A DREADFUL EARTHQUAKE IN JAPAN.

The schooner Page, which recently arrived at San Francisco, California, from Japan, brought intelligence that the city of Jeddo, in Japan, was destroyed by an earthquake on the 11th of November, 1855, and that one hundred thousand houses were demolished, and that thirty thousand human beings were buried beneath the ruins. Fire broke out at the same time in thirty different parts of the city. The earth opened, and closed over thousands of buildings with their occupants. The shock was severe at Simoda. Although the distance from Jeddo to Simoda is but sixty miles, it appears that no official account of the earthquake had been received at the latter place at the time of the sailing of the schooner Page—December 10th. The news was obtained through the Dutch interpreter. The Japanese seemed to attach but little importance to the catastrophe. The inhabitants of the portion of the city destroyed were forewarned of the disaster, and many of them escaped.

The buildings of Jeddo are chiefly of one story, and constructed of very light material. The temples of worship, however, are lofty, and in some instances are constructed of heavy masonry.

According to the best authorities, Jeddo, the capital, had a population of one million. The entire empire of Japan is 600 miles long and 100 miles wide, and is composed of islands. The total population is estimated at 30,000,000. In the chief island, Niphon, there is said to be one of the richest gold mines in the world. There are also terrific volcanoes; the earthquakes, therefore, are by no means of rare occurrence. It will be remembered that one took place a short time since, by which a Russian frigate was destroyed.

The destruction, if to the extent reported, is almost without a parallel. The city of Catania was destroyed in 1693, in a moment, and 18,000 people perished in the ruins. In 1755 the greater part of the city of Lisbon was destroyed, and nearly 70,000 persons perished in six minutes.

In 1746 Callao was totally, and Lima partially, destroyed by an earthquake; and there have been more modern ones of great magnitude, but nothing approaching this at Jeddo.

·EROIC ·ONDUCT OF THE CHAPLAIN TO THE FORCES.

An act · great heroism took place recently at M·a, by the Rev. Mr. Robinson, chaplain to ·e forces. A Mr. and Mrs. Evans, with ·eir son, a fine boy about eight years ol· ·n their return from Upper Egypt, were cr·sing in a boat from Valetta to Vittoriosa, ·vhen the little fellow, in endeavouring to ·tch hold of a piece of stick, overbalance· himself, and instantly sunk before the eye· of his parents. Mr. Robinson, who was ·llowing in another boat, seeing what had ·ccurred, immediately jumped into the se· and succeeded in bringing him, apparent· dead, into it. It was very rough and win·, and as he did not take off even his coat, · was completely exhausted. Mr. Evans, ·he father of the boy, feeling much gratified ·or what the reverend gentleman had done, sent him a check for $2500, which was at ·nce returned. But what makes the story ·he more romantic, but not less true, is, the two gentlemen who have so unexpectedly become acquainted with each other, are relatives and members of branches of the same family, but, in consequence of differences which took place many years ago, they had not seen each other since their boyhood, and each was ignorant of the other's residence in the island until this singular introduction.

COLOURING BUTTER WITH CARROTS.—Some who practice this, commendi t, as not only improving the appearance of the butter, but the flavour and quality. The following is the process:—To cream for five pounds of butter take a good sized orange carrot, wash clean and grate off the deepest coloured portion, pour a teacupful of warm water to it, let it stand a short time, then strain through a cloth, and add to the cream just before churning. If our readers try it, will they give us the result?—*Eds. Rural.*

AUSTRIA AND THE UNITED STATES.—The relations between Austria and the United States have greatly improved of late, and an Austro-American Company has been formed at Vienna, the principal aim of which is to open a direct trade between the two countries. The Austrians wish to import their cotton and other commodities direct, instead of at second-hand from Liverpool or London. A treaty of commerce between the two governments is not improbable.

ABOLITION OF DEATH PUNISHMENT FOR CHANGE OF RELIGION IN TURKEY.—In a letter, dated 18th of Februrary, received from the Rev. R. Kœnig, the Jewish missionary of the Free Church at Constantinople, the writer states, that two days previous, the Dutch Ambassador had informed him that the Turkish government had actually passed a law which would allow Mahomedans to profess Christianity without being liable to capital punishment. The law was to be published that day (18th). This was one of the great fruits of the war.—*Glasgow Daily Mail.*

A UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE.—A Naples letter says—I have promised to invite your attention to a universal language invented by Sig. Valle and his brother, after fifteen years, devoted application to the subject. The peculiarity of it is this, that only seven letters are used, being consonants. Three of these are sufficient to describe any radical sound. The inventors contend, that the system may be applied to telegraphic communication with a considerable saving of both time and money. I do not of course, descend into details; but Sig. Valle is anxious to invite the attention of scientific men to the subject.

FRAUDS OF THE LATE JOHN SADLIER.—Every day is bringing out more distinctly the terrible character of the calamity which has befallen the south of Ireland in the failure of that gigantic fraud, the Tipperary Joint-Stock Bank. The savings of an immense number of persons of small means were deposited in the bank, and the blow is the heavier, owing to its having been inflicted on a country which was just beginning to raise its depressed head from the ruin and misery caused by famine and pestilence. The prospects of the creditors and shareholders darken, rather than improve. Persons conversant with all the bearings of the case, incline to the belief, that the dividend for depositors will be rather under than over 3s. in the pound. And hard as is the case of the creditors, that of the shareholders is not less so. One of the really responsible shareholders is a gentleman possessed of property in the county of Tipperary valued at £3000 a-year, and the number of shares held by him is only four, representing £200, and there are others who are similarly circumstanced, upon whose shoulders will fall the full weight of the crash, consequent upon their misplaced confidence in the stability of a concern, which, it is said, has for three years past been tottering to its foundation. The *Leinster Express*, alluding to the connivance of Mr. Jas. Sadlier at the tremendous frauds brought to light in the Rolls' Court, notices a rumor, that this gentleman has fled from the impending storm, but trusts that this is not the fact, and that the surviving fabricator or fabricators of the swindling report of Februrary last will not escape a criminal prosecution. The *Times*, in a leading article on John Sadlier, whom it styles "a national calamity," conjectures that, when the full extent of his frauds has been ascertained, it will be found that he swindled his fellow-subjects out of the enormous sum of £1,000,000 sterling, if not more. What with the Tipperary Bank—what with the forgeries of private acceptance—what with the frauds arising from the forgery of title-deeds, Ireland alone will stand as sufferer for the larger portion of the sum; and the ·ailway and bank accounts in London will compl·te the tale.

THE POPE AND QUEEN OF SPAIN'S PRESENT.—The following passage is extracted from a letter which has just been received in Paris from Madrid:—"We learned yesterday, at Madrid with considerable astonishment, that the Pope had just sold, at the Church of St. Peter's, at Rome for the sum of $80,000, the magnificent tiara which Queen Isabella presented to him last spring."—*London Daily News.*

SWALLOWING NEEDLES.—Dr. Fearing of Nantucket, Massachusetts, has taken from the stomach, abdomen, and left side of a patient, named Jane James, sixty-two needles, *and more remain.* The patient, some years ago, was deranged in mind, and fancied herself a pincushion, swallowing all the needles and pins she could lay hands on.

BY WILLIAM DODD.

VALUABLE

REAL PROPERTY FOR SALE.

THE following parcels of LAND, &c., will be submitted to public competition at the COURT HOUSE, in the Colonial Building, in Charlottetown, on WEDNESDAY, the SIXTEENNH day of APRIL next, at the hour of 12 o'clock, noon, viz:—

PASTURE LOTS Nos. 233, 234 and 235 in the Royalty of Charlottetown, fronting on the St. Peter's Road, and situate about three miles from Town, containing in the whole 36 acres, a little more or less.

ALSO—The Freehold and Reversion of and in Two Hundred and Sixteen acres of LAND on Township No. 49, adjoining the Roman Catholic Church Property, near Vernon River. This Land is subdivided into two Farms of 144 acres, and 72 acres respectively, which are severally let on Lease for long terms of years, yielding a yearly rent of one shilling sterling per acre.

ALSO—The Eastern moiety of TOWN LOT No. 52 in the Second Hundred of Town Lots in Charlottetown, having a front of 42 feet on Richmond Street, with the WAREHOUSE thereon.

ALSO—That valuable piece of GROUND with the DWELLING HOUSE and premises thereto belonging, known as the residence of MR. DAVID WILSON, fronting 40 feet on Richmond Street, and extending in depth 50 feet, a little more or less; forming parts of Town Lots Nos. 4 and 5 in the Second Hundred of Town Lots in Charlottetown.

ALSO—Part of TOWN LOT No. 4, in the Second Hundred of Town Lots in Charlottetown, next adjoining to the last above described premises, having a front of 60 feet on Richmond Street, and extending 50 feet in depth, or thereabout, with the DWELLING HOUSE thereon.

ALSO—That beautifully situated Property, forming part of COMMON LOT No. 18, in the Royalty of Charlottetown, fronting on the Hillsborough, and in the immediate vicinity of Government House, lately in the occupation of CAPT. BEAZELEY, R. N., bounded on the North West by the Road leading to Goverment House, and on the East by West Street, and extending on said street 233 feet a little more or less, with the large and commodious DWELLING HOUSE, OUTBUILDINGS and appurtenances thereto belonging. This property is subject to an annuity of £50 currency per annum, charged thereon for the use and benefit of Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Wilson, from and after the decease of her present Husband (in case she shall survive him) and so long as she shall remain his Widow and unmarried; and it will be sold liable thereto.

For TERMS of Sale and further particulars, enquire of the undersigned, (Trustees for sale, &c., under a Deed of Release and Conveyance bearing date the 21st day of December, 1855, executed by the above named David Wilsen and his said wife, with the other parties therein named, to the undersigned, and duly registered in the Registry Office of this Island.)

Dated at Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, this Tenth day of January, 1856.

JOSEPH HENSLEY,
JOHN LONGWORTH,
ROBERT STEWART.

Valuable Farm for Sale.

TO BE SOLD by Private Contract, that beautifully situated FARM, on the Malpeque Road, distant about 5½ miles from Charlottetown, the property of DR. DAY. It contains 155 acres, of which about 100 are in a good state of cultivation, the residue being covered with a mixed growth of hard and soft wood, including suitable Fencing material. Upon the premises is a comfortable 1½ story DWELLING HOUSE, 45 feet by 35 feet, with a BARN 45 by 25 feet, and a Well of water at a short distance from the farm yard. The Property is enhanced by a permanent stream of water which flows through it; and altogether is adapted for Farming purposes. It is held under Lease for 999 years, of which 973 are unexpired, and is subject to the yearly rent of One Shilling per acre only.

Possession can be given in April next, or earlier, if required. For terms, and further particulars, enquire of JOHN LONGWORTH, Esq., Barrister-at-Law, Charlottetown, who is fully authorized to treat for the sale.

Charlottetown, Jan, 17, 1856.

APOTHECARIES' HALL.

The Old Established HOUSE, 1810.

CHARLOTTETOWN, MAY, 1855.

T. DESBRISAY & Co.

HAVE just received, per late arrivals from London, Dublin, United States and Halifax, their Supplies for the Season, comprising, in the whole, an *Extensive and Varied Assortment of*

DRUGS & CHEMICALS, PERFUMERY,

Brushes, Combs, Soaps, and other Toilet requisites; Paints, Oils, Colours, and Dye Stuffs; Fruits, Spices, Confectionary, Medicated and other Lozenges; with all the Patent Medicines in repute, and every other article usually kept at similar Establishments in Great Britain (*See Apothecaries' Hall Aavertiser.*) The whole of which they can with confidence recommend to the public, and, if quality be considered, at as low, if not lower prices, than they can be procured in the Market.

Charlottetown, May 12, 1855.

SALT.

1200 BUSHELS Liverpool SALT for sale by the Subscriber.

JAMES PURDIE.

February 15, 1856.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Subscriber having by power of Attorney bearing date the 24th January, 1856, been duly appointed by the Misses Stewart, to act as their Attorney—has to inform all Tenants on the Estate of the Misses Stewart, that unless all Rent and arrears of Rent, are paid immediately, legal measures will be at once resorted to, for recovery as the Law directs.

☞ Building Lots in Town, and farms in the Country to dispose of.

JAMES J. BEVAN.

Charlottetown, Feb. 29, 1856.

Friend of the Prince Edward Islander.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT.

EXTRAORDINARY CURE OF ASTHMA!! OF AN OLD LADY SEVENTY FIVE YEARS OF AGE.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. Thomas Weston, (Book Store,) Toronto, dated the 9th October, 1854.

To Professor Holloway,

Sir,—Gratitude compels me to make known to you the extraordinary benefit an aged parent has derived from the use of your Pills. My mother was afflicted for upwards of four and twenty years with asthma and spitting of blood; it was quite agony to see her suffer and hear her cough; I have often declared, that I would give all I possessed to have her cured; but although I paid a large sum for medicine and advice, it was all to no purpose. About three months ago, I thought perhaps your Pills might benefit her; at all events I resolved to give them a trial, which I did; the result was marvellous: by slow degrees, my mother became better, and after persevering with your remedies for nine weeks, she was perfectly cured, and now enjoys the best of health, although seventy-five years old. I remain, Sir,

Your obliged,

(Signed) THOMAS WESTON.

REMARKABLE CURE OF DROPSY. AFTER BEING TAPPED THREE TIMES.

Copy of a Letter form Anthony Smith, Esq. Halifax, Nova Scotia, dated the 25th August, 1854

To Professor Holloway,

Sir,—I desire to add my testimony to the value of your Pills, in cases of dropsy. For nine months I suffered the greatest torture with this distressing complaint; was tapped three times, and finally given up by the doctors; having become in appearance as a skeleton, and with no more strength in me than a child just born. It was then, that I thought of trying your Pills, and immediately sent for a quantity and commenced using them. The result I can scarcely credit even now, although true it is. After using them for four weeks, I felt much better, and by persevering with them, at the expiration of two months, I was completely cured. I have since enjoyed the best of health. I am, Sir,

Yours sincerely

(Signed) ANTHONY SMITH.

ASTONISHING CURE OF GENERAL DEBILITY AND LIVER COMPLAINT!!

Copy of a Letter from William Reeves, of Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, dated 17th Nov. 1854.

To Professor Holloway,

Sir,—I am happy to say, that your Pills have restored me to health after suffering for nine years from the most intense general debility and langour, my liver and bowels were also much deranged for the whole of that time. I tried many medicines, but they were of no good to me, until I had recourse to your Pills, by taking which, and following the printed directions for seven weeks I was cured, after every other means failed to the astonishment of my neighbours, acquaintances, and friends. I shall ever feel grateful to you for this astonishing restoration to health, and will recommend your Pills to all sufferers, feeling it my duty to do so.

I remain, Sir, your humble servant,

(Signed) WILLIAM REEVES.

These celebrated Pills are wonderfully efficacious in the following complaints.

The Pills should be used conjointly with the Ointment in most of the following cases:—

Bad Legs	Cancers	Sore-throats
Bad Breasts	Contracted and Stiff Joints	Skindiseases
Burns		Scurvy
Bunions	Elephantiasis	Sore-heads
Bite of Mosquitoes and Sand Flies	Fistulas	Sore-nipples
	Gout	Soft Corns
	Glandular swellings	Tumours
Coco-bay	Lumbago	Ulcers
Chiego-foot	Piles	Wounds
Chilblains	Rheumatism	Yaws.
Chapped hands	Scalds	

Sold at the establishment of Professor HOLLOWAY, 244, Strand, (near Temple Bar,) London, and by all respectable Druggists and Dealers in Medicines throughout the Civilized World, in Pots, at 1s 3d, 3s 3d, and 5s each.

☞ There is a considerable saving by taking the larger sizes.

N. B.—Directions for the guidance of patietients every disorder are affixed to each pot.

GEORGE. T. HASZARD Agent