BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

THE drink bill of New Zealand fell last year £104,662, owing to trade depreswion and the spread of temperance

News from Rome, by way of Paris, represents Leo XIII, as in a state of extreme weakness, and that his end may

REV. D. STEVENSON, of Emmanuel Congregational church, Montreal, has received a \$5,000 call to a church in Brixton, London, G. B.

MR. WM. FISH, M.A., late professor in the assembly's institution at Calcutta, has been appointed headmaster of the public school at Arbroath.

DR. W. M. TAYLOR, of New York, conducted special services recently at Darlington-place U. P. church, Ayr. The collection amounted to £175.

A NEW tabernacio in Auckland, capable of scaling two thousand persons, has recently been dedicated for the church of which Thomas Spurgeon, son of the great Baptist preacher is pastor.

DR. MACGREGOR, in proposing a toast at the dinner to "the colonials" in Edinburgh, very neatly rebuked some of his hearers by remarking that "pretty ladies were talking while he was speak-

THOUGH fifteen years have elapsed since £60,000 was subscribed for com-pleting St. Paul's, London, the work of decoration has only been barely begun. As for the panels of the dome no one expects them ever to be finished.

A COMMITTER of the Welsh Liberal M.P. a is obtaining information from each constituency in the principality regarding the Established Church in Wales and its endowments, with a view to bring in a disestablishment bill next session.

REV. T. DEWITT TALMAGE, D.D., pastor of the Brooklyn Tabernacle, has three brothers who are also ministers: Rev. J. V. N. Talmage, D.D., of China; Rev. James R. Talmage, D.D., of King-ston; Rev. Goyn Talmage, D.D., of Port Jarvis, N.Y.

REY. HAY AIKEN says the weakness of the American Episcopal Church, lies in a lack of aggressive spirituality—that spirit which leads men to devote themselves to earnest spiritual work onbehalf of others. In all his work in America he only once received any, help from the laity.

THE lunatic asylum at Auckland is so crowded that "the single rooms resemble fowl-houses in all respects but the roosts," and this overcrowding is due to the excessive use of alcohol. It is shown that more than fifty persons are driven mad by drink in New Zealand every year.

THE New York Independent declares that the only consistent course for the Church to pursue is to make liquor-selling and liquor-drinking, and even the signing of license, a cause for expulsion. For how can she offer help to the drunkard if she herself is not free from the sin of dfunkard-making?

THE Indian Baptist, writing, on the THE Indian Rabilit, writing on the tion which is ever aiming at the possessubject of child-marriage; says impersion of cabinet secrets to turn them to feetly informed enthusiasts fail to persits own uses; because the appointment ceive the real difficulties in the way of reform. The most important property stitution, and is fitted to encourage the interests of the country depend upon the maintenance of families in their renewed zeal what has long been her existing condition. To touch child-desire in this country—the subjugation marriage would be to break up families; of British rule to popish rule, and for to recast all the other social institutions, other reasons. and to tear 'up Hindu society by the roots. Because the government healtates to pull down what it may find very perplexing to build up again, it does not follow that it is guilty of sinful indiffer. ence to its trust.

THE English Baptist Missionary Society has entered upon new territory in India. It has placed two missionaries at Madarapore, a town situated between Backergunge and Furreedpore, and at is the centre. On a market day more religious books were sold there than at an annual mela eisewhere.

IT is stated that the withdrawal of the British and Foreign Bible Society from Sweden has had the good effect of increasing the zeal and labours of the home society, and as it has been decided to withdraw from Denmark, it is hoped that a similar result may follow in that country. Last year the English society's agents in Denmark disposed of no less than 11,700 Bibles, and nearly 17,000 portions," and the Danish will almost feverably care the want case shows.

society sold nearly 5,000 copies. In France, however, there has been a still more striking success, the society having spent, during the past eighty years, over thirteen millions of france in publishing and distributing libbles in Prance. The sixty colporteurs employed in Prance by the parent society have, during last year, disposed of nearly 120,000 conies of the Scripture and for some copies of the Scriptures, and for some few years back the number has been but little less. Surely in all this there is great ground for thankegiving and con-fidence.

A DEPUTATION which waited recently on Sir Michael Hicks-Beach on behalf of the government committee of the Irlsh Presbyterian Church pressed strongly upon his attention the fact that, as compared with the two other leading religious hodies in Ireland, the Presbyterians are treated with gross neglect and unfairness in the distribution of public offices controlled by the crown. The privy council is composed of 36 Episcopalians and 9 Roman Catholics; it does not include one Presbyterian, The county lieutenants include the Prescopalians of Prescopalians. 29 Episcopalians, 2 Roman Catholics, 1 Unitarian, and 1 Presbyterian. Of the judges 11 are Episcopalians, 5 Catholics, 2 Unitarians, and 1 Presbyterian. Of the county court judges 14 are Episco-palians,6Catholics, and 2 Presbyterians, It is the same through all the public offices, and it may be added that while the Irish peerage includes 174 Episco-palians, and 13 Catholics it does not include a single Presbyterian.

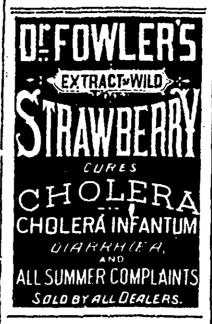
THE Government of India recently certified to the value of mission work in its "Blue Book," in the following fashion: The winning of converts is but a small portion of the beneficial results which have sprung from missionaries' labours. No statistics can give a fair view of all that they have done. The moral tone of their preaching is recognized by hundreds who do not follow them as converts. The lessons which they inculcate have given to the people new ideas, not only on purely religious questions; but on the nature of evil, the obligations of law, and, the motives by which human conduct should be regu-lated. Insensibly a higher standard of moral conduct is becoming familiar to the people. The Government of India cannot but acknowledge the great obli-gation under which it is laid by the benevolent exertions made by the 600 missionaries, whose blameless example and self-denying labours are infusing new vigour into the life of the great population placed under English rule.

THE Porth and Aberdeen presbytery. of the Original Secession Church has forwarded to Lord Salisbury a strong remonstrance against the appointment of a Roman Catholic, Mr. Matthews, Q.C., as home secretary, expressing also a hope that the earliest opportunity, may be taken to remedy this matter. Objection is taken to the appointment because the Church of Rome teaches that allegiance to the Roman nonlift taken precedence of duties. Roman pontiff takes precedence of dutiful. allegiance to our sovereign the Queen in all civil matters, and embraces in its communion the society of the Jesuita, an intriguing political organizais inconsistent with our Protestant con-

THE financial position of the Salvation Army is causing some anxiety-among the heads, of the organization, and a strong effort is now being made to raise the sum of \$5,000. General Booth has addressed the following letter to all the members of the army :- tot Queen Victoria-street, Aug. 120, 1886. Dear Comrade, You have seen in the Hur Cry a request made to the friends of the : Backergunge and Furreedpore, and and the junction of the rivers Kumar and Arial Khan. The location is somewhat out of the region of Buropean civilization. There are no railways, government roads, telegraphs, or steamboats, and no white officials. The religious interest is encouraging in the town itself and in the populous district of which it is the centre. On a market day more we wish to pledge ourselves and each member, of our family to join, and to ask you to join with us, in this grand RAPID progress, and a normal and effort. Let us all give ourselves over to promising growth in nearly every direction, has attended the evangelistic and while we remain united in devotion efforts of Christian missionaries in and continue by self-sacrifica to seek Western Turkey. At the Marsovan the salvation of souls He will never take the salvation take the salvation take the salvation take the salvation Western Turkey. At the Marsovan Station, during the last ten years, the number of Protestants has increased from 1,076 to 2,012; the Sunday congregations, from 1,244 to 1,990; the pupils in the schools, from 207 to 488; the contributions, from 267 to 1,503. At the Trebisond Station, during the past year, the Protestants have increased from 2,36 to 285, more than twenty per cent; the scholars in the schools from 1,08 to 140, nearly thirty per cent.; the year, the Protestants have increased from 236 to 285, more than twenty per cent; the scholars in the schools from 108 to 140, nearly thirty per cent; the attendance on public worship from 210 to 310, nearly forty-eight per cent; and contributions from \$323; to \$407 or, twenty-six per cent; the above week in the way here stated and to forward the money so caved to headquarters." It is anticipated that the experiment will secure a very large sum of money.

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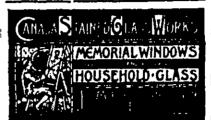
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