

GREAT BRITAIN.

THE NEW MINISTRY.—Out of Parliament there is nothing whatever going on. The Government appointments are all made, with the exception of the foreign Embassies, and every thing works as smoothly as possible in the movement of the Executive machinery. The Queen enjoys her domestic happiness and the society of her personal friends, as if no political change had taken place; and indeed, as far as Her Majesty is concerned, there has been no change that has interfered in any way with her comfort or pleasure. Nothing can be more gracious than the conduct of the Queen, or more deferential than that of the Prime Minister, in all the late arrangements. Whatever wish was expressed by Her Majesty, that particular individuals should remain about her person, was considered as a command by Sir Robert Peel; and every household appointment suggested by the latter was at once acceded to, by Her Majesty, without a moment's hesitation.

All the members of the House of Commons who vacated their seats by accepting office in the Conservative administration have been re-elected. In no case has anything like serious opposition been attempted. Lord Stanley made a very excellent speech on the hustings, and avowed such an earnestness of union with Sir R. Peel, as can leave little doubt that they will act energetically and cordially together.

Lord Brougham, who appears, with great good taste, to abstain from embarrassing the new government, lately presented a petition from the Anti-Slavery Society, complaining that British subjects in Brazil and Cuba were actively engaged in the slave trade.

It was rumoured that Parliament would be prorogued on the 7th or 8th instant.

Sir Edward Sugden arrived in Dublin, on Tuesday, and was sworn into office before the Lords Justices, by Mr. C. Fitzsimon, Clerk of the Hunsper. The new Lord Chancellor appointed his son, Mr. H. Sugden, his Secretary, in the place of Mr. C. Connellan, who held that office, under the two late Chancellors.

A supplement of the *Dublin Gazette* contains the official appointments of Sir Edward Sugden, Lord Chancellor; the Right Hon. Francis Blackburn, Attorney General; and E. Pennefather, Esq. Solicitor General.

SUMMARY.—Lieutenant General John Murray expired at Paris on Thursday, the 16th ultimo, after a protracted illness.

Lieutenant Colonel Story, of the 7th Battalion, Commanding Officer of the Royal Artillery in North Britain, died suddenly from apoplexy at Leith Fort, soon after his return to that station from a tour of inspection.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint the Right Hon. Sir Charles Bagot, G.C.B. to be Captain General and Governor in Chief of Her Majesty's Provinces of Canada, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia, and of the Island of Prince Edward; and Governor General of all Her Majesty's Provinces on the Continent of North America, and of the Island of Prince Edward.

Lord Morpeth will leave England for America in the steamer today, Oct. 5. He intends to visit the principal cities in the United States and Canada. His tour will extend over four months, and he expects to return early in spring.

Orders were received at Portsmouth, on Thursday, to fit out Her Majesty's ship, *Queen*, for the flag of Vice-Admiral Sir E. W. C. R. Owen, K.C.B., G.C.H., as commander-in-chief in the Mediterranean, vice Real-Admiral Sir J. A. Ommanney.

The Queen will in a few days take up her residence at Buckingham Palace, preparatory to her accouchement.

THE HARVEST.—The accounts from all parts of the country on the state of the harvest may, on the aggregate, be pronounced to be satisfactory; and we sincerely hope that as the season progresses, the various evil prognostications with which we have been haunted will be found to be dispelled.

STATE OF TRADE.—The state of trade in the metropolis, and throughout the country, it is gratifying to be able to state, shows symptoms of improvement; and this must be accelerated by the commercial difficulties on the Continent having begun to abate.

THE MARKET.—*Wheat and Flour.*—The average price of wheat had fallen to 70 shillings and 8 pence, and the duty had risen to 10 and 8 pence.

The price of the 4th. loaf was 10 pence sterling. Rather a large quantity of Flour found vent at 35s. 6d. to 36s. 6d. per bbl. for United States sweet; 35s to 35s 6d per bbl. for Canadian. The few parcels of Irish new Wheat that have appeared have found buyers at 8s 9d to 9s for good samples in fair condition, but damp inferior lots have been sold at 8s 4d to 8s 6d per 70 lbs.

There had been a number of heavy cargoes received from Canada, and some from the United States and other ports—admissible at a duty of 2s. 8d.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

Abridged from the New York Observer, Oct. 2.

FAREWELL MEETING WITH THE REV. GEORGE SCOTT.

On Wednesday evening last, the friends of Christ in this city, of various denominations, assembled in the Broadway Tabernacle, to take leave of the Rev. George Scott, English Missionary to Sweden. Though this brother has been with us but a few short months, he has gained a strong hold upon the affections of the churches, and carries with him, in his departure, the best wishes of all who have had the pleasure of forming his acquaintance.

The Rev. Dr. De Witt, of the Reformed Dutch Church, was called to the chair, and the meeting was opened with singing by the choir, and prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Meigs, of the Ceylon Mission.

On being introduced to the meeting, Mr. Scott said he had travelled 5000 miles in coming to this country, which he reached May 7th; since that time, more than 6000 miles in America, in all sorts of conveyances, but no accident had been suffered to befall him. In this he saw the hand of God for good; and from the past, he desired to draw encouragement for the future. He saw in these preservations the evidence, that while engaged in the Lord's work, he was IMMORTAL till that work was done. He wished to say that the Mission church of Stockholm was founded on the widow's offerings. The first contribution in Sweden for the object was from a pious widow, the first in America was from a pious widow! This was to him a source of unbounded delight. He did believe that if any prayer entered into the heart of God, it is that which goes up from those humble dependant females, whose husband is the God whose power extends over all. He had found congregations welcoming him wherever he went; and those who took up the collections had assured him that none were ever made with more cheerfulness. Returning to his reception here, Mr. Scott said, he felt that an interest had been awakened in the object among various denominations, that was not to be ascribed to any one man. He must be a bold man who would take the credit to himself. He was only an instrument in the hands of God, who had united all hearts in the common work. This was the true Catholicism, the spirit of Christ. Oh! there is something heart-soothing and delightful in the thought, that the time is coming,

When names and sects and parties fall,
And Christ the Lord is all in all.

Luther said we can all sing together, but only one can talk at a time. Here, when we gather around such a cause as this, we can sing together with joy. Oh! how many thousands have I heard in this country singing the Missionary Hymn together; and who ever thought before he joined in singing,

"Salvation! oh, salvation!"

who ever thought to ask whether the hymn was written by one of the sect to which he belongs? (Here Mr. S. repeated with emotion a prayer in the Swedish language, which he then interpreted, asking God to unite his people in one fold under one shepherd.) But I am called this evening to say farewell to this kind, this Christian people. I will not attempt to say what I feel. Long and deep will be the remembrance of the love they have shown me, and the work in which I am engaged. In a day or two I set forth on the mighty deep, and I have been led to ask, (not through fear, for I know in whom I trust,) why should a Scott be left, since a Cookman was taken?

I have no greater security than he, and the same fate may be mine. These thoughts were the more impressed upon me, by the fact that the first house in which I was received, and the first church in which I preached, was the last in which Cookman was seen before he left these shores. But if I find the bottom of the Atlantic, instead of my field of labour, it will be well. Pray for me, my brethren, that I may reach in safety my family, my beloved field, and that God would preserve me as long as he finds me useful in his work. If we are faithful to Him in our various spheres, this is not to be our last meeting. There, around the throne, we shall meet with joy and love, not to talk, but to sing together the song of Moses and the Lamb. Oh, the joy of that meeting! we shall speak together of the goodness of God in the land of the living, and rejoice together forever and ever.

After a few appropriate remarks from the Rev. Robert Baird, and the Rev. Dr. Peck,

The Rev. Mr. Kirk said, that it is our privilege tonight to sit in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. Heaven is low; and some of its sweet beams have come down to us in this house. We meet to give utterance to our love. He wished that a fitter organ of the churches had been chosen for this service, but as it had been committed to him, he would say, Brother Scott, we love you; we have come here to say so; it is love that burns in our heart—that burns in heaven; that binds us together on such an occasion as this. In this meeting, God is striking a death blow at party spirit and disunion in the churches. We love this brother, not because he is a Wesleyan Minister, but because he is a Christian. He went to Sweden, not to propagate Methodism, but to stand in that valley of dry bones, and cry unto them to live; and he has come here to breathe abroad the same sweet spirit. We love him, because he loves Christ more than Wesley—Christianity more than Methodism—souls more than sects. We rejoice that he, as a soldier, has for a moment doffed his harness, and run hither to tell us of the war, and stir the spirit of battle in our hearts. We love him, because he is going back, and we rejoice that another link is added to the chain to draw our hearts toward Europe. And called this evening to represent the churches, he would say to this dear brother, Go back. Our hearts (he was ashamed to say our contributions) go with you. You will love to remember America. We love Sweden. We love Tellstrom; tell him so, as he offers himself, not on the burning, but the frozen altar of Lapland. Go,—the Atlantic seas and another sea will roll between us, but there is no distance between hearts that love. Go, brother,—the heart of the Church goes with you. God meant that your coming here should make the rest of your pilgrimage brighter and sweeter, as you think of what you have here enjoyed. You go to fight under no sectarian standard; no walls of party or national prejudice are around you. The whole American church will love you, and bear you on their prayers. Oh! that we may all press on, and do our Master's work, and meet where the soldier shall be crowned with glory: where we shall look back on this meeting, and thank God for the spirit of this hour.

At the close of this interesting meeting, an incident, deeply affecting to our brother Scott, occurred. A young gentleman stepped up to him, and taking him by the hand, inquired if the address of Mr. Scott before the Seaman's Friend Society, was not the first he delivered in this country. Mr. Scott said it was; and the young man added, "Under that address I was awakened to a sense of my condition as a sinner. I hope I was led to Christ, and am now a member of Dr. Spring's church in this city."

This was the crowning gift of brother Scott's visit—a soul to be his crown of rejoicing when he remembers his sojourn here.

Thus he left us. May the angel of peace be with him, and the blessing of the Holy One rest on him forever!

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.—At a monthly meeting of this Society, lately held, it was stated, that the issues of Bibles and Testaments for September, were more than 23,000 copies. Six new Auxiliaries were reported. Stereotype plates are to be prepared for a Protestant New Testament in Spanish; and every life member is to be allowed two bibles, and every life director five, per annum.