

£581,000; the numbers at 693,357; the beneficed incumbents at 1509; and the stipendiary curates over 500. There are 1074 benefices with a net income under £300, 421 under £200, and 297 under £100. A majority of the Commissioners recommend the suppression of two Bishoprics and one of the Archbishoprics, and various other reductions. We presume Parliament will go a good deal beyond the recommendations of the Commission.

A GOOD SUGGESTION.—In view of the changes anticipated in connection with the *Regium Donum*, Dr. Morgan, of Belfast, suggests that if the use of tobacco were given up, the loss of the support formerly received would be more than made up. He shows that while the endowments from the State amounted to only £40,000, the sum expended on tobacco by the families composing the Assembly is at least £140,000 per annum, with probably twice as much paid for strong drink.

REVOLUTION IN SPAIN.—Seldom has a revolution been brought about so speedily and peaceably as that which has just been effected in Spain. The reign of the Queen, distinguished by nothing good, has been declared at an end, and the people will have an opportunity of saying what form of government they prefer. Whatever the result may be, things cannot go back to the old system, either religious or political. Already freedom of worship, freedom of the press, and various other reforms have been adopted. We trust the leaders of the people may be wisely guided in this crisis of the nation.

PRESBYTERIAN UNION IN THE UNITED STATES.—From the fact that so many Presbyteries of the Old School Church are voting disapproval of the Basis of Union, it is evident that the present basis must be regarded as defeated. The churches may, however, unite simply on the Standards as a basis. The Presbyteries of the New School are generally voting in favour of the terms of union now proposed.

ARRIVAL OF THE REV. DR. MCCOSH.—Dr. McCosh has arrived at Princeton, and has been inducted as President of the College. His welcome was in every way highly gratifying.

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KNOX COLLEGE—OPENING OF SESSION.

On Wednesday, October 7th, the usual day, Knox College was opened for Session 1868-9. The attendance both of students and visitors was large.

The introductory lecture was delivered by the Rev. Professor Caven, who chose for his subject, "The connection between the Interpretation of Scripture and Systematic Theology."

The object of the lecturer "was to show the importance of a correct interpretation of Scripture in regard to the connection of Exegetics with Systematic Theology—with Theology considered as a science." We should have been happy had we been able to give the discussion of the Rev. Professor in full, but our limited space makes this impossible.

It was remarked that "Systematic Theology is not a mere philosophy, nor the application of philosophy to religious questions, nor the attempt to