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Ministerial Changes.

Our rural population are said, by strangers, to be destitute of attachment to their native homes. Farmers often, even those who are in comfortable circumstances, whose lands are producing richly, and whose flocks flourish, will become dissatisfied, and "go West."

idea of being permanently settled among the people whose spiritual oversight they undertake. They would try their powers. They would gain some experience. They have changed already, and they expect to change again. They may meet with unknown troubles in the new settlement, but if this be the case, why, there is the great West, or there are innumerable calls in the religious papers from destitute localities; or they have been engaged in teaching, and they can become teachers again; or they can accept an agency. Thus the mind is familiarized with the possibility of change.

clamor from impatient vociferous—for all these evils, the remedy is in the hands of the Presbyteries, and they are bound wisely to apply to the disease a healing balm, or the chastening rod, if need be. In putting down these thoughts, we have found it difficult to be faithful; but the evil is so extensive, so rapid in its growth, and so deleterious to pastors and people, that we felt a plain notice of it to be incumbent. Its radical cure must be a work of time. It must result from a cultivated Christian sentiment—a sentiment which will both prompt and sustain Presbyterian action.

notwithstanding the fact that it seems to have been the design of the proprietors of the place, to concentrate and combine the irregularity and confusion of both Boston and New York, in the laying out of the streets. It claims twelve thousand inhabitants, and it possesses most of the conveniences and comforts of older cities. A magnificent bridge is rapidly approaching completion, by which the two sides of the river will soon be re-united.

From our London Correspondent.

Indian Finance, and Lord Stanley's Speech—The Indian Debt—Statistics of Public Works—The Indian Army—Exports and Imports—The Opium Traffic—Opium Smoking, and Christian Conversion—Missions to China—Appeal of Mr. James J. Spurgeon in support of the Education of the Chinese—The "Tunis," and its Coupled to Austria—Her Crimes Against Religion—The Day of Retribution—The Protestant Missionary in Europe—The Last of the Moguls—The War in India—The Ludlans Missionary and United Prayer—Postscript.

LONDON, February 18th, 1859.

INDIAN FINANCE has this week been occupying the attention of the House of Commons. This has arisen from the necessity of raising a loan in the English market.

up fresh ground, and to feed the little scattered hocks already gathered out. We are likely, ere long, to have three additional missions in the Chinese field. Roman Catholic Missions to China are once more active and aggressive. The war against Cochin China, in professed abstinence the murder of a priest, will fasten on that country a regular colony of friars, black, white, and gray.

for that mighty change on the face of nations which is inevitable.

THE LAST OF THE GREAT MOGULS, the ex-King of Delhi, is, after all, not to be sent to the Cape of Good Hope, but to Barmah. Indeed, he arrived on the 11th of January, at Rangoon, and from thence is to be sent to Toungoo.

THE DISARMING OF OUDE has been going on rapidly, and has disclosed how thoroughly warlike the people were and are. Of muskets, swords, spears, daggers, and other weapons, not less than 516,379 had been collected from the 1st of November.

WHAT ENGLAND HAS ACHIEVED in India, is thus summed up by the Calcutta correspondent of the Times:

Lord Clyde's success in subjugating Oude, the ever-increasing force of Europeans, and the energy evinced by a long-protracted struggle, render the British position in the province remarkable. It is a record which no other nation has achieved in its history.

Mr. Spurgeon, it would seem, will not, after all, go to America this year. The Morning Advertiser has the following: "We are enabled to state that the Rev. O. H. Spurgeon has abandoned his contemplated trip to America, certainly for the present year. As immediate arrangements are to be made for erecting his new Tabernacle, it seems a judicious resolution he has come to."

A MORE QUIET FEELING prevails this week on the European war question. Austria, in her official organ, the press, professes to view the Emperor's recent speech as eminently pacific, and says she places implicit confidence in his friendly feeling.

THE REV. DR. CAMPBELL of the American Reformed Presbyterian Missions in North India, has transmitted to me "An invitation to united prayer, addressed to the Church of Christ throughout the world."

A NEW MAP OF EUROPE, as it will be in 1860, has been published in Paris. It was said that it had been seized by the authorities, but this has since been denied.

Missions in China are receiving increased attention. Mr. James, of Birmingham, has published a very powerful appeal to the British and American Churches on the subject.

A Bill for the sanction of marriage with a deceased wife's sister, has just passed its second reading in the Commons, by a large majority.

The new Bishop of Columbia was taken to task the other day, for having pictures in his (late) parish church. His explanation was unconvincing.

Such are the closing annotations of the compiler. It is not probable his ideal will be realized, or that 1860 will be the period

But, are these the only people among us who are unduly given to change? We fear that an examination of the Minutes of our General Assembly, for the last ten years, would show a condition equally unsettled among our ministerial brethren.

Formerly, the acceptance of a charge by a minister, and the settlement of a minister by a people, was held to be the formation of a union so sacred, that reasons of the most grave character could alone justify its dissolution. A minister felt that he was settling for life, and he was solemnly, by the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery, appointed as an ambassador to the people of his deliberate and prayerful choice.

we are far from affirming that it is unlawful, always, for a pastor to desire a change in his location. There are reasons, many and good, in special cases, why a man should change. It may soon be found that he is not at all adapted to his field of labor. He cannot cultivate it—cannot endure the toil, or cannot edify the people.

Still, allowing for all cases of miserly coldness and neglect of duty on the part of the people; and allowing, also, for the gooding insults of an occasional Diotrophes in our churches, we are constrained to admit, that among our ministerial brethren there is too often an unsettled and restless feeling which operates in the direction of needless change.

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MESSRS. EDITORS:—I have recently made a trip from this place of my sojourn in St. Paul, and its neighboring towns, some of which may not be without interest to your readers.

I had for my traveling companion, the Rev. J. M. Barnett, of this place. We reached St. Paul late in the evening of the third day of our journey. The next forenoon was devoted to a general survey of this new and precious city of the North-West.

Brother Ribbelauf has also recently commenced another enterprise, most important to the interests of St. Paul and the region which it represents, the establishment of a first class Female Seminary; thus maintaining and vindicating the character of Presbyterianism as the patron and pioneer of a liberal as well as general education.

On Monday morning, two weeks from the time of our leaving home, we started en route for Superior, where this place we reached in due time in safety, highly gratified with our visit, and deeply impressed with the fact that God has placed the formation of the moral and religious character of the people of Minnesota in the right hands, so far, at least, as this work falls to the lot of Old School Presbyterians.

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