

THE LITTLE WANDERERS, inmates of a home in Boston bearing their name, greatly delighted large audiences in Halifax on the Sabbath and week-day evenings intervening between the 14th and 18th of last month, with their sweet singing and attractive appearance. Rev. Mr. Toles, the Superintendent, accompanied them, and detailed the plan and operations of the Home, which show it to be an institution blessed of God and a blessing to the people of the United States. These meetings were held respectively in the two Baptist Churches, St. John's and St. Matthew's, and Argyle Hall.

A NEW House of Worship, in connection with the Church of Scotland, is to be erected in the West end of London, the Synod of the Church having resolved upon taking steps with a view to that purpose at its last meeting, which steps have been sanctioned by the General Assembly. The Lord Advocate, Sir James Elphinstone, Sir Robert Anstruther, Rev. Mr. Gunn, the Moderator, and Rev. R. Mackersey, the Clerk of Synod, and other gentlemen, have the matter in hand, and subscribers are furnishing the necessary funds.

THE BEECHER CASE.—The examining Committee, consisting of the most honorable and reliable men in Plymouth Church, have completely exonerated Henry Ward Beecher from the charges that were brought against him. We always expected this, and wondered that any one could expect otherwise. The men that heard Beecher at the Evangelical Alliance in New York, that read his Yale lectures, and his sermons and lecture-room talks for the last ten years; that marked his wonderful spiritual insight, delicacy, and truth,—could no more believe him a monster of hypocrisy and vice all those long years, than they could believe him able to fly or to jump off his shadow.

It is said now that he has been weak, or indiscreet. Who has not? What poet, what great preacher, what large-hearted, sensitive man at any rate, has not?

Henry Ward Beecher is innocent, and every one that knows he was charged with guilt should know and rejoice in the fact.

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A SECRET society called the Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ, whose object seems to be to propagate Romish principles among Protestants, has been introduced, it seems, into Ireland. The existence of the society has been accidentally discovered. It embraces ninety-five branches, each of which has its own ward, under the direction of a Reverend Superior who is in each case a minister of the Anglican Church. Among other things, "intercession papers" are issued regularly. Prayers for the dead are often solicited. Among others, twelve departed ministers of the English Church are prayed for, some of whom died nine years ago.—*Presbyterian*.

We are sorry to say that the same society has members in Halifax. At the late meeting of the Episcopal Synod, in this city, the matter was brought to the attention of that Court in the following manner, as we see by the report of proceedings:—

"Mr. Lynch asked Dr. Gilpin if his name had been inserted in the list of members of the Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament without his consent. Mr. Lynch mentioned that he had learned from a pamphlet largely circulated through the Diocese that the Doctor was a member of a secret society known as 'The Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament,' and as he had been recently appointed to one of the highest offices in the Diocese, (Archdeacon), he, Mr. Lynch, before making any comments in respect thereto, wished to know if he was a member of that Society."

Dr. Gilpin having replied that he is a member of the Confraternity, but denying that it is a secret society in any sense of the word, Mr. Lynch gave notice of motion that the subject would be brought forward next session of Synod.

THE Revival in Scotland stands the test of time. At the close of the meeting of the General Assembly, a conference of ministers and elders—presided over by Lord Polwarth—was held, at which testimony was given by men representing various shades of thought in the Church to the genuineness and extent and blessedness of the