



It would be easy for me to enter more fully into the state of religion on the continent; but, for the present, I must confine my observations to a more limited sphere of observation...

Another instrumentally, now in efficient operation at Boulogne, merits special notice in this letter. Mr. Edward Gibson, a number of the Wesleyan Church, and Steward of the Wesleyan Chapel in this city, who has, for some time, been acting as a town missionary among the English, states in a report now before me...

Before I conclude, I may just say that the English work at our chapel is, thank God, in a healthy state. The congregations, even in winter, are very good, and in the summer season quite as large as the chapel can accommodate.

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Plurality of Worlds—Dr. Whewell.—The Times.

The English correspondent of the N. Y. Christian Advocate & Journal supplies the following:—Very deep interest has been excited in religious, literary and scientific circles by a review-article entitled "Worlds in the sky," which appeared in the Times last week...

I may mention in passing a current anecdote in illustration of the variety and reconcile character of the reverend doctor's acquirements. Some of the fellows of his University determined, as a good joke, to start a subject for discussion in his presence...

Congratulatory Address to Dr. Forrester.

As soon as it became known to the pupil teachers and students in attendance at the Provincial Normal School, that the degree of Doctor of Divinity had been conferred upon the Rev. Alexander Forrester, by the Princeton University...

We, the undersigned pupil teachers and students of the Provincial Normal School, respectfully beg leave to tender to you our sincere congratulations upon the well-merited honour recently conferred upon you...

Letter from New-York.

The Legislature of New-York has recently commenced its annual session at Albany; and from the message of Governor Clark, the affairs of this great Empire State are very prosperous.

Well, the essay of the Plurality of Worlds, being regarded as Dr. Whewell's production, no little interest and some degree of consternation were excited by its rejection of the generally received notion respecting the heavenly bodies as the probable habitations of rational beings...

Extinction of the Talismanic Reputation of Russia. Two years have elapsed since the first struggle of Russians and Turks at the earthworks of Olenetzka. What was then the position of Russia in Europe?

At the 18th, the Rev. Mr. Arthur held a farrow meeting in our Green-street Church. Bishop James read the opening hymn, and the Rev. Mr. Butler, one of Mr. Arthur's companions, made the prayer. Mr. Arthur's text was "All that the Lord hath spoken we will do."

At an influential meeting of the Members of the Order of the Sons of Temperance, held at Temperance Hall, on Friday evening last, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:—Whereas in the order of Divine Providence, our esteemed Grand Worthy Patriarch has been visited with calamity by fire, whereby much has been lost which was valuable to him as a scholar, and a public advocate of moral improvement...

an affliction which are the only solid bases of constitutional power. But let us approach a little closer to the subject. Let us peer in at the Flaminian Gate, and glance around the city whence the Senate and the Cæsars gave law to the world; and what do we find? A poor old priest, indebted to foreign powers for the first initiation, is already there. O, my dear father, I have served the best news for the last...

These are not wanting indications to lead to the belief that such an occurrence is imminent; and, although it is difficult to foresee the immediate consequences of such a revolution, we do not hesitate to express our conviction that the ultimate result would tend to the moral and social advantage of the world. What is the character of that influence which Roman Catholicism exercises upon the continent? Is it for good or evil? Go to Paris, Vienna, Rome, Naples, Madrid, and wherever a bishop resides...

Wesleyan Intelligence.

Our Soldiers. The following letters are from the son of one of our oldest leaders at Westminster. The father has contributed three sons to the army, all of whom have been converted to God in a foreign land.

The first—James—became as eminent as a Christian, as he was valiant as a soldier. He fought under Gen. Pollock in the Affghan war, and was killed on the heights of the dreadful Khyber Pass. A ball entered his left breast, and in a few hours he died a most triumphant death.

Last Days of the Papacy.

We take the following clear and striking exhibition from the Church and State Gazette:—"Look back into the history of bygone centuries, and mark the grandeur of Papal Rome, the awe-inspiring authority wielded by the spiritual despot of the Seven Hills—how crowned emperors grovelled at his feet, hung on his breath, bowed upon their knees, and trembled at his command; see how the world was ruled by priestly influence, how the will of Rome subdued every other, and how monarchs were degraded, chastised like cowering hounds, deposed and uncrowned by the ban of the terrible interdict, then close the volume, and turn to the 'Allocutions' on P. du Pont, Spain, and Switzerland, addressed to the 'venerable fathers, by his Holiness, Pius IX., Pope of Rome."

The Governments of those States, especially the two former, have aimed a vital blow at the supremacy of the Papacy. In Piedmont they have suppressed a vast number of the convents. In Spain the Church has been mulcted for her sins by a complete agrarian reform, her property has been sold, her lands have been demoted a scribble, and, carried out, have evoked the thunders of the Vatican and excommunication by bel and look. But the thunders are mute—the weapons of the Vatican are dented and edgeless—and the unpopularity of the Russian arms, and fell apparently under Russian vassalage. Not only in the despotism of Nicholas, but in our own Parliament, the praises of the Autocrat resounded. His greatness, his magnanimity, his moderation, were the themes of a large party in the free country of Europe. It cannot be wondered at that his heart grew high, and that to him the resistance of Turkey was ridiculous, the intervention of Europe a thing not to dream of. But it soon appeared that this acquiescence in his claims was but the temporary leasing of a class, and not from the heart of any nation or large body of men. A proclamation and military order were sufficient to undo his works of years. Within a month after the passage of the Pruth all Europe was ready for resistance to the monarch who now plainly threatened it. The feeling was even more spontaneous and universal than at present, for the Czar was palpably aggressive, the independence of Central Europe was in danger, Austria was still sore at the arrogance of Nicholas and his loudly-voiced assistants, and Germany in general had not yet learned to perceive the dignified course of peace and the high principle of a forcible neutrality. With the sympathies of the world the Russian Emperor lost its respect and fear. Two victories small in proportion to the deadly contests which have since been fought, but of great importance as showing the vitality which still remained in the Mohammedan soldier were the first checks to Russian ambition. Since then the tide has flowed one way without a turn. At every point of the contest, in Europe or Asia, by sea or land, the enemies of public tranquility have been repulsed and ruined; perhaps in no war have events succeeded each other with such rapidity. Although to us, who are spectators, there seems to be a long pause between the acts of the great drama, we have only to call to mind the history of past times, the years of blockade, the months of preparation for some enterprise that failed miserably, the crowded to little purpose, and it will appear how thickly crowded have been the incidents of these two years of the war, how encouraging to the Allies, how indicative of the course which events will take, and of the path which statesmen ought to pursue. From Obenezita and Citate to Sialitia and Giurgevo, from the Alma to the bloody battle of the Tchernaya and the capture of the Malkoff, from the cannonade of Odessa to

III. NEUTRALITY.—This sea shall be closed to war navies, no naval created or maintained by the commercial and nations shall be assured the Black Sea by the nations conformable to the edicts issued by the two powers which hold the fixed line of service. This convention between these two Powers, approval of the general treaty of the conference with the consent of the rate convention cannot be made. The element the exception of vessels mentioned in

IV. CHRISTIANITY.—The immunities of the Porte shall be religious management on the part of the Sultan's power. A place between Austria and the Sultan's power, subjects of the Sultan, rights, Russia shall be allowed, to assist her

FRIDAY, December continued very mild today, when the frost Christmas-day, like that dry and sunny, with a frost as it was exhibited camp, from the head-quarters-Chief to the late Christmas parties were far from the season, too to be able to say too plenty of merriment, the little excess; for in the less noise, and less vivid occupied on several occasions. The ration was excellent in quality. The advantages which the ration paid to this subject, are nowhere more apparent than in the results and young of the older regiments in the These young men are in robust health, but are frames and vigorous cause them, on the returning fight opponents in the field the benefit of escap- towns to which many of the light, died and shelter; the any-brief arising from the creation is to get by a found in the cantonment's are now being crowded are reported to be ailments as are usually in England.

SATURDAY, December few remaining days of the season without leaving any tinge of it, as far as regards but as the light snow, we cannot, however, thus ter appear at the opening of the year, our condition now and the destruction, lying in the silent testimony of the day of late been so favorable sun-set after a stormy the time twelvemonth pre- cials—January and Feb- our army, lived not to pre- diction and it cannot that the noble officer of this army, and so far spaces difficulties, was not spared

MONDAY, December 30, on the army now could not its appearance at a sum- natives of the world, and the snow and ice, it appears no less clearly they are conscious for their duties chiefly consist drill for future service, and are rapidly advancing to and training which will pre- with their more experience for campaigning. What of future operations, the found, judging from the high state of education, on the facilities of count- ment.

Letters from Jerusalem the European Consuls of flags regularly on Sunday ceremony which has been inhibited by the Turkish of Ottoman empire, except- It was first done on the of Sebastopol, when the ab, and Austrian Consul and the Prussian Consul. It is now becoming a g- lery to visit the interior of the site of the Temple, went so far as to refuse, in order to be refused, for two reasons:— all ceremoniously unless they might be put under of the law, which they held this mosque. The tomb of Daniel is in the very much wanted there inhabitants are enduring. Prices of all provisions are the Austrian Consul at the erection within the walls of the city, the Bishop of Vienna, the Beit Sala, a palace for his The Greeks are in a general manner, supposed to have Russia, supported to have relative to the freedom of the Danube.

From the above, as well as from many other independent statements, there can be no doubt that the number of Wesleyan soldiers in the Crimea is much greater than is generally com- mitted; and should the war continue, and the army be (as it is expected) seventy thousand in the field next spring, that number will be more than doubled. This young man had no difficulty in finding men ready to meet in class in the open air, or anywhere else; and while some of our people at home have not sufficient relief for their class once a week, in the Ionian island, they meet every night. Would not such men prize religious privileges? And could not we, as a Christian people, to send the Missionary Society, Vincent-Squire. J. M.

THE WAR. The Demands of the Allies. I. DANUBIAN PRINCIPALITIES.—Complete abolition of the Russian protectorate. The Danubian Principalities shall receive an organization conformable to their wishes, to their interests, and this new organization, respecting which the population itself will be consulted, shall be recognized by the contracting Powers, and sanctioned by the Sultan as emanating from his sovereign initiative. No State shall be able, under any pretext whatever, under any form of protectorate, to interfere in the question of the internal administration of the Principalities; they shall adopt a definite permanent system demanded by their geographical position, and no impediment can be made to their fortifying, in the case of their safety, in such a manner as they may deem advisable, their territory against foreign aggression.

In exchange for the strong places and territories occupied by the allied armies, Russia consents to a rectification of her frontier with Turkey in Europe. It would comprehend the vicinity of Chotyva, follow the line of the mountains, which extend in a south-westerly direction, and terminate at Lake Saz. The line (race) shall be definitely regulated by the general treaty, and the conceded territory would return to the Principalities, and to the sovereignty of the Porte.

II. THE DANUBE.—The freedom of the Danube and of its mouths shall be effectually assured by European institutions, in which the contracting Powers shall be equally represented, except the particular positions (to be fixed by the Sultan on the banks, (desiderata) which shall be regulated upon the same principles established by the Congress of Vienna as regards the navigation of the Danube. Each of the contracting Powers shall have the right to keep one or two small vessels stationed at the mouths of the river, destined to assure the execution of the regulations relative to the freedom of the Danube.



