

THE REV. EDGAR HILL declares himself emphatically a believer in the practicability of a NATIONAL UNITY of the Protestant Churches of Canada. The idea has been in his mind ever since he came to Canada, and he believes that on this question the national religious well-being is at stake.

MISS MCGREGOR writes to the *Presbyterian Review* :—"Will you kindly correct the error which appeared in a late number of the *PRESBYTERIAN REVIEW* in regard to my going to Canada on furlough, as it has caused some misapprehension on the part of my friends at home. It is not my intention to return to Canada at present, though I have felt it necessary to resign my connection with the Canadian Presbyterian Mission at Indore. I hope in future to carry on independently my work in the Girls' School and zenanas, though not as hitherto under the auspices of the Mission.—Yours, etc., M. MCGREGOR.

INDORE, July 31st, 1886."

THERE is raging now in Boston, U. S., a conflict between Law and Liberty, these two old-time New England allies. About a year ago the Rev. H. L. Hastings, editor of the *Christian*, was arrested for preaching on Boston common, without a permit from the municipal authorities. His application for a Permit was refused, the chairman of the committee being a liquor seller. He was fined, but appealed the case, and the Superior Court sustained the decision that Mr. Hastings should be imprisoned till he paid the fine. He is now a prisoner for conscience sake, refusing to pay a penalty for doing what he believes he has a perfect right to do. Mr. Hastings writes a letter from his cell, which should bring the blush to the cheek of every independent United States citizen. He says: "In the year 1886 Boston fines ministers for preaching the gospel and reading the Bible to orderly crowds on Boston common because they are unable first to obtain the permission of a foreign-born 'wholesale and retail rum-seller' to do so, while at the same time the city authorities license Buffalo Bill to exhibit Indian pow-wows, Pawnee war-dances, and the like for money on the Lord's day in defiance of good order and State law; and I, a tax-payer of Boston, am not only taxed to pay for Sunday band concerts, where sixty couples have been seen dancing at once on Boston common on Sunday afternoon, but am also fined for reading the Bible there to crowds of those who are eager to hear it."

SOCIALISTIC troubles have again occurred recently in parts of Germany and France.

OUR CHURCH AND COUNTRY.

PICTOU AND RIVER JOHN.—St. Andrew's Church, Pictou, and St. George's Church, River John, have been undergoing great improvements, of which we hope to have full reports soon. The latter is enlarged by an addition of about twenty feet in length; and we hear that an organ is also to be introduced.

LATER.—ST. ANDREW'S KIRK was opened for service on Sunday, 19th. The interior now presents a very much improved appearance. The side walls have been freshly colored in imitation stone, and the ceiling has been painted a light blue. The whole is in oil painting, and makes a fine finish. A handsome pulpit back, the woodwork of which is by Messrs. J. & A. Carson, upholstering by G. W. Walker, is quite an ornament. New and pretty gas brackets have been placed along the sides, which improve the light very much. The organ has been moved to the front of the gallery, and the choir has been newly arranged and finished. A handsome lot of chairs for the platform in front of the pulpit are being manufactured in Halifax. Messrs. Brown & Brennan had the contract for painting. Mr. Hugh Henderson and Mr. Wm. Jones did the carpenter work, and Mr. Wm. Carson did the gas-fitting. There were large congregations present at the services.

ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, River John, was crowded on Sept. 22, to witness the marriage of Mr. A. R. Campbell of Tacoma, formerly of West River, to Katie, youngest daughter of the late Mr. Sutherland of this place. Over 100 invitations were issued. The happy couple left immediately for Pictou, where they took the train for Tacoma, where Mr. Campbell holds a responsible position as Indian Agent in the United States Civil Service.

DR. HERBERT A. BAYNE, M.A., F.R.S.C., Professor of Chemistry in the Royal Military College at Kingston, Canada, died at Pictou on Sept. 18th, after a brief but brilliant course of busy and successful life. His country and many dear friends deplore his premature decease, in his 40th year.

NEW GLASGOW.—The annual meeting of the Managing Committee of the Supplementing Fund will be held (D.V.) in St. Andrew's Church, New Glasgow, on Wednesday, 6th October, at 11 A. M. Applications from trustees of the supplemented congregations to be submitted at said meeting.

W. McMILLAN, Sec'y.

Bridgeville, 24th Sept., 1886.