

THE VESTRY AT ST. MARTIN S-LE-GRAND.

Our Postal officials are blind to the necessity of encouraging correspondence with the Colonies. It is as difficult to get a return of such correspondence out of them as to get a tooth out of a wolf's jaw. Any and every attempt on my part to extract information is received with persistent snarling and snapping. Yet but for the pertinacious questioning of which I have been guilty, the public would now be utterly in the dark as to the real facts. The most absurd mystery is made of the matter.

ENGLISH *v.* FOREIGN STATISTICS.

It is curious to compare the great attention bestowed upon foreign correspondence in the United States Postmaster-General's Annual Report, with the contemptuous, studied indifference shown to the subject in the British Postmaster-General's Report. In the meagre British Return for 1891 of 70 pages, painful efforts are apparently made to avoid allusion to Foreign and Colonial mail business. and the whole document is of an unmistakably parochial character. Of the 1097 pages in the comprehensive volume of Mr. Wanamaker, no less than 90 pages, or 20 more than the entire report