

the Archbishop of Canterbury's recent decision, confirming the revocation of his license by the Bishop of London.

CLOSE OF THE SPECIAL SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES AT ST. PAUL'S.—On Sunday evening the series of special services in St. Paul's Cathedral, which was commenced on Advent Sunday, 1858, was brought to a close. Long before the hour appointed for throwing open the doors thousands of persons had assembled, for whom there was no chance of admission. To accommodate those who failed in obtaining an entrance, several of the adjacent churches were thrown open, and all of them were densely crowded. The number of persons admitted into the Cathedral was larger than on any former occasion, but, owing to the admirable arrangements which were made under the direction of the Dean and Chapter, no inconvenience was felt. At seven o'clock a procession moved from the canons' room, into the vast open space under the dome. In the immediate vicinity of the pulpit were the Marquis of Lansdowne, Lord Campbell, Lord Belper, and the Hon. George Waldegrave. Full choral service was performed. The Bishop of London preached from the 30th and 31st verses of the 14th chapter of the Book of Exodus;—"Thus the Lord saved Israel that day out of the hands of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the sea shore. And Israel saw that great work which the Lord did upon the Egyptians: and the people feared the Lord, and believed the Lord, and His servant Moses." The *Hallelujah Chorus* was played, and the vast congregation gradually dispersed.

FAST DAY IN GLASGOW.—Last Thursday was the Glasgow sacramental fast. Owing to the very fine character of the weather many thousands of persons left town for country excursions. It might also be on this account that the churches were very thinly attended, the pent-up citizens gladly availing themselves of such an opportunity to escape from city smoke, din, and bustle, to breathe for a brief space a clearer air. No fewer than twenty-three river steamboats, containing each on an average 500 passengers, left the wharf. The railways also did a great business, nearly 20,000 persons availing themselves of their conveyance. No accident, we believe, occurred; and there was, comparatively speaking, but little drunkenness. One thing is striking in relation to these fast-day excursions,—the vast number of passengers conveyed out of town on such occasions as are of merely ecclesiastical appointment as compared with the few out of Glasgow's four hundred thousand inhabitants that travel for pleasure on Sabbath. Whatever may be said, it shows the strength of the Sabbath feeling of Glasgow as compared with Sabbath-desecrating Popery, infidelity, and indifferentism so rife in the metropolis of the west.—*Cor. British Standard.*

THE MARRIAGE QUESTION.—The general body of Protestant Dissenting ministers of the three denominations—Presbyterian, Independent, and Baptist—residing in and near the cities of London and Westminster, resolved to petition the House of Lords in support of the Bill for Legalising Marriage with a Deceased Wife's Sister. The petition adopted is as follows:—"That your petitioners are informed of the introduction into your Right Hon. House of a Bill for Legalising Marriage with the Sister of a Deceased Wife. That your petitioners would pay absolute deference to the prohibition of such marriage if it could be shown to be founded on Divine law; but that, in the absence, as they believe, of any such prohibition in the Holy Scriptures, they cannot admit the interference of any merely human authority. That, in the judgment of your petitioners, the legislative prohibition of such marriages is as cruel and mischievous as it is unauthorised; since it thwarts the tenderest affections, disturbs domestic happiness, and deteriorates social morality, to a degree already extensive, and in a process of continual augmentation. Your petitioners, therefore, humbly pray your right hon. House to pass the said bill into a law.

THE TABERNACLE, MOORFIELDS.—The Rev. Dr. Campbell has resigned the pastorate of this place of worship, and the Rev. W. Grigsby, of Dover, has been chosen by the church to fill his place.