

the South Sea Island! What urgent need for strength from above! How earnestly should the Church pray for the spiritual welfare of her Missionaries, and how carefully should she arrange their location so as to secure frequent opportunities for intercommunion!

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### PASSING EVENTS.

A few weeks ago the Pope of Rome was pronounced by himself and his Council to be Infallible in questions of faith. He is now clothed with one of the attributes of Deity! The character of the Papacy is more anti-Christian and heretical than ever. The limit of audacious tampering with God's truth appears to be attained. The Dogma was keenly opposed by many of the Bishops; among the rest by Dr. Connolly of Halifax. The majority, however, supported the Pope's blasphemous pretensions, and the minority have given way. Father Hyacinthe has boldly protested against the impious dogma. It is thought, too, that there will be a serious defection in Hungary, and in some sections of Germany. We see no signs whatever of strength being added to the Papacy by the deliberations and decisions of the Council.

The Dogma of the Infallibility was not a fortnight before the world before the Pope's chief defender was engaged in a tremendous war with the principal Protestant power on the Continent of Europe.—Prussia and France have met in deadly conflict in the Rhenish Provinces of France. One of the first results of this war was the withdrawal of the French troops from Rome. This will lead speedily to the final overthrow of the Pope's temporal power—a power to which he has clung with amazing tenacity, and which France has sustained in the face of the protest of Europe. It is highly probable that the Pope's regal power in Rome will cease with the present year. There is a prospect of his seeking shelter in Malta or some other portion of the British Empire.

It is frightful to see professedly Christian nations engaged in war as France and Prussia now are. We who are far away

from the arena of strife—who do not hear the cannon's roar—who do not see the killed or the wounded—whose fields are not trodden by the feet of foemen or furrowed into graves to cover the dead,—we have but a faint realization of the horrors of war.

Let us be deeply thankful for the fact that the peace of our own happy Empire has not been seriously disturbed since 1856,—that British soil has not been trodden by invader's foot for many scores of years, and that at the present moment there seems no prospect of the Empire's peace being disturbed. Should not we labour diligently for the Prince of Peace while our fellow-men are making such tremendous sacrifices at the shrine of worldly ambition and national jealousy?

God brings good out of evil, and spans the storm-cloud with the rainbow of promise. War rescued Italy from the political grasp of the Papacy. War led to the annulling of the concordat between Austria and the Pope; Revolution broke the tie between Spain and the Pope; and now the last political supporter of the "Man of Sin" has been compelled in spite of the most earnest pleadings and the most ominous threats to withdraw the last French soldier from Rome!

One of the results of the war is the postponement of the Evangelical Conference of all nations that was to have been held this month in New York. That gathering from which so much good was anticipated is now put off for another year.

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### Home Missions.

Report on Eastern Shore, by Mr. A. F. Carr.

To the Presbytery of Halifax:

The district of country in which I have been laboring for the last few weeks, extends about twelve miles along the Halifax Shore. In this district there are four preaching stations, Owl's Head, Ship Harbor, Head of the Harbor, and Shoal Bay.

Upon arriving here I found that although there was a minister belonging to the Church of England settled in the place, yet