

the infallibility of the Pope. 2. Election of bishops by the clergy and the faithful. 3. Celebration of public worship and the reading of the Bible in the vulgar tongue. 4. Liberty of marriage for Priests. 5. Liberty and morality of Confession. "Thus," says M. Loyson, "in labouring to reform our own Church, we shall prepare, on our part, for that future union of all the Churches of which Jesus Christ said, 'There shall be one flock under one shepherd.' We regard as brethren, and admit to the Communion of the Eucharist, without requiring them to separate from their particular Church, all those who profess the creed of the Catholic faith, desire sincerely the restoration of the visible unity of the Church, and adore Jesus Christ mysteriously but really present in the Holy Communion."

PAN-PRESBYTERIAN: The following are mentioned as among the deputies who will represent the Free Church of Scotland at the Council to be held next autumn in Philadelphia, Principal Rainy, Rev. Sir Henry Moncrieff, Dr. Begg, Dr. Blaikie, Dr. Adam, and the Earl of Kintore.

THE ENGLISH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, has sustained a great loss by the death of Dr. Lorimer, Principal of the Presbyterian College, London. Dr. Lorimer having ceased from his labours at the age of *sixty-seven*, has given rise to the remark that this period of life is peculiarly dangerous to men of intellectual work. At this age died Dr. Chalmers, Melancthon, John Knox, and St. Paul. Crown Court Church, London, so long a centre of attraction, has been declared vacant by the resignation of Dr. John Cumming, distinguished for his scholarly excellence, his theological lore, and critical acumen, no less than for the simplicity and chasteness of his style as a preacher and writer. It is reported that a movement is on foot to induce Principal Tulloch to go to London as Dr. Cumming's successor, and that in the event of his consent, the proposal of erecting a Presbyterian Church to be in connection with the Church of Scotland, on the Thames embankment, will be revived under Broad Church auspices, and with Dr. Tulloch as pastor. Dr. William M. Taylor, pastor of the Tabernacle church, New York city, and editor of the *Christian at Work*, has arrived in New York after a season of travel abroad. He was not persuaded to stay in London by the call to the church at St. John's Wood.

PRESBYTERIANISM IN IRELAND. — The minutes of the Irish General Assembly, recently published, contain some statements which are of interest as indicating the strength of that Church. It may be stated, in brief, that there are: 5 Synods; 35 Presbyteries, and about 615 ministers. Total number of families, 79,632; communicants, 106,776; elders, 2,145; deacons, 6,716; raised for building or repairs

of churches, manse or schools, £35,711; Sabbath collections, £13,260; raised for Sustentation Fund, £23,424; mission collections, £12,487; by Sabbath-schools for missions, £2,263; other collections, £15,717; total for the year, £154,377; contributed to the poor, £2,019. There are 712 National schools under Presbyterian management; 1,053 Sunday-schools, with 3,571 teachers and an average attendance of 72,288 scholars. There were during the year: Ordinations, 7; licenses, 13; installations, 19; deaths of ministers, 14; congregations organized, 2; designations to missionaries, 3. The number of assistant ministers is 33; licentiates, 55; students, 61.

THE AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, North, now has 574,486 communicants, a gain for the year of 6,631; 38 synods, and 179 Presbyteries; 4,937 ministers, a gain of 36, against 100 in the previous year; 5,415 churches, a gain of 146; and 614,774 children in Sunday-schools. There were only 137 licensures last year, the smallest number in six years. There are 614 candidates, less by 153 than in 1874; and 306 licentiates, or two more than in 1875; and 25 less than in 1878. The loss of ministers by death was 97—the same number as in 1877; 53 were received, and 17 were dismissed. The total of contributions was \$8,259,923, which does not show a very great falling off, from the previous three years. Of the whole sum, \$6,311,768 were used for congregational purposes, \$390,685 for Home, and \$381,568 for Foreign missions.

Presbyterian College, Halifax.

The Calendar for 1879-80 opens with a view of the new premises. The next session will open on the 5th November, and close on the 29th April. Professor Currie will deliver the opening lecture. There are three Professors: Principal Macknight, D. D., (Professor of Systematic Theology and Apologetics), Professor Currie, (Oriental Languages, Exegetics and Hermeneutics,) Dr. Pollok, (Church History, Pastoral Theology, and Homiletics.) The Library contains about 5000 volumes. There is ample accommodation for resident students. The building is commodious and very finely situated in a most salubrious locality. The fee for board—heating and light included, is \$2.50 per week. Nine prizes, ranging from \$10 to \$30, are offered for the coming session.—The Calendar contains a valuable historical sketch of the educational efforts of the Presbyterians in the Maritime Provinces. Their first Theological Professor was Rev. Thomas McCulloch, D. D., who conducted the Pictou Academy for upwards of twenty years.