







POETRY.

For the Wesleyan.

THE LAST SUMMER BREEZE

Hear ye that sweetly plaintive sound
As it dieth away in the blast?
As it floateth slowly and sadly along,
As it speaketh of the past?

'Tis summer's last and farewell breeze,
The nature's parting sigh;
O'er lost and buried flowerets dear,
That blossomed but to die.

It bringeth on its russet wing,
The sere and yellow leaf;
And each tenderly loved, and beautiful thing,
It beareth away in grief.

It speaks of young and tender buds,
That opened but to fade,
O'er whose beauteous hues, time's very grasp,
Had cast a deep'ning shade.

It speaks of more-bright and beautiful buds,
That bloomed with us awhile;
That lingered here to sweetly cheer,
Earth's sadness with their smile.

But chilling blasts their blossoms nipped,
We laid them in the grave;
Where the roses may bloom, above their tomb,
And the long grass gently wave.

Stuckville, September, 1949 M. E.

COTEMPORARY OPINIONS.

From the Toronto Christian Guardian.

Post Office Department and the Sabbath.

It is generally understood that in a short time,
the Post-Office Department for the Province
will be placed under the control of the Provincial
Government. The present, therefore, is a
suitable time to point out such reforms as should
take place in the Department on the transfer of
the Department from the Imperial to the Colonial
authority. Suggestions ought now to be
made by the public, and especially by the press,
for the removal of existing evils, and for the
more equitable and efficient management of all
its affairs.

Several important reforms are imperiously demanded;
and none more so, than that which relates to
the official violation of the Lord's Day. It is
indeed greatly to be deplored that hitherto
such a systematic outrage of the law of God
should be perpetrated, as is obviously the case,
in the reception and transmission of mails and
the delivery of letters on the holy Sabbath in
different parts of Canada. But that outrage
may cease. It ought to cease. The people
have but to express in strong and decided language,
their hostility to its continuance, and, we
doubt not, the evil will be brought to a speedy
termination. The Government will listen to the
reasonable demands of a religious people, and
in deference to the respect they feel and express
for the law of God this great reform will be
concocted by our rulers.

The ground upon which we rest our demand
for an alteration in the Sabbath postal arrangements,
is the law of God. Our hostility to the
existing arrangements is that they are in opposition
to the will and command of Jehovah. With
religious men there can be no compromise here.
In vain are the interests of business men and
their pecuniary advantages urged for the perpetuation
of the present system. Those and the
like are the only reasons that can be urged for
the weekly repetition of the evils of which we
complain. And we ask, can such reasons justify
the habitual violation of one of the most solemn
commands in the decalogue? Will not such
reasons, precisely in the same way, justify
the mechanic in pursuing his occupation and the
merchant in continuing his business on the Lord's
Day? Undoubtedly; and the carrying out of
the same principle would entirely obliterate the
Sabbath; deprive us of one of our greatest
blessings; rob us of our birth-right; break down
our heaven appointed safe-guard; and finally
bring upon us the judicial curse of the Almighty.

Neither individuals nor Governments are at
liberty to advance their pecuniary or secular interests
by the breach of the laws of God. One
of these laws is broken every Sabbath in the
year by hundreds of parties who are employed
in the various post offices, and by others who
receive their letters on the Lord's Day. It may
not be possible in all cases to prevent the reception
of mails on the Sabbath; but it is possible
to prevent the transmission of mails and the
delivery of letters on that day. In every case the
mails that are carried forward should stop at the
first office on the route after midnight on Saturday.
In no case should a mail be forwarded on
a letter delivered on Sabbath. Neither the one
nor the other can be done without a direct violation
of the commands of the great Lawgiver and

Sovereign of the universe; for neither the one
nor the other is an act of necessity or mercy.

We may talk of the necessity of the case.—
Some will tell us that the public and business
men must have their business letters at the earliest
hour possible, in order to transact their business
properly and without loss. What has been
done for years in London may surely be done
in Toronto. If the men of a great business city
like London can carry on their extensive operations
without receiving their correspondents' letters
on the Sabbath, surely the men of small trading
cities and towns, such as are in Canada, can
do the same. We are persuaded they can from
the above consideration; but in addition to that,
we know parties who do a large and profitable
business, and yet never take a letter out of the
Post Office on the Sabbath. They sustain no
real loss in their business, and are as successful
as their rivals, although these competitors avail
themselves of the advantage of the Office on that
day. These last, although they commit sin
themselves, and are accessory to sin in others,
in seeking to advance the interests of their trade do
not really gain any ultimate advantage over
their more conscientious neighbours. But even
were it otherwise, we would revert to our former
position and oppose the continuance of the
evil on the ground that it is a violation of God's
law.

Now it matters not how much the pecuniary
or secular interests of individuals or governments
may be promoted thereby, they must not be promoted
by a departure from Christian principles.
Shall we seek to promote such interests by compelling
public servants to employ the hours of
the Sabbath—the day of rest and devotion—in
labour and toil? Are mails to be forwarded
and letters delivered, thereby compelling scores
of post-masters and clerks to perform ordinary
work on the Sabbath, merely that our secular
interests may be advanced? We are satisfied
to the religious feeling of the community, if appealed
to on this matter, would decide most distinctly
in favour of honouring the law of God, even
though sacrifices, a hundred-fold greater than
the pretended ones involved, were required to
be made.

Our Nation has, in the main, been a God-fearing
and God-honouring one. There has been in
her, perhaps, more than in any other Nation, a
disposition to make National Acts harmonize
with the Word of God. There has been in her
legislative proceedings a public recognition of
the Divine Lawgiver. And here, as historians
have declared, and as thousands and tens of
thousands are persuaded, consist the safety and
prosperity of the Empire. This has given permanence
to her throne, whilst others have tottered
and fell; this has preserved her in peace
whilst the genius of strife was rioting in other
lands. What is true in relation to an individual
is true in relation to a community, a province,
a colony, an empire. If the displeasure of the
Lord rests upon the Sabbath-breaking individual,
and ultimately destroys him; so must it be
with the Sabbath-breaking province or kingdom.

The more we honour God, the more will we
be honoured by him; and the more we dishonour
him, the more lightly shall we be esteemed.
When we throw off his law, trample upon
his laws, and pay no respect to his commands,
we shall cease to be a people whose God is the
Lord. Then shall our prosperity wither, and
our very blessings be turned into curses. Then
the seeds of dissolution and destruction, sown
by our own hands, shall rapidly germinate, and
a fearful harvest of desolation be reaped by us
or our children.

From the Montreal Witness.

The Montreal Courier and the Sabbath.

Our able cotemporary, who is, by the by, a
better authority on ordinary than religious
matters, in noticing the discussion at present
going on in Britain respecting Sabbath matters,
manifests his sympathies very strongly on the
side of what we regard as Sabbath desecration
and as strongly against the religious portion
of the community who are opposed to
such service on the Sabbath. The latter he
designates as "Exeter Hall people," which
is, perhaps, the latest sobriquet given by the
world to those who prefer to us claims the
claims of religion. In former times they
were called "Puritans," "Saints," "Methodists,"
"Unego-guid and rigidly righteous;"
and "Exeter Hall people" will just serve as
well to mark the contemptuous estimate in
which they are held, and in which their Master
has taught them they must ever expect to
be held by the men of this world. But has
it never occurred to our cotemporary, and
those who think with him, that this very class,
thus variously designated, as the element
which mainly distinguishes Britain from the
Continent of Europe—which gives strength,
vigour, and principle to all that Britain
does, and which, without national aid, has
advanced the human cause, interest, and
commerce of Britain, by means of missions,
to perhaps fully as great an extent as has been
done by all the national scientific, naval and
military expeditions that ever were fitted out?
Does it not occur to the Courier that if the
influence of this class could be destroyed, not
only the observance of the Sabbath but the

high-toned moral which characterizes the
British from Germany, and other
Continental countries, would disappear?

The ground taken by the Courier against
the Sabbath is not a half-way stop. He heaves
it overboard altogether, and substitutes Sunday
in its place. According to this authority,
the fourth Commandment must, we suppose,
be left out of the Decalogue, unless the word
Sabbath, which occurs in it three, be changed
into Sunday. But it must be remembered
that this is the same authority who decided
that a gentleman never changed his religion—
thereby making it out that the Apostle
Paul was no gentleman. He also, even in
this article, refers with much complaisance
to the conduct of the Quakers, on the Sabbath
Mail Controversy, whom he calls "great
sticklers" for Sunday observance; without
seeming to know that they have abandoned
the Sabbath much more than even himself.
With them all days are alike holy, and they
only abstain from ordinary avocations and
meet on the first day of the week on a matter
of convenience to themselves and complaisance
to their neighbours.

Little, however, as such articles are likely
to weigh with persons who are conversant
with the subject, they may do immense mischief
both in misleading a thoughtless multitude,
who are glad of any opportunity or excuse
to violate the repose and sanctity of the
day of rest—and in strengthening the hands
of those (if there are any such) who are disposed
to continue the present grievous abuse
of Sabbath Mails and Sabbath deliveries of
letters in Canada, after the Post Office Department
comes into our own hands.

STANDING REGULATIONS.

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THE WESLEYAN.

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CHRISTMAS.

Previously to the appearance of our next
number CHRISTMAS will have come and
gone. We may, therefore, appropriately, in
anticipation, wish our PATRONS the compliments
of the season. May it prove as "happy,"
as temporal good and the blessing of
God can render it!

On many accounts we hail with pleasure
the return of this "festival." It is a time
of social intercourse, marked by the inter-
change of friendly greetings. Members of
families, separated throughout the year, and
each pursuing his own avocation—where
practicable—gather beneath the parental
roof,

"By absence hallow'd and endeared by time,"
and recall the scenes of childhood—

"Sweet scenes! conjured with all that most en-
dears"

The cloudless morning of their tender years."

Nor are beloved absent-ones forgotten, who
are beyond the tall mountains, or wide-roll-
ing seas. Delightful reminiscences come
crowding thick and fast, and sweet thoughts,
like music, compose the mind to blissful
reverie. Around the old hearth-stone, or newly
erected family altars, kindred spirits meet,
and yield to the hallowed inspiration of the
season. The little ones! How cheerful
and happy they appear—their glad faces
wreathed in smiles—rejoicing over the beautiful
presents which parental or brotherly
or sisterly or friendly kindness has conferred.
Cherished mementoes of a glad some period,
when the sky was bright, and no cloud of
care cast its shadow over the sunny hours of

life! Happy! happy Christmas! around
these are sweetly, indelibly entwined, some
of our most delightful associations! But a
more sober mood befits us.

CHRISTMAS, as a religious festival, has
peculiar attractions; commemorative, as it
is, of one of the most astonishing events con-
nected with the history of the world—the
birth of the incarnate Son of God. The
event is calculated to inspire our hearts with
unwonted joy. His advent had reference
to ulterior purposes, high and glorious, and
in the lofty interests involved, infinitely tran-
scending the utmost grasp of human or an-
gelic minds. This we know—because it is
revealed—that "in all things it behoved
him to be made like unto his brethren, that
he might be a merciful and faithful High
Priest in things pertaining to God, to make
reconciliation for the sins of the people."
Wherefore "He took not on him the nature
of angels; but he took on him the seed of
Abraham."

"He deigns in flesh to appear,
Widest extremes to join;
To bring our villainies near,
And make us all divine."

Had he not been born, he could neither, in
our nature, have suffered nor died, nor dis-
charged the functions of those high Offices,
which he, as the sole Mediator between God
and men, now sustains. The sublime and
gracious purposes of his incarnation should
on this festival be kept specially in view, and
call forth grateful and pious emotions of
heart. When this commemorative day is
spent, in whole or in part, in worldly merri-
ment or mere sensual pleasures, as alas! it
is by many even in christian countries, it is
debased from its original and exalted design,
and made to contribute to an increase of
vicious indulgences instead of prompting to
cheerfully devotional exercises. Strange
infatuation! To connect the birth of CHRIST,
—on whose mediatorial work our present
happiness and deliverance from the intermin-
able miseries of the future, and our prepara-
tion for an eternity of bliss are suspended,—
with guilt and crime! O let this great wicked-
ness cease—for ever cease—and no more
be found staining with crimson hue a christi-
an land!

A word or two more. The return of this
joyous season should prompt to cheerful, en-
larged liberality. If the Son of God has so
magnified toward us the riches of his grace,
we should manifest our gratitude to him by
freely contributing of our abundance to those
who are destitute. If one circumstance,
more than another, is calculated to suspend,
control, or destroy the selfishness of our na-
tures, and open wide the hand of benevolence,
that circumstance is the voluntary poverty
manifested by the Son of God in his incar-
nation. Many are waiting to receive our
liberality. The poor we have always with
us, affording constant opportunity, but especially
at this season, of showing our love to
Him, who though rich yet for our sakes be-
came poor, that we through his poverty might
be made rich. By no very great sacrifice
we may mingle sweets in the cup of hu-
man bitterness, and cause the heart of the
widow and the orphan to sing for joy.

REV. MR. ARTHUR'S MISSIONARY SPEECH.

THE concluding part of Mr. Arthur's ad-
mirable and telling speech, delivered at the
LEEDS Missionary Meeting, appears on
another page; and we advise our readers to
re-peruse the entire address from the be-
ginning, that the impression of the whole
may remain fresh upon the mind. To us
it has been in the highest sense satisfactory.
It relates by facts and figures the unfound-
ed insinuations—the in certain quarters—

against the integrity and administration
of the Executive of the parent Mis-
sionary Society, and triumphantly vindicated
the character of the venerable Dr. B.
and the other Secretaries—against
the poisoned shafts of calumny hav-
ing specially directed—from the foul as-
pect which malice itself seems to have in-
fused into the effect produced upon the audience
overwhelming, at one time conveying
its arguments, at another, thrilling
eloquence, and throughout, exciting
the best feelings of sympathy for the
cause and of generosity for the sacred
Wesleyan Missions. The peroration
was exceedingly fine, and must have cau-
tioned of many a heart in that vast as-
sembly to vibrate with pulsations of self-denial
and heroism. The response was noble
and collected in aid of the Funds, at a
meeting, amounted to the sum of
£622. The aggregate sum realized
on the Anniversary of Leeds, was upwards
of one hundred and forty pounds
Sterling, equal to sixteen hundred and
fifty five pounds of Nova Scotia Cur-
rency—most effective way of "stopping
pleas"!

It had been very widely predicted
that the expulsion of Ministers
from the Missionary Meetings would "test"
the popularity of the proceedings of the
Society. The result of these Meetings, but
standing the insidious and unwearied
endeavour made to induce persons to believe
contrary, the Methodist people, in
having neither lost confidence in the
cause, the President of whom occupied
the Chair at Leeds, nor in the conduct
of the Missionary Society. The suc-
cess has been struck—and its fruits
to be heard in many lands. Metho-
dism more than survive the agitation
men. Gathering renewed strength
and with fresh courage, she will pre-
pare herself for more noble achievements
and holy enterprise of the
version. The sound-hearted
around her standard, and by the
and augmented pecuniary aid, be-
ward and onward in her blessed
Christian usefulness; and when
of the "Triumvirate" shall have
oblivion, or be remembered only
ings of pain and sorrow, Metho-
ject of their hostility, will remain
moral and religious grandeur, in
the world,—enlarging her sphere
cent operation from century to cen-
speak not thus through any firm
glory, but because it is our feeling
that Methodism has been raised
tered by God, as a mighty instru-
ment, to accomplish his redemp-
poses towards our sinful race,
the standards true to Him and His
weapon formed against her
She may, because of her fidelity
to the principles, and unflinching
fight, and just, in her economy
through seasons of trial; but
fire on gold, will not consume,
der her more pure, and increas-
ing worth.

STUCKVILLE ACADEMY.

The next Term in this Aca-
demy commences on Thursday the
January, 1850.

The merits of Stuckville Aca-
demy Institution have been so
known and so to produce
our making any length by remu-



SUMMARY OF NEWS.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

THE CALIFORNIA TRADE.—Two vessels have sailed this week from our port for San Francisco, with the usual assorted cargoes,—the Barque James, Capt. John Thain, owned and loaded by Messrs. N. S. Demill and A. McL. Seely, and the Brigantine Ellis, owned and commanded by Capt. Caleff,—the cargo, shipped by Mr. F. T. Raymond, the master, and others, comprising among other articles, 208 sets of mule shoes. In addition to the ship James Stewart, which is nearly loaded, the fine Steamer St. John is now up for California from this port.—St. John Courier 15th.

SEIZURES.—Five hundred gallons of contraband American Spirits have been seized during the present week at Sand Cove and in this Harbour, by the Provincial Revenue Officers.—ib.

As an instance of the large quantities of Live Stock that are imported into this Province from Nova-Scotia, we may mention that the Steamer Maid of Erin had a deck load on Tuesday from Digby and Annapolis of no less than thirty horned Cattle and 260 Sheep.—ib.

We are informed on good authority that the Provincial Legislature will not be called together earlier than the first week in February; the controlling powers being, like the public in general, fully of opinion that Legislative Sessions in this Province may very advantageously be shortened, and that too early a gathering of the Legislators tends only unnecessarily to lengthen the period of their sitting, to encourage profligate debating, and to increase public expenses. We are informed that a few days ago, one of the highest officers of the Government expressed, in conversation on this point, his decided opinion (founded on long experience and intimate acquaintance with the many evils of our present Legislative system,) that the public business of this Province might easily be dispatched by the General Assembly in forty days, by adopting certain highly beneficial and indispensably useful reforms; whereas about double that period is now uselessly frittered away at every Session, at an enormous expense and no corresponding advantage to the public. Such reforms, we believe, will ere long be successively proposed to the Legislature; and if so, the unanimous voice of the people will insist on their adoption.—New Brk. 13th.

ST. JOHN'S SUPERSTITION BAIKOR.—It gives us much pleasure to state that the enterprising projector, Mr. W. K. Reynolds, has received very liberal subscriptions towards this useful undertaking.—ib.

SOCIETY.—The congregation worshipping in St. Stephen's Hall, gave a Tea social at the Hall on Wednesday evening, 12th inst., to commemorate the arrival among them 12 months since, of their Pastor, the Rev. Mr. Thomson.—The tables were substantially provided, and the arrangements were well calculated to impart gratification to the numerous company assembled on the occasion. After refreshment, Doctor Paterson, who had been appointed Chairman, stated at considerable length the objects of the meeting. The company was then addressed by the Rev. Mr. Thomson, Alex. Campbell, Esq., Rev. Mr. Bushy, Rev. Mr. Caswell, and the Rev. Mr. Irvine; after which the meeting was closed, as it was begun, with prayer, and the assemblage retired.—Chronicle.

CANADA.

THE NEW POST OFFICE ARRANGEMENTS.—The Toronto Globe received this morning says, we are sorry to learn that the new Post Office arrangements cannot be made so soon as was anticipated, owing to the New Brunswick legislature not having yet passed a law for the regulation of their Post Office. We trust that this delay will be very brief, as the New Brunswick Legislature will meet early in the year, and Commissioners from that Province have already given in their adherence to the scheme of a uniform rate of 3c. currency for a single letter. We feel assured that there will be no delay on the part of the Canadian Government in assuming the management of the Post Office department in this Province on the terms agreed upon.—Quebec Morning Chronicle.

The Montreal Pilot states, on the authority of a Toronto correspondent on whose information implicit reliance may be placed, that it is the determination of the Government to take a decided stand against the annexation movement, and that they will define their position correctly.

The Montreal Gazette says—We learn that Colonel Bruce is to be appointed Civil Secretary, without pay, in place of Major Campbell, resigned.

Investigations have been going on for some time into defalcations at the Toronto Custom House, and have resulted in the dismissal of Mr. Stanton, the Collector, Mr. Roy, Surveyor, and Mr. Gowan, book-keeper.

The loss of the British steamer Gore, in a late gale on Lake Superior, with 100 men of the Rifle Brigade, bound to the scene of the late Indian disturbances, is reported in the Boston Transcript of Tuesday last.

The Montreal Courier of the 8th instant states, that the Gore put back to Penetanguishene, on account of the storm, and it was feared, if cold weather set in, she would be unable to proceed, and there would be no means of getting to Mica Bay, (the scene of the disturbances) for many weeks, or until the lake was frozen sufficiently hard for travelling.—We presume, therefore, that the report of the steamer being wrecked is unfounded.—St. John, N. B. Cour.

CHANGE OF CLIMATE.—That a gradual but a very perceptible change is yearly taking place in the climate of Upper Canada, must be apparent to all who notice such things. This is the 16th day of November. Not only is the day as mild and as warm as the same day would be in England, but up to the present hour not the slightest approach of winter is visible. All the steamboats are in full motion, all the canals are open, and there is no talk of the former stoppings, or the latter shutting up. Only twenty years ago, the 16th of November was in the midst of a Canadian winter. No steamboat presumed to run after the first of the month, seldom indeed after the 20th October, and winter vehicles were in constant run upon the roads. At that time the Rideau Canal was about being finished, and among other arguments of its expected usefulness, it was stated, "that a water communication would be kept open between the Ottawa and the St. Lawrence until November."—Now-a-days, a full month might be added to the prognostication. The gradual change in the climate of Canada is an important fact, deserving of better notice than we have given it.—Br. W. Mag.

RAPID INCREASE.—When the Government came from Upper Canada, five years ago, it brought 300 followers—it now returns with 600. What ever may be the "run and decay" elsewhere, public offices are flourishing.—[Montreal Gaz.

SEIGNIORIAL TENURE.—We learn from the Montreal Herald, that a meeting of the inhabitants of St. David, in the county of Yamaska, on the subject of the Seigniorial Tenure, was held on the 25th October. The meeting declared strongly against the continuance of the Seigniorial Tenure, and that they would never lay down their arms in the crusade against this miserable institution, till it should have ceased to exist, and till the deep wounds inflicted on the people of this Province shall have been healed by its complete abolition.—[Quebec Gaz.

EXPENSES OF GOVERNMENT.—We find in the Gazette of yesterday, a translation from the Avenir, being a compiled statement of the expenses of our civil government in the year 1845, which statement undoubtedly proves a vast amount of extravagance, and the pressing need of immediate and very great reforms. We have not space for anything beyond the heads of the entire article which shows the expenses of our Executive to be as follows: The Governor General's salary, and contingent expenses connected with his office, \$11,634 19. 84. The Executive Council, 412,267, making altogether the sum of \$134,261 between 29 individuals. Cost for public edifices, 415,240, for rent, taxes, insurance, repairs, &c. Provincial Secretary's Department, 19 persons salaries, £3,507. Receiver General's Department, 14 clerks and 2 messengers, salaries, £3,492. Cost of the Customs Department, employing 800 individuals, £34,000. Cost of Excise Department, about 20 persons, £3,430 19s. Cost of Register General's Departments, 6 persons, £1,385 12s. 1d. Militia Department, £2,020. Emigration Department, £752 4s. 2d. Pensions, £5,257 11s. 4d. Education Department, 6 persons, £1,175. Administration of Justice, 147 persons, with salaries amounting to \$34,000. Queen's Printers, for the session of 1845, \$6,261 4s. 11d. Eight Commissioners, for 1845, \$662 11s. 6d. Geological Department—Salaries of three persons, and contingent expenses, £2,100. Public Works—exclusive of the salaries of the two heads of the Department, £36,520. Public Lands Department—entire cost, £29,121 2s. 9d. Cost of the Legislature of 1845, with various contingent expenses, £25,611. Total, £225,905 for the civil government of a million and a half of people.

WEST INDIES.

From Jamaica.—Kingston papers to be Dec. have been received at New York. The weather was favourable for the agricultural

ist, and a good crop was expected for the ensuing year. A violent shock of Earthquake was felt at Kingston on Sunday night, 25th ult., at ten minutes to 8 o'clock. The undulations were east to south-west, and its duration of many seconds. The shock having occurred during divine service in the Methodist and other chapels in the city, the suddenness with which it came caused great consternation among the congregations.

The question of a reciprocal trade with the U. States, such as Canada desires, has given rise to agitation in Jamaica.

In Dominica, the Assembly and the Governor had come to odds, and a dissolution of the House was threatened. The cause of the rupture was not distinctly known, but it was believed to be a very childish point of etiquette, the Governor's Secretary having taken a pugna against the House, and refused to carry to it the Governor's messages, in which the Governor upheld him, sending his messages by a policeman, which the House resented as an indignity. The Assembly had adopted an address to the Queen, formally referring the matter to her for decision.

At Demerara, things were going on harmoniously and well. The weather was fine, and the prospect of the crops good.

From Barbadoes, the accounts of the crop were as yet favourable, though the month of November had been too dry. Unless rain came soon, however, the planters would begin to wear long faces. The provision crops were in good promise.

There was nothing doing in a political way. The rearmament movement made no progress. The island generally was quiet and healthy. A vessel to sail for Liberia had been announced; from which some argued that labourers were coming from that Republic, but others more shrewdly inferred that they would go to Liberia from Barbadoes; a result not anticipated with pleasure.

At St. Vincent's also, there was difficulty with the House of Assembly. The members could not be induced to attend, and a dissolution was expected. Weather favourable.

At Antigua, the prospect of the crops was most hopeful and assuring. Rain had been abundant.—N. Y. Commercial.

LATE FROM ST. DOMINGO.—Capt. Bullock, of the brig Henry, from Port au Prince, at New York, states that all kinds of business is dull. The monopoly law was still in force. Coffee scarce. The Emperor St. Louis was to embark at Jerusalem, on the 24th, for a tour to the eastern part of St. Domingo. A part of his troops, who were to accompany him, had already embarked. There had been a large fire in Port au Prince on the 15th, when from seventy-five to eighty houses were destroyed; it originated in the central part of the city, near the lower market.

The Emperor of the Republic of Haiti had issued an edict, to take effect on the 20th inst., that no foreign merchant should do business unless he paid a license of \$1000, Spanish per year, in place of \$900, as heretofore; or any foreign clerk, unless he paid \$1000. No vessel was allowed to take cargo, unless she had discharged her cargo at that port. The export duty of coffee and logwood was \$50, Hay on money, per 1000 lbs. instead of \$5, as heretofore, and in the same ratio on all merchandise. He has fixed a price on all goods imported and exported.

DECEASED.

ACCIDENT.—On the morning of the 2nd inst. two coloured men, Israel Reid and Peter Jenkins, were found frozen to death in a boat on the Poolewack Lake.

Reid has left a wife, near her confinement, and six small children. Jenkins has left a wife, near her confinement, and two small children. Both these helpless families are without the means of support. A generous and sympathising public are appealed to, on behalf of the survivors. The smallest favours will be most thankfully received.

Hammond's Plains, Dec. 3rd, 1849

BY THE R. M. STEAHER.

The R. M. Steamer *Liberia*, arrived at this port on Saturday last after we had gone to press. She experienced heavy weather.

The news from GREAT BRITAIN and IRELAND is not important.

No favourable change is to be noted in the Grain Trade, or in Mercantile business generally. Prices were tending downwards.

It is stated, on good authority, that Lord Palmerston is determined to allow of no American interference in Nicaragua affairs, and that, at all events, British interests shall not be menaced either on the West India side or the Pacific side of Nicaragua. His Lordship, we are informed, has acted promptly in the matter, and that, in order to forward despatches to the Commander-in-Chief in the Pacific on the subject, the West India packet was detained for some hours at Southampton on Saturday last. Rear-Admiral Hornby, it is said, is ordered up with his squadron to cruise in the neighbourhood of Panama, and to be within call of the British Charge d'Affairs at Nicaragua.

Irish affairs manifest no material improvement.

FOREIGN.—The personal quarrels of the members of the Legislative Assembly of France, terminating in more than half-a-dozen duels, have occupied the chief attention of the Parisians during the week. M. Pierre Bonaparte has figured as principal in about three or four of these encounters, which have mainly arisen out of the irreconcilable hatred between the *Dixes* and the *Rouges* in the Assembly. These contests, some of which have ended fatally, have increased, however, to such a degree, that the Government feels free to put a stop to them, and very strict laws will probably be passed to check, as far as possible, these rash appeals to arms upon very slight occasions.

The *modus operandi* of modifying the French constitution is still, increasingly the subject of discussion. It is now suggested that a *comp. delat* is to change the Legislative Assembly into a constituent body, by the addition of 130 members, and this new body is to be invested with the power of electing its President, or of extending the term of his office, to such a period as may avoid the necessity of a frequent appeal to universal suffrage; but this modification would obviously be as illegal as a total change from Republicanism to Imperialism, and matters are scarcely yet ripe for such an innovation.

It is said the French Government intend withdrawing its cruisers from the coast of Africa in conformity with the terms of existing convention. Mr. Richardson and two scientific men are, however, going to Africa for the purpose of promoting commercial relations with the natives, the expense on being at the expense of the British Government.

Considerable alarm has prevailed during the week in consequence of the increasing unsatisfactory state of relations between Austria and Prussia. The resolution displayed by Prussia in following up the long talked of assembling of a German Parliament, which is fixed for the 31st of January next, at Erfurt, has called forth very serious reprobatory notes from Austria. Not only is the place of meeting objected to, as being too near to Austria, and in the centre of the lesser States of Germany which are all subject to Prussian influence, but Austria objects to the meeting, fearing that Prussia only seeks her own aggrandisement, even through the medium of democracy. So strongly is the feeling of Austria pronounced, that she is said to have threatened even an armed intervention if Prussia perseveres in her policy. Certain it is that two cabinet councils have been held in London to take the subject into consideration; and, unless Austria lowers her tone, the danger of a rupture would be imminent.

Whilst this is going on in the heart of Germany, Austria is threatened by the Piedmontese with a fresh outbreak, the Parliament at Turin showing the most hostile feelings against their late conquerors, and being but too well disposed again to try their fortunes by an appeal to arms. The Piedmontese Chamber has been dissolved, and every thing betokening intestine commotions, if not a foreign war with Austria.

The Pope, finding that his friends in Paris are no longer in the ascendant, has become alarmed, and refuses to return to Rome. General Bugey d'Illyres has assumed his functions in lieu of General Randon, but the policy of the French has not a favourable step towards the solution of this Roman difficulty.

From Constantinople the news only confirms the previous pacific course of events. It is officially stated that the British fleet has orders to withdraw from the Dar Danubius, and it is, indeed, by this time at Malia.

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