

he is taken into a sinner's hand; he is eaten; God is the slave, the toy of man! Words are wanting to express the indignation, the horror which such a doctrine ought to inspire; and this is what the Popish clergy teach still to Italians!"

Miscellaneous.

**IGNORANCE AND CRIME.**—We take the following from Douglass Jerrold's new paper of the 17th ult. "According to the returns of the Register-General, one half of the adult population of England and Wales are unable to write their names; and Mr. Porter states that during the years 1839, 1840, and 1841, out of 735,788 persons married, 303,836 affixed their mark to the marriage register by way of signature. In Mr. Tremenhier's report to the Committee of Council on Education, he observes that in Monmouthshire and Wales, 48 males in 100, and 69 females in 100 were unable to write their names; while in Cheshire and Lancashire 40 per cent. of males, and 65 per cent. of females were similarly disqualified. In his inquiries into the state of crime in the northern division of Lancashire, Rev. Mr. Clay, referring to the prisoners admitted into the House of Correction, at Preston during the year 1844, ascertained that of 1022 persons committed, 49 per cent. were unable to name the months of the year, 39 per cent. were ignorant of the name of the reigning sovereign, 42 per cent. knew not the imports of the words virtue, vice, righteousness, &c., while thirteen per cent. were unable to count one hundred. Incredible as it may appear, among the opinions as to her Majesty's name, seventeen were in favour of Prince Albert, while thirteen supposed it to be Elizabeth. Their religious ignorance was still more deplorable, for 39 per cent. had never heard of the name of the Saviour. We might multiply similar facts, but those adduced are sufficient to show the necessity of some plan being adopted to educate the great body of the people. Our boasted claim of being at the head of civilized Europe will hardly be conceded so long as one half of our adult population can neither write nor read, and our material wealth will only be regarded as the exponent of an ingenious system of industrial slavery."—*N. Y. Evangelist.*

**TOTAL ABSTINENCE.**—A ROYAL TERTOTALER.—Charles XII., King of Sweden, drank sometimes to excess, so as even to disturb his reason. In one of his drunken bouts he lost the respect which was due to the Queen, his mother. She retired to her chamber, overwhelmed with grief, and remained there on the following day. As she did not make her appearance, the King inquired the cause. This being told, he took a glass of wine in his hand and went to the Queen's room. "Madam," said he to her, "I have learned that yesterday, in my cups, I forgot myself towards you. I come to ask your pardon; and, to prevent a recurrence of such a fault, I drink this glass to your health; it shall be the last during my life." He kept his word, and from that day he never tasted wine.

**A LOST BOOK OF LIVY FOUND.**—A most valuable discovery has just been made at Berlin. The Rev. Dr. Heing has lately returned from Spain, where he spent a considerable time in exploring its libraries for the purpose of ecclesiastical history. Among the treasures he acquired, were several rolls of parchment, purchased from a bookseller, and generously presented to the Royal Library.—One of these rolls was found to be a Palimpsest,\* which, after being carefully cleaned and examined, by the principal librarian, Mr. Perts, proved to be

\* A Palimpsest is a MS. of vellum, which has been written on a second time, after the first writing has been effaced. There are instances in which the first writing is legible as well as the second.

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a fragment of the lost books of Livy, probably of book 98. The academy of Sciences, which, at the request of Mr. Perts, made a minute investigation into the subject, have resolved to publish an engraved fac-simile of this most interesting addition to Roman history. The writing bears evidence of the highest antiquity, probably of the first century, and consequently contemporary with the age in which Livy flourished.

**NUMERICAL STATE OF WESLEYANISM.**—From the returns just published of the number of members in the Wesleyan Society, it appears that there are in Britain 339,379, being a decrease upon last year of 2,059; in Ireland, 21,633, being a decrease of 2,913; and in the foreign stations, 100,303, being an increase of 253; total number of members under the British and Irish Conferences, 464,315, being a decrease of 4,749.

**PUTRID FOOD PRODUCES UNHEALTHY BLOOD.**—The primary object of the introduction of food into the stomach and intestinal canal is to produce blood; in order that the latter may be of a healthy description, it is necessary that the food should contain the ingredients necessary for the production of blood, and that these should be in a state of integrity and health. It is scarcely to be wondered at that the consumption of putrid food, such as *high-flavoured game*, and large quantities of *decayed cheese*, should be incapable of producing healthy blood; or rather that the blood produced from substances in such a state of putrefaction should be liable to disease of the most dangerous nature.

**O'CONNELL'S EDUCATION.**—O'Connell's education at St. Omer was narrow and sectarian; in no seminary were herocratic doctrines more rigidly inculcated; and the duties and labour of his arduous profession prevented him from literary acquirement. O'Connell was neither a sound nor an elegant scholar; his classical attainments were below the average of a schoolboy; in history he had read little beyond the compilation with which men of large business are too generally contented; and though he had some taste for mental and moral philosophy, it was never cultivated. He relied entirely for his success on his own mental resources, and they were unquestionably vast; never did any man make so great show with so limited a stock of information. It was not until he turned author, and gave the world his puerile History of Ireland, that men discovered how scanty was the stock on which he traded. The theology of St. Omer, which attributed a sanctity and almost an impeccability to the sacerdotal character, was the predominant feeling of O'Connell's life; he honestly believed that the best service he could render Ireland was to increase and strengthen the power of the Catholic priesthood; and it is, therefore, no wonder that he received, through life, the zealous support of that body which is indebted almost entirely to him for its present existence as a power in the State.—*Reminiscences of Daniel O'Connell, by a Munster Farmer.*

DONATIONS

TO THE LIBRARY OF KNOX'S COLLEGE.

The Librarians of Knox's College acknowledge the receipt of the following books, through T. C. Orr, Esq., and Messrs. Collins & Griffin, booksellers, Glasgow, and others, per Dr. Burns:—

D'Aubigne's History of the Reformation, 2 copies; Oliver & Boyd, and Collins; Select Christian Authors; Wilberforce's Views of Christianity; A. Kemp's Imitation of Christ; Howe's Redeemer's Tears; Doddridge's Rise and Progress; Adams's Private Thoughts; Halyburton's Memoirs, and The Christian's Defence against Infidelity, in 1 vol; do. in 2 vols; Henderson's Iceland; DeLuc's Letters on Geology; Account of Lord Selkirk's Settlement; Cowley's Prose Works; Thucydides de Bello Peloponnesiaco libri octo; Porson's Adversaria; Glasgow Lectures on Popery; Pinkerton's Russia; Dictionnaire Historique, 4 vols; Meditations and Lectures; Caxo's House of Austria,

tions of the Emperor M. A. Antonius; Horne's John the Baptist, Life of Beattie, by Forbes; Baxter's Saints' Rest; Cheever's Lectures on Bunyan, Nelson, Edinburgh; do. (Collins, Glasgow); Vint's Vital Christianity; Robe on Revivals; Fairfax's Tasso's Jerusalem Delivered, 2nd vol; McChoyne's Memoirs and Remains; do. 3 vols (Bohn's Standard Library); Lanzi's History of Painting, 3 vols (Bohn's Standard Library); Schlegel's Dramatic Literature; Schiller's Revolt of the Netherlands, and Historical Dramas; Schiller's Don Carlos (Bohn's Standard Library); Sumner's Literature of Europe, 2 vols, do; La Martine's History of the Girondists, vol 1, do; Life of Benvenuto Cellini, do; Gutzlaff's Voyages to China; Peterkin's Record of the Church of Scotland, from 1638 to 1619; Dick's Christian Philosopher, 2 vols. From the Rev. David Brown, of Glasgow—Copy of his work on the Pre-Millennial Advent.

RECEIPTS

FOR KNOX'S COLLEGE MISSIONARY SOCIETY FUND, From November, 1846, to November, 1847.

Collected in missionary box in Divinity Hall.....	£	s.	d.
From Free Temple Church, Chingacousy, East Chingacousy Church, and East Toronto Church, per Thos. Dickson.....	4	2	6
Thorah, Eldon, Oro, and Marposa, per Mr. J. Ross.....	12	10	0
Lewis and Sylvester, per Mr. R. Swinton.....	3	0	0
Vaughan and King, per Mr. R. Ure... West Gwillunbury, per Mr. J. Scott... Huntingdon, Tyendinaga, and Madoc, per Mr. J. Nisbet.....	7	0	0
March, Huntly, Golburn, and Fitzroy, per Mr. John Gourlay.....	7	2	34
North Easthope and Wellesly, and from a few friends in Galt and Hamilton, per Mr. A. Hudson.....	4	2	6
Toronto, per Mr. Troup.....	10	0	0
Township of Lobo, per Mr. P. Currie	3	13	9
Lachute, per Mr. D. McRuar.....	0	15	0
Beckwith, per Mr. McDiarmid.....	1	15	0
From a few friends, per Mr. George Mur.....	2	19	14
Masham, Tarbolton, and Fitzroy, per Mr. W. McLaren.....	1	5	0
Streetsville, per Mr. W. Blain.....	3	2	9
Mono, per Mr. Chesnut.....	4	1	3
Woodstock, London, St. Catharines, and Niagara, per Mr. W. Ball.....	2	18	0
Quebec, per Mr. John Alexander.....	6	0	0
Chingacousy, per Mr. J. Smith.....	7	13	8
Toronto, per Mr. Andrew Polmie.....	3	0	0
Peterboro', per Mr. Andrew Wilson... Brock, per Mr. Alexander McLachlan	2	8	6
Contributions from friends, per Mr. Kennedy.....	3	7	6
Contributions from various places, per Mr. George Wardrope.....	1	10	0
Toronto, per Mr. George Jamieson... Contributions from friends in Toronto, per the Misses Brown.....	3	12	6
	2	0	0
	3	9	44

Sum total of receipts.....134 17 64

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid to Mr. J. Black, to account of salary, at sundry times.....	50	0	0
Stationery.....	0	10	0
Total.....	50	10	0

Balance.....£84 7 64

GEORGE JAMIESON, Treasurer.

SYNOD FUND.

Nov. 6.—North Easthope, per Rev. Mr. Allen.....	£1	5	0
Nov. 9th.—Fuslinch, per Rev. Mr. Meldrum.....	1	5	0

JOHN LAIDLAW, Treasurer.