

Persia. There has been commotion and bloodshed in Spain, the republican party stirring up strife. But the votes hitherto taken favor a monarchical form of government. Report points to Montpensier as the future king. Religious liberty has been proclaimed, but it can be but imperfectly realised for some time. Protestants, however, should make every effort. There will be no happiness or prosperity in that once great country till its people are taught the gospel, whatever be the agency, or whatever the religious forms introduced. Archbishop Cullen, in appealing to his Irish diocese for Peter's pence, says: "it is no use to ask them from Spain, Italy, Austria, or Belgium." This is a wonderful confession, and yet nothing will do but separate schools. True Popish teaching must produce no other effect but misery. It is nothing but mental and moral paralysis in all religious matters. The word of God inculcates life—it requires death. It amounts to this—"you must believe and practise what we tell you."—There seems no reason to doubt that the Marquis of Bute, with his £300,000 a year, has joined the Church of Rome. So far as wealth, standing, and character are concerned, this is the most remarkable perversion of late years. His much respected father was Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly. The Romish Church has lately completed its organization of bishops and archbishops for Scotland. Our most Protestant of all countries now has the Romish machinery fully established once more. It has prospered more than any other country in Europe wanting it. We question whether this will be the case with it.

THE case of Mr. Bennet, who has been prosecuted for his ritualistic practices in his church, has been decided against him. His candles, crossings, and kneelings, have been condemned in court. On the following Sunday, he continued them as before. So much for discipline in the Church of England. It came out, on the trial, that Mr. Bennet held not only the real and actual, but *visible*, presence. He thus goes farther in his Romish views than Rome itself. Archdeacon Dennison defends such views and practices, maintaining that ritualistic principles and practices date from the *first*, while evangelical date from the *sixteenth*, century! This is bold enough if it were only true.

THE Rev. Mr. Nicol, late of London, Ontario, has come down to the Presbytery of Miramichi. This gentleman was long a member of the Presbytery of Halifax. The Canadian *Presbyterian* laments the departure of a minister of such high character and accomplishments from London. Under his pastorate, the London congregation was regularly formed, and a handsome church built, on which there is now but a trifle of £300 of debt. Their loss, however, is our gain, and it is to be hoped that the change will be beneficial to Mr. Nicol's health.

THE course pursued by the Canadian Church in the Queen's College business, has given much satisfaction to their friends in the Lower Provinces. At a special meeting of Synod held in Kingston, they have resolved to raise \$100,000 *at least*, to meet the loss of \$3,000 a year withdrawn by the Ontario government. The subscription in Kingston alone already amounts to \$25,000, as we have been credibly informed. If Montreal, Ottawa, London, Toronto, and Hamilton, do as well, the sum will be raised without doubt, and that shortly. Then, taking in the country districts, a much larger sum will probably be realized. The benefit to the Church by this effort will be manifold. They are able to raise \$200,000 as we were to raise \$24,000 for Dalhousie College. The Ottawa correspondent of the *Scottish American* states that a member of another church has offered \$480 a year in support of Queen's College in perpetuity. "A letter was read by Dr. Urquhart, giving the views of the leading ministers of the Canadian Presbyterian Church, urging the continuance of the College as a Presbyterian necessity, and promising aid. This letter had in view the possible prominent future of Queen's College as a Presbyterian University of that body in the Canadian Dominion, holding, as it does, a Royal Charter."

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