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We have to apologize to our readers for the smallness of our sheet of intelligence given this week.

We hope our advertising friends will not forget us; we found it impracticable to obtain a suitable office nearer the Market Place than the MASON HALL.

DREADFUL

Conflagration.

On Saturday night last about 1/2 past 9 o'clock, the appalling sound of fire was echoed through our streets, when it was discovered that the store occupied by Messrs. Robertson & Eaton, on Peters' Wharf, was on fire.

The number of houses destroyed is from 100 to 120.—In two hours from the commencement, the most fireproof portion of the city, was enveloped in flames; it was truly an awful sight to behold—east and west sides of two streets burning at one time, and the houseless inhabitants, scarcely knowing where to seek for shelter.

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ware store; whence, communicating with Mr. Scammell's on the western side, it occupied both sides of the street, and continued its devouring ravages as long as any thing combustible stood in its way.

It had also, in the mean time communicated to Water-street to Prince William street, and now we had the melancholy spectacle of the City on fire in several places, at the same time, and exciting the most fearful apprehensions that this conflagration was destined to lay the whole City in ashes.

It was now half-past seven o'clock on the Sabbath morning, and the sun was just beginning to rise, not to witness whippers preparing for the several duties of the Sanctuary, but to disclose a scene of desolation and confusion, which was far from being anticipated at his going down the previous evening, and which held a prominent place in the future annals of our city—a melancholy scene indeed—one third, we may safely assert, of the commercial part of flourishing St. John, a heap of smouldering ashes—and only one building, a brick one, on the south side of the Market-square, owned by the hon. C. J. Peters, and occupied by Mr. C. R. Jarvis, merchant, and N. Parker, Esq., and J. H. Gray, Esq., Attorneys, left within the compass of the ravages which we have endeavoured to trace, which we believe was indebted for its preservation to the iron shutters with which it was furnished in the rear.

Besides the buildings, a great amount of valuable property has been destroyed, which we have not yet exactly ascertained and of that which was rescued from the fire, much has been lost and much stolen for it to be told to the disgrace of human nature, that many animals in the shape of men and women, were prowling about the streets during the conflagration, laying hold of every thing which they could carry away. Sleds and boats were even employed in this diabolical pillage. It gives us much pleasure to know that some of the wretches have been found, and lodged in jail; and the best blessing we can wish these who have escaped detection, is, that they may be haunted by an evil conscience until they are forced to come and make a public acknowledgment of their crimes.

With regard to the origin of the fire, several reports are in circulation, but which is true, or whether any of them is true, we know not. One is, that it arose from an overheated stove-pipe communicating ignition to the surrounding material; another is, that it arose from a cask of whiskey or spirits which was being tapped, and which caught the flame from the candle; another, that it was the work of incendiaries.

The following is a list of the Houses destroyed, and the names of their owners and occupants, as far as we have been able to ascertain:—

part by Mr. William M'Namara as a dry goods store. Brick building, belonging to Richard Sands, Esq.—three stores on the lower floor, occupied by Messrs. Kestor & Thorne, L. H. Devereux, Esq., and W. D. W. Hibbard, Esq., Merchants; second floor of the south end by M. H. Parley, Esq., Attorney at Law, and the offices of the Lancaster Mill Company and the St. John Mills and Canal Company; third floor, occupied by Messrs. L. W. Durant & Co., Printers; the upper part of the centre of the building was used as store rooms, by Mr. Devereux, Esq.; and the north end was occupied by Mr. Sands as a dwelling.

Wooden House, belonging to the estate of the late Mr. Richard Bartlett, and occupied by Mr. William Tyson, as a retail liquor store, &c., and by Mr. C. Seymour, as a dwelling.

Stone Building, owned by Mr. John Walker, and occupied by Messrs. Corbet & Treutowsky, Merchants.

Wooden building, owned by Daniel Amley, Esq., and occupied by Messrs. Thos. M'Avity & Co. Merchants.

Wooden building, belonging to the estate of the late Mr. James Paine—occupied by Miss Wallace, as a dry goods store and dwelling.

Wooden building, owned by Miss Williamson, and occupied by Mr. John D. Macintyre, dwelling part by Miss Williamson, as a boarding house.

Wooden house, owned by Mr. George Bell—the lower part a Grocery store, occupied by Mr. James Malcolm; the upper part, a dwelling, occupied by Mr. Bell.

Wooden house, owned and occupied by Mr. William Major, Hair-dresser, &c.

Wooden house, owned by Mr. Ambrose S. Perkins and Mr. George E. Frink, and occupied by Mr. Thos. Gard, Confectioner, &c.

Wooden house, belonging to the estate of the late Hugh Johnston, Esq., and occupied as a dwelling, High-station street and Circulating Library, by Mr. Anthony R. Burns.

WOODEN HOUSE, MARKET SQUARE. Brick building, owned by Mr. Benjamin Smith—the lower part occupied by E. Anderson, Grocer; store by Mr. Edward Dougherty, Merchant; upper part by Mr. Smith, as an office.

Wooden building, owned by Mr. George Harding, and occupied by Mr. George Chadwick, merchant.

WOODEN HOUSE, EAST SIDE. Brick building, owned by Mr. Robert Douglas and others, and occupied by Messrs. John Thomson & Son, merchants.

Wooden building, owned by Mr. John Hastings, and occupied by Mr. Thos. Gard, Confectioner, &c.

Wooden building, belonging to the estate of R. W. Crookshank, the younger, and occupied by Mr. Robert Irwin as a Boarding House.

Wooden building, belonging to Richard Sands, Esq.—two stores, one occupied by Mr. Charles B. Cox, Auctioneer—the other by Mr. Edward Drury, Hardware merchant.

Wooden building, owned by Mr. Ferguson, Esq.—occupied by Mr. John Furnas and others as a Tavern and Boarding House.

Wooden store, owned and occupied by Mr. John Walker, merchant.

Wooden house, belonging to the estate of the late Capt. George Mathew—the lower part occupied by Mr. P. Hand, Hair-dresser, the upper part by Mr. Richard Wilson, as a Boarding House.

Wooden house, belonging to the estate of the late Thos. Sandell, Esq.—occupied by Mr. F. Collins, upper part by Mr. John Leonard, as a Boarding House.

Wooden House, owned and occupied by Mr. James Nelson, as a retail Liquor Store, &c.

Wooden House, owned by Mr. David Hogg—the upper part occupied by him as a dwelling, the lower part as a Grocery Store, &c.

Wooden House, owned by Mr. Ambrose S. Perkins, and occupied by Mr. P. M'Leod, as a Tavern and Boarding House.

Wooden House, owned by Mr. James Olson, and occupied by him and others, as a Tavern, and Boarding House.

Wooden House, belonging to the Estate of the late Hugh Johnston, Esq.—occupied by Mr. Alexander M'Queen, Black-maker.

Wooden House, belonging to same Estate—lower part occupied by Mr. William Moore, Tinsmith, upper part by Mr. Gabriel Strong, Shoemaker.

Wooden House adjoining (in Process-street) belonging to the same Estate, and occupied by—

Wooden House, owned by Mr. Thos. M'Avity, Esq.—together with the extensive range of stores in rear of the same, filled with flour and provisions.

Wooden building, owned and occupied by Mr. B. Tilton, together with a range of stores in rear of the same filled with flour, grain, &c.

Wooden building, owned by James Hendricks, Esq.—lower part occupied by Mr. James Reid, merchant, and Mr. Joseph Scammell, grocer, upper part by Mr. Edwards, as a boarding house.

Wooden house, owned and occupied by Mr. H. P. Whitney, as a clothing store.

Wooden building, belonging to Messrs. Parke & Hegan, merchants. Second floor by Isaac L. Bedell, Esq., as a Marine Insurance Office; and Henry See, Esq., Attorney at Law. Third floor, Mr. Donald A. Cameron, Printer, and Mr. E. Morse, as a dwelling; 4th floor—Mr. Ira Mosier, and Mr. Bizzard, ditto.

A very extensive range of Wooden Stores in rear of the above, occupied as ware-rooms for heavy goods.

Wooden building, belonging to the Estate of the late Thos. Canby—Store, occupied by Mr. William Dongan, merchant. Upper part by Mrs. Canby.

Wooden building, owned and occupied by H. Gilbert, Esq.—together with the extensive range of stores in rear of the same, filled with flour and provisions.

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WOODEN BUILDING, CORNER, owned and occupied by Walker Tisdal, Esq. merchant.

Wooden building, owned by Thos. Gilbert, Esq.—two stores, one occupied by Mr. R. L. Harris, the other by Messrs. Fankle & Mattiew, merchants.

Wooden building, owned by Thos. Gilbert, Esq.—two stores, one occupied by Mr. William Scammell, the other by Mr. D. C. Perkins, merchants.

Wooden building, owned by the Heirs of the late Samuel Miles—two stores, one occupied by Messrs. Reid & Perkins, flour merchants, the other by Messrs. J. & T. Robinson, grocers.

Wooden building, owned by Mr. A. H. Thorne, and Messrs. Knowles & Thorne, merchants.

Wooden building, owned by Mr. John D. Macintyre—occupied by E. W. Greenwood, and Mr. John R. Burns, merchants.

Wooden building, owned by Mr. W. Flaherty—occupied by Mr. Donald Ross, grocer, and Mr. Flaherty, merchant.

Wooden building, owned and occupied by Messrs. S. Wiggins & Son, merchants.

Wooden building, owned by Stephen Smith, Esq.—two stores, one occupied by Mr. Thos. Wallace, the other by Mr. Alexander Robertson, merchant.

Wooden building—owned and occupied by J. M. Wilson, Esq. merchant.

Wooden building, owned by I. L. Bedell, Esq.—occupied by Mr. M. Cannon, Esq. Merchant; upper part by Mr. Hardebrook, sail-maker.

Wooden building, owned by Mr. George M'Lean, and occupied by Mr. Chas. M'Lauchlan and Mr. Geo. Thoms, merchants.

Wooden building, owned and occupied by Messrs. L. J. & G. Woodland, Mr. Thos. Saxton, and as the King's warehouse.

Wooden building, owned by J. Danford, Esq. of London, occupied by Mr. Geo. M. Burns, and Mr. Edmond, Esq., merchant.

Wooden building, owned by J. Danford, Esq. of London, occupied by Messrs. J. & H. Kinnaird, General Commission Merchants.

WOODEN BUILDING, owned and occupied by Messrs. D. & P. Hatfield, merchants.

Wooden building, owned by the Estate of Thos. Canby, occupied by Mr. Robert Sabor, merchant.

Wooden building owned and occupied by Thos. Gilbert, Esq. Flour merchant.

Wooden building, owned by Mr. B. Tilton, occupied by Mr. George W. Potter, merchant.

Wooden building, owned by James Hendricks, Esq.—occupied by Messrs. G. D. Robinson & Co. merchants.

Wooden building, owned by James Hendricks, Esq.—occupied by John Wishart, Esq. merchant.

Wooden building, owned by Mr. William Vaughan, lower part occupied by Mr. William Vaughan, upper part by Mr. Leonard, sail maker.

WOODEN BUILDING, owned by Messrs. D. & P. Hatfield—occupied by Mr. Ira Mosier, grocer.

Wooden building on the wharf, in rear of the above owned by James Hendricks, Esq.—occupied by Mr. John Walker, as a warehouse.

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A Dwelling House, owned and occupied by Mr. John Campbell, tailor.

Wooden building, owned by James Hendricks, Esq.—occupied by Mr. Thos. Saxton, as a warehouse.

Blacksmith shop, owned and occupied by Mr. David Hogg.

WOODEN BUILDING, owned by the Hon. C. J. Peters, occupied by Mr. William Foley, as a boarding house, and by Mrs. Stevens, and Messrs. Snelis and Lawley.

Wooden building, owned by Mr. Oakley, of New York, and occupied by Mr. A. Murphy, as a boarding house.

Wooden building, owned by Capt. Rawleigh, and occupied by Mr. Clark and others.

Wooden building, owned by Messrs. J. & H. Kinnaird, and occupied by Messrs. Robertson & Hatton, merchants.

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people, that there would be a total destruction of all the houses in the city lying to the south-east, as the wind was carrying the burning flakes Eastward, or snow over the whole extent of the city in that direction, causing some houses to take fire in the roof, consequently every family, without exception, packed up, and many of them removed their furniture, and other movable property, to the north part of the city. The consequence, confusion, loss and breakage, may be more easily conceived than described.

The total amount of the loss sustained has been variously estimated, but is generally considered to be under £250,000. Above £250,000, we understand, are insured; of which amount, the New Brunswick Fire Insurance Company is liable for about £25,000—the remainder is covered by the Central Insurance Company, the West of Scotland, the London Phoenix, the Hartford, and the Atlas, (of Hartford) and other American Offices.

Although we missed a great want of any thing like order or energy, exhibited by many, during the conflagration, there was still much exertion, made by the Engine and Fire Companies, and many of the citizens. The military, too, are particularly deserving of praise; not only was the Ordnance Engine on the ground at an early hour, and worked with considerable effect, but both Officers and men of the detachment of the Royal Artillery and 43d Light Infantry, stationed here, behaved in a manner which entitles them to the thanks of this community.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, Thursday, Jan. 12.

Read a second time the following Bills:— A Bill to incorporate sundry persons by the name of The New-Brunswick Marine Assurance Company.

A Bill to explain the true intent and meaning of an Act, intitled "An Act to extend the privilege of solemnizing Marriage to all Ministers or Teachers of the several Religious Congregations in this Province."

A Bill to alter and amend an Act, intitled "An Act to provide for the maintenance of Basins Children."

Read a third time as engrossed.—A Bill for the support of the Civil Government in this Province.—Resolved, That the Bill do pass.—Ordered, That Mr. Crane take the said Bill to the Council, and desire their concurrence thereto.

Read a third time as engrossed.—A Bill in amendment of an Act, intitled "An Act to authorize the Justices of the Peace for the City and County of Saint John to erect a Building in the said City for a common Gaol and House of Correction, and to raise a sum of money for completing the same."

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.—Ordered, That Mr. Crane take the said Bill to the Council, and desire their concurrence thereto.

Mr. M'Leod, by leave, presented a Petition from Henry Nase, Alexander Reid, and 18 others, of Westfield in King's County, praying a grant may pass towards blowing Rocks and removing obstructions in the lower part of the Nerepis Stream; which he read.—Ordered, That the said Petition be received, and referred to the Committee to inquire into the expediency of improving the navigation of the Rivers, Bays, Harbours and Creeks in the Province.

Mr. Johnston, Chairman of the Committee on Roads, submitted a Report, which he read, and handed the same in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read, and is as follows:—

The Committee appointed to inquire into the state of all the Roads of the Province in this Province, and to report what sums it may be necessary to grant for repairing and improving as well the Great as Bye Roads, have had under their consideration the subject of the Eye Roads and recommend:—

That the sum of £11,125 be granted for the Bye Roads in the several Counties, and be divided thus, viz:—

For the County of York, £1,500

Carleton, 1,400

Queen's, 1,300

Gloucester, 1,125

Westmorland, 1,600

Charlotte, 1,550

King's, 1,500

Saint John, 1,100

Kent, 900

Sunbury, 775

Northumberland, 1,475

£14,125

HUGH JOHNSTON, Chairman, Committee Room, 12th Jan. 1837.

On motion of Mr. Partelow.

The House went into Committee of the whole, on a Bill in amendment of an Act, intitled "An Act to prevent Nuisances within the City of Saint John, and Parish of Portland in the County of St. John."

Read a third time as engrossed.— A Bill to incorporate sundry persons by the name of The President, Directors and Company of the Bank of Fredericton, —Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Woolwich, Dec. 5.—His Majesty's steam vessel Lightning, Lieutenant Shambler, received on board this morning from the Tower 8000 Blankets, for Colonel Evans's Legion, and will sail this evening for the north coast of Spain, calling at Portsmouth for other necessaries.

LONDON, December 7.

The Dutch papers publish the treaty between the King of the Netherlands and the States-Generals concluded last August. Its provisions relate principally to financial regulations. The storm on

the 1st was extremely violent at the Hague, where it did much mischief. Several lives have been lost in different parts of Holland.—Standard.

No less than £2600 worth of timber is said to have been blown down on the Blichstein estate during the late hurricane.

As one among the countless instances of the late hurricane, it is stated that the town of Newport, in the Isle of Wight, though nine miles from the coast, was covered with soft water, and that in such quantities was it brought by the wind, that the windows of the town were blown in, and many of the objects could scarcely be seen through them.

December 8.

A great fire is announced to take place in the Territories at the beginning of January. It will, it is said, be magnificent all which the King has inherited in that part. This fire is to be given to the National Guards of Paris and the neighbouring villages, and all the staff of the National Guards, and a numerous detachment from each legion, are to be invited to meet the King, who is expected to be in Paris on the 15th. It is expected on concluding them a fire in the palace.

Two hundred and fifty men of the Royal Guards at Madrid, having mutinied, and having overpowered themselves in their barracks, were surrounded, and after having endured the firing of the artillery for an hour, they surrendered at discretion. On the morning of the 20th, three of their number were shot on the Grande Place. The troops, the National Guards, and the authorities, all did their duty well. Madrid was tranquil on the 20th.

STATE OF TRADE.—There are now 4,000 weavers out of employ in Norwich. The news from Rochdale, Blackburn, Bolton, and Wigan, is rather unfavourable. At Preston, the hands are unemployed, the masters having refused to comply with the demands of the men. No fewer than 15,000 are included in the turnout.—Morning Chronicle.

The hopes entertained by some, of a speedy settlement between the manufacturers and workmen in the Potteries, have not yet been realized. We understand all or nearly all the manufactories in the district are closed, and although many hands are hired, they cannot go to work until business is generally resumed. The "Unionists" declare their determination not to concede the points in dispute, and state that the supplies of money they are receiving from different parts of the kingdom are most ample. On the other hand this is denied by some who profess to be acquainted with the state of the funds; and it is affirmed that their appeals, in many places, have entirely failed.—Staffordshire Advertiser.

Judging from all that we see around us—the state of trade, the state of the markets, the agitation of the subject of pauper treatment—we should say that the question of the Corn-laws is daily more and more forcing itself on the undivided attention of the Reformers of Britain. How, indeed, can it be otherwise? No reflecting person can fail to be convinced of the absurdity and injustice of these laws—their absurdity, in not effecting the end for which they were instituted, and in still supporting the national greatness and welfare and their injustice, in keeping back the whole nation in its career of competition with others, without benefiting the small section of the community through whose mistaken and misdirected influence they are alone maintained. We have witnessed Catholic Emancipation, Borough Emancipation, Negro Emancipation and ere long, we hope to hail the glad tidings of Corn Emancipation.—Staffordshire Advertiser.

The Gale.—Early on Monday, a tremendous storm of wind and rain commenced in London and the suburbs. Towards noon on Tuesday, its violence was rather increased; but in the evening it partially subsided. The newspapers from day to day have been filled with accounts of the damage to property, and in several instances loss of life, occasioned by the hurricane.

In all quarters of the town, chimneys and copings-stones were blown down, and houses unroofed.

Twenty-three persons who have received injuries during the storm, have been taken to the Metropolitan Hospitals.

At Woolwich, two hundred houses were more or less injured, and a large quantity of lead stripped from the roof of the chapel behind the Royal Artillery Barracks.

Considerable injury was done to the shipping in the Thames. In the County and on the coast, the gale blew with tremendous violence, and proved most disastrous.

The roads to Hull, Birmingham, Bristol, Exeter, Liverpool, and Dover, were almost impassable, in consequence of the number of trees which were blown down. Bath and Bistol are said to have been inundated.

On the Southern coast, immense injury has been done to the shipping. Even a man-of-war was dismasted off Portsmouth. Accounts of damage to shipping as far west as Cardiff have been received, and many vessels are filled with brief statements of the loss of vessels along the coast. The loss of life appears not to have been large.

At Littlehampton, barges have been sunk in the river, boats blown over the banks and broken to pieces, and buildings totally unroofed, and few have escaped.

ped being partially so; much of the roof of the new church is gone, and it is remarkable that, with such force were the stones thrown, that one cut asunder an iron rail of an enclosure over a vault, chimneys have been blown down, and large quantities of glass forced in.

At East Grinstead, one of the spires of the church was blown down; it fell through the roof, cutting large timbers in the ceiling, demolishing several pews, and just missed the organ, which would have been otherwise crushed to atoms. A new unfinished building of considerable dimensions was hurled to the ground with a tremendous crash, and presents a heap of ruins.

On the French coast the hurricane was terrific; the appearance of the sea was most awful, being covered with wrecks which dashed upon the shore, tearing up the sand in every direction. The pier or jetty of Calais, the strongest and best constructed of any in this country, and which has for years defied the anger of the deep, could not stand against the impetuosity of the framing wind. The huge and massive stones which are linked together by strong iron bars, and hitherto have served as a breakwater to the pier and harbor, were shaken from their embedment, and broken asunder. The deep driven piles of the jetty then became loosened, and could scarcely stand against the violence of the waves dashing in the most furious manner from the W. S. E. At the end there was a steady lull for the Donjon, or Custom house soldiers, who are on duty day and night, to give an alarm to the pilots of the port in case of any vessel being in distress—that was completely washed away, and about twenty five or thirty yards of the upper part of the pier or bars, leaving only the piles standing. The ancient Fort Rouge, the saluting Fort and battery on the right entrance of the harbor, and signal staff, which is built upon strong piles, driven about forty feet into the earth, was shaken to the foundation, and in many parts gave way. The whole of the roof of the Corps de Garde, or signal house, is blown off; and had it not been for the heavy pieces of cannon around it, which caused an aperture for the fury of the wind through the port holes, the whole in all probability would have been swept away, as the artillerymen on duty state it shook with such violence, that they all expected every moment that they would be blown into the port to rise no more. The signal staff was blown to pieces, and six small brass guns, which serve to salute the arrival or passing of any squadron or ships of war, were totally dismounted from their carriages, and thrown to some distance by the impetuosity of the waves.

Money Market.—We announced in our last issue the intention of the Bank to raise their interest and rates of discount. The official notification has since been issued. The banks of Edinburgh and Aberdeen have also resolved to charge 5 per cent. from the 15th inst. on all discounts and cash credits, and to allow 3 per cent. interest on all deposits for the 1st proximo. This step also will be felt in England, whence we have received a good deal of paper has found its way to Scotland.—*Glasgow Argus.*

In the beginning of the present week gold was 1 1/2 per cent. dearer at Hamburg than in London; 6 1/2 per cent. lower than in London; 1 1/2 per cent. against England was the exchange at New York. The price of gold was £3 19 per ounce, and there was an evident inclination to a rise in the foreign exchange every where. £200,000 of gold and silver were exported from London last week.

Consumption of Wines in England.—From a return made to the House of Commons in last session it appears the total amount of wines of all kinds imported and retained for home consumption during the year 1836, was 6,428,242 gallons, of which 3,700,064 gallons were Portuguese; 2,420,187 Spanish; 135,482 Madras; 271,100 French; the remainder being Cape, Rhine, Canary, Fayal, and Sicilian.

Commerce in the North of Scotland.—By the latest calculations we find that the registered tonnage of all the vessels between Aberdeen and Liverpool, both inclusive, amounts 55,340 tons, divided among 629 vessels. Of this number fully one half are commonly engaged in the foreign trade, and a few occasionally make a voyage to the Baltic. With this deduction we shall have 26,000 registered tonnage employed in the coasting trade, which, in the present season, has been said to be chiefly between the Moray Firth and Sunderland, Leith and Glasgow.—*Aberdeen Herald.*

Tax Crops.—Some farmers calculate their loss on wheat at one third, and others in other situations at one sixth of their entire crop. These calculations, however, we should faintly hope, cannot have a general application. In the main time, the price of this article has risen to an extent which seriously affects the poor man's income, and more so as the price of the quarter loaf is an third higher than it was a few months ago.—*Scotman.*

Scotland is draining England of its grain, while Ireland is unable to furnish England with the accustomed supply of grain. The price of bread is everywhere rising. This is no time to trifle with partial remedies; this is no time to leave it in the power of another country to forestall us in the purchase of foreign grain already landed on our shores. Let the ports be opened.—*Glasgow Argus.*

Mrs. Ryan, who died in England on the 19th ult. aged 83 years, received on the day of her marriage, a present of a man with a request that it should not be cut until the birth of her first child. The lady never assumed maternal dignity, and the man was kept until the day of her funeral 24 years, when it was dressed, and to the surprise of all present was perfectly good and tender.

The Parisians have succeeded in landing safely in their metropolis, the beautiful Egyptian Obelisk which has been so long the wonder of travellers at Luxor. The difficulty now is to raise this curious relic upon the granite pedestal prepared for it in the place Louis XV.

A man who employed himself during the summer months in England collecting snails, and slow worms, was lately adding to his stock, which he had placed in his box, in the Brick Farm, when he received a bite from a slow worm and died in a few minutes.

Presidential Escape of the Hon. Fox Maule, M. P. and his lady.—On Monday the Hon. Mr. Maule and his lady had occasion to leave Tynmouth Castle in their open carriage, and in taking leave their mother-in-law, the Marquis of Breadalbane, recommended to Mr. Maule, a drive through the Deer Park, that they might enjoy some interesting views, on which Mr. Maule joyfully remarked, that by doing so, he would expose himself to a visit from "an old friend," viz. a fine hart one of the beautiful race of red deer at Tynmouth, which was not at all times very shy of those he met with in the park.

The coachman having received directions accordingly proceeded by the park in question, and had not gone far, when the deer made his appearance, showing the utmost determination to attack the vehicle. Mr. Maule endeavored to frighten the animal away by shouting aloud, but he continued to menace the party for some time, and at length, having got in front of the horses, at one plunge fairly struck his enormous antlers into the chest of one of them, and severed the jugular vein. The horses at this got restive, and the carriage by the instant chance, and the execution of the postillions, very providentially escaped being precipitated over a large bank. The horse that was struck fell down when the carriage got to the turnpike road, near the entrance gate of the park, and died from the effects of the wound four hours afterwards. This same red deer, or "old friend," has been long the terror of the visitors, and about ten years ago actually killed another horse. During the encounter of the deer, Mrs. Maule exhibited great presence of mind, notwithstanding the danger to which she was exposed, and has fortunately suffered no material injury in consequence.

St. Vices.—Two unfortunate persons arrived here on Tuesday by the Brig *Berolina*, from Norfolk, who were picked up at sea in a small boat. One of these persons, named *Coffins*, is a tavern keeper at the dock yard of that Island, and the other his brother in law, whose name we have not ascertained; and they had gone out for the purpose of fishing at pleasure, when they were driven to sea, and would very probably have perished, but for their providential discovery by the brig that brought them here. Being entire strangers in this Island, a subscription has been entered into for their relief, to which about \$50 have already been contributed.—*Gazette, Nov. 12.*

The longer we live the more wonders we are destined to see. The catalogue of appropriations sent out from the Colonial Office in favor of every step and measure of Francis Bond Head's administration, makes a pretty figure, when put in juxtaposition with the measures pursued in this province. The case is not clear, that measures of the most disreputable character are approved of by the Colonial Secretary. St. Francis, who has bravely upheld the constitution of Upper Canada, is ranked for his prudent foresight, decision, and promptness in his proceedings, against revolutionary demagogues; and Lord Gosford, who, instead of using foresight, decision, and promptness, in maintaining the charter of our freedom, has already very nearly surrendered the whole, is like a puppet, in the hands of a high functionary. The discrepancy is irreconcilable; and to account for it, what will become of the political honesty of Lord Glenelg?—*Mississauga Standard.*

The working classes of the city of New York have suffered severely in consequence of being paid their wages in the notes of disunion banks. It is said that bankers and manufacturers, and all kinds of employers of large numbers of working people, are in the habit of bringing such notes to the city—they being allowed a handsome premium for distributing them. The notes are sent from all parts of the State, in packages of \$10,000, \$20,000, and even \$100,000; and as they are at a discount at the banks, the poor laborers are clearly cheated of their wages. There is now a tight combination to refuse all notes except those of New York banks.

Great Public Meeting.

At a public meeting of the Inhabitants of this City, held at the Court House 19th January, 1836, in compliance with a previous requisition, numerous signed:—

His Worship the Mayor having been unanimously called to the Chair and Wm. Wright, Esq. requested to act as Secretary. His Worship stated the objects of the meeting—whereupon,

On motion of L. Donaldson, Esq. seconded by Wm. Walker, Esq. Resolved, That a Petition be prepared and forwarded to the Legislature praying that in future no building of wood be allowed to be erected within any part of this city over twenty feet post, from the line of the street on which the same may be situated, nor extending over fifteen feet in height above the top of the said post.

On motion of Robt. F. Hazen, Esq. seconded by John Ward, Jun. Esq. Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to prepare a Petition and draft of a Bill to be forwarded to the Legislature with as little delay as possible to embrace the object of the foregoing resolution, and that Messrs. L. Donaldson, Robt. F. Hazen and Wm. Wright, do compose the said Committee.

On motion of Dr. Bayard, seconded by Samuel Gould, Esq.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to carry round the above mentioned Petition for signature and that Messrs. E. D. W. Ratchford, J. Malcolm, Wm. Walker, John Wishart, Samuel Gould, James T. Hanford, James Whitney, Dap. Anselm, Solomon Nicholas, John Duncan, T. L. Nicholson, Robt. Keltie, Harrison Kinneer, Thos. E. Milledge, and J. Kirk, be a committee for that purpose.

Resolved unanimously, That the evils arising from the narrowness of the Market Wharves have been long felt, and as the Town grows must continue to increase, that it is therefore advisable to procure the twenty five feet of ground belonging to D. Hatfield, Esq. to the South thereof, and move the different lessees south twenty five feet; thus leaving the Wharf fifty feet wide, and so good to the general business of the City, and afford protection to goods in case of fire. And that a Petition be prepared and forwarded to the Legislature to that effect, and that the Committee appointed under the second Resolution be also a Committee for this purpose.

On motion of E. D. W. Ratchford, Esq. seconded by J. M. Wilnot, Esq. Resolved, That measures be adopted for extending the width of St. John or Water-street, and Ward-street on the west side. That a Committee do consult the Proprietors of the property as to whether they are willing to receive ground in year, in lieu of that taken from them in

front; and if they are not willing to make such exchange on equitable terms, that the Corporation be petitioned to provide the means of purchasing and that a petition be likewise forwarded to the Legislature to authorize the Corporation to take such property as may be found necessary for that purpose on payment of the value thereof by appraisal.

On motion of Wm. Hammond, Esq. seconded by E. D. W. Ratchford, Esq. Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to draw up a Petition to the Legislature, praying an extension of time to be granted to all persons residing in this city who have Bonds falling due at the Treasury on the 1st Bonds being renewed with satisfactory security, and that Messrs. Wm. McCann, Wm. Hammond and Jas. Whitney, be a committee for that purpose.

On motion of Wm. Wright, Esq. seconded by J. M. Wilnot, Esq. Resolved, That a Subscription list be opened for the purpose of relieving such persons as may have lost their all by the late fire; That Messrs. F. Kinneer, D. Anselm, J. Ward, Jr., D. Scovill, Neville Parker and E. L. Jarvis, be a committee to carry the same into effect; that Mr. F. Kinneer be Treasurer of the said committee; and that the committee do draw upon the Treasurer for such sums as they may after due enquiry deem expedient to grant to persons whose necessities require immediate relief.

On motion of L. Donaldson, Esq. seconded by Mr. Alderman Porter. Resolved, That a Petition be prepared and forwarded to the Legislature, praying such grant of money as in their wisdom they may deem expedient, in aid of individual subscription for relief of the sufferers by the late fire, and that the gentleman composing the last mentioned committee be also a Committee to effect the object of this resolution.

On motion of Wm. B. Kinneer, Esq. seconded by Dr. Bayard. Resolved unanimously, That the Thanks of this meeting are due to the Commandant, Officers, Non-commissioned Officers and Privates of the 43d Regt. and of the Artillery in garrison in this city, for their prompt attendance at the fire of Saturday night last and since, and for their very great exertion to extinguish the same, and guard the property of the various individuals who sustained losses on that occasion, and that His Worship the Mayor convey this testimony of the public feeling to Major Slade, the Officer in command.

On motion of L. Donaldson, Esq. seconded by John Walker, Esq. Resolved, That the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonality of this City, be requested to confer with the President of the City upon the two Soldiers of the 43d Regt. who so peculiarly distinguished themselves in saving the Brigantine Tom Caring, while on fire at the South Market Wharf.

On motion of L. Donaldson, Esq. seconded by Mr. Alderman Porter. Resolved, That the proceedings of this Meeting be published.

His Worship the Mayor having left the Chair, and His Honor the Recorder being called to the Chair.

On motion of L. Donaldson, Esq. seconded by Mr. Alderman Theat. Resolved unanimously, That the thanks of this Meeting be given to His Worship the Mayor, for his gentlemanly and impartial conduct in the Chair.

WILLIAM WRIGHT, SECRETARY. January 19, 1836.

We beg to tender our sincere thanks to those persons who so kindly assisted us in removing our Press and Materials from the scene of the late conflagration, and by whose valuable exertions much of our Office was saved from destruction.

DIED.

On Sunday last, of Paralysis, Ass. Consort of Mr. William Reynolds, and eldest daughter of Andrew and Charlotte Barry, wife of Cornwallis (N. S.) in the 43rd year of her age, leaving a husband and five children, with a numerous circle of relatives and friends, who were all united in mourning for her. She was a kind and affectionate parent and partner—exemplary in her domestic duties—her sympathy for the suffering, and feeling of others was proverbial, and she particularly adhered to that sentiment of St. Paul, she was "a keeper at home."

On Tuesday last, Mrs. Mary Ann DeBergher, aged 25 years.

SHIPPING LIST.

Saint John, Jan. 17—Arrived Brig *Emerald*, Campbell, Liverpool 52—ward & Sons, Coal. 20th, a brig in the office.

At Montego Bay 25th Nov. ship *Hymen*, Bell, hence, 19 days.

At Port Antonio 13th Dec. schr. *Victory*, Sherwood, to the north coast, 19 days.

The American Ship *Superior*, Victor, Master, 65 days from Marseilles bound to New York, laden with Silks, Wine, Wheat, Oil, Salt, &c. &c., struck on the north rocks on Tuesday night last, about half past 11 o'clock, and some sunk. The crew were obliged to abandon her, before they could receive any assistance from the shore—they arrived at St. George's in the Ship's launch about 11 o'clock on the following day.—*Berandina, Dec. 3.*

Lever Watches, &c.

The subscriber has received per late arrivals—A new assortment of Ladies' and Gentlemen's Gold and silver, Patent Lever and Verge Watches, Massey's Patent Log and Sounding Machine, universally adopted by the Royal Navy.

Also on hand, Jewellery, silver, German silver, and Plated Tin, Table, Mustard, salt Spoons and Sugar Tongs; silver and German silver ever-pointed Penic Cases; Lenses for do.; Double and single Tangent screw Goggles; Wood, and Bone Compasses; Telescopes; Thermometers; Eight Day clocks, &c. &c.

WILLIAM HUTCHINSON, Coffee House Corner.

NOTICE.

THE Proprietors of P.W.S. in Trinity and St. John Churches, who have omitted to pay their Pew Rents due on the first instant, are hereby notified that unless the same be left with one of the Wardens before the next meeting, their Pews will be sold as per order of the Vestry. JAMES WOODD, Executors. St. John, 13th January, 1837.

Francis Collins, RETURNS his warmest thanks to those gentlemen who so promptly and successfully exerted themselves in saving his goods from the destruction of a fire on Saturday night last. Jan. 20th 1837.

MISSING. SINCE the fire on Saturday night last, a Trunk having the mark F. B. on the bottom containing Women's Apparel, belonging to the Subscriber, also a mahogany carved bed post. Whoever has the same in their possession will receive the thanks of the owner by returning it to Mr. Jas. Everett, at No. 10, W. M. MAJOR.

A CARD. DR. BOYD, in behalf of His Mother, returns his most grateful thanks to his fellow Citizens, to the Commandant, Officers, non-Commissioned officers and men of the Royal Artillery, and 43d Light Infantry, and others, for their prompt, effective and successful exertions to preserve her house and furniture from destruction during the late conflagration. Jan. 20, 1837.

William Major, BEGS leave to return his thanks to his Friends, and those persons who so kindly assisted him in removing his property at the late fire. He also begs to inform them, that he has taken a new and better establishment, in the same place, where he will shortly be able to recommence business. Jan. 20, 1837.

A CARD. WILLIAM L. AVERY, tenders his sincere thanks to those persons who volunteered their services in rescuing his property on the evening of Saturday last, when threatened by the devouring element. He furthermore informs his friends and the public, that he has returned the remnant of his stock to the Trustees, in the house occupied by Mr. P. Drake, (nearly opposite the residence of B. L. Peavey, Esq.) where he will continue to transact business, hoping his friends will not depart from him in time of need. Jan. 20, 1837.

Weekly Observer. THE Office of the WEEKLY OBSERVER, is now open in the room in Mr. Merritt's Brick building in Water Street, lately occupied by the "Mills and Canal Company," where the Observer will be published on Tuesday next. January 20.

CIRCULATING LIBRARY, Germain Street. THE Proprietor of the above establishment, respectfully informs his Subscribers and the Public, that he has taken the shop in Germain-street lately occupied by Mr. Bonner, (and owned by Mr. Youngusband,) nearly opposite to Trinity Church. He is now collecting the remains of his establishment together, and trusts that in a few days he will be enabled to resume business. Jan. 20.

A. R. TRURO. FARM & SHIP YARD TO LET.—Possession given on 1st day of May next:—

50 ACRES of Land, with two Dwelling Houses, and an established Ship Yard, 2 miles from Town, on the Neck-backs, and now occupied by the subscriber. For particulars apply on the Premises. to—BENJAMIN APPELEY. Jan. 20, 1836.

Twines and Lines. THE subscriber has on hand, of recent importations—10 ABBE and fine Salmon Twines, white and black; and Herring Twines; Cord and Pallock Lines, of all sizes. JAMES T. HANFORD. Jan. 13.

Wanted. A SITUATION as a Shipmaster, by a person who can speak and understand the English, Spanish and French languages. Please apply at this Office. Jan. 13.

FISH.—700 Quintals shore Cod Fish, 50 ditto scale Fish—for sale by—James T. Hanford. Jan. 13.

FOUND.—A small sum of MONEY. The owner has lost the same by depositing it in a bank and paying charges. Enquire at the Hibernian Office. Jan. 13.

Rum, Sugar, Pimento, and Hides; PER BRIG *Platania*, from Montego Bay, for sale by Dec. 23. Crookshank & Walker.

Refined Sugar. 6 HATS REFINED SUGAR. In the ship *Pollock*, from Greece, for sale low while landing, by—J. T. HANFORD. HATCHFORD & LUGRIN.

FLOUR.—250 Barrels fresh imported Hamburg Flour. J. T. HANFORD. Dec. 23.

Molasses & Rum. 18 HATS MOLASSES, and 2 Puncheons RUM, now landing ex schr. *Sarah*, and will be sold low. J. T. HANFORD. Dec. 23.

Fancy Cards. JUST received at this Office, a supply of EMERALD CARDS, which will be brought into view, Business, and other Cards, in the most manner and reasonable terms. Dec. 23.

Picton Coals. THE cargo of the schooner *Industry*, about 60 chaldrons, best Picton Coals, is offered for sale by the subscribers at the lowest market rate. Dec. 9. Ratchford & Lugin.

CORN MEAL.—100 Barrels CORN MEAL, now landing, ex "Francis" For sale by—J. T. HANFORD. Dec. 23.

Commercial and Mathematical SCHOOL. (German street, opposite the residence of WILLIAM SCOTT, Esquire.)

MR. MILLS' SCHOOL. where Youth are prepared for the business of the Counting-house—the sea, or for useful Mechanical pursuits, in open for evening papers.

Hours of attendance, from 6 till 9. December 16, 1836.

For Sale. 40 TONS of Pine Timber, average 17 inch: 8 do. Birch—will be delivered in shipping order—belonging to the St. John Bridge Company. Dec. 16. W. H. STREET, Committee.

Per brig GULNARE, FROM LONDON. FANCY GOODS, Perfumery, Parisian Toys, Cards, and other Prints. Also an assortment of Juvenile Books, suitable for Christmas presents. For sale at the Circulating Library, Prince W. street. Dec. 16. A. R. TRURO.

Notice. ALL persons having any legal demands against the Estate of GEORGE ROBINSON, late of St. John, N. B. deceased, are requested to present the same duly attested, within Three Months from the date hereof, and all persons indebted to said Estate are desired to make immediate payment to—JAMES WOODD, Executors. Nov. 25, 1836.

To Let. AND immediate possession given.—A FARM containing seven hundred acres of Land, one hundred of which is cleared, and cuts from 20 to 40 tons of Hay annually; there are on the premises three live houses and two good barns. They would be let in separate Farms if required. To an industrious man they would prove beneficial, as produce would be taken for rent. Also for sale on the farm, 25 tons first quality HAY. Apply at the Hibernian Hotel, Church-st. Jan. 6. JAMES NETHERY.

Oysters. A FEW barrels just received, and may be had in any quantity, on immediate application at the Hibernian Hotel. Jan. 6. James Nethery.

WATCHES, &c. &c. The subscriber, has just received per ship *Elizabeth*, from Liverpool—

A LARGE assortment of WATCHES, consisting of Detached Patent Levers, full jewelled, with silver Dials, richly ornamented; plain and fancy, cap'd and jewell'd; which together with his former stock of Clocks, Watches, rich and well-assorted Jewellery, fine and German silver table and tea, Dessert, Mustard and salt spoons; fine and German silver and silver plated sugar tongs; silver Pencils; silver Thimbles; plain and silver set, line and jeweller's Gold Finger Rings; Fine Gold top and Drop Ear-rings; red and white Coralian dials; Gentlemen's and Ladies' mourning and other Bracelets, in variety; silver and plated Watch Guard Chains, seals and Keys; Music Boxes; A few ACCORDIANS, first quality, extra keys; improved single and double draw Perspective Glasses; Barometers and Thermometers; and a variety of other Articles, he offers for sale at the lowest market prices, for Approved Payment. JAMES AGNEW. Watch and Clock Maker, Jeweller, &c. Dock Street, St. John, N. B. Nov. 25, 1836.

Notice. ALL Persons having any legal demands against the Estate of JOHN DAY, late of this city, Clerk, deceased, are requested to hand in their claims for adjustment within Three Calendar Months from this date; and all those indebted to said Estate are required to make immediate payment to—SARAH DAY, Administratrix. Carlisle, Dec. 26, 1836.

Last Notice. THE subscriber having discontinued the Printing of the *Christian Messenger*, hereby informs his subscribers and the public, that all outstanding debts for this month shall have expired, will be used for without discrimination. JOHN HOOPER.

Printing Establishment FOR SALE. THE "COLONIST OFFICE," with Types and Presses, will be sold by private contract; the price moderate and terms of payment easy. A great portion of the type is nearly new. Apply to—JOHN HOOPER. Jan. 6.

FALL GOODS. The Subscriber has received per "Gulnare," from London:—

BLACK, blue and brown Textures; 4 Cases London Chintz Prints; 4 Cases Merinoes, plain, figured, checked, &c. Plain and figured Irish Poplins; Challis, Mantua and Queen Gauze Dresses; Ladies' worsted Muslin Dresses, a new article; 4 Cases Merinoes, French, plain and figured; 4 do Ribbons, Plumes, Feathers, Flowers, children's Dresses, and Pelisses; 1 do Dr. Green, and chamois lined; Mrs. Bee, and lamba wool, dyed, lined and fur trimmed; 3 do lambs-wool Hosiery; 4 Cases consisting of Chinchilla, Lynx, fish, shagreen apron, sable, and mackable Muffs, Tippets, and Sals; 4 Cases consisting of Finishing and Trimming, in great variety; Gentlemen's black lambs-skin Travelling Caps; 4 Cases Winter shoes and Boots, chamois lined; With a great variety of other articles, the whole of which will be sold cheap, for cash or approved payment. JAMES BOWEN. December 16.

Stop Thief. \$20 REWARD. RANAWAY from the subscriber, a black and white dog, named SAMUEL LYNBATH. Previously to his departure, he was committed to his master a sum of money. He is now a dirty pale faced old looking dog, and is aged about 18 years, and a native of Ireland.—The above reward will be paid to any one who may detect and return him, on his being convicted. Any one harboring or employing him after this Notice, will be dealt with according to law. Jan. 18, 1837. JOHN HOOPER.

BEEF.—25 Barrels very superior Ox BEEF; 40 ditto common Country Beef—repacked here, and in a good prime shipping order. For sale low by—RATCHFORD & LUGRIN. Nov. 25.

Prices Current. Anchors, 42s a 45 Naval Stores, 16s 3d Butter, 1s 4d a 1st Tier, 16s 3d Barley, 23s 6d 2d Tier, 15s 3d 3d Tier, 15s 3d 4d Tier, 15s 3d Beef, Quebec, none Turpentine, Nova Scotia, 35s a 4th Oil, raw, 56d a 5d 5d Oil, refined, 58d a 5d Bacon, cwt, 72s sperm, 84s 6d Broad Wain, 25s a 3rd 3rd, 26s 6d 4th, 27s 6d a 3rd pure seal, 27s 6d 4th, 27s 6d 5th, 27s 6d 6th, 27s 6d 7th, 27s 6d 8th, 27s 6d 9th, 27s 6d 10th, 27s 6d 11th, 27s 6d 12th, 27s 6d 13th, 27s 6d 14th, 27s 6d 15th, 27s 6d 16th, 27s 6d 17th, 27s 6d 18th, 27s 6d 19th, 27s 6d 20th, 27s 6d 21st, 27s 6d 22nd, 27s 6d 23rd, 27s 6d 24th, 27s 6d 25th, 27s 6d 26th, 27s 6d 27th, 27s 6d 28th, 27s 6d 29th, 27s 6d 30th, 27s 6d 31st, 27s 6d 32nd, 27s 6d 33rd, 27s 6d 34th, 27s 6d 35th, 27s 6d 36th, 27s 6d 37th, 27s 6d 38th, 27s 6d 39th, 27s 6d 40th, 27s 6d 41st, 27s 6d 42nd, 27s 6d 43rd, 27s 6d 44th, 27s 6d 45th, 27s 6d 46th, 27s 6d 47th, 27s 6d 48th, 27s 6d 49th, 27s 6d 50th, 27s 6d 51st, 27s 6d 52nd, 27s 6d 53rd, 27s 6d 54th, 27s 6d 55th, 27s 6d 56th, 27s 6d 57th, 27s 6d 58th, 27s 6d 59th, 27s 6d 60th, 27s 6d 61st, 27s 6d 62nd, 27s 6d 63rd, 27s 6d 64th, 27s 6d 65th, 27s 6d 66th, 27s 6d 67th, 27s 6d 68th, 27s 6d 69th, 27s 6d 70th, 27s 6d 71st, 27s 6d 72nd, 27s 6d 73rd, 27s 6d 74th, 27s 6d 75th, 27s 6d 76th, 27s 6d 77th, 27s 6d 78th, 27s 6d 79th, 27s 6d 80th, 27s 6d 81st, 27s 6d 82nd, 27s 6d 83rd, 27s 6d 84th, 27s 6d 85th, 27s 6d 86th, 27s 6d 87th, 27s 6d 88th, 27s 6d 89th, 27s 6d 90th, 27s 6d 91st, 27s 6d 92nd, 27s 6d 93rd, 27s 6d 94th, 27s 6d 95th, 27s 6d 96th, 27s 6d 97th, 27s 6d 98th, 27s 6d 99th, 27s 6d 100th.

PROSPECTUS

Religious Newspaper.

AT this period of universal activity in the diffusion of knowledge, it is too obvious to need any argument, that the most persevering efforts should be made by the Friends of Religion to accompany every attempt to cultivate the human mind, with a simultaneous endeavor to diffuse also the precepts and principles of that meriting word, which alone can direct and sanctify any human knowledge, or lead its possessors to the only true wisdom. With a view to the attainment of so important an object it is proposed shortly to commence a Weekly Journal under the title of *The Christian Messenger*, and Repository of Religious, Literary, and General Intelligence, for Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. A considerable portion of its pages will be devoted entirely to religious matters: to such Essays and Communications as the friends and Advocates of truth may occasionally contribute, or to extracts selected from authors of sound and approved character, or from the various religious publications of the day.

It will contain condensed views of the latest and most interesting accounts of Missionary operations and successes, and general religious intelligence of every description, and will more especially convey information of the progress of pure and spiritual religion, and accounts of revival in every section of the Church throughout our own Provinces; together with whatever news may transpire in any way connected with the interests and welfare of the Kingdom of Christ.

An adequate portion of the publication will be set apart for the promotion of the cause of Temperance, a subject which will occupy a prominent place in the minds of its conductors and readers; and which has especially distinguished the efforts of that department of the Church of Christ in our Provinces, under whose immediate patronage the Paper is commenced.

And here it will be appropriate to observe that the object of its conductors is by no means to make the Publication the vehicle of exclusive or sectarian views in religion. As has been stated on a former occasion, in sentiment the conductors of the Paper may, in modern phraseology, be termed *Fraternizers*. They are friendly to social order and careful obedience to existing authorities; to a quiet and constitutional reform of public abuses, whenever such may exist or arise; to perfect equality of religious privileges; and to the protection, but not the pecuniary support of religious worship, by law. It will always be their desire to admit every kind of religious communication; intelligence or instruction which will be interesting and satisfactory to every portion of the church universal. As respects the general objects of the Paper, it is a fundamental principle with the persons projecting it, that both private happiness and public good require that the Mechanic, the Merchant, the professional man, and the Statesman, should each be an enlightened Christian; and that, in proportion as the world is filled with such, national prosperity will become more extensive and more permanent. To promote such intimate correspondence between Divine Truths and Human Affairs, as a measure of the highest wisdom and true philanthropy, is proposed therefore as their leading object.

In accordance with this important sentiment, the pages of this periodical are to be subject to the control of the strictest religious principles; no article or discussion is to be admitted that can justly offend the feelings of the conscientious believer in evangelical truth; but on the contrary the great and successful aim of this Paper will be to uphold the Word of God, and to exhibit that connection between religion and human conduct, that both and salutary control of the former over the latter, and that enlarged and harmonious subjection of the latter to the former, which is believed to be the design of God, and the secret of human happiness and true wisdom. A sufficient space will be appropriated to furnish their Readers with the current news and politics of the day; but they will always studiously avoid the warmth of political controversy, or indeed entering at length on any ground of its nature, which is not immediately connected with religious liberty and the rights of conscience. The claims connected with this important branch of our literature as British subjects, and with our accountability to God as moral Agents, they will ever feel themselves under the most sacred duty of assuring and supporting with their best ability.