

THE YOUNG MORTARA.—A letter from Rome in the Paris *Presse* says:—"Your readers have, doubtless, not forgotten the little Jewish Mortara, who was shut up, after his baptism, in the convent of St. Pierre-aux-Liens. I am assured that he has just had conferred upon him the minor orders."

RUSSIA.—Count Victor Panin, Minister of Justice, has been dismissed, the cause of which is stated to be the part he has recently taken in regard to the judicial reforms which are being introduced. These reforms principally consist of the establishment of trial by jury, and the admission of publicity in civil and criminal causes. The majority of the Council of Empire were in favour of the reforms; but a minority, led by Count Panin, opposed them. The Emperor entirely approved of the changes, and the Count was obliged to retire.

Official.

ASSOCIATION MEETING.

The North Western Association will hold its next meeting in Toronto Second Congregational Church, January 12 & 13, 1863. The meeting will open on Monday, January 12, at 2 p.m., instead of 5, as first announced.

There will be a Public meeting in the evening, when a number of Ministers will address the meeting, chair to be taken at 7:30 o'clock.

Delegates and Pastors will be directed to places of entertainment by calling at the office of Mr. James Fraser, 5 King street west.

Georgetown, Dec. 11, 1862.

J. UNSWORTH, *Secretary.*

News of the Churches.

LONDON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH TEA MEETING.

The annual tea meeting of the Congregational Church was held in the chapel on Thursday, 4th December. The attendance was large and respectable, reflecting credit upon the pastor and trustees of the church, and we noticed quite a number of friends from other Christian denominations in the city present—a tribute of respect as well as a duty to the Rev. C. P. Watson, who is ever foremost in promoting unity and Christian intercourse with his brethren, the clergy of the city.—*The Daily Prototype.*

REV. EDWARD PAYSON HAMMOND.

This earnest and highly successful Evangelist, since his labours in Hamilton, has been labouring in London, and at the time we write is engaged in Montreal. Remarkable power attends these efforts; as will appear from the following statements—

London, C. W., Dec. 10.

The Rev. Mr. Hammond has been working here with his usual untiring energy. He held four meetings on Sabbath and three on Monday. I noticed the last of these in my note of that date. On Tuesday morning at 8 o'clock, a large number of children representing the various protestant denominations met in the Congregational Church, their respective ministers being present, and were addressed by the Rev. Mr. Hammond and the Rev. Dr. Irvine of your city. Afterwards an