

## Notes of the Month.

THE telegrams show Paris to be still in a state of insurrection, but the Versailles Government is steadily gaining upon the tumultuous bands of the Commune, who have robbed, and plundered, and murdered peaceable citizens for some time. The Germans are not to interfere unless the Assembly's forces prove unable for the task of restoring authority and order. A feeling in favor of the restoration of Napoleon is said to be gaining in the minds of many, who, for the sake of peace and quietness, and restoring the prosperity of an almost ruined country, are willing to forget his share in the disaster and disgrace of Sedan, for which, in truth, he was no more to blame than the vanity of the French people, and especially the factiousness of those who now reproach him most. If it be true that he has enlisted in his service those tried battalions of the Pope, the Jesuits, then France's troubles are not over. The Prussian army is the perfection of material, the Society of Jesus of spiritual discipline and system. The one may save what the other has destroyed, but it will be only temporarily; for Jesuitism has blighted the nations where it has flourished. Its counsels have injured more than promoted Popery itself. The infallibility dogma is an achievement of this great religious machine. Dr. Dollinger has been excommunicated for his opposition to it, and many sympathize with and adhere to him in his stand. We cannot suppose that the Jesuits have been wise in this measure, and that in foisting this absurdity, which has lately been condemned by the Convocation of Canterbury, upon the Roman Catholic Church, they have rendered any service to Popery. Persons, however talented, who are governed by an overweening love for the advancement and predilection for the principles of an order, are partial judges of human affairs, and sure to make great mistakes in policy.

The education bill is still much canvassed, and the principal objections to it are its destroying the old parish schools, its exempting the heritors from their former burdens, its non-acknowledgment of religion, and its placing the control of

Scottish education in an English Board. The Bill to legalise marriage with a deceased wife's sister has been rejected as on all former occasions by the Lords, one Bishop and two privy councillors voting in its favor. A Bill has been brought forward to disestablish the Church of England, which derives its only prospect of ultimate success from the immense diversity of opinion and sentiment within the church itself. Many are incensed at recent decisions of the Committee of Privy Council; which has expelled Voysey, an arch liberal or rationalist, and restrained Purchas, an arch vestment and incense man. We can see nothing but good in this, though it can never suit extremists, who tolerate in all religions none but themselves. In the latter sense they are tolerant in an exemplary degree. Preparations are being made to celebrate the centenary of our great countryman, Sir Walter Scott. The Marquis of Breadalbane has been buried with his father at Killin. We are sorry to see that the Argyle family are about to sell their old seat and property at Roseneath, the most picturesque spot on the Clyde. The building of steamships, especially for the Suez canal trade, is very brisk. The revenue of Great Britain for the last year exhibits a large surplus. Canada is, from having been the eleventh last year, now the eighth on the list of nations consuming British goods.

The S. Queens ferry settlement case has afforded mirth to the lovers of the ridiculous, all caused by a Town Council consisting almost wholly of dissenters, presenting to a parish a man who should not be a minister at all. Mr. Thomson, as those know who remember his candidature for the representation of the Kilmarnock burghs, is a most absurd character. The people, moreover, were notoriously in favor of another person, and the Town Council should have acted more from their principles than their desires to torment a large parish. The Presbytery has sustained the objections, and the case goes up to the Assembly, where Mr. Thomson is certain to lose it. Mr. Cumming of Newington, an old friend of my own, has been chosen successor to Dr. MacDuff, of Sandyford, Glasgow, the Doctor having resolved to devote the remainder of his life to the