

**FORMATION OF A PROTESTANT ALLIANCE.**—We are glad to learn that the growing intolerance and power of Popery in Nova Scotia have at length aroused all Evangelical Denominations in the province to combine in measures against it. A Protestant Alliance has been formed. Of course the object of the Association is not to curtail the just rights of Papists, but to defend their own from encroachment and destruction. This province has been not a little distracted of late years by the intrigues of this restless party, and the Protestants have moved not a day too soon. Popery has operated there in Nova Scotia, as it does wherever it exists, as an obstructive to the most salutary and necessary measures of improvement. It has sought to monopolise the functions of legislation, it has striven to divert the current of legislation into the channel of ecclesiasticism or priestly power. While the foe of all enlightened education, it has clamoured for separate schools, that it may keep its youth intact from the humanizing influence of Protestantism and knowledge, and train them as thorough devotees of itself. It has had the art to obtain large concessions from men in power by the cunning game which it is playing in all Protestant countries of holding the balance betwixt rival political parties. These, and similar practices on the part of Popery, have led to the formation of the Protestant Alliance. The Society, we are happy to see, embraces all the Protestant Churches of the province.

**GENERAL ABSTRACT OF GOVERNMENT GRANTS TO POPISH SCHOOLS IN ENGLAND, WALES, AND SCOTLAND FOR THE YEAR 1856-57.**—Total for England, £53,147 7s. 0½d.; total for Wales, £913 10s. 1½d.; total for Scotland, £5,247 11s. 1½d.; grand total, £59,308 8s. 3½d.

*Note.*—1. Of this enormous amount not for education, but teaching Popish error, there has been given £11,097 19s. 2d. for building purposes solely.

2. The number of Popish Schools in the larger towns throughout England and Scotland are very remarkable and significant.

3. The amount of Grants stated to have been made to Roman Catholic Schools, in the Privy Council's Minutes (No. 1, Table A, p. 49), is £67,738 0s. 8d. There is thus a difference of £8,429 12s. 4½d., which is not yet accounted for by the Privy Council in their detailed statement.

4. The number of the above Schools in England is 213; in Wales 4; and in Scotland 22; making in all 239.

5. The number of Teachers is,—

1. Certificated, male 82, female 88; total 170. 2. Assistant, male 8, female 3; total 11. 3. Pupil, male 207, female 390; total 597. Grand total, 778.

**ORDINATION OF A GREEK AS A PROTESTANT MISSIONARY.**—The mission of the Free Church of Nova Scotia to Turkey may now be regarded as an accomplished fact. The Rev. Petros Constantinides, the missionary, is a Greek, the son of a Greek Protestant, who has long been in connection with the American Presbyterian missions in Turkey. Mr. Constantinides was for five years in the Protestant College at Malta, intending in the first place to qualify himself for being a doctor of medicine; but the light of Divine truth having shined into his mind, he resolved to devote himself to the missionary cause. At the request of the Foreign Mission Committee of the Free Synod, Mr. Constantinides was permitted, by the sub-committee who had charge of his support, to visit Nova Scotia. He arrived at New Glasgow just in time to be present at the opening of the Synod at New Glasgow. At the direction of the Synod, the Presbytery of Pictou heard and sustained Mr. Constantinides' trials, and he was ordained by the Synod as a missionary to the Greeks, Turks, Jews, and others in Constantinople.

**RELIGION IN SWEDEN.**—The Rev. Dr. Steane, who is now in Sweden, says in a recent letter: "I am assured that there is not a parish in Sweden where the religious awakening is not taking place, and persons of every grade of life are coming under its influence. Instances of sudden conversion, as sudden and remarkable as some of those in the New Testament, have been related to me, and attended with circumstances of which we have no experience in our country; and there is a freshness and simplicity in the new religious life here, which contrasts strangely with the old fixed and conventional forms in which we are accustomed to see it. It charms and wins upon your affection, like the smile of an infant."

**PUSEYITE CONFESSORIAL.**—It is stated that the Archbishop of Canterbury has confirmed the Bishop of London's decision against the Rev. Mr. Poole, whose confessional doings continue to excite a strong sensation in the Church of England. On Monday an open-air demonstration against these doings took place in London, and was attended by about ten thousand persons.