

has been passed affirming that they ought to be closed on that day. "Local Option" is not yet the law of the land, but the principle has been affirmed by a considerable majority of the House of Commons. It is to be hoped that the Legislature will not commit the error of those who, in regard to more important interests, "resolve, and re-resolve, and die the same."

"From the Reports of the Inspector General of Prisons in Ireland it appears that although the Roman Catholic population of Ireland is only about three and a half to one, the criminals are at the rate of nearly six Romanists to one Protestant. In all the prisons in Ireland, priests have been appointed as chaplains, yet it is remarkable that not only has crime not decreased, but is largely in excess of former years. * * * The Reports further show that whilst the Roman Catholic portion of the population is about three and a half Romish to one Protestant, the proportion of Romanist Juvenile offenders under detention is about six to one of the Protestants, and the expenditure for the Romanists six times as much. * * * Father Chiniquy claims to have been the means of leading twenty-five thousand persons, including eighteen priests, to renounce Romanism and become Protestant."—*Advocate*, Scotland.

The Rev. D. M. Smith died recently in Princeton, at the age of nearly ninety-one years. About half an hour before he expired, he said, "I do love God. Thy kingdom come." At that time, as for days before, he seemed to have little, if any, consciousness of things around him—to be, as it were, cut off from all sense of created things; but in this conscious moment—probably the last—he felt himself united to God, and made that greatest and most comprehensive of all our petitions, "Thy kingdom come."—*Evangelical Christendom*.

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LITERARY NOTICES.

Reasons for rejecting the proposed alterations in the Marriage law of the Dominion. By Hibbert Binney, D. D., Bishop of Nova Scotia.

Address to the Clergy of the Diocesan Synod of New Brunswick. By the Bishop of New Brunswick and Metropolitan of Canada.

These pamphlets are eminently seasonable at the present time, and cannot fail to exert a very salutary influence in moulding the tone of public sentiment in relation to one of the great questions of the day. Both the learned Bishops in the discussion of the question of Marriage,