

**UNIVERSITY FOR MEN OF COLOUR.**—A public meeting was held at Willis's Rooms, on Monday, June 20th, in furtherance of the Berkeley (Bermuda) College. Among those present were the Earl of Harrowby, in the chair, the Earl of Shaftesbury, the Hon. Mr. Justice Haliburton, the Hon. Charles Howard, M. P., the Rev. Dr. Vaughan, the Hon. Captain Denman, R. N., the Lord Robert Grosvenor, M. P., the Rev. S. R. Ward, the Rev. J. Hampden Gurney, Lord Radstock, J. Guorney Hoare, Esq., Arthur Mills, Esq., Rev. J. W. Cunningham, Sir Edward Buxton, Bart., and the Hon. Arthur Kinnaird. Letters of sympathy and regret for absence, were received from the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Archbishop of Dublin, &c., &c.

After a preliminary statement by the Rev. W. C. Dowding, the following resolutions were passed:—

"1. That in the present state of the free colored race it is desirable to provide for them a liberal education; and, in this view, (depending upon the Divine blessing,) it is expedient to organize a University, as a literary centre, in an accessible position, and a good climate.

"2. That this meeting rejoices in the efforts which have been made at Bermuda for the furtherance of this most important object; that island being, in point both of climate and position, admirably suited for the purpose contemplated.

"3. That immediate steps be taken to call out the liberality of the Christian people of England in its behalf, and to give effect to the recommendations contained in the Report lately circulated by the Committee."

**OFFICIAL CHANGES.**—It is rumoured at the clubs that a change is about to take place in the Administration, in consequence of the difficulties in which the eastern question is involved. It is stated that the Earl of Clarendon will take the Home Secretaryship, Lord Palmerston succeeding him in the Foreign Office. It seems that on the formation of the recent Administration Lord Aberdeen objected to Lord Palmerston going to the Foreign Office, his policy having been antagonistic to that of the Premier in that respect; but that the pressing circumstances of the times have induced Lord Aberdeen to waive the objections he originally had to the direction by Lord Palmerston of the foreign policy of the country.—*Sunday paper (Ministerial.)*

**ASSAULT BY A PRIEST.**—At the Sligo assizes last week, the Rev. Andrew Quin, a Roman Catholic priest, was indicted for an assault upon Mary Anne Blair. It was proved that his reverence stopped her on the road as she was going towards her home, and beat her severely with a horse-whip. The defence set up was that the defendant believed that she had not been conducting herself over well for some time previously; but he admitted his mistake, withdrew his plea of not guilty, and submitted to the judgment of the Court. The Chief Justice said he considered Mr. Quin had been prudently advised, and that under such circumstances he would fine him 6d. and discharge him.

**THE POTATO DISEASE.**—We are sorry to say that this scourge has made its appearance in the vicinity of Weymouth in a most virulent form during the last few days: doubtless the late heavy rains have much to do with the same. The stalks of a large portion in our immediate neighbourhood are completely withered, and the effluvia arising therefrom is exceedingly noisome.—*Sherborne Journal.*

**A CHURCH FAMILY.**—On Sunday an interesting occurrence took place in the church at Temple Sowerby, connected with the family of Abram Lowthian, the village tailor. Old Abram, who was many years the parish clerk there, but who had resigned the office to one of his sons, gave out the Psalms; old Mrs. Lowthian was an attentive hearer; the Rev. John Lowthian, vicar of Wharton, Winsford, Cheshire, his eldest son, was the clergyman who preached; Abram, the second son, played the violincello and joined in the singing; Christopher, the third son, was parish clerk, and two other sons and two daughters formed part of the choir. The church was crowded to excess, all the friends and old companions of the rev. gentleman, who is on a visit to his native village, flocked thither to hear "John Lowthian" preach. Old Abram has brought up a family of twelve children, six sons and six daughters, all of whom are now living with the exception of a son who died young abroad six years since. Abram never had anything but what he worked for with his own hands.—*Carlisle Patriot.*

The number of punishments inflicted in the navy was, last year, five hundred and seventy-eight, the lashes inflicted varying from forty-eight to three. In 1848 the number of punishments was 1,363.

Within the last fifteen months, the Rev. James Wright, of St. James' Church, Letchford, Warrington, has seven times performed the ceremony of publicly receiving Roman Catholics into the Church, on their abjuring the errors of Popery. The last time was on the evening of Sunday the 19th, when five persons were thus received.

**THE PROPAGANDA WITHIN THE BRITISH DOMINIONS.**—From the report of the Propaganda for 1852 it appears that during that year the following sums were transmitted to the treasury of the Propaganda from the British dominions, viz:—England, £2,805; Scotland, £556; Ireland, £8,755; British Colonies in the East, £784; British America, £4,283; Malta, £544; Australasia, 9l.—Total, 17,785l. The sums appropriated by the Propaganda to the promotion of Popery in the British dominions are, in England, 4,207l.; Scotland, 1,692l.; Ireland, 3,223l.; Gibraltar, 307l.—Total, 9,429l.

**SPLIT IN INDIA.**—A fresh disturbance has taken place in the presidency of Bengal, connected with the schismatical spirit manifested some years ago by a party in the Popish diocese of Bombay, wishing to transfer their allegiance to the Archbishop of Goa. In the course of a dispute at St. Michael's Masshouse, Upper Mahim, the Bishop of MACAO, in the interest of the Archbishop of GOA, took possession of the church, and kept it against the vicar, who had the doors and windows nailed up, with a view to reduce him and his adherents. Eventually the civil authorities interfered, and the militant Bishop came off victorious.

**MISS SELLON.**—THE PLYMOUTH SISTERS OF MERCY.—James Lane, an honest, industrious, and pious member of the congregation of the Rev. John E. Gladstone, at St. Mary's Church, for eight months was not able even to find out where his daughter was: at length he found she was with Miss Sellon. She sent a letter to her sister (who was an inmate of Miss Sellon's establishment) to say that they were likely to be in Plymouth, and would call to see her: and they had an answer showing that Miss Sellon immediately sent her away, and that her intention is to prevent her father and sister from seeing her by keeping secret the place where she is. "She is (says the injured father in a letter to Miss Sellon), we hear, ill. You alone are the cause of her illness. You keep her without proper clothing. You send her about half-clad in all weathers, and teach her to make a merit of making herself ill with such unnatural exposure, and with her penances and fastings. You have, I believe, made my Maria submit to that low and filthy penance of licking the floor in the form of a cross, and now she is ill. My daughter went to you with a complete box-full of clothes, and a new silk umbrella, none of which I am persuaded she ever saw again after she had reached your house. But you have robbed me of herself; and here I am, a Christian, an Englishman, a father, and in my free native land one of my daughters is seduced from me, and I have no redress."

A building 2,000 square feet in extent has been constructed in the Minorities as a store for Allsopp's Burton ales. A branch line from the Blackwall railway conveys the ale into the very store; another branch connects the brewery with the railway at Burton; so that its conveyance is entirely done by rail.

**A MERITORIOUS CONVICT.**—The chaplain of Exeter gaol was waited upon a few days ago by a young woman, a returned convict, to thank him for the good advice he gave her on the eve of transportation. She had lived in a Clergyman's family in Australia; saved forty-three guineas; and returned home with excellent testimonials.

**THE WESLEYANS.**—In a course of a trial before Vice Chancellor, Sir W. P. Wood, respecting the trusts of a Methodist chapel, it was stated that in the Wesleyan body there are 14,600 local preachers, who are not pastors, but who besides preaching, are engaged in their daily callings and pursuits, "embracing many members, of the senate and the bar, down to the lowest artisan."

**USEFUL INFORMATION.**—Mr. Wakley, in the course of an inquest on Wednesday week, observed that it would be well to acquaint the public with the fact that, if persons in a house on fire had the presence of mind to apply a damp cloth or handkerchief to their mouth and nostrils, they could effect a passage through the densest smoke; but the surest mode would be to envelop the head and face completely in the damp cloth.

**INDIANS IN EUROPEAN DRESS.**—In GRAESTACKER'S "Journey round the World," we find the following amusing reference to scenes with which many among us are familiar:—"As much as I like to see an

Indian in his native dress and ornaments, be it as scanty as possible, equally funny and disfigured do they look when they put on European clothes. They frequently have no idea for what purpose and in what order they ought to be worn. First a dress coat and then a waistcoat, then part of a shirt, or a waistcoat by itself, or a pair of trousers, or three or four of them at the same time, they do not care; they admire a uniform most—red, if possible, with gold and silver. I frequently saw Indians in the greatest heat with three pair of trousers, the upper ones pulled up as high as they could get them, the second rolled up to their knees, and the undermost left to their natural length, to let all men see what a splendid wardrobe they called their own, and could afford. Cravats for gaiters, shirt-collars points downwards, waistcoats buttoned behind, and other mistakes continually occur; and like children, they hang upon them what they can buy with hard earned money, till they get tired of it, and then throw it aside."

**PRESENCE OF MIND.**—The *San Francisco Herald* narrates the following incident of the explosion of the steamboat *Jenny Lind*:—

"We have said not a man stood; but there was one who fell, and one alone, who escaped unhurt. This was Mr. James Tobin, late of the firm of Tobin & Duncan. He was standing near the companion-way leading to the cabin, and talking to Mr. Shelton, when he felt the tremor. Familiar with such accidents on the Mississippi river, and knowing what it portended, even before he heard the explosion, and simultaneously with the gushing up of the steam, with extraordinary presence of mind he jerked apart the fastenings around his neck of a heavy cloak he had on, threw it entirely over his head, wrapped it and his hands in the folds, and prostrated to the deck. The furious volume of steam rushed over and around him, but he lay with his hand clasped over his mouth, and held his breath. This he did as long as he could, when he made a gasp to recover himself, and again held his breath. Even through the thick folds of his cloak, low down on the deck, half a minute after the explosion, the air was painfully hot. In a little more than a minute he raised his cloak to see if he could breathe, found it still too hot, and covered himself up again. In two minutes he uncovered, completely unhurt; he had not even been singed. His cloak was burnt, and almost dropped to pieces. Beside him lay poor Shelton, to whom he had just been talking, fearfully scalded, externally and internally, and now, poor fellow, dying. He was the only man of the whole crowd who rose up. His escape, under Providence, is due to his presence of mind alone."

**A GOOD EXAMPLE FOR A QUEEN.**—Her Majesty the Queen has just presented a valuable box of books to the Dover British and Foreign Sailor's Reading-room. The sailors will duly appreciate Her Majesty's kind and generous consideration. They are admitted from nine A. M., till ten P. M., gratuitously, to the reading room, which is well supplied with daily papers and other periodicals. Nearly 300 seafaring people have availed themselves of the opportunity thus afforded them. An adult school is also connected with the Institution, where the sailors who are ignorant may be taught to read.

#### NEWFOUNDLAND.

The annual meeting of the Church of England Sunday Schools took place last Wednesday, by the kind permission of Mr. JOCELYN, at the Grove Farm. There were between 300 and 400 children present on the occasion; and in the course of the afternoon the scene was visited by a large number of the parents and other friends of those excellent institutions.

The children walked to the ground in procession with appropriate banners, under the charge of the Clergy and Teachers of the Schools. The place of meeting was furnished with marquees and tastefully decorated with flags, kindly lent for the occasion by some of the mercantile establishments of the town. These and the other arrangements for the entertainment of the children and their friends were again made under the able direction of Mr. H. Smith. Various amusements were provided for the children; and at 5 o'clock they were plentifully regaled with tea and cake. Grace being sung both before and after the meal. They then returned to their sports until half-past 6 o'clock, when they were marshalled in due order, and having sung "God save the Queen," and given three hearty cheers for her Most Gracious Majesty, His Excellency the Governor and the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, they proceeded to the Cathedral to evening prayers;—thus closing a day of innocent and healthful recreation in His House and Worship, who is the author of all mercies and blessings.—*Times July 23.*