#### Britisk und Foreign Yotes.

The receipts of the Vatican from the Pope's Jubileo were six and a balt million lire in gold (\$1,248,650), exclusive of valuable presents.

THE Japanese Me accustomed to long sermons, their native providers usually holding forth an hour, and sometimes an hour and a balf or two hours.

The Archbahop of Quito is stated to have been poisoned on Good Friday, while celebrating mass, by the admixture of strychnine with the sacremental wine.

There are now forty thousand children attending Sunday-school in the Phil Islands, where only forty years ago the inhabitants feasted on human flesh.

QUREN VICTORIA has granted an annual peneion of £75 to each of three ladies, named De Foe, the lineal descendants of the author of "Robinson Crusos," whose poverty has recently been made public.

The fund which the English Presbyterians have been raising, in commemoration of their recent consolidation, now amounts to \$1,700,000. Truly a magnificent thanksgiving memorial!

Five and twenty years ago there were not a dozen Presbyterian churches in Loudon, and there for the most part were weak and poor; but now there are over fifty churches, and they are nearly all strong and well to do.

Ar a meeting in London, Cardinal Manning stated that in the Diocese of Westminster the collection made for the Pope amounted to £18,000, and that the address from the English Roman Catholics has received half a million of signatures.

Saunders' News Letter, the oldest Irish paper published in Dublin, has disappeared the ranks of the Irish newspapers. It was the property of Conservatives, and was established as the Dublin News Letter in 1688, and as Saunders' News Letter in

An Edinburgh publisher announces the sories of books known as "The Historians of Scotland," as being nearly completed. Vol. III. of the "Fordun Chronicle," and Vol. II. of "The Book of Pluscarden," are in proparation, the latter being almost ready for issue.

DR. WHITLEY STOKES has just printed privately, at Calcutta, three Irish Homilies of the fifteenth century, from the Lebar Brece, on the Lives of Saints Patrick, Brigit, and Columba. The Irish text is on the left pages, and on the right is an English version of it by Dr. Stokes.

Only two members of the Presbytery of Edinburgh voted in favor of qualifying subscription to the Confession of Faith, by the declaration that it did not imply approval of any thing urscriptural. Forty voted that such an explanation was needless, and the forty were surely right.

During the past year Free St. George's congregation, Elinburgh, contributed 49,000, the greater part of which was devoted to purposes outside the sphere of purely congregational work. The sum of £4,600 was devoted to the Sustentation Fund, and £540 were raised for foreign missions.

THREE theological scholarships of £80 each, in connection with the English Presbyterian College of London, are about to be founded by Mr. Muter, of Manchester. A somewhat singular condition is, however, attached to the grant. It is that competitors shall be practical abstainers from alcoholic liquers and from tobacco.

THE Earl of Zetland has appropriated the compensations for his rights of patron-age of churches in Orkney and Zetland, to the foundation of bursaries in the University of Edinburgh, with the view of advancing the educational interests of these islands. The amount which will be paid to the Earl will reach the sum of £4,866.

THE New York Tribune on Saturday last published a table showing the financial condition of many of the churches of that city, and of some of the religious societies. The total amount of mortgages on churches and roll joins institutions reaches the large sum of \$2,367,886. The figures given in-cluded only mortgages registered since 1869, and are said to have been taken from the public records.

THE Marchioness of Lothian, whose death was aunounced lately, was among the distinguished pilgrims to Rome. She had rented an hotel and was holding a series of brilliant receptions. She was seized with an attack of pleurisy, in consequence of having been exposed to the draught of an open window at a reception. The Pope cent her his special benediction, and a triduun was offered up for her at the church of the Virgin.

ABour two months ago the Khedive of Egypt sent Captain Burton, a hero of Euglish travel, to explore the land of Midian, bordering on the Red Sea. The captain has returned and top rts that he believes a considerable portion of the country to be auriferens. He found distinct traces of ancient mining operations. The Khedive is anxious to organize an expedition to make more careful explorations and develop these new gold fields.

THE Duchess of Edinburgh has left London for Cobourg. It is said that the Pro-Turkish hangers-on of the British Court spared to pains to make her brief stay in England anything but pleasant. The Duchess is now on her way to Russia to spend three months there, and has taken her children with her. Strenuous opposi-tion to this action has been made in Engbecause the contract of marriage stipulated that the children should be edu-

cated as Protestants. THE Suez Canal, up to the close of last year, cost the Expetian government, besides the shares sold to the English government, more than \$71,000 000, about half ernment, more than \$71,000 000, about half this sum being interest. It appears from a statement showing the navigation through the Suez Canal from the 1st of December, 1867, to the Sixt of December, 1875, that the entire number of vess is was 6,275—the largest numbers being 4347 English, 292 Italian, 16 Dutch, 140 Outoman, 345 Austrian, 118 German, 48 Russian, 82 Spanish, and 10 American. Of the entire number of vessels, 4406 were commercial steamers, and 1,197 postal steamers. The whole number of passencers was 859 086.

number of passengers was 859,086.

Color for Blondes and Brunettes and Those who are Neither.

With regard to black, it is to be observed that a soft and deep shade, the black of velvet, is wanted to set off to advantage the freshness of a red haired woman. For a brunctte the black ought to be collivered by a glossy appearance, such as Lyons satin or silk. This white or partially transparent uncertainty as the satisfactory. materials is most becoming to blondes, and opaque or dead white to briniettes. According to general opinion, yellow and red suit brunettes, and blue suits blondes. Or-dinarily speaking this is true, but subject to numerous exceptions in practice, for there are many graduated tints in the complex-ions both of brunettes and blondes, and the art is to deal properly with delicate admixtures and shades of colors. For a brunette of swarthy complexion, brilliant vel-lows and splendid reds are the most suitable colors, and a jonquil-colored ribbon, a scarlet camelia in the black tresses, a poppy colored bedice, partially softened by Chan-tilly lace, will be in style. But if we have to deal with a delicate brunctte, with slightly jaded features, or a brunette whose skin is comparatively fair, or the eyes of a velvet black, we must no longer make use of striking and decided colors. Here, on the contrary, soft colors should be employed,

especially pale blue.
It is the same with blondes. If the hair of a blonde be golden red, it ought to be accompanied by its complementary color, a dark violet velvet bonnet, a tuft of violets in the hair, a deep lilac dress, will go with it marvellously well. Green of a medium intensity likewise suits all shades of red hair. If the complexion of the blonde be delicate and fresh, turkey or ruby red will sot off the delicacy and free as, partly by similarity of contrast Red, then, is not exclusively the color of brunettes; it plays a part also in the dress of the fair beauties. The same may be said of yellow, if matched in bue to the lightest shade of the hair, and heightened by a well contrasting color.

#### Cardinal Manning.

Cardinal Manning is always lugubrious when referring to the Pope. He preached a sermon a few days ago at Moorfields, and in his discourse he drew a most dismal pic-ture of the sovereign Pontiff in these troublons times. He complained that the Italian legislation of the last six years violated not only the temporal, but also the spiritual authority of the Holy See. He tried to show that sovereignty and independence were identical. That is like the Cardinal—consummate in craft, perfect in astuteness, and without many peers in casuistry. Inde-pendence is sweet and everybody is fond of the word. Now, it Cardinal Manning could persuade the people that all he desires for the Pope is that he should be independent, he would enlist strong and wide-spread sympathy. But the red-hatted logican only wriggles here and stumbles upon the word sovereignty, and uses it to serve his purpose, viz., to try to show that the Pope is a prisoner in the Vatioan. Prisoner, for-sooth! Was ever prisoner so privileged as he, with the utmost license to abuse with unmeasured vehemense and boiling hate those who held him incarcarated? I trow not. Pius has too much liberty! The word liberty is not in the vocabulary of Rome. That which it represents is not only not understood by that system, but is essentially autagonistic to its principles and spirit. Popish liberty is the cruelest of bondage. To be independent of kings is one thing: to be the sovereign of kings is another. Pius would like to be the latter; and be-

cause he is not, and cannot be, he is impa-tient, irate, and maledictive. Cardinal Manning's chances of wearing the tiara are lessening, for Monsignor Howard has been made a cardinal. He is an Englishman, and in assuming his title he applauded the first Englishman that wore the triple crown, viz., Adrian IV. Adrian IV. had undisputed power. He lorded it over kings and made emperors do menial service in his presence. But times have changed since then, and if Cardinal Howard is the next Pope he will find he cannot demean himself as haughtily as Adrian; and if he attempt it he will excite but pity and derision. Popery is, however, very very active. With unremitting strenuous-ness and unslumbering zeal, its emissaries are at work in every land, and are doing their utmost to proselytize into its fold. The more ignorant the material the better. The illiterate are most engily provelytized and once gained over, all the ghostly au thority which it arrogates is used to mould them into the most obsequious devotion and the most unquestioning submission to the most unreasonable of its teachings. Let the negro in the South of your land be Ro-manized, and farewell to the loyalty and patriotism of that race. As members of the Popish communion, the negroes will be the tools and minions of the priests, and when were the priests of Rome ever loyal or patriotic?

#### Wicked Wit.

Pernicious and irreverent paragraphs often find their way even into our religious newspapers under the guise of witty selec-

We do not in the least object to wit. hearty laugh is beneficial to us all, but there is a choice in the autients which should move us to mirth, and that is not harmless mirth which is suggested by a

questionable subject.

Many persons having the reputation of being quick witted and facetious, seem to us in reality to be very short-sighted; inas much as they often make a merit of saying smart things which, while they call out the ready laugh of the thoughtless grate harshly on the more sensitive ear, and offend the conscientions scruples of the more serious. Even very good people are sometimes given to this sort of jesting, and they cannot, as we have inferred, understand why objection should be made to it. With such we cannot argue, but there are many who feel with us that sacred and religious subjects are too often turned thoughtlessly into ridicule, and that the effect is bad in the extreme.

We are almost unwilling to quote an instance of what we mean, lest we should give it prominence by so doing, instead of pointing out the moral which we wish to

draw. But we will select this one, out from a valued Christian weekly paper, one which we have always been willing to place in the hands of our children, without feeling it necessary to first look it over ourselves "A father received a tel gram from a

unaway son the other day, which mad as

follows:

follows:

"Fatted calf for one."

Think, Christian parents of the cvil, insiduous influence of that paragraph upon your boy as he reads it; perhaps overhears his father read it, and laugh at it. He is not conscious of its effect upon him, but it has a sure and deadly one. Some of the most poisonous gases which inject our systems are those which are scarcely perceptible to the sonses. and so the influence of ble to the senses, and so the influence of this will sink into his mind, perhaps never to be fully eradicated; weakening the bond which holds him to virtue, by turning the possibility of his straying away from it into a jest.
Consider the subtle, evil impression made

Onsider the antile, evil impression made on his mind, whon in a religious newspaper he finds one of the tenderest and most powerful appeals to the wayward sinner Ohrist ever embodied in His parables, made the subject of a witticism. Oan we ever expect it to touch the hearts of our prodigals, if it is to be inevitably connected in the interior with a mind of the considerious into 2 their minds with a sacrilegious joke?

If we have sucqueded in directing the at-tention of any of our readers towards this subject we shall feel as if we had done something towards stemming the current of caroles irreverence which sweeps through

our religious conversation and literature.
We should be glad to hear from parents on this subject, especially with reference to its bearing on the morals of their children.

THE Southern Presbyterian Church is regaining somewhat its influence over the colored population in the South. Eighteen Presbyteries report that comething is being done in their bounds for the work among the colored people. From the reports it also appears that there are twenty-one churches for the colored people, five colored ministers, these colored licentiates, and six solored candilates for the ministry under the care of the fifty four reporting Presby-

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