

THE LONDON REVELATIONS.

When a large stone in a meadow, green and moss-grown and beautiful as it may be, is overturned, there is a great scurrying to and fro of the centipedes, pismires and crawling vermin that burrowed beneath it, dazed and confounded by the light of day. So when the broad and burning light of public scorn and indignation is poured upon the slimy trail and hidden works of darkness of the foul vermin that burrow in the filth of London life, there is much scurrying for concealment and loud complaints against the revealing light. 'Tis a thousand pities that such horrors should be hidden beneath the fair-seeming surface of a

Christian civilization, but better that a light blasting as that of the judgment day should blaze upon them than that such social vermin, titled and crested and coronetted though they may be, should continue with impunity to prey upon their victims and revel in their lusts. In an age of luxury and wealth and reckless pursuit of pleasure, we need a re-assertion of that Puritan morality which made England great in the days of Cromwell and Milton. The churches must testify, the pulpit must thunder against vice in high places or in low, the press must lend its powerful aid in bringing an aroused public opinion to bear upon social vice.

RELIGIOUS AND MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCE.

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The Conference assembled at New-castle-on-Tyne. There were 600 ministers present at the opening session. The Rev. Richard Roberts was elected President on the first ballot, and the Rev. Robert Newton Young, D.D., was re-elected Secretary. Mr. Roberts is said to be the first President capable of preaching in the Welsh language. He is a well-known minister of 40 years' standing, and has long been one of the most popular ministers in the denomination.

Dr. Young was born in Nova Scotia, where his father was stationed in 1826-30. He visited Canada a few years ago when he was representative to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States. The net increase of the membership is 2,880. During the past five years the increase in the membership has amounted to 36,550.

On the 12th of June the founda-

tion stones of the Memorial Church to the memory of the late Dr. Punshon were laid at Bournemouth in the presence of an immense concourse of people. There will be a large school-room and six vestries in connection with the church. The total cost will be about \$40,000.

The memorial stones of a new Methodist hall were recently laid in Manchester. The new buildings are estimated to cost \$170,000, and will consist of a large hall, in the form of an amphitheatre, to seat 1,260 persons.

The French Conference met at Calais, and consists only of 15 members. A number of laymen were present. The ministers receive only \$500 salary and \$40 per child, but for several years past there has been a reduction on these amounts of from 10 to 20 per cent.

Methodism in South Africa makes a good showing. It has 30,000 persons meeting in class. The English increase is the largest ever recorded in that country.