

The Ritualistic party in the Church of England is declaring its sympathy with Roman Catholicism in a way more marked than ever. The *Association for the promotion of the unity of Christendom* is ready to make ample confession of sin to the Pope, and humbly to seek for restoration. But this restoration is to be a matter not for individuals, but for the Church as a whole. The Association remains in the Church of England, cherishing the hope that it may ultimately lead that Church as a whole back into communion with Rome. The Church Congress held at Liverpool was a grand triumph for the Ritualists.

In pleasing contrast to this Association stands the work of George Müller, of Bristol, who recently published his statement for the past year. His Scriptural Knowledge Institution was founded in 1834, and it has gone on since then prospering most wonderfully, solely by the aid of prayer. His orphanages will accommodate more than 2000 children, and he sends support to missionaries in different parts of the world. But let him tell his own story of the doings of the Institution since its commencement: "With regard to pecuniary supplies, I have simply in answer to prayer, and without application to any one, obtained for the work \$430,000. With this money, nearly 17,000 children, from all parts of England, Scotland and Ireland, have been taught in the various schools, 95,000 copies of the Bible and New Testaments, and about 30,000 smaller portions of the Holy Scriptures in various languages, have been circulated, as also have 33,000,000 of tracts.

Various schemes have been before the Episcopal and Presbyterian Churches in Ireland for providing sums equal to the endowment of the one, and the *Regium Donum* of the other, to form a sustentation fund. Whatever plan may be ultimately adopted, little fear may be entertained of its success in the case of either Church. Lay conferences on financial matters have been held in both Churches.

The appointment of Dr. Temple, one of the authors of the "Essays and Reviews," to the see of Exeter has given great dissatisfaction to earnest men, both Low and High Church. Mr. Gladstone has not been happy in his award of ecclesiastical dignities.

A movement of some interest, which has the approbation and support of the Bishops of London, Rochester and Oxford, has been inaugurated in the Church of England. It is confined at present to London, but aims at extending itself over the kingdom. The following extract from a circular letter, signed by eight Metropolitan ministers, at the head of whom is Canon Gregory of St. Paul's, will explain: "Knowing the power of union, we have agreed to join together in making a special attack upon sin and Satan, by devoting twelve days preceding the season of advent—Nov. 14th to 25th (or such portion of these days as each may feel most conducive to the spiritual interests of his own parish)—to earnest prayer and preaching for the conversion of sinners. We intend (*D.V.*) to open our churches, mission rooms and school rooms daily during this period for services, sermons, classes, prayer meetings, and whatever spiritual exercises may be suitable for this one end—the conversion of men's hearts from the love of the world and sin unto the love of God and our Lord Jesus Christ."

The Congregationalists have been indulging in discussions as to the propriety and feasibility of union with Presbyterians. At a late sectional meeting of the Congregational Union of England, the matter was brought up in a paper from one of the members, but, after some rather severe animadversions upon the author, the matter was allowed to drop. One