominally vaccinated, have subsequently taken the small pox. We therefore strongly recommend that medical men be consulted where it is practicable.—We understand that cases of small pox have occurred at Kentville, Cornwallis and Falmouth, said to have been introduced by Indians from St. John, N. B. where it has been raging for some months.

We are sure that we are not going too far in saying that the medical gentlemen of this town, and every town in the province, will vaccinate the POOR GRATIS.

*"In the midst of life we are in death."*—It seems to us as if evidence of this thickened upon us every day. Not a week passes without hearing of the death of some we know.—Among those lately heard of are the deaths in England of Lt. Col. Marshall, formerly Inspecting Field Officer of Militia for this district. Also, of Captain Maitland, late Military Secretary at Halifax; and Dr. Forbes, of the Hospital Staff. At Halifax, Dr. Stirling, a much esteemed medical practitioner; and W. M. Debluis, Esq.—all reminding us of the Saviour's warning—*"Be ye also ready."*

**THE BISHOP.**—We are happy to hear that his lordship and family were well at Edinburgh on the 4th December. He was expected to be in London about the middle of the present month.

#### SUMMARY.

The affairs of Canada continue to be the engrossing topic of public attention. The latest accounts represent open resistance in the Lower Province as for the present at an end, but that the rebellious spirit is still boiling in the breasts of a large portion of the people, and fresh reinforcements have been sent from Halifax. In the Upper Province a stand was still made on the Niagara frontier by a party of the disaffected, whom Sir Francis Head was about dislodging from their position. The effusion of blood and destruction of property and of all the comforts of life, has been very great already in the Lower Province, and must call forth most painful feelings in every serious and reflecting mind. And if so, what should be the feelings of those whose course of agitation for years past has led to those sad

results, and who have now left their deluded followers to their fate. Let it be hoped that the restless amongst ourselves will take warning and be quiet and contented, under the manifold blessings we enjoy, and abstain from such a use of the Press as may sow disaffection among the most happy people on the face of the earth. We regret to observe a report that Sir Francis Head and Lord Gosford have been recalled. To remove the former, at such a time, would seem to be a most unaccountable act of imprudence, and may strengthen the tottering cause of disloyalty.—The December packet brought the account of the opening of parliament, by the Queen in person. On that occasion, as well as at the grand civic dinner in London, an universal testimony of loyalty awaited her.—Her Majesty's ship Cornwallis sailed from Halifax on Tuesday afternoon for St. John N. B. with part of the 65th, and the remainder of the 34th Regiments.

**CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY.**—We give the following summary of the thirty-seventh Report of this Society:—

**Funds.**—The aggregate receipts of the year stand as follows:—General fund 71,098*l.*; disabled missionaries' fund 615*l.*; institution buildings' fund 13*l.*; total 71,727*l.* The preceding year's receipts stood thus:—General fund 67,691*l.*; disabled missionaries' fund 630*l.*; institution buildings' fund 32*l.*; total 68,354*l.* It will hence be seen that there is an increase on the last year's receipts of 3,372*l.*

The expenditure of the society during the past year on account of the general fund, amounted to 69,668*l.*; that of the preceding year was 64,213*l.*; being an increase of 5,454*l.*

**General Summary.**—Stations 72, missionaries 67; native missionaries 4; catechists and other laymen 67; native and country-born teachers 451; communicants 1,550; attendants on public worship 21,306; schools 460; scholars, boys 13,289, girls 2,135; sexes not distinguished 4,286, youths and adults 2,303—23,072.

#### D I E D.

In this town, on Friday last, of the small pox, Capt. William Dunn, late of the sch. Victoria of this port. There is something peculiarly affecting in this case of mortality. In our paper of December 14, we mentioned his return to his family after encountering all but death at the time of the loss of his vessel. But short and uncertain is the duration of earthly joys. He had brought home with him the seeds of the most loathsome and terrible disease that can afflict the human frame, which it appears he contracted from a passenger on board the brig Acadian from Boston, and he was soon laid upon a bed of misery and suffering from which death alone opened the door of escape,—a door, by which, we trust, he has entered a scene where "sickness and sin are alike unknown." He has left behind him an afflicted widow and two young children, and his loss is likewise mourned by aged parents (his father being 83 years of age) and numerous friends at Little Harbour, County of Shelburne.

#### PRAYER.

Prayer, says a modern prelate, moves the hand which moves the universe. Prayer has divided the sea, stopped the course of the sun, brought down showers from heaven, restrained the fury of wild beasts, tyrants and fiends. Though a pious man may be sometimes reduced very low, by the help of Jacob's ladder, he can ascend and draw nigh to God.

Prayer suits every employment and sanctifies every enjoyment. This maxim is verified in the following instances. Dr. Doddridge observed that he found by experience, the more earnestly he was engaged in secret prayer, the more progress he always made in his studies. That eminent physician and amiable christian, Herman Boerhave, used to say an hour in the morning, spent in meditation and prayer, gave him spirit to go through all the business of the day. Gustavus Adolphus, King of Sweden, when once found on his knees by one of his servants, told him not to wonder at seeing him so employed, for none had so much need to pray as kings.