The Barriefield Association is represented as gradually yet steadily advancing in efficiency. From year to year since its first organization, there has been an increase to its funds; and through its instrumentality,

year since its first organization, there has been an increase to its funds; and through its instrumentality, either wholly or in part, the parish church has been much improved both in appearance and comfort.

The amount received for the year 1851 was £18 19 8, three-fourths of which were received in accordance with the constitution of the Society for the use of and expended within the mission.

The Portsmouth committee remark, "when we look back but a year or two, and bear in mind the unpromising commencement of the Church in this village—the inconvenient room in which the solemn assembly met to worship God after the manner of our Fathers—the two or three that were gathered together to offer up their feeble supplications at the throne of grace,—and consider the improved state of all things, we should be indeed unworthy of the benefits we enjoy if we did not feel thankful to the Father of mercies who has crowned our labours with his blessing."

The subscriptions to this association amount £20 15s. Of this sum £16 13s. 9d., was paid to the Rev. E. Patterson, who laboured faithfully in this field, and with whose ministrations the members of the Church were highly satisfied.

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In the village of Sydenham the amount reserved for local purposes has been devoted to the liquidation of a debt on a Bell which has been lately purchased, and to the payment of part of the expense incurred by roofing the Tower of the Church with zinc.

The Committee notice with expressions of gratitude, the greater frequency of the ministrations of the Church among them. This desirable change has been affected by the recent establishment of the Township of Loborough, in connection with Storrington and Portland, into rough, in connection with Storrington and Portland, into

rough, in connection with Storrington and Portland, into a settled mission.

The Napanee Committee report that the people are becoming throughout the Township, more alive to the necessity of contributing to the maintenance of Religion. And that in addition to paying part of the stipend of the Clergyman they have been enabled to put up a fence around the grave-yard, and to fit up the Church in a more decent way for the celebration of Divine Service.

The Committee of the mission among the Mohawk Indians express their regret that nothing has been done directly for the Church Society, during the past year. The Indians it appears depended upon their councillors to give a certain sum annually. This would have been done had not so much been expended for local Church purposes; a grant of £70 having been made for the purchase of an Organ, and a further sum of £80 appropriated to the Clergyman's salary. The Committee have determined this year to adopt the plan of soliciting subcriptions from the individuals composing the tribe, and feel confident the appeal will meet with a ready and generous response.

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At Shannonville the people are engaged in building a Church which will cost them about £250. But, notwithstanding, they have subscribed a small sum, in order to keep their connection with the Society unbroken.

In Fredericksburgh and Adolphustown the Parochial Association was this year re-organized, consequently

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From Bath we learn "that the Committee have it in their power to point with satisfaction and thankfulness to a very fair measure of success, and such as greatly limits of the association was £20, which has been entirely appropriated to Parochial purposes."

The operations of the association, in connection with St. George's Church, Kingston, only remain to be noticed.

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It was stated at the general meeting last year, that your Committee, though acting for the whole Midland District, seldom had any other funds at their disposal except those collected within the limits of this parish. Indeed, nearly all that has been done up to the present period, in assisting weak, or establishing new missions, or furthering objects of a general nature, has been the work of this association.

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During the past twelve months your Committee have been enabled to lessen its liabilities, by reducing the grants made to the several missions, which derive as-

grants made to the several missions, which derive assistance from its funds.

To the Travelling Mission £30 were paid instead of £60. This year the grant has been withdrawn altogether, the Diocesan Society having consented, on application of this branch, to advance £30 annually, which, with the sum guaranteed by the people, will more than compensate for the withdrawal of the assistance hitherto extended.

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A reduction has also been made in the grant to the Township of Pittsburg.

The sum of £30 has been granted towards the maintenance of the Missionary on Wolf Island. The people it is expected will contribute about an equal amount which, with an equivalent from the Clergy Reserve Fund, will make up the usual stipend.

The Rev. C. Patterson who held this mission was, in Nov. last, promoted to the charge of Stratford in the Huron District. He was succeeded by the Rev. T. Bousfield who is now resident on the Island.

The only new claim on the funds of the association is a grant of £30 to the Rev. T. W. Allen, your late Travelling Missionary, now in charge of the village of Portsmouth and the Township, of Kingston. This, however, may rather be viewed as a division of the funds than a new demand upon them inasmuch as up

however, may rather be viewed as a division of the funds than a new demand upon them inasmuch as up to this time the same sum was paid to him while engaged in a different sphere of labor.

An effort is being made to establish the depositions on a scale commensurate with the wants of the position of the Diocese. So far a lack of means has prevented the accomplishment of this desirable object. A large outlay would be involved in the purchase of an adequate supply of Bibles, Prayer Books, and miscellaneous works of a religious character, your committee must, therefore, endeavour to do gradually what it is out of their power to do at once. A great deal of permanent good, they are persuaded, might be effected through the medium of a suituble deposition. The more general circulation of the word of God, accompanied by what we must believe to be the safest exponent of its doctrines, and the dissemination of approved publications, such as are calculated to build up the nent of its doctrines, and the dissemination of approved publications, such as are calculated to build up the character of the Christian from his baptism to his death, would doubtless be productive of the most important and beneficial results. The present is peculiarly a reading age; it is consequently of great importance that the members of our communion should have ready access to the works of our standard authors, and not be dependent for information on religious subjects to works of a questicable schedowy. jects, to works of a questionable orthodoxy, or such as are avowedly hostile to our polity. The acknowledged prevalence of latitudinarian spirit prompts to a close and more exact adherence to our tried formularies and

the writings of the fathers in our Israel.

It will be remembered that among the sufferers at the disastrous fire which occurred here in the spring, with without delay.

was our Depositary. Fortunately the stock of books on hand was fully insured, so that no loss accrued the Society.

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The sales up to this period amount to £70 14s. 7½d.

There have been sold 139 Bibles and Testaments, 290

Prayer-books, and 1179 other publications.

Your committee now come to the income and expen-

diture of the association, of which the following is a

brief statement. INCOME.

£192 17 9 EXPENDITURE. Pittsburgh
Travelling
Wolf Island

Parent Society from

£156 19 7 £35 18 2

Balance The receipts it will be observed do not compare favourably with those of former years. This falling off may have been occasioned by the formation of new associations in the city and its vicinity. If this be so the loss to the Society at large, is more apparent than real. But yet the decrease may cause some inconvenience to this particular branch. Your committee would recommend a general appeal to the members of the Church within the limits of this association, as an effectual method for securing an augmentation of its effectual method for securing an augmentation of its

Your committee feel it to be their duty briefly to advert to the temporary pecuniary embarassment under which the Parent Society is labouring in consequence of the unfaithfulness of one of its officers. From what has transpired, the defalcation does not appear to be so heavy as was at first anticipated. There is also a likelihood, "that a very considerable portion of it can be rade up to the party in transgression." and we have Infood, "that a very considerable portion of it can be made up by the party in transgression;" and we have had an assurance conveyed to us, "that every step which can legally or equitably be taken to recover the amount of this lamentable deficiency, will be vigorously and impartially prosecuted." And further, arrangements are about to be made which will effectually guard the Society against the recurrence of such a calamity; and which will "promote its more efficient and economical working, and serve to simplify at the same time that it will enlarge its operations." Gladly turning from the contemplation of this pain-

Gladly turning from the contemplation of this painful subject your committee would notice the recent celebration of the 15th anniversary or 3rd Jubilee of the Venerable Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts. The interesting and auspi-Gospel in Foreign Parts. The interesting and auspicious event has called forth demonstrations of thankfulness and joy throughout the known world. Never under the Jewish dispensation did a more stirring note of preparation usher in the joyful year of release. Never, perhaps, since the day when a Saviour was first the strategy of the saviour was first thankful. thanksgiving was heard paying homage to the Eternal Jehovah in acknowledgment of spiritual mercies re-ceived through the instrumentality of this Venerable Institution.

In conclusion, your committee have only to express the hope that the claims of our Society will, by churchmen, be met at once by cheerful liberality, merely on being named, without any special arguing, or special efforts to rouse their sympathy, or quicken their sense of duty. Wherever a sound and genuine Christian principle exerts itself, there will always be a harvest of fruit proportioned to the object to be obtained. No enterprise of holy charity can be conceived more important than the one in which we are engaged; let our efforts to advance it be sincere, adequate, and repeated.

PROPOSED ENLARGEMENT OF CHRIST'S CHURCH, HAMILTON.

At a very numerously attended meeting of the Vestry of Christ's Church, Hamilton, on Friday evening last, specially called by the Rector, for the purpose of taking into consideration the expediency of allowing parties who had sold their pews to the Church and taken debentures in navyment to console the contract of th taken debentures in payment, to cancel the debentures and resume their pews on the original terms; and also to deliberate upon the necessity that exists for providing additional accommodation in the parish Church the following Resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Moved by M. O'Rielly, Esq., seconded by the Hon.

Mr. Mills, and

Resolved,—That the Churchwardens be authorised to cancel the debentures, of all parties who are desirous of resuming their pews on the original tenure, and to pay them interest on the same up to Easter

That in consideration of this surrender of their de-bentures for the benefit of the Church, the Vestry agree to guarantee to such of the owners of pews as them in payment of advances originally made in took them in payment of ravances originally made in building the Church, and to such owners of pews as are not members of the Church of England, 6 per cent per annum upon the present estimated va'ue of their pews, over and above the ground rents, so long as they continue to be holders of the same.

That in case of the destruction of the present Church the ground rents are present owner by considered as having on.

by fire each owner be considered as having an interest in the amount ensured thereon proportionate to the value of his pews, for which he shall have credit on any purchase of pews in the new Church to be erected and in the erection of which the insurance money, or

any part of it, is used.

That the deeds of their pews be restored to those who surrendered them for debentures and that deeds be given at once to all parties entitled to the same.

That the Churchwardens be authorised to appropri ate so much of the Sinking Fund as corresponds to the ate so much of the sinking rand as corresponds to the amount of Debentures cancelled, to the liquidation of the debt on the Church Yard, which is due to the estate of the late James Hughson.

Moved by Dr. Dickinson, seconded by C. O. Coun-

sel, Esq., and
Resolved,—That the Rector having submitted to the Vestry the names of thirty-three applicants for pews in Christ's Church, who are unable to obtain accomodation; and also the names of nine individuals who are dation; and also the names of nine individuals who are willing to purchase first class pews in the new portion of the Church which it is proposed to erect, the Vestry cordially approves of the projected enlargement of the Church and recommend that the work be preceeded

requested to act as a building Committee, to procure a suitable design, to devise the ways and means, to advertise for tenders, to enter into contracts for the performance of this work, and, if possible, to secure its completion within six months from the day on which the first stone is laid, viz:—the Rector, the Hon. Samuel Mills, and Messrs. Thomas Stinson, Carroll, Mitchell and McKirstry. That, in order to this, the following gentlemen be Mitchell and McKinstry.

Moved by Sir A. N. MacNab, Seconded by H. McKinstry, Esq., and

Resolved,—That the thanks of the Vestry be tendered to Richard Juson, Esq., for his generous gift of the Debenture of his pew in Christ's Church, towards the liquidation of the debt on the Church Yard; and also to Horatio N. Case, Esq., for his liberal donation of fifty pounds, towards the enlargement of the Church.

ENGLAND.

On the motion of Mr. Gladstone, the House resolved itself into Committee to consider a resolution upon which a Bill should be brought in to relieve Bishops, Clergy, and Laity in the Colonies, in communion with Clergy, and Latty in the Colonies, in communion with the Church of England, from legal doubts or disabili-ties affecting the management of their Church affairs. The right hon, gentleman, in moving the resolution, said he did not propose to interfere with the Colonial Legislatures—he only proposed to do that which it was desirable to do—relieve them from the difficulties arising out of the state of the law in this country, and the doubts that were raised as to how far the law here extended to the Colonies, and the great practical confusion and inconvenience that resulted from those

The resolution was then agreed to, and, the House naving resumed, the resolution was reported and leave given to bring in a bill founded upon it.

BILL TO RELIEVE BISHOPS IN THE COLONIES-IN COMMUNION WITH THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND, AND THE CLERGY AND LAITY IN COMMUNION WITH THEM, IN RESPECT TO LEGAL DOUBTS OR DISABILITIES AFFECTING THE MANAGEMENT OF THEIR CHURCH AFFAIRS.

Preamble.

Whereas doubts exist as to the rights of the Bishops Clergy and Lay persons, inhabiting the colonial possessions of Her Majesty, and being in communion with the Church of England, in regard to the management of their internal Ecclesiastical affairs, and whereas it is expedient that under action retirements. is expedient that under certain restrictions they should be permitted to make regulations for the said arrangement by agreement among themselves.

Be it declared and enacted, by the Queen's most excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same-

I.—Bishops, Clergy, and Laity may meet for the Ma-nagement of their Ecclesiastical Affairs.

It shall be lawful for the Bishop or Bishops of any Diocese or Dioceses in the Colonies enumerated in the Schedule A, to this Act annexed, or in any other colony which Her Majesty shall, as hereinafter provided by order in Council, have declared to fall within the opepersons, being decrared incurrences of the said Church, or being otherwise in communion with such Bishop or Bishops respectively, to meet together from time to time, and at such meeting by mutual consent, or by a majority of voices of the said Clergy and Laity severally and respectively with the assent of the said Bishop, or of a majority of the said Bishop, if more than one, to make all such regulations as may be held necessary for the better conduct of their Ecclesiastical affairs, and for the holding of meetings for the same purpose thereafter, any statute, law, or usage of the United Kingdom to the contrary notwithstanding.

II.—But may not impose Temporal Penaltues. It shall be lawful for the Bishop or Bishops of any

II .- But may not impose Temporal Penalties.

But it shall not be lawful to impose by any such regulation any temporal or pecuniary penalty or disability, other than such as may attach to the avoidance of any Ecclesiastical office or Benefice.

III .- What persons bound by their Regulations.

And no such regulation shall be binding on any person or persons other than the said Bishop or Bishops, and the Clergy, with the Lay persons within the said colonies, and being declared members of the Church of England, or being otherwise in communion with him or them respectively.

IV .- What Force and Effect belongs to their Regulations.

And no such regulation shall in virtue of this Act be held to have any other legal force or effect than the re-gulations, laws, or usages of other Churches or religious communions in the said Colonies.

V.—Of Regulations respecting Nominations of Bishops.

And no such regulation made in respect of the nomination of Bishops shall have any force or effect what-soever except upon the consent of Her Majesty, signified through one of Her Majesty's principal Secretaries of State.

VI. - Of Regulations touching the Rights of the See of Cunterbury.

And any such regulation touching the existing rela-Metropolitan See of Canterbury, shall be forthwith transmitted by the presiding Bishop or his deputy to the Archbishop of the said See, and shall be subject to disallowance by the said Archbishop, under his hand and seal, at any time within twelve months of the passing of the said regulation, or within six months from the receipt thereof, by the Archbishop, but not afterwards.

VII -Prohibition to make certain Regulations

And no such regulation shall authorise the Bishop of And no such regulation shall authorise the Bishop of any Diocese to confirm or consecrate, or to ordain or to license or institute, any person to any See or to any Pastoral Charge, or other Episcopal or Clerical office, except upon such persons having immediately before taken the oath of allegiance to Her Majesty, and having likewise subscribed the Thirty-nine Articles, and having, furthermore, declared his unfeigned assent and consent to the Book of Common Prayer.

VIII.—Her Majesty may extend the Operation of this Aet.

And it shall be lawful for Her Majesty, if and when she shall think fit, to declare by order in Council that this Act shall, from a day to be named in such order, be in force within any other one or more of Her Majesty's Colonial possessions, besides those contained in the Schedule A to this Act annexed; and this Act shall take effect in the colony or colonies so designated accordingly cordingly.

Schedule A., to which this Act refers.

Canada, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, Prince Edward's Island, Cape of Good Hope, New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, Van Dieman's Land, Western Australia.

CONVERSION TO PROTESTANTISM .- The Rev. Char CONVERSION TO PROTESTANTISM.—The Rev. Charles L. Fisher, who some time since filled the post of Chaplain to the Pope, but has since been officiating; conjointly with the Rev. W. S. Agar, at the Romish place of worship, Lynn Regis, announced his intention, on the 18th instant, to abjure the Popish faith, and on the ensuing Sabbath to attend the parish church.—Globe.

THE REV. MR GRESLEY.—The Bishop of Chichester has revoked the license of the Rev. W. Gresley, of St Paul's West Street, Brighton, on the ground of the opinions held by him relative to the doctrines of confession and absolution.

On Sunday, the 22nd instant, twenty-seven persons renounced the errors of Popery, in the Church of St. Paul, Bermondsey, London.

By the death of Sir Herbert Jenner Fust, some valu By the death of Sir Herbert Jenner Fust, some valuable patronage falls to the disposal of the Crown and the Archbishop of Canterbury. Sir Herbert held the appointments of Dean of the Arches, Judge of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, and Master of Trinity College, Cambridge. In 1800 he was called to the bar; in 1803 he obtained his doctor's degree; and in 1828 he became King's advocate, upon which occasion he received the honour of knighthood. In 1834 he became a Privy Councillor. The deceased assumed the name of Fust in 1842, on succeeding to the estates of the late Sir John Fust. The deceased held property in the Counties of Kent and Gloucester.

About six o'clock on Friday morning, a part of Trinity College, Cambridge, was discovered to be on fire. Engines were sent for, and four were soon in play. The alarm having been generally spread in the town, thousands of University play. The alarm having been generally spread in the town, thousands of University-men and townsmen were on the spot, rendering all possible assistance. The fire raged for three hours, and destroyed twenty five rooms, besides a vast quantity of valuable furniture, plate, clothes, &c. Very little property was saved from the rooms which were destroyed. The fire broke out in a room occupied by an undergraduate, who was obliged, to save his life, to escape from his bed-room window, and descend by a parapet. There are various reports of the cause of the calamity; but it was, no doubt, quite accidental.

IRELAND.

THE SPLIT IN THE PAPAL HIERARCHY.—In reference to the letter from the Pope to Dr. Murray mentioned in our last, the Dublin Evening Mail says:

—"We are in a position to express more than the above account representation." above account represents it, for Infallibility very frankly confesses that it has been deceived and imposed upon with regard to the chief topics of religious commotion which now agitate Ireland, but is now thoroughly satisfied that Dr. Murray and the moderate portion of the Romish hierarcey had taken the true and just view of those questions."

Dr Murray, Archbishop of the Toman Schismin Ireland, and one of their most amiable and moderate attack, where russ reliable beying had a severe paralytic as years old. 83 years old.

ENGLAND.

DOMESTIC.

THE GREAT BRITAIN STEAMER, which has been entirely repaired and refitted, as well as greatly enlarged, is intended to sail from Liverpool for New York early in April next with passengers and goods. The rates with regard to the former have been fixed considerably lower than has hitherto been the case in steamer traffic across the Atlantic, the charges in the Great Britain being twesty, fifteen, and thirteen guineas for the respective to grees of accomodation Captain B R. Matthews, late of the City of Glasgow and Great Western, is to take charge of the Great Britain. The Great Britain is an iren screw-steamer of 3,500 tuns. of 3.500 tuns.

RETIREMENT OF MR. GREEN, THE AERONAUT .- The veteran aërial voyager retires this season from aërosta-fic pursuits. He has now made 489 ascents, and intends completing the number of 500 during the ensuing

POLITICAL

THE NEW MINISTRY.

There is all the difference in the world betwee. 3 There is all the difference in the world betwee, a fact and a scheme,—between an historical and a projected administration. The former is a thing of waking life,—the latter has the pale hues and shadowy consistency of a dream. The late Cabinet, with all its increasing deficiencies, dwindled, petrified, and cast off, nevertheless stood out in all the relief that long and and great personal services could impart. Hardly a name in it but has been a household word among us for a whole generation, or the representative of others still more known in their days. Compact and united almost to a fault, and dwelling in an atmosphere of its own, it seemed rather an estate of the realm than party in the political world. It could broken to a fault, and dwelling in an atmosphere of its party in the political world. It could show an un-broken tradition from the body of men who had stood party in the political world. It could show an broken tradition from the body of men who had stood face to face with the younger Pitt, who had guarded the Constitution under all the Georges, and in a manner founded it under William III. Its own chief when called on to improve and enlarge it, found it as impossible to interfere with its natural development as to add new branches to an oak or limbs to a man. Was it not a living thing, and was it not perfect and complete? It was easy to reform the House of Commons, to create peers ab libitum, to remodel the Constitution, or even to change the dynasty; but impossible to mend a Whig Cabinet. With this solid and familiar existence, we have now to compare a sheet of paper inscribed with some respectable names. From some known quantities in it, and some comparatively some known quantities in it, and some comparatively unknown, we have to calculate as well as we can the probable value of the unknown. probable value of the unknown result. In a comparison, by the force of nature itself, almost thing is in favour of the past, compared with the future. A man who deprecates an old Administration risks his own character in the compared with the state of the compared with the compared wi risks his own character in the attempt; but it is scarcely possible not to deprecate those whom we have known only as youths, adventurers, upstartyroes and socialists. But common sense, if not charify should suggest that office shews the man, and even makes the man; while it requires no common penetration to see the full grown Statesman in the rising young member, and the faculty of governing in a few Young member, and the faculty of governing in a few Parliamentary barangues. The consciousness of these jealous and unfair tendencies should teach us to regard with something more than a few parameters. with something more than indulgence the list of men