





THE PROTESTANT AND EVANGELICAL WITNESS.

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Thanksgiving is a most obvious duty. It is due from the creature to the Creator, from the preserved to the Preserver. The intelligent recipient of benefits from the bountiful hand of an overruling and beneficent Providence...

What nature teaches, and reason confirms so fully, is also abundantly established by revelation. But we need scarcely appeal to its authority on such a subject as the present. In great variety of expression, and by impressive rites and ceremonies, does the sacred page teach man the duty of thanksgiving and praise.

Attention to the duty is in itself so proper, and so frequently taught, it is pleasing to know that the inhabitants of this Island are enjoined and intrusted by the powers that be to observe a day of public thanksgiving.

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are extended and continued in good measure amongst our increasing population. Here is another cause for gratitude; another ground of invitation to thankfulness. Evils doubtless do exist in our midst, difficulties may beset the path of many; yet our advantages are numerous and the obstacles in the way of natural comfort and outward prosperity, are by no means insurmountable.

We are obliged to our Presbyterian brother of the Witness for what we suppose was intended as a kind advice, though expressed in the form of a surprise. We may sometimes devote space to things surprising without our being satisfied in regard to their truthfulness; but he should remember that every journalist is situated, as he is, in what may be called the ecclesiastical capital of the Lower Provinces, where a sufficient number of religious events are occurring, to afford full employment for his pen.

We trust our readers will remember that Thursday next, the 28th inst., is recommended by the Government to be observed as a day of General Thanksgiving to our Almighty God, for the inestimable blessing of a plentiful harvest.

The EROMANGA MARRIAGE.—A letter in the British Standard from Sydney, New South Wales, states that intelligence has come to hand of another white man being murdered on Eromanga, and a report also that the survivors intended waiting a moon (month) to see if any ship would come to see about the late murder, and if not, then to murder all the remaining whites on the island.

The Report of the British and Foreign Bible Society thus refers to the late William Matheson, Esq., of Pictou, and his bequests to that Society.—"Of all religious institutions in the British Empire, none have been so long and so faithfully supported by the public as the British and Foreign Bible Society. Growth in years deepened his love for the Bible, and increased his conviction of the importance of its dissemination.

Secular Department.

ARRIVAL OF THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The Steamship Niagara arrived at Halifax on Thursday morning, from Liverpool via Queenstown. The Mail by her did not arrive here until Saturday evening last. Dates are to the 21st inst. The news is not important.

GRAND BRITAIN.

The preparations for the expedition against Mexico continue, and the treaty has been signed, or on the point of being signed, in London, by the plenipotentiaries of the three Powers—England, France, and Spain. There has been some delay in signing the instrument, but it has not retarded the preparations, inasmuch as the French contingent is not yet quite ready.

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set high, and large enough to embrace both of these now in course of construction at Boston.

The Board of Trade returns for the month and also months ending 30th September have been issued. In the exports for the month, as compared with the corresponding period last year, there is a falling off of no less than £2,420,240; but compared with 1859 the deficiency is only £411,220.

The apprehended distress in Lancashire, consequent upon the stoppage of the American trade, is beginning to be realized. At Stockport the increase of pauperism is characterized as alarming. There it appears that out of 16,000 mill hands, only 6000 are working full time.

MILITARY AND NAVAL INTELLIGENCE.—Major General Sir John Ingles, whose defence of Lucknow is still fresh in our recollections, has been appointed by the Commander-in-Chief to succeed Sir Edward Bulwer in the command of the troops in the Ionian Islands.

The Royal warrant regarding the discharge of soldiers was published on Wednesday at Chatham. It states that in order to carry out the intention of the warrant the scale of rates for soldiers purchasing their discharge, according to the War Office regulations, shall stand as follows:—Above five and under seven years' actual service, with one distinguishing mark:—Europeans, cavalry £25; infantry £18; blacks £11.

The political atmosphere is thickening in Europe, and the same impression of ill-defined fear is beginning to be felt in Paris as that which preceded the New Year's day of 1859, when Napoleon the Third addressed the Austrian Ambassador in words which, three months had passed, caused armies to move in Italy, and ended in Magenta and Solferino.

PARIS, Nov. 1.—The steam frigate La Guerriere has received final instructions, and sails on the 4th or 5th inst. for the Mediterranean, on a cruise.

THE MEXICAN EXPEDITION.—A Paris correspondent of the Standard writes, in reference to the expedition against Mexico, that the Emperor has been informed that it is an object of importance to have a strong force in the Gulf of Mexico adequate for contingencies arising out of the civil war in America.

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INDIA. Lord Canning will not leave India till March. Cholera is disappearing in the Punjab. The country has been flooded from Benares to Agra.

BRITISH AND FOR. AMERICAN NEWS. United States. New York, Nov. 16.—Despatches from Fort Monroe, state that the Sea Unicorn had arrived there from the coast of Africa, six weeks ago.

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CHARLOTTE TOWN. Report of the

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