

for about fifteen minutes. The application repeated several times will, it is said in the Paris hospitals, enable the patient to walk when other means fail.

**ORIGIN OF BAYONETS.**—The bayonet was invented in Bayonne in France, in 1651, and employed in 1670.

**DEMISE IN ROYAL FAMILIES.**—During the year 1859, the King of Naples the King of Sweden, the Queen of Portugal, an Austrian Archduke, a Princess of Wurtemberg, the Princess of Leichtenstein, a Tuscan Archduchess, and some others connected to Royal families have passed from earth.

United States Seaboard consists of 6,821 miles on the Atlantic coast; 3,467 miles on the Gulf coast; 2,281 miles on the Pacific—making the total 12,569 miles.

The London Times says, that 100,000 persons have lost their lives in the Italian wars of 1859.

**BIBLE SOCIETY.**—The British and Foreign Bible Society circulated in 1858 1,602,187 copies of the Scriptures; the expenditure during the year was £153,177. This society has, during the fifty-four years of its existence, circulated 33,983,946 copies of the Scriptures, and expended £4,646,276.

M. About, a Frenchman, who has written a work on Italy, it is said, with the express sanction of the Emperor of France; of the States of the Pope he says: they "have a strange mixture of character, with *no education, not even in the alphabet*; they are creatures chiefly of emotion and instinct." And "It seemed to me that the activity and prosperity of the subjects of the Pope were in exact proportion to the square of the distance which separated them from Rome."

**RELIGIOUS PRESS OF NOVA SCOTIA.**—Christian Messenger, Baptist, started 23 years ago. Presbyterian Witness, started 12 years ago. Provincial Wesleyan, Methodist, started 11 years ago. Church Record, Episcopalian. The Christian Instructor; The Free Church Record; Missionary Register; The Record of the Church of

Scotland—Presbyterian Monthlies.

**WAR FORCES.**—Battle of Solferino, 250,000 on each side. Near the same ground, Marignano, under Napoleon the 1st, 32,000, Austrians 40,000; at Austerlitz, French 70,000, Russians and Austrians, 90,000; at Wagram, French 130,000, Austrians 100,000; Waterloo, French 75,000, Allies 110,000; and at Inkermann, in the Crimea. Allies 13,000, Russians 46,000.

The late Robert King, referred to in our February issue, left a family of five, four of whom have entered the list of School Teachers.

"Education and labor," says the Governor of Illinois, in his prorogation speech, "*which were once deemed almost incompatible, should go hand in hand.* Agriculture is the life of commerce; it is the food of business upon railroads, and rivers, and lakes and in cities. It must necessarily be one of the great foundation stones of the prosperity of this state. It must enter largely into the basis of all calculations of a dense population. Sufficiently removed from the ordinary incitements to vice and excess, the farming population are the great bulwark of safety in the hour of peril or threatened degeneracy. They are safer for defence than standing armies, and better depositors of a nation's wealth than national treasuries. I would place this great feature of our state upon a basis which would not only bring its operations in generous rivalry with each other, but I would also bring their productions into proud competition with the world."

**ADMINISTERING CHLOROFORM.**—The administration of chloroform still, it is to be feared, too often entrusted to the hands of inexperienced persons, who are not sufficiently conversant with the indications of danger or the means of averting it. There are many who still think that chloroform may be administered conscientiously upon a loose handkerchief without any means being taken to regulate exactly the intensity or the quantity of the dose. We are of an