

the *Freeman's Journal* tells us it is held in consequence of a purpose long since entertained and announced. The topics for discussion, relating to the local discipline of the "Province," are, of course, private in the meantime. It is expected that Archbishop Hughes will preach the sermon at the opening of the Council. We furthermore learn that "circulars have been addressed to the Pastors and to the Superiors of Convents, ordering prayers for the blessing and assistance of the Holy Ghost at this important Council of the Church."

The assembling, in the city of New York, of so august a Council, at this particular crisis, would seem to betoken that something of unusual importance is going on within the pale of the Church.—*New York Express*.

PROPAGATION OF POPEERY.—The annual Report of the Society, for the advancement of Roman Catholic principles, states that during the year 1853 the receipts of the Propaganda amounted to 3,954,149 francs, and the balance remaining from the year 1852, was 1,245,112 francs; thus giving a total fund of 5,199,261 francs for operations. Of this large amount of money France contributed 2,365,148 francs, Sardinia 257,114 francs, Prussia 200,998 francs, and Great Britain 193,747. The manner in which this was expended is thus stated, the amounts quoted being in francs:—

Missions in Europe,	936,121
Missions in Asia,	1,440,510
Missions in Africa,	342,700
Missions in America,	1,089,428
Missions in Oceania,	413,787
Expenses of printing the Annals, &c., in France and foreign countries,	172,630
Expenses of Administration in France and foreign countries,	32,069
Total of expenses for the year 1853 alone,	4,427,274
Balance of excess of receipts for the first payments to the missions of 1854,	752,083
Sum total,	5,180,262

There will be observed an item above for printing the "Annals of the Propagation of the Faith." This is a publication issued every two months to the number of 172,000 copies, 106,500 being in the French language, 16,000 in English, 15,200 in German, 1,200 in Spanish, 4,800 in Flemish, 24,300 in Italian, 2,500 in Portuguese, 200 in Dutch, and 500 in Polish. Asia and America appear to be the chief fields of missionary labour to which the Propaganda devotes itself, and the reader will no doubt be struck with the magnitude of the sum credited to the latter, when compared with the total expenditure for missions.—*The Echo*.

UNITED BRETHERN.

GREENLAND.—Mr. Uellner writes from Fredericksthal, July 27, 1853, that his labours the past year have not been altogether in vain in the Lord. The young people, especially, have given him pleasure. They attend school diligently, and make encouraging progress in reading, writing and cyphering. In committing passages of Scripture and hymns to memory, they excel most European children. The conference before the communion was a refreshing season, and the communicants felt it a privilege to meet at the Lord's table. One of the great causes of grief to the missionaries is, that they are prohibited by the Danish government from receiving any heathen into their settlements, and from baptising any who are not already received. They are not prohibited, however, from visiting the heathen settlements, and they often find those who would rejoice to unite themselves with them. Indeed, there is good reason to suppose that, under favorable circumstances, most of the heathen would soon embrace Christianity.