It appears to be the will of Providence that we should take part in the vigorous efforts about to be made by Protestantism to preach Christ to the Japanese.

The Committee of the Canadian Wesand the fates have decreed that an organic union shall be effected at an early day beleyan Methodists of Canada. Hence we trine of the Immaculate Conception. coming mission to Japan.

The progress of this enterprise will be of civilization in the Eastern Hemisphere. They are sweeping onwards with gigantic strides. The change that has been wrought without a parallel in the history of the firm the wavering, and as much capital as world.

There is a probability that the knowledge of the English language will be diffused among them with astonishing rapidity, and that by the Divine blessing grand results will be accomplished among them by zealous and wisely-directed Christian labour.

Methodism will probably be strongly represented on the Japan mission field. The English Wesleyan Missionary Society will doubtless send a vigorous evangelical contingent thither, and the Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States will certainly take up a strong position there. The last named body will enter the field under highly favourable circumstances. The Japs are disposed to cultivate friendly relations with the American people. A number of their distinguished men have already promising youth are going there to be educated. These are getting to understand how commanding is the position of Methodism in that country. The fact is not likely to be forgotten when they meet with some of its zealous agents in Japan by and bye. No doubt Japan is destined to be Christianized sooner or later, and it seems that desirable result. It is pleasant to anti-Methodist family will contribute its quota ot service toward accomplishing the blessed

## SOUND AND SEASONABLE.

The Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland recently held a session at Manchester. At a public meeting held in connection with the session, Mr. Spurgeon delivered an address. In the course of it, he gave utterance to the following weighty remarks :-

"They would never see the churches largely until the minister felt that he could not live without conversions; and when a minister felt that he must have conversions, or his heart would break, then he would have

A short time after having made these observations, he visited the Methodist Theological College at Didsbury, in the vicinity, and of course was asked to say a few words to the students. Complying with the request, he told the ministerial candidates before him, that he had been reading of late the lives of the early Methodist preachers, and he exhorted his young brethren to cultivate the ardent and enthusiastic spirit which animated those devoted and most successful men of God.

These were good words and timely, both to the Baptist audience and the Methodist students. It is to be hoped they will be treasured up, and produce salutary results. Methodism this juncture could scarce desire for it. ministry a better gift from above than a double portion of that spirit which inflamed the souls and beautified the lives of the best and bravest of the early Methodist preachers, who as much as any men that ever lived, felt that their hearts must break unless God gave them conver-

## SABBATH SCHOOL WORK.

Much of the best work hereafter to b accomplished for the Church will be don in the Sabbath school. A conviction to this effect is becoming widely prevalent among Christian men, but as yet the belief has not proved as productive practically as is desirable. Too many, well-fitted to attain success in Sabbath school labor, stand aloof from it, though convinced of its importance. This seems to be the case in every Christian land, and is to be greatly lamented. It would be well, if intelligent Christian men and women, who deny themselves the luxury of active participation in Christian work, would copy the example of Lord Hatherley, the late Lord High Church Congress in Leeds, he offered a paper in defeuce of Sabbath schools. In perience as a Sabbath school teacher for thirty-five years. This great lawyer and distinguished judge, amid the exacting requirements of a most laborious profession, found time for Sunday school work, and pleasure and profit in its prosecution, while occupying a position very near the throne

Gop mingles the bitter with the sweet i this lite, to set us seeking another lite, where there shall be sweet alone.

J. R. N.

ENGLISH CORRESPONDENCE.

French Pilgrimage-Railway accident and loss of life-Explosion in a Coal mine-Suicide of Mr. Justice Willes-Education controversies in Methodism-Our home work and winter prospects.

uperstition, and freed themselves from the toke of a designing priesthood. A painful illustration of this has lately been witnessed in a pilgrimage made to a little town in leyan Missionary Society has resolved to the Pyrenees; a famous shrine of the Virsend one or two missionaries to Japan; gin Mary. It is only fourteen years since gin Mary. It is only fourteen years since paper, we are ready to ask, "Where is this place sprang into notoriety, on account the Lord God of our fathers?" My apology of the miraculous appearance of Mary to a peasant girl, in order to stamp with her tween our Connexion and that of the Wes- authority the recently promulgated docmay with good reason begin to talk of our delusion is still maintained, and this year special efforts have been made to get up a pilgrimage on a very large scale, that extraordinary attention might be drawn to watched with deep interest by British North the embarrassed position of the Holy American Methodists. The Japanese, un- Father, and p ayers offered to the Virgin like many other heathen peoples, are evidently destined to a great future. They power, the punishment of his enemies, and are not fated to perish before the advance cal intrigues and aspirations also bad a of the English-speaking race, like the North part in this movement, and the priests have American Indians and the Islanders of the given strong evidence that they desire such great Southern Sea. They are character- a change of government as will bring into great Southern Sea. They are characterized by natural endowments of a high
bearts, and restore to them the palmy days order. They are splendidly situated to of old when they were supreme, and govplay a noble part in furthering the interests ernment and people prostrate beneath their feet. It is estimated that 40,000 people joined in this demonstration a d flocked to the services, processions, and extravagant ceremonies specially arranged for the occaamong them within a few years past is sion. Miracles have been wrought to con-

ediæval folly.

occurred in the North, not very far from Carlisle It is the old and sad story of mismanagement, crowding the lines with heavy mineral traffic, and at the same time running express trains at high rates of speed goods train was late, and had to be further wagg ns. The express train was also much to have been under the impression that it goods train was standing on the down line past, has asked for no foreign pecuniar master, and the signal man, ig orant of own way, is indeed praiseworthy. what had been done, indicated that all was awful crash, attended by distressing loss of stantly killed, and many badly wounded. and in making up the trains, and on the same very same lines are running their fast trains cent Bazaar, is something over \$300. The famed block system is averting some of the accidents on our great railways, but

hitherto been afforded. the old story. The swift and fierce explo- look upon their new sanctuary, they wil sion away down in the dark recesses of the then have the first instalment of their re nine, destroying all within its deadly range, ward. and vomiting up the shaft its masses of possibility of doubt the fearful work it ha is designated our "Financial Economy. wrought. In due time the veutilation is so For several years past, the Quarterly far restored as to permit explorations to be Board of this circuit, has been engaged it made. A few are found alive, but the working towards perfection a pro rate sysgreat majoriy working at the time of the accident have perished, and in many in- the fear of God," considers the whole ques stances were so dread ully burned and mutilated as to reuder identification impossible. Great suffering results from such a calamity as this, and sorrow broods over the fluancial obligation. Of course the Board emp'oyment with matches concealed upon fairness, and the perfect equanity of this their persons, and in some instances with system, commends itself to the judgment of

prudence of a tew, sudden destruction is adopted the suggestion of ' rought upon many. ed gentlemen was entitled to rank among friends have expressed themselves as highguished lawyers. It now appears that he income, was more than double the amount us struggled during life with a feeble sys- received, at the corresponding meeting o tem, and has occasionally been a very great last year. On finding this result the Board sufferer from disease. His increasing work was led to adopt a Resolution expressive o and protracted mental toil have recently its thankfulness to the people, and to God aggravated the bodily infirmity of the de- to whom alone is due the praise of every ceased Judge. Unwilling to accept the wise thought, and of every beneficent act warning, he persevered in his course of incessant work until the disease (suppressed gout) affected both brain and heart, and the lew cannot lose sight of the truth—" Methore-ult has been that he has yielded to the dism erects no monuments, where it saves earful pressure; and laid violent hands no souls." Our hearts are not relieved of the upon his own life. The public feeling has thought, that we want the Divine anointing, een deeply stirred by this painful event, for which the church once waited in an upand much sincere serrow has been mani- per room at Jerusalem. tested at the nutimely end of an honorable

and beloved Judge In Methodism there is but little to record, except we dwell upon the education controversy, which now attracts so much atention in both the Connexional papers, The elections to the committee which is to meet in Loudon, having drawn forth comments in many of the District meetings, the discussion has drifted into the pipers and assembled in the Wesleyan thurch, to listhas become some what livery and entertain- en to the lecture announced under the title ing. The officials at Westminster and Bat- .. Paddle your own Canoe." The Lecturer Chancellor of Eugland. At the recent ersea have been drawn out in defence of introduced his subject with some striking the system with which they are now so and beautiful lines of Longfellow, on the closely identified, and on the other side very make and figure of an Indian Canoe. able and temperate letters have appeared. Thence he proceeded to unfold the "central 2.15 p.m.-The position of the Church that paper, he illustrated the utility of such Some letters have been written on both idea" of his lecture, viz:-The course purschools by facts occurring in his own ex- sides which were not of much account, and sued by men in life and the manner of their some calculated to stir up anger, but on the advance. Illustrations drawn from Engwhole the discussion has been temperate, and land and America were judiciously interwill assist in arriving at some definite conspersed, and so handled as to shed great clusion upon this distracting subject. Meanwhile Methodism is giving much attention to its spiritual work, and plans are being ence, etc. Genius was shown by sparkling extensively laid for special and aggressive industry not shining laziness, or eccentric action upon the heathenism of the masses ity. The Lecturer's periods flowing and at home. Already there are hopeful signs elaborate as they were, were eminently of the Divine favor; and faith clings to the searching in their effect, and practical in ten

cess in soul saving work.

Oct. 21, 1872.

Circuit Intelligence.

AMHERST CIRCUIT.

MR. EDITOR,-To most of the Provin-CIAL WESLEYAN readers, the departmen of the paper devoted to "Circuit Intelli-France have not yet thrown off the spell of gence and Home Missions," is perhaps the most interesting, and week after week this department is scanned the most eagerly. We look, until in some instances our eyes are almost dim, and our hearts almost sick, for accounts of spiritual awakening and revival. And frequently on laying down the therefore for appearing in print just now is, I feel it my duty to furnish my quota to the above mentioned department.

So far as I am personally concerned, the discharge of this duty would have been rendered much easier, if I had been in a position to write of Pentecostal effusious of the Spirit, and of multitudes of sinners being converted to God. Such however is not the case. The land all about us is parched with continual drought, is deeply chapped for want of rain. It is ours indeed to go forth weeping, bearing with us preours. Looking at this circuit, it appears at present, to our dim vision, as though all on "stony ground," or else, thorns." evening withhold not thine hand; for thou sermon was preached by the Archbishop snowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that. Duty is ours, and I presume duty, is not in any case to be measured by success. And yet the promise is fruitful, and God waits to be gracious. O why is t, that the seed does not germinate? Surepossible will be made out of this display of ly God, has not in anger shut up His tender mercy from us. Comforted by the assur-Another terrible railway accident has ance that the lowest point must be the 2.0 p. m .- Inaugeral address by the President

turning point, I will turn to other topics. Some ten days ago, we completed a se ries of Home Missionary Meetings on this circuit. In this work we had a most excellent deputation, in the esteemed Chairman and drawn by first class engines. The of our District, Rev. E. Brettle. The meetings were " means of grace," channels delayed for the purpose of shunting several through which were communicated not only instruction, but edification and comfor behind time, and the station master appears Financially, we were almost as successful as we could d sire to be. The Amherst must have passed, and acted accordingly, circuit will augment the funds of the Socibut unfortunately without making enquiry ety, this year, to the amount of over \$50 of the man in charge of the signals. The This, from a circuit which for several years in obedience to the orders of the station help,—which is struggling nobly to pay it.

A few days ago the ladies of our Am clear and safe, so that the express, travelling at the rate of forty miles an hour, and the object of which was, to aid in raising visited the United States. Many of their drawn by two engines, dashed at undiminished speed through the goods train, and an a central part of our town. The church where we at present worship, is not only life, was the sad result. Eleven were in sadly dilapidated, and void of all conveni ences for anything but just preaching, i. e. The destruction of property was on a very it has no class rooms, no room for Sunday large scale, the station being in part torn school or prayer meeting, or anything o down. Very great blame is attached to the that sort, but it is away from the centre, aufortunate station master, who is now in Rev. Antonio Arrighi - who favored us custody on a charge of manslaughter, but with a visit about a week ago-asked me more blame is to be laid upon the Directors . Why we had our church so far away from certain that Methodism will be privileged who crowd their lines with an ever increasto take a prominent part in bringing about ing amount of heavy traffic which must place, either as a casual visitor, or to re necessarily consume much time in shunting side permanently, will ar once ask the laden with precious li e, and striving to it had not been for the disastrous fire which maintain the highert possible rates of speed. broke out, just when the ladies were commencing their second evening's operations. and laid some of the fluest stores of our thritty town in ashes, the profits would have footed up to not much less than \$400. As there is yet great need for more Govern- thrilty town in ashes, the profits would have ment intervention and oversight than has footed up to not much less than \$400. A it is the ladies whose unflagging, and self-An explosion in a coal mine, near Dews- denving perseverance and industry, are be bury in Yorkshire, has occasioned the loss youd all praise, are no doubt thankful to

of nearly forty lives. It is a repetition of an appreciative public. When their eyes Before closing this note. I would like to smoke and rubbish, proclaiming beyond the refer to what in Minutes of last Conference tem-i. e the Board "prayerfully and tion of Circuit Finance, and then inform each man worshipping in any of our several congregations, what it considers is his tricken families. It is extremely painful tries to keep its eye not only upon the to believe that carelessness and disobedience to rules have occasioned this great calamity. Miners will descend to the perilous think I am warranted in saying, that the keys for the purp se of opening the safety the large majority of our people. This year lamps; and thus through the reckless im- in connection with this system, we have Committee," in a modefied form. Before The past fortnight has been rather fruit- the first Quarterly Meeting we furnished ful in calamity and misfortune. A distin- each subscriber, with a printed list of annuguished Judge of one of the High Courts al apportionments, and requested them to if the Realm, Mr. Justice Willes, has contribute by envelope, on an appointed perished by the actiof his own hand. From Sabbath before each Quarterly Meeting, all accounts that have appeared, the deceas- their apportioned amount. Some of our he most eminent in the legal profession. ly pleased with this improvement. And as He had earned a high renown in his calling a proof, that the wisdom of the step is genat a comparatively early age, and was re erally admitted and appreciated by the difarded as one of England's most distin- ferent congregations, our last Quarter's

Looking around us therefore, Mr. Editor

JOHN WATERHOUSE. Oct. 28th, 1872.

Miscellaneous.

REV. MR. SHENTON'S LECTURE.

On Monday night last, a large audience

magnifying light upon the principles of self earne-its given of large ingatherings to the dency. From Gladstone, Disraeli, etc. were Church of Christ, and a winter of much suc- drawn lessons for the every day life of clerks

The audience fastened their attention upon the subject from the beginning, and the spell was only broken by the ceasing of the speaker's voice. C. E. DeWolfe Esq., in an interesting

Speech moved a vote of thanks to the Lec-

turer, which was seconded by the Rev. A The Choir of the Institute added greatly to the interest and enjoyment of the occa-sion by their fine rendering of Pieces and

We predict very enjoyable occasions the future lectures of the Institute are at this will be the case, as every effort is be ing made to introduce the first lecturers, and to award them when they come a good reception. The next lecture will be announced in season .- Com. to Windson

LEEDS CHURCH CONGRESS.

We are indebted to some unknown frien for several numbers of the Leeds Mercury, containing full reports of the great Church of England Congress, which opened in cious seed, but the joy of harvest is not yet Leeds on the morning of the 8th, and con

tinued until the evening of the 11th ult. In connection with the Congress, specia the seed fell, either by the "way side," or services were conducted on the previous "among Sabbath in many of the Churches of the Still we har the Master saying, town and neighborhood; and on the day of "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the the opening of the Congress, a preparatory Armagh, Primate of all Ireland, in the Parish Church, to which the members

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8TH. AT THE VICTORIA HALL.

(the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Ripon). Parochial System of the Church and other special means of spiritry Populations Papers by Rev. Canon Fremantle, and T. Salt, Esq., M.P. Addresses by Rev. Canon Hoare, and Rev. W. D. Maclagan.

-Lay co-operation in the work of th Papers by Rev. Dr. Nolan, Hon. C. son, Esq.
Address by F. S. Powell, Esq.,
M.P.

MECHANICS' HALL -Church Architecture. Papers by Geo.Gilbert Scott, Jun. Esq , and J. P. Seddon, Esq. Address by F. C. Penrose, Esq.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9. AT THE VICTORIA HALL. 10.0 a.m .- Vital Christianity as affected by the present state of Science and Civilisation.

Papers by the Bishop of Edinburgh,
Rev. Professor Birks, and Rev.

Canon Rawlinson.

Addresses by R A. Cross, Esq., directed, may lead to the most beneficial re-sults. We are learning by degrees the need of greater elasticity and freedom in our Church M.P., John Walter, Esq., M.P., and Rev. Joseph Bardsley. AT THE MECHANICS' HALL.

Addresses by Jas. Cropper, Esq. and the Dean of Ripon. AT THE VICTORIA HALL. -Church Retorm :- The Diacon Papers by Rev. E. Jackson, Rev Canon Ryle, and the Dean of Durham. Addresses by the Rev. Canon Tre-

vor and the Dean of York. THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10TH. AT THE VICTORIA HALL. 10.0 a.m .- The just principle of the Church's comprehensivenes in Doctrine and Ritual.

Rev. Dr. Irons, and Rev. Pre Addresses by the Marquis of Salisbury, Rev. F. F. Goe, and R.

Papers by the Ven. Archd. Bickersteth, and Dean of Chester.

Addresses by Bishop Ryan, Rev.

J. H. Iles, the Bishop of Lichfield, and Bishop Piers Claugh-

AT THE MECHANICS' HALL. 2.15 n.m Our Universities-their tuture, Papers by the Rev. Professor Westcott, Rev. Professor Stubbs, and Venerable Archd. Jones. Addresses by the Rev. Canon Bar-

ry, D.D., and Rev. Professor Palmer. -Church Music. Papers by the Rev. Sir. F. A. G Ouselev, Bart. (an hour and a ball allowed, by special permis-sion.) and Dr. Stainer. Adddress by Jno. Hullah, Esq.

AT THE VICTORIA HOTEL. . m .- Working Men's Meeting. Chairman-The PRESIDENT. FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11TH. AT THE VICTORIA HALL. m.—Deepening of the Spiritual Life.

Papers by the Rev. Canon Bernard and the Bishop of Brechin. Addresses by the Rev. Canon King and the Rev. Sir E. Bayley, AT THE MECHANICS' HALL. 2.15 p.m.—Church Schools—How to improve

> The Church's present duty with Knowledge.
> Papers by the Rev. Canon Melville, Rev. Dr. F Hessey.
> Addresses by the Lord Chancellor, H. Birley, Esq., M.P., and the those Rev. W Cadman.

AT THE CIVIL COURT. Papers by H. C. Raikes, Esq., M.P., the Ven. Archdeacon Ficulkes, and Townshend Mainwaring, Esq.
Addresses by the Rev. H. T. Edwards, the Rev. John Griffith. and the Rev. Geo. Hunting ton.

AT THE VICTORIA HALL. -Conversazione. AT THE CIVIL COURT. . m .- Final Meeting.

The attendance from almost all parts

his inaugural address said :-Different opinions are no doubt entertained intelligent correspondent of the New York with respect to the advantages of a Church Congress. There are many persons who attach but little value to such a collective assembly, and even deny its utility; on the other hand, it is possible that there are some who some facts respecting Italian Journalism magnify unduly the benefits which may result which illustrates the fearful spread of irre n the deliberations of a body so constituted. ligion to which the recoil from Papal super-But whatever the views with which a Church stition has naturally and almost irresistibly Congress is regarded in the abstract, its ex- led. Look even at the titles of some rethe present crisis of the Church. It is impos- del Diavolo, Il Ladro. Of the last the uccession the Congress has held its annual writer srys: "Some idea of the aim and sible to ignore the fact that for twelve years in meetings, with tokens at each successive gathall like this one We have no doubt that ering of the increased interest with which the from its title—literally The Thief—and proceedings are regarded by persons belonging from the very large wood-cut which daily o every school of thought within the limits of occupies more than one-third of the first the national Church. For my own part I cannot look upon this assembly, collected as it is from every part of the United Kingdom; comthem bolding the foremost positions in Church distance an elegant barouche rolls by, its them bolding the foremost positions in Caucai and State; many who come from retined scenes owner reclining luxuriantly within. The which are sacred to those intellectual pursuits motto below is in verse, and is equivay which from age to age the literature of the lent to-Church has been enriched; others whose lot is cast in spheres of retive employment, where the incessant demands of public duty encroach atally on the time which otherwise might be devoted to study and meditation; many whose pportunities for mutual intercourse are few and far between, and whose inevitable diver gences of opinion are upon that account apt to be exaggerated; many more who, with senti-ments differing widely upon a variety of ques ions, are yet united as one man in their veneration and attachment for the Church to we belong,-I say, I cannot look upon this asambly in which many hundreds of the member of our Church are brought face to face, and very facility afforded them for the free interchange of thought and feeling, without being impressed with the greatness of the opportunity (provided only God's blessing be upon us) knitting more closely the bonds of brotherly love; for dispersing those mists of prejudice and concord; for rectifying misapprehe which are apt to grow up where men who think amusing and giving employment to the bring his people to their allegiance, is earnestly upon the same momentous questions seep aloof from each other; for turning to good

account the experience which has been gained by those who in different spheres of action have been striving for similar objects, and have been striving for similar onects, and being stupid. After Victor Emmanuel's the affairs of the parish after he had been Congress to discuss the grand fundamentals of interest to drift in the direction towards the exasperation of the adherents. On both the everlasting Gospel. There are no fresh discoveries to make in what is to be received port nor to investigate any new developments come to be the most popular subjects of to stand in the old paths; we cling with unbroken tenacity to the truth of the Gospel; that ruth which was wrapped up in patriarchial story, prefigured inLevitical type and ceremony. sed by the goodly fellowship of the prophets, proclaimed by our blessed Lord, and buried Alive."
heralded to all the world by the glorions company of the apostles. To maintain and to propagate that truth is the grand mission of he Church in every age, and this in order that very soul may be directed to personal commuevery soul may be directed to personal communion with Christ, who is Head over all things to His Church, her Prophet, Priest, and King; her Mediator, Advocate, Intercessor. These her Mediator, Advocate, Intercessor her Mediator, Advocate, Intercessor her Mediator, Mediator organic doctrines of Christianity lie beyond the province of debate by this assembly. But cidents. In the fourth act the torture chamber there is an ever-widening field for discussion is given. The victim is slung up by cords in Canon Rawlinson.

Addresses by Rev. Canon Tristram.

LL.D. Rev. Dr. Salmon, and Rev. Prebendary Clark.

The Church, in its relations to the State, and to Noncontormists. Papers by Col. Akroyd, M.P., and tic feature of the Church at the present day. all, men and women alike, were horror-struck,

system. I suppose that most mev now recognize the necessity,—if the national recognize the necessity,—if the national Church is to retain, or, speaking more correctly, if she is to recover her influence over large masses of our tellow-countrymen—that she should be emancipated to some extent from those rigid and unvielding bands of uniformity which have too often tended tather to impede than to further the Church's progress In such a state of reawokened activity, conference is of inestimable value. A hundred ques tions are sure to arise, as indeed they have arisen, for the wise solution of which nothing more to be desired than the calm delibera tion of thoughtful minds, and the contributions of experience which may be imparted by those who have tried, each in his own sphere and in of England—their relations to-wards the Mother Church and the province which is peculiar to an ordained to be followers of the same Divine Master how to preserve the distinction between fund mental truth, which we must die rather than compron ise, and that, which though equally true, is not equally important, and with which we may safely agree to differ till the accomplishment of our Lord's own prayer, " That

these ample opportunity is afforded by the list of subjects to be submitted to this Congress. Congress to come to any decision by vote upon the questions submitted for debate. We meet for free discussion. Every member of the Congress who is a member of the Church of England, or of any Church in communion with her, is at liberty to advance whatever opinion he holds, so far as they fall legitimately within the scope of the matter in debate. No men ber of the Congress is committed to any opin ion which he does not himself entertain. Dif ferent and even conflicting views may be advanced upon the questions which are raised for scussion; this is inevitable., It cannot be expected, on many accounts it is not to be de-sired, that it should be otherwise. A Church Congress, if it really answers to its name. must represent all who belong to the Church. But a national Church is necessarily compre bensive; it can only avoid the exclusiveness of a sect by tolerating diversities of opinion so far and supplement the teaching giv-en in our Sunday Schools, so as Church Congress must therefore allow free to make more intelligent and at-tached members of the Church.— phases of thought. Let us be prepared for this. Let us approach our debates in a spirit of mudiffer, and to discover points of agreement whose existence so long as we stood aloof from each other we scarcely imagined.

> (From the Christian World. POPERY AND IRRELIGION IN ITALY.

The rebuff which the Pope received i fully confirmed by the more precise returns Province must hold the Government responsi-which we have received since our last ble for this act of its official so regardless of number went to press. According to the the law of God." number went to press. According to the the law of God."

figures in the "Nation," out of 15,000 re
This is surely a case that demands exit were shipped to Halitax and New York in the transfer of the law of God."

some lines whose rhythm was like the undu- the discussions of some of the topics being through the over-confidence and dissentions law of the land? One the restaurant lation of some buoyant Cance propelled by earnest and at times almost fiercely passionate. The President in the course of ed an almost complete triumph, although mitted, more will come—and more and si polling only a minority of the votes. An more until our day of rest will be atterly

insignificant to be overlooked in cently established papers-Satana, la Voce page. This illustration represents two policemen in the act of arresting a man with ergy and laity of all ranks, some of a loaf of bread under his arm, while in the

· He who steals a loaf of bread is always a bad man; He who robs and oppresses the poor is an

honorable man (galantuomo). Every thing we hear from Italy goes prove that unless the Gospel in its purity is peedily given to that beautiful land, not Popery but Infidelity in its lowest forms and I have taken an action against him for libs avowed Atheism-will soon reign supreme.

THE POPE AND THE DRAMA.

Under this title the New York Christian Advocate, of Oct. 3rd, 1872, calls attention has been left untried to dislodge the reverto the startling change which bas come over the theatres of the city of Rome. We all know that the Pontifical government was into the enemy's camp. The London never unfriendly to the drama, which is regarded as a very convenient means for populace. In return, the playwright of the establishment of a "mission" in the our theatres of the city were expected Friary Chapel, which is a rival to his rigidly to abstain from any political allusious, and to be loyal even at the risk of ervour in the di-charge of the vocation and entry the traditions of the place were too formally superseded. Here, discourses are ninistry to which every member of the Church strong to be instantly set aside. But now, delivered with the special object of restoras been called. We do not meet as a Church at last, the managers have found it their which the current is setting. The crimes sides strong language is used from the pulas fundamental truth; we have neither to reore nor to investigate any new developments opponents of the faith which was once delivered to the dramatic representation in all the theatres. The dispute is to be settled in the law courts aints. It is the glory of the Church of England and crowded houses witness plays with such Spanish Inquisition; or, Torquemada Sixtus the Fifth." "Beatrice Cenci." Sixtus the Fifth." Barbara Ubryk; or, The Nun of Cracow Hebrew Family; or, The Mysteries of the Old Police." Of the first of these the cor-

respondent of the London Times says: "The iniquities of the Inquisition are shown The torpor of a past age has given place to an anot at such a scene being put upon the stage, awakened energy and zeal, which, if rightly but with a conviction of the terrible nature of

the reality depicted." What shall be done for a city where the last vestige of faith in the religion once honored is disappearing from the hearts of the people? What but as speedily as possible to preach to them the pure Gospel, and supply the place of the building now fast crumbling away with a more glorious edifice-more glorious because resting on the stable foundation of truth and justice.

EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE. The arrangements for the great Genera Conference for Christians of all nations in New York, in the autumn of 1873, have who have tried, each in his own sphere and in his own method, to work out the problem which the circumstances of the Church and the definitely determined upon. The Rev. Dr. age force on our notice. Problems, for ex- Schaff has met committees of the Evangelample, such as these—how to win back the multitudes who from whatever cause have be-Basle, Bonn and other places, and has recome estranged from our communion, or what is worse, estranged from Christianity itself; how is worse, estranged from Christianity itself; how to adapt the ministrations of the Church so as to nach the largest number, and convey the tries have promised to be present, to read Brett, E-q. | luliest amount of spiritual blessing; how to papers on the great practical questions of -Daughter Churches of the Church | utilise to the utmost the services of the age. It is expected that an influential members of the Church without trenching upon representation of the Protestant Churches of all nations will be present to aid in the ministry; how to counteract the tendencies of the age, whether to scepticism in one direction, or superstition in another; how, without the smallest surrender of essential truth, to culti-ed by the French and German war. At vate brotherly union between all who profess that time the President of the United States and his Cabinet expressed in writing their interest in the meeting, and the hope that "its deliberations might tend to the advancement of civil and religious liberty, and the promotion of peace and good will among men." The committee of Alliance, they all may be one, as Thou, Father, art in in their Address look back upon the origin Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me." For the discussion of topics such as segment observance. They commemorate sequent observance. They commemorat the revivals of those years, and the opening of doors for preaching the gospel in Spain It has never been the practice of the Church Italy, France, Sweden, Austria and other nations, the weakening of the Papal power and the great progress of religious liberty as encouragements for renewed prayer.

The Western Christian Advocate says Bishop Foster was present at the lovefeast of the California Conference, and spoke of his early experience. He was li censed to preach when but thirteen and half years old. He said: 'I entered the ministry when but seventeen years of age. My life and energies have been given without reserve to the ministry. Four years ago, my daughter, first-born of our house was taken up in a cloud of glory; a few months after, the mother was also taken to the same blessed home. Since that time I have lived at the gate of the celestial world having no happiness but preaching Christ. As soon as the Bishop had finished, a brother in his 84th year arose, and said that regard to Elementary Schools, and their Inspection in Religious Knowledge.

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the laith, we may often learn to correct our own to the salvation of one who was a backslid-imperfect judgments, to shake off the trammels er. That man and his family are still in the of prejudice, to appreciate what is excellent in the way of life. That little boy, whose name those with whom in many points we may still was Foster, he had just heard give his teacher. was Foster, he had just heard give his testimony in the love-feast.

> SABBATH-BEEAKING, -A correspondent inquires as follows:

"By whose instructions did a train leav Truro on Sabbath last (3rd inst.) and distribute telegraph posts along the line of the Intercolonial Railway towards Amherst?"

"It is said to have been under the orders of Chignecto Post. the recent elections in the city of Rome is Mr. Schreiber -If so the people of the

gistered votes, only about 8,000 took part planation. It will never do to allow such Scptember and October. in the election, and of these just about one- notorious and inexcusable breaches of the Lost in the Woods -A Maine paper says England and all sections and parties of the fifth, or 1,611 voted with the clerical par- Law of God and of the country. Are there ... Dr. William W. Green, an eminent surger

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IRISH ECCLESIASTICAL TROU. BLES.

Telegraphic despatches have brought ews that Cardinal Cullen had sought the assistance of his Holiness the Pope on several questions which had arisen in Ireland. It so happens,—and this probably was one of the subjects brought before the notice of the Head of the Church-that the villagers of Callan, near Kilkenny, headed by Ray Mr. O'Keefe, are just at present engaged in a very determined opposition to the anhority of Cardinal Cullen. How this has come about we shall allow the Rev. gentleman to say in his own words :

"My bishop and I had a quarrel, and he directed my curates to denounce me to my people as a liar. After failing to get redress for this indignity in the Church, I sought and found it in a law court, and the defendant in the suit threw a suspension at me, which I treated with contempt. Another ecclesiastic complained of me to the Propaganda for disregarding the censures of a man who suspended me for going to law with himself, and the complainant was appointed a judge in the case. The judge without witness or a trial, suspended me again for dishonoring the censures of his episcopal brother Pending this action, two public boards execute sentence on me at the bidding of the defenden and deprive me of £310 a year.

On both sides, we are told, the struggle is maintained with equal resolution, and is watched with keen interest. No expedient end father, but he holds his ground, and occasionally makes the most daring sorties which have been resorted to in order nominee, who was appointed to administe ing union, but with the effect of and anathemas against their opponents. -Acadian Recorder.

Beneral Intelligence.

Rev. G. M. Grant returned last week from his trans-continental expedition. He has benefitted immensely in health and physique by his travels. He speaks in highest terms of the vast scenery is often more than Alpine in grander Mr. Grant predicts a rapid influx of populati so soon as the real qualities of the country are made known. There is room for thirty m lions of farmers, and for as many more artisan miners, traders, &c., &c. The best im grants will be men from Northern Europe and the British Isles. No doubt Mr. Grant's o servations will ere long be laid before the not and prompt circulaton .- Pres. Wit.

THE GALE AT TRURO.-The gale of Thurs day night did considerable damage at True. Three houses and a new store, 65 feet long, in course of erection and nearly finished, were blown down. The old Railway Depot also succumbed to the force of the wind, and fell, strewing the track with debris, which had t be semoved before the morning train yesterds c. uid leave. Roots of houses, fences, etc., als suffered considerably, and the damage dom

will amount to a very considerable sun DAMAGES AWARDED .- The suit of Capt Tremain against the Halifax Gas Company damages on acount of injuries sustained Mrs. Tremain, on the occasion of the explo of gas in her house on Pleasant street, brought to a close on Thursday. A verdice was given in favour of Mrs. Tremain with a award of \$6000 damages. The Company in

THE AIKINS HISTORICAL PRIZE at King College for next years is to be for the beat Essay on the history of the County of Digby. The object of this prize is to preserve, far as possible, the local records and tradition elating to the commencement and progresso the settlements in the several counties, in ing biographical sketches of leading person inected with the early colonization prize is open for competition to the

whole Province. The essays must be sent in on or before the

irst day of June next. THE COMMERCIAL BANK .- Yesterday there was a meeting of the Stockholders at which the Directors submitted their report showing the state of this bank. The report was accepted by the Stockholdes, and shows the assets to be stockholdes. \$91,221.70, and the liabilities \$35.5824 leaving a surplus of \$55,636.39, of which all may not be realized. Since the first of December 1. ber 1868 the liabilities of the bank have bee educed from \$630,958.85 to the figures state above. The total amount of notes redeemed over the regular issue has been \$3,908. tockholo rs passed a resolution calling on th Stockholders passed a resolution calling on us.

President to give the names of the parties and the amounts lost to the Banks in times past.

The meeting adjourned till the first Tuesday in May.—St. John News.

DROWNED .- On the 1st Nov. the body of boon, East Halifax, was found at the mouth of Sheet Harbor. Having lett his home someth ago, it is supposed that he was attempting ross a narrow inlet either by wading wimming, and thus met with a watery gra

The Cape Breton Times says that Mr. Perley, Government Engineer, has been directed to report upon the feasibility of connecting the head waters of Sydney River with East Bay He has paid a hurried visit to the locality, and leaves his assistant, Mr. Milledge, to make ome surveys and explorations in with the contemplated canal.

Thursday the 21st inst., is appointed hanksgiving Day in Nova Scotis The first through train on the Intercolonia ailway to St. John, left Richmond Depot # o'clock on Monday morning, with a large umber of passengers.

CARRYING COALS TO NEWCASTLE.-Tes at the Glasgow and Cape Breton Company's Pier on Wednesday, to load coals fer the Thames. Newcastle coal is worth between 37 and 40s. sterling per ton in London. Breton coal fully equals Newcastle in quality, and after payment of a heavy Trans Atlantic freight can be placed in London, for 36s. 64

sterling per ton .- Cape Breton Advocate. RAILWAY CLAIMS. - We understand there is a strong probability that the claims against the first contractors of No. 4, N. S., will be to be handed in on or before the 12th inst.

INTERNATIONAL COLLIERY. - The "Cape Breton "Advocate" says the International Company's colliery at Bridgeport is in operation again, and that 11,777 tons of coal from

and students. After an hour of pelished Church was very large; and the interest ty. We now hear, however, that this paroratory, the end came all to soon, with was well kept up through all the services, ty was more successful in Naples, where, land with sufficient public spirit to enforce the Grand Lake, Nova Scotia, and for three days

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