

dency. There are twenty, who pay sixty dollars (12*l*.) a quarter, washing not included. There is a mistress, a superior-looking lady, and Bishop Scott gives up two hours each morning. He has no family. Mrs. Scott is a pleasing person. Both Bishop Scott and his wife are Southerners, and are strongly in favour of the South. We spent an hour with the Bishop and returned, having had a pleasant drive.

AN AMERICANISED ITALIAN.

The chief hotel in Portland is kept by Arigoni, an Italian. We should have had a room, but he was quite full. He said he learnt to speak English in London, and had a great respect for England. He was a Catholic, but supported all denominations; he subscribed to the Episcopalians, the Presbyterians, the Methodists, the Baptists, and the Jews; he helped them all, and wished all to prosper. My wife and I had dinner to-day in the public dining-room of the hotel. As I passed the office I was prepared to pay. "Oh, no," said he, "you must pay nothing; you are quite welcome to all your meals, and to stay as long as you like. I am glad to see ministers of all denominations, and I charge them nothing at all."

POLITICAL PREACHING.

A Methodist minister made a speech a few days ago at a political meeting. It was touching Lincoln's re-election. "I was struck," said he, "very much by the appropriateness of the Lord's call to Abraham, Gen. xxii. 15: 'The angel of the Lord called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time;' so the Lord has twice called Abraham Lincoln!" This was received, of course, with great applause.

DONATION PARTIES AND SOCIABLES.

In America there are many expedients for raising money to carry on the operations of the Church. "Hardly a week passes," said Mr. Hyland, "but he goes out to a Sociable." A member of the congregation invites others to a party. They talk and laugh, and amuse themselves, and have a supper; after which a plate goes round for a collection for the Church. The clergyman is sometimes agreeably surprised by a *donation party*. Two ladies announced their intention to have a cup of tea quietly one evening with the clergyman and his wife. The object of this was to keep the worthy pastor and his spouse at home. While the quiet little gossip of the small tea-quartette was going on, a knock at the door introduced another member of the congregation, followed by another and another, and along the road were seen coming a hundred lantern-lighted folk, and presently the whole house was full, and each individual was the bearer of a present. Sacks of flour, sides of bacon, pounds of tea and sugar, easy chairs, carpets, clothing; indeed, all kinds of articles such as were deemed requisite for the comfort of the worthy pair in their new house. Mr. Hyland, on one occasion, had 300 dollars' (60*l*.) worth of goods thus donated to him by his attentive people.