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THE English Presbyterians talk severely about Professor F. L. Patton's decision to remain in America.

MR. MOODY preached in the hall of Cooper Union, New York city, on the 27th of July. Mr. Sankey was present, having just returned from Europe.

IT looks as if Dr. William M. Taylor, of the Broadway Tabernacle, New York, had resigned the editorship of the "Christian at Work." He has occupied the position ever since Dr. Talmage left it.

THERE is a growing feeling in England and Wales in favour of shutting up public houses on Sundays. Petitions in support of the bill to accomplish this object have been extensively circulated and numerously signed.

PRINCE BISMARCK has signified his intention to have the delegates to the meeting of the Evangelical Alliance, to be held in Basle, in August, carried over the railways of Alsace-Lorraine, on their return free of charge.

SEVEN hundred members of the Church of England have presented a memorial to the Bishop of Salisbury, protesting against private auricular confession and priestly absolution, and pledging themselves to oppose the spread of such unscriptural practices by every means in their power.

SINCE the disestablishment of the Irish National Church, nine years ago, the members of that communion have raised over \$10,000,000 for the support of their churches. The poorer clergy are better paid and church enterprises of all kinds are carried on with more vigour than ever before.

LOTTERIES for religious purposes are not very infrequent among the Catholics in the United States. Now, would it not be well to attend to them? They are illegal. And why should partiality be shown?

There is too much of pandering to the Romish Church in some sections of the Great Republic as well as in Canada.

SIR ROWLAND HILL, the author of the uniform system of penny postage in Great Britain, is still living at Hampstead, near London, aged eighty-three; and on June 5th the freedom of the city, encased in a costly gold casket, was formally presented to him, at his residence, by an imposing committee of distinguished citizens.

AMONG the Guilds formed in the Ritualistic churches in England one condition of membership is that the member shall give a pledge never to enter a Dissenting place of worship. How different from a good Episcopal divine, who was wont to offer a prayer for a blessing on every church of Christ, of whatever name, which he passed.

IT is stated that Dr. William J. Tucker, of Madison Square Presbyterian Church, New York city, has been offered the Professorship of Sacred Rhetoric in Andover Seminary. Professor Austin Phelps, who now holds the position, wishes to retire. Dr. Tucker is a comparatively young man; but is well qualified for the work to which he is called.

THE Roman Catholic Church is the richest ecclesiastical body in the United States. Its priests in that country now number 5,074, and its churches and chapels are 6,528. It has 33 theological seminaries, 63 colleges, 557 academies, 645 parochial schools, 214 asylums and 96 hospitals. The population to which it ministers, or which it claims, is 6,375,630.

THE British Wesleyans are surprised and alarmed at the decrease in their numbers, as shown by statistics just collected. It appears that, though upwards of 30,000 new members were received last year, there is a net decrease of 3,308, which is shared by nearly all the districts. The losses are largest in agricultural sections and manufacturing centres, and are attributed to emigration on account of financial depression and strikes.

THERE is a breeze in Baptist circles in St Louis. The Rev. Dr. Boyd, pastor of a Baptist Church in that city has committed two sins. He held a service in which a Jewish rabbi took part, and he permitted or invited a Unitarian to come to the Lord's table. Seven Baptist pastors have united in a protest against the first-mentioned act, nor are they silent about the second.

How would it do for England to learn a lesson from Belgium? The government of the last named country has decided on permitting no other than communal burial grounds, and these are to be open to all. Any services may be held in them, according to the wishes of those concerned. The question of burials would be well settled if such a system as this were adopted in the mother land.

THE Evangelical Lutheran Synodical Conference of America closed its session at Columbus, Ohio, on the 22nd of July. It was decided to publish a new quarterly magazine, to form State synods, and to establish a general Theological Seminary. The Lutherans in the States have about 3,150 ministers, 5,600 congregations, and 725,000 communicants. They are increasing rapidly from the large German and Scandinavian immigration.

It may be all right, but it seems to us that monument-raising has got to be a mania in England. Tyn-

dale and Knox are on the boards now as candidates for immortality or something else in this way. It has always seemed to us that these two men, and some others like them, had built their own monuments. We almost wish that monuments were confined to military and political notables who have no chance of having their names handed down to posterity in any other way.

THE anniversary of Western College, Plymouth, was held on the 2nd of July. The report was read by Rev. C. Wilson. It seems that this College is advancing. The number of students attending its classes during its last session was very large. Rev. Dr. Stoughton addressed the students, and preached a sermon in the evening. We rejoice in the prosperity of this institution. It is the oldest theological school of our denomination in England. And now we are doubly interested in its success because it is presided over by our old friend, the Rev. Charles Chapman, M.A.

WE have been favoured with samples of the celebrated Spencerian Double Elastic Steel Pens, and after trying them feel justified in highly commending them to our readers. They are made of the best steel and by the most expert workmen in England, and have a national reputation for certain desirable qualities which no other pens seem to have attained in so great perfection, among which are uniform evenness of point, durability, flexibility, and quill action. It is thus quite natural that the Spencerian should be preferred and used by professional penmen, in business colleges, counting-rooms, government offices, public schools, and largely throughout the country. Indeed, so popular have they become, that of the "Number One" alone, as many as eight millions are sold annually in the United States. The Spencerian Pens may be had, as a rule, from any dealer; but, when not thus obtainable, the agents, Messrs. Alexander Buntin & Co., 345 St. Paul Street, Montreal, will send for trial, samples of each of the twenty numbers on receipt of twenty cents.

THE address of Baboo Keshub Chunder Sen, recently delivered in India before a large audience of natives, calls for more than a passing notice. The remarks which the Baboo makes on Christ are very striking and suggestive. He asks, who and what is Christ? He claims that the Christ who has been introduced to India is an Occidental, a European being, while the real Christ is an Oriental, an Asiatic. He claims that as Asiatics he and his brethren can accept the ethics of Christ; but they may find difficulty in receiving the doctrine of his divinity. He, however, asserts that they can acquiesce in that doctrine, but he explains our Saviour's language so as to make it harmonize with the teachings of Hindoo pantheism. Christ affirmed His own identity with God. He wanted men everywhere to be one with God and with Him. Hindoo Pantheism is essentially this: The identity of all things with God. Christ's Pantheism is of a loftier, more perfect type than this. Such is the substance of the Baboo's remarks. He closes with an earnest appeal to Christians in India not to present a Western Christ to his countrymen, but an Eastern. And there is a great deal of propriety in what he says. There is that in Jesus of Nazareth which answers to all peculiarities of race and education; and, no doubt, there is a worse and a better way of presenting Him to the votaries of Hindooism. There is a way of presenting Him so that He will harmonize with what is best and noblest in their present religious views, and there are many good and noble things in them.