

one west, and one north and one south, and let them destroy the villages of the murderers, and thieves, and breakers of the word, and scoffers, and of all evil-doers in the land of Eromanga.

The end of my word, and of Naling's and Woris's.

Ah! love to you missionaries.

### The Seizure of the Church Property at Rome.

The following is a list, given by an Italian paper, of the Church property in Rome and the Romagna, of which the Government is about to take possession and convert it into rentes:—In Rome, monasteries 128 in number, with 2,376 inmates, and a gross revenue of 1,943,721 lire, convents 92, inmates, 2,183, revenue 1,436,626 lire; suburban monasteries 51, inmates 517; convents 42, inmates 351, the revenue of which together amount to 323,201 lire. In other communes of the Province there are 134 monasteries, with 1,494 inmates, and 57 convents with 1,291 inmates, the total of whose revenue amount to 1,077,645 lire. There are, besides, in Rome, Ecclesiastical Corporations consisting of basilicas, collegiate churches, chapels, &c., with revenues amounting to 1,793,393 lire. There exist also in Rome benefices under secular patronage amounting to 1,322,895 lire. The whole of the above are estimated to produce, when sold, upwards of eight millions of lire, which sum, as we have said, is to be invested in Government Stock.

—The *London Christian World* announces that a munificent offer has been made of two prizes of 250 and 150 guineas, respectively (or about \$1,250 and \$750 in gold) for the best essay on "Temperance Reformation—Its Claims upon the Christian Church." Essays are to be sent to Hodder & Stoughton, 27 Paternoster row, London, before December 15, 1873. Dean Smith, Prof. Calderwood and Rev. G. W. Oliver of Battersea College, are to be the judges.

—Rev. Dr. Hepburn, a well-known Japanese scholar, has, for the last thirteen years, had in readiness a costly copy of the Bible, waiting for a suitable opportunity to present it to the ruler of

Japan. That opportunity arrived in November last, when he was given the desired permission to make the presentation.

THE CONFSSIONAL IN THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND.—We learn that at the recent decanal meeting at Southampton only two Protestant clergymen spoke against the introduction of the Confessional, the result being that five only voted against and about thirty for the proposition. To the people of Southampton we would say, "Beware! before it is too late."—*The Rock*.

Archbishop Manning and Bishop Clifford have both forbidden the celebration of "midnight mass" throughout their dioceses, on the ground that the dispersion of congregations largely composed of young women in the middle of the night is objectionable.

### The Halifax Sabbath Schools.

Besides contributing to Home Mission objects, such as the support of boys at the Industrial School, City Mission, *Dayspring*, &c., the St. Matthew's and St. Andrew's schools are now allocating each \$50 annually to go to the support of native teachers in the New Hebrides, when our missionaries there will have secured suitable converts to act in that capacity. St. Matthew's School has been allocating that sum for two years, and St. Andrew's this year for the first time. It is to be hoped that other schools are doing likewise. This is our Foreign Mission, and we should throw all our energies into it.

At a Sabbath School Bazaar held in St. James' Church, Charlottetown, the handsome sum of \$280 was realised.

### NOTICES, AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

TO AGENTS, SUBSCRIBERS, CONGREGATIONS, &c.

We would remind all our friends that for the last three years we have published in our March issue lists giving the circulation of the *Record* in the different Presbyteries, Congregations, &c., of the Church. That no injustice be done to any locality, we would therefore urge all Agents to have their full lists for