

at St. Louis, the one brother being O. S. and the other N. S., and both prominent men. But E. P. Humphrey tells his brethren in Kentucky that many voted for the committee on reunion because they felt that was a sure way to kill the project! He closes his paragraph on the subject by saying:—"We were fully persuaded that when this committee shall look closely into the matter, they will find, and the whole church will find, that the union proposed is impossible. It is my own thorough conviction that on the report of the committee the matter will be, in effect, indefinitely postponed, and that we shall best reach this result through this fair and equitable method of dealing with the subject."

[Notwithstanding, the two Assemblies, meeting last month, have agreed on a basis of Union, which must be ratified by the Presbyteries, however, before taking effect.]

A St. Petersburg letter in the Paris *Monde* announces, as a piece of good news, that a ukase has just abolished all the punishments which existed amongst persons abandoning the Russian state religion. This excellent measure has not yet been published, but in the next edition of the code all the articles relative to that subject will be suppressed, and in the meantime will cease to be applied.

THE GALLICAN CHURCH.—A Paris correspondent states that there are in France 79, 584 priests, and 108, 119 minor ecclesiastics, eighty-six archbishops, 3, 517 curés, and 189 vicars-general, belonging to the Roman Catholic Church. Of the clerical army of 79, 584 individuals only 35, 000 are paid by Government, the remaining portion being supported by the Church. The sum thus supplied amounts annually to 218,092,600*f*. The religious communities are divided into three classes—viz., the educational, hospitable, and contemplative. Of the latter there are 12, 141; these remain in a perpetual state of prayer and meditation. There are 1, 085 Jesuits in France; of these 282 meditate and pray, the rest teach. To judge by the names of the orders of nuns—as, for example, *Sœurs de Ste. Anne*, *Sœurs de Ste. Catherine*, &c.—it would appear that every saint at all noteworthy has 200 or 300 sisters employed in her service.

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