

distinctly understood that we cannot defer, now or at any future time, to her wishes or opinions as influences which should determine the constitution or organization of the Churches in the very slightest degree. The idea is indeed to be stated seriously.—*Eng. paper.*

In memory of Keble, it is proposed to establish a College in which young men now debarred from University education may be trained in simple and religious habits, and in strict fidelity to the Church of England, with the hope that, among other advantages, it will tend to promote the supply of candidates for holy orders.

At Warwick assizes a young lady named *Mills* was charged with publishing a libel on the Rev. G. Latimer, Rector of St. Paul's Birmingham. The young lady had been an attendant at Mr. Latimer's church and a district visitor in his parish, and, with or without cause, got the idea into her head that she had some claims on the affections of the rev. gentleman. Towards the end of last year it became known that Mr. Latimer was about to marry another lady, and on the 1st of January last Miss Mills wrote a letter of reproach to him saying she would stop that "shameful marriage," threatening to strangle the "mouldy old bride," and uttering other reproaches and threats, including the horse-whipping of the pastor before all his congregation. A fortnight afterwards she attempted to force her way into the vestry of the church to get at him. She also wrote to the half-brother of the lady, saying that in the event of the marriage she was prepared to make charges against Mr. Latimer which would prevent him retaining his position as a clergyman. The result was that the contemplated marriage was postponed for a few days; but was solemnised in the middle of the next month, Miss Mills failing to give any good reason why it should not take place. Mr. Latimer, on being put into the witness-box, utterly and indignantly denied that there had been any attentions, familiarities, &c., on his part to serve as a foundation for the conduct of Miss Mills. Mr. Justice Mellor observed that Miss Mills must have been labouring under a delusion, and suggested that she should plead guilty and enter into recognisances not to offend again. She, however, rejected the suggestion, and was found guilty by the jury—there having been no substantial defence—with a recommendation to mercy. His lordship concurred in the recommendation, and liberated Miss Mills on her own and her father's recognisances for future good behaviour, attributing her conduct to excitement.—*Eng. paper.*

Choral Festivals were held at the following, among other, places, in England, in the months of June and July:—

Hereford, Lichfield, (where there were upwards of 1200 singers), Coventry, Weybridge, Castle Hellingham, Chelmsford, and Oxford. The annual Cathedral Festival of the Peterborough Choral Association is the seventh which has been held. It is the largest association in England, having enrolled during the last seven years 200 choirs, held upwards of fifty district festivals, and sold nearly 50,000 copies of its various service books. The main objects of these festivals is to promote and improve congregational singing.—*Guardian.*

Queen Emma of Hawaii has met with substantial sympathy in England; over £3,000 have been subscribed to the support of the Church there.

TASMANIA.—The *Church News* for this diocese speaks in terms of great satisfaction of the results of the meeting held at Hobart Town in the course of April last; instancing particularly the attempt made to extend into the parishes the ramifications of the agency of the Synod, by the establishment of "Parochial Associations," whose representatives are to have an official place in the Finance Committee of the Synod.

Confirmations have been held this year by several Bishops, acting under the licence of the Bishop of London, in Russia, Sweden, Denmark, Germany, France, and Belgium. The Bishop of MORAY and ROSS has confirmed at Moscow, 75; St. Petersburg, 101; Riga, 10; Cronstadt, 14; and Berlin, 5; total, 206 candidates; Bishop WHITEHOUSE, of Illinois, at Copenhagen, 9; Gottenburg, 8; and Stockholm, 2; total, 19; Bishop MORRELL, Coadjutor of EDINBURGH, at Bonn, 41; Aix-la-Chapelle, 3; Cologne, 5; Dusseldorf, 10; Zurich, 8; and many other places which returns have not yet been sent: the Bishop of BANZOR at Bolougne-ser-Mer, 14; Tours 14; Brussels, 40; St. Pierre, 80; St. Germain, 13; Dunkirk, 21; Bruges, 18; Paris, 80; total, 400.

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