

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE.

ECCLESIASTICAL AND MISSIONARY.

VANCOUVER'S ISLAND AND NEW CALEDONIA.—The discovery of gold on the Fraser River will in all probability have the effect of filling the territories named with a large population. Already thousands have proceeded thither from California. It is of urgent importance that the truth of the Gospel and the influences of the Church of Christ should be brought to bear on the settlers. We are aware that the Church of England is represented in Vancouver's Island, and her clergymen there will be multiplied. We have heard that missionaries are immediately to be sent from the Wesleyan community in Canada. It is our earnest hope, that the Presbyterian Church of Canada may also do her part in this great field of labor which Providence has so remarkably opened up. Why not send one or two ministers of prudence and ability, to visit, not the Red River Mission only, but Victoria, the capital of Vancouver's Island, and report to the Synod fully on the religious state and claims of the Great West within the British possessions?

VAUDOIS SYNOD.—The annual meeting of the Synod of the Waldensian Church took place at La Tour on the 18th May, and continued in session for four days. M. Meille, Italian pastor at Turin, was elected President. The proceedings were in harmony with the ancestral character of this Church as a witness for the truth. The Synod was addressed by the Rev. Dr. Stewart of Leghorn, and Rev. A. H. Burn Murdoch of Nice, on behalf of the Free Church of Scotland; also by the Rev. Mr. Day, a clergyman of the Established Church of Ireland.

SPANISH PROTESTANTS.—A most interesting movement has taken place among the Spaniards at Gibraltar. Under Senor Rouette, a good Spanish congregation has been formed, and a petition was forwarded to the last Free Church General Assembly, praying that he might be ordained as their pastor. The Assembly joyously granted such a petition, Senor Rouette having been long well known, and having suffered imprisonment and banishment for the truth's sake.

PLYMOUTHISM ON THE CONTINENT.—The interests of Protestantism in some parts of the Continent of Europe are seriously injured by what we would call the pest of Plymouthism or Darbyism. Everywhere the Plymouthists shew the same propensity, to undermine all church order, and to proselytise, not the ungodly, but those who are already in communion with some organized Church. In the North of Italy, they are favored by the "Nice Committee," which draws its funds from England, and chiefly from evangelical ministers and members of the Church of England! Thus sustained, they are said to interfere very improperly with the Piedmontese Mission Stations of the Church of the Vaudois. In Hungary, they have lately appeared, taking the name of "Nazarenes," and protesting against every church organization.

Let Canadian Protestants give no countenance to this spirit of disorder, which is peculiarly apt to appear and spread in countries where Popish tyranny has long prevailed!

DR. AND MRS. LIVINGSTONE.—A letter has been received at Hadley, from Mrs. Livingstone, dated Cape Town, May 19, 1858, in which she says: "You will be glad to hear that the people Dr. Livingstone left at Tete are still waiting for him. How delighted they will be to see him again! I think the expedition will have reached the Zambesi by this time." Dr. Livingstone has been obliged to leave Mrs. Livingstone behind, as she suffered so dreadfully from sea sickness that it was doubtful whether she could reach the east coast alive. She intends proceeding with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Moffatt, to his missionary station at Kuruman, and thence hopes to rejoin her husband on the Zambesi some time next year.—What with the boers and the natives, South Africa is in a dreadful state. The former are destroying all the missionary stations, and one poor missionary's wife is described as flying to the mountains in the middle of the night, with all their children, "and that in the time of snow." At the meeting at Cape Town in honor of Dr. Livingstone, the Rev. Mr. Moffatt, who was one of the speakers, entered into a history of his missionary labors in South Africa, and referred to the salutary influence which he had exercised over the once potent Africaner, and the now renowned Moselekatze,—an influence which he hoped to turn to good account in respect to the expedition to be undertaken by Dr. Livingstone; and he expressed a fervent hope of having the pleasure, at no very distant day, of shaking hands with the Doctor and the members of his expedition in the vicinity of the Zambesi River.