

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE.

ECCLESIASTICAL AND MISSIONARY.

NEW-SCHOOL SOUTH.—The General Assembly of this body met last month at Knoxville, Tennessee. The chief subjects of discussion were a "Declaration of Principles," and a paper on "Union with the Old-School." These papers both contain the well-known principles held by adherents of the New-School, with the additional resolution that the question of Slavery shall not be entertained by the Church Courts; and that slave-holding shall not in any case be a bar to membership in the Church. The proposals for Union are such, and probably so intended, that they cannot possibly be acceded to by the Old-School.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN ENGLAND—The Synod of this Church met on the 18th of last month, at Manchester. Besides the general business which belongs to the Supreme Court, several matters of critical importance must occupy their attention. The Organ question is one of these. The decision of last year by no means settled this matter. The opponents of the organ have been keeping up the agitation. Other churches are hoping to obtain the same liberty that has been accorded to Liverpool and Warrington. The Free Church of Scotland is also entering upon the controversy. Much fear is entertained of the peace and integrity of the Church in England. It is pleasing to find that the office-bearers of the several congregations in London have had a meeting of the most edifying and fraternal kind. In view of the approaching Synod, another meeting was to be held, to supplicate the Divine blessing on behalf of its members, and for the guidance of its deliberations. This is worthy of imitation.

POPISH SCHOOL-BOOKS IN ENGLAND.—Considerable astonishment has arisen in Great Britain on discovering that the Privy Council on Education have introduced into their list of books for public schools, several books directly teaching the dogmas of Popery. The religious societies and the Presbyterian Church Courts are petitioning Parliament to arrest the evil complained of.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.—A warm controversy has been excited in this body by a thoroughly Popish charge delivered lately by one of its Bishops,—Forbes. Several clergymen have protested against his views. Mr. Drummond, who some time ago seceded from this church but retains his connection with the Church of England, says, however, that Bishop Forbes's charge is a faithful commentary on the Scotch Communion Office, in which the Popish doctrine of the Mass is plainly asserted.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NEW BRUNSWICK.—Considerable sympathy has been expressed for this Church at the mutilation and consequent rejection of their "Act of Incorporation" by the Legislature, through the intolerance of the State Church of Scotland party. The title which this Church has chosen for itself, and for which it has been known for now several years, is the "Presbyterian Church of New Brunswick." At this title certain State Church people and legislators were greatly offended, and adopted the ungenerous and spiteful expedient of adding to it, as the Bill passed through the Council, the words "not in connection with the Church of Scotland." This reminds us of a sign we once saw over a rival store in a thoroughfare of London, "no connection with the concern next door." Our New Brunswick friends have doubtless no objection that it should be known that they are "not in connection with the Church of Scotland" they would equally wish it to be understood that they are not in connection with the "New-School South" or with the "Pope of Rome", but that they should consent to have a *soubriquet* imposed upon them by an enemy would be a pusillanimity of which we trust they will never be guilty.

THE REVIVALS.—Union Prayer Meetings have been kept up in Montreal in the morning, midday, afternoon, and evening, with encouraging success. The evening meetings have been held under the auspices of the Ministerial Association, in the several churches in rotation. Two addresses of a practical, awakening kind are delivered by the ministers, with frequent prayer and praise, in which the laymen take a part. Meetings of a similar kind have been held in other cities of Canada.